

7D6N GOLDEN WEEK in NORTH VIETNAM

Daily Departures: AUG 31 to SEP 7 (Golden Rice Terraces week)

Mu Cang Chai Rice Terraces, Sapa, Fansipan, Bac Ha & Son Tay

Day 1 SEP 7 WED: Hanoi - Nghia Lo (D)

3pm Air Asia arrival at Hanoi airport. Met by tour guide and transfer with en-route dinner stop to Nghia Lo town, of Yen Bai province (arrival approx. 9pm). **Overnight in Nghia Lo.**

Day 2 SEP 8 THU: Nghia Lo - Mu Cang Chai (B/L/D)



Morning, visit **Muong Lo market** in Nghia Lo Town, which is the largest market in the western sector of Yen Bai province and notable for buyers & sellers that come from various ethnic minorities of the area such as

Black Thai, Hmong, Dao, etc. Transfer to visit **Suoi Giang old tea plantation** (Shan Tuyet Tea), operated by ethnic Hmong people, where the tea are not bushes but old trees that are left to grow big; collecting tea leaves will need use of ladders!



Then transfer to Mu Cang Chai district, stop at **Khau Pha Pass** viewpoint for photo and then check in Eco-Lodge. After lunch, visit **Bamboo Forest Park** and **Pine Tree Hill**. Then cover viewpoints of **Mu Cang Chai rice terraces** in the **De Su Phinh commune** area.

Overnight in at Eco-Lodge in Mu Cang Chai district.

Day 3 SEP 9 FRI: Mu Cang Chai - Sapa (B/L/D)



Morning, visit the **viewpoints of rice terraces** in the **La Pan Tan commune** and **Che Cu Nha commune** areas; including photo stop at **Mu Cang Chai stone table**. (celebrating Mu Cang Chai's listing as one of Vietnam's National Scenic Heritage Site in 2007).

Afternoon, check out and transfer to Sapa with lunch en-route. On the way, stop at **Lao Chai viewpoint** (turn left from Lao Chai Bridge) to take photos of Mu Cang Chai area. Evening, arrival in Sapa town for dinner and check in hotel. **Overnight in Sapa.**

Day 4 SEP 10 SAT: Sapa - Fansipan - Cat Ct Village- Sapa (B/L/D)



Morning, from Sapa town **take sight-seeing train to Fansipan Mountain base station**, then take **cable car ride to top of Fansipan** mountain. Return to Sapa town **by sight-seeing train** and transfer for lunch. Afternoon, visit **Sapa Saturday Market (Saturdays only)**, **Cat Cat village** (beautifully landscaped Black Hmong village) and **Ham Rong garden** (orchid garden, Europe garden, Gate of Heaven, Cultural house & panoramic view of Sapa). **Overnight in Sapa.**

Day 5 SEP 11 SUN: Sapa - Bac Ha – Lao Cai – Son Tay (B/L/D)



Morning, checkout and transfer to **Bac Ha** to visit the **Sunday Market (note: market on Sundays only)**. Then visit **Hoang A Tuong Castle** and **Pho village** of flower Hmong people. Then to Lao Cai to stop at **border with China's Hekou town**. 4pm, transfer with dinner en-route, to Son Tay (arrival approx. 9.30pm). **Overnight in Son Tay.**

Day 6 SEP 12 MON: Son Tay - Duong Lam ancient village - Hanoi (B/L/D)



After breakfast, enjoy tour at **Duong Lam ancient village**, first village in Vietnam to be granted the Historical Cultural Relics status in 2006 and winner of **UNESCO award for Cultural Heritage Conservation**. Here visit the **Ancient Gate**, **Ngo Quyen Mausoleum** (honouring the king who expelled Chinese troops in 938 AD), **ancient houses**, **Mong Phu Community Hall** (among the oldest community halls in Vietnam) and **Sugar Cane Pagoda** (considered the pagoda with the most statues in Vietnam). Enjoy **lunch in an ancient house**.



After lunch, visit the **Son Tay Citadel**, a laterite fortress built by King Minh Mang in 1822. Next, visit **Son Loc Cathedral**, built in the Byzantine style with an impressive dome. It is said that the church is modeled after the Sacré-Cœur church on Montmartre hill in Paris.

Transfer to Hanoi to check in hotel and have dinner at local restaurant. **Overnight in Hanoi.**

Day 7 SEP 13 TUE: Hanoi Old Quarter - Airport departure (B)

Morning, free at leisure to walk around **Hanoi Old Quarter**.

12pm transfer to airport for Air Asia 3.30pm flight home (lunch on own budget at airport).

RATES: per person, twin/triple sharing, Malaysian passport holders, travel dates as above.

8 paxs: RM 2,390 6–7 paxs: RM 2,640 4-5 paxs: RM 3,190 SGL Supplement: RM 490

Rates & itinerary subject to changes in FOREX rates, unforeseen surcharges, weather, local conditions, etc.

INCLUSIONS:

- a) Airport transfers and tour excursion using 16 seater van
- b) Hotel accommodation:
 - Nghia Lo 1N: Muong Lo Hotel 2* (Standard Room)
 - Mu Cang Chai 1N: Mu Cang Chai Eco-Lodge 3* (Bungalow)
 - Sapa 2N: Relax Sapa Hotel & Spa 3* (Deluxe Room) or similar
 - Son Tay 1N: Glory Resort 4* (Standard Garden Room)
 - Hanoi 1N: Allure Hotel 3* (Deluxe Room)
- c) Meals: 6 breakfasts, 5 lunch and 6 dinners (Vietnamese / local ethnic dishes)
- d) Entrance fees for attractions as per itinerary
- e) Return sight-seeing train and return cable car ticket, both used for trip up Fansipan Mountain.
- f) English speaking guide accompanying group throughout the tour
- g) Mineral water with 2 x 500ml bottles of drinking water/day/pax (except DAY 7)

EXCLUSIONS:

- a) Air Asia tickets, airport taxes & fuel surcharge
- b) Travel insurance is compulsory. Must have Covid cover & min. USD 10K medical cover.
- c) Malaysian passport holders don't need Vietnam visa. Other nationalities to be advised.
- d) Expenses of personal nature like activities not part of itinerary, laundry expenses, mini-bar charges, drinks during meals, miscellaneous tipping (for hotel bellboys, porters), etc.
- e) Tipping for tour guide and driver (compulsory minimum)

Group 4-6 paxs: Tour Guide= USD 3 /day/traveler

Driver= USD2/day/traveler

Group 7-8 paxs: Tour Guide= USD 2 /day/traveler

Driver= USD1/day/traveler