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# Journey through Northern Vietnam

with Optional 5-Night Southern Vietnam Post Tour Extension

**April 8 – 19, 2027**



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**HIGHLIGHTS...** Water Puppetry Artist Demonstration, Vespa-led Hanoi Food Tour, Meet a Vietnam War Veteran, Lac Village Home-Hosted Dinner, Market Visit & Hands-On Cooking Experience, Hoa Lu Ancient Capital, Trang An Grottoes, Ha Long Bay, Cua Van Floating Village

#### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 4	HOTEL du PARC HANOI, Hanoi
Days 5, 6	Mai Chau Ecolodge, Mai Chau
Days 7, 8	Emeralda Ninh Binh Resort and Spa, Ninh Binh
Days 9, 10	The Au Co Ship, Ha Long Bay
Day 11	HOTEL du PARC HANOI, Hanoi

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

**Day 1: Thursday, April 8, 2027 Overnight Flight** Your journey begins with an overnight flight to Northern Vietnam. From the peaceful rice paddies of Mai Chau to the towering limestone peaks rising from the waters of Ha Long Bay, and from the warm-hearted locals of Ninh Binh to the vibrant pulse of Hanoi, prepare for a cultural adventure.

**Day 2: Friday, April 9, 2027 Hanoi, Vietnam** Arrive in Hanoi, Vietnam's capital. With its tree-lined boulevards, French colonial facades, and a street food culture that hums with energy, Hanoi offers a rich and layered introduction to the country. Since arrival times vary, today is yours to explore at your leisure. You might stroll through a local market, unwind at a lakeside café, or simply take in the rhythm of the city. Tonight, dinner is on your own — perhaps sample a steaming bowl of pho or crispy bánh xèo from a nearby eatery.

**Day 3: Saturday, April 10, 2027 Hanoi** Step into the heart of Vietnamese tradition with a visit to the home of a master water puppet artist, where you'll experience this centuries-old art form. Then, hop aboard a cyclo — a three-wheeled bicycle taxi — for a guided ride through the streets of Hanoi's Old Quarter. This evening, stroll down lively Beer Street to sample local brews, and cap off the day with a welcome dinner. (B, D)

**Day 4: Sunday, April 11, 2027 Hanoi** This morning, **it's your choice!** Head into Hanoi's narrow backstreets to visit the famed Train Street, where homes and cafés sit inches from the railway line **-OR-** sit down to a bowl of bún cha at Huong Lien Restaurant, the very spot where President Obama and Anthony Bourdain once shared this staple dish. After, visit the Ho Chi Minh Complex and Vietnam's first university, the Temple of Literature. Enjoy lunch at a social enterprise restaurant that empowers disadvantaged youth through culinary training. This evening, hop on the back of a Vespa for a guided food tour through the Old Quarter, sampling local favorites like pho and egg coffee while weaving through the city's lively night scene. (B, L, D)

**Day 5: Monday, April 12, 2027 Hanoi - Mai Chau** Leave the buzz of Hanoi behind as you make your way into the lush hills of Mai Chau, a peaceful valley framed by misty mountains and dotted with stilt houses. Upon arrival, take a walk through the surrounding rice paddies, catching glimpses of daily life in the local villages. Tonight, unwind at your eco-lodge, surrounded by soaring mountains and unbridled forests. (B, L, D)

**Day 6: Tuesday, April 13, 2027 Mai Chau: Hich Village & Lac Village** This morning, connect with the living history of Mai Chau during a visit to Hich Village. Meet a Vietnam War veteran and their family, hearing firsthand stories that offer a personal lens into the region's past. Experience an **Impact Moment** in Lac Village with a visit to Hoa Ban, a social enterprise that uplifts women from the White Thai minority through vocational training. Later, be welcomed into a local home for a traditional dinner. Share a meal of regional dishes and enjoy warm hospitality as you learn more about the customs of the White Thai ethnic group. (B, D)

**Day 7: Wednesday, April 14, 2027 Mai Chau - Ninh Binh** Leave the hills on Mai Chau for the dramatic landscapes of Ninh Binh, often called "Ha Long Bay on land" for its towering limestone formations and winding rivers. Your first stop is Hoa Lu (UNESCO), Vietnam's ancient capital dating back to the 10th century. Marvel at the temple and fortress ruins as you explore this historical site. This afternoon, **it's your choice!** Hike to Hang Mua viewpoint, climbing over 500 steps to be rewarded with spectacular views **-OR-** indulge in a relaxing massage back at the hotel spa. (B, L)



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\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from WAS

**IMPORTANT CONDITIONS:** Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. **(See registration form for consent.)**

**Day 8: Thursday, April 15, 2027 Ninh Binh: Trang An Grottoes**  
 This morning, step into a rowboat and glide through the serene waterways of Trang An, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its labyrinth of limestone caves and jungle-covered peaks. As you paddle through Bright Cave, Dark Cave, Ba Giot, and Nau Ruou, the quiet beauty of this hidden world unfolds around you. This evening, connect with locals over a home-hosted dinner that begins with a visit to the market for fresh ingredients and continues with a hands-on cooking class before sharing the meal together. (B, D)

**Day 9: Friday, April 16, 2027 Ninh Binh - Ha Long Bay** Travel to Ha Long Bay and board a cruise boat for two spectacular nights. Pass through Trong Mai Islet, Ngon Tay Islet, and Con Coc Islet before arriving at a coastal village. Choose to explore by bicycle or electric cart, winding through the village and learning about daily life in this peaceful corner of Northern Vietnam. Later, take part in an **Impact Moment** at the Bhaya Community Farm, where you'll learn about sustainable farming as well as the Save the Langurs conservation project. From Bhaya's café, enjoy views of verdant fields dotted with wandering buffalo, and try your hand at crafting

some local delicacies. Back aboard the ship, unwind as the sun sets over the bay. (B, L, D)

**Day 10: Saturday, April 17, 2027 Ha Long Bay** Greet the day with a Tai Chi session on the deck as the sun rises over Ha Long Bay. Then, take the chance to further explore the Trinh Nu area by kayak, paddling through quiet coves and beneath towering limestone cliffs. After lunch onboard, visit Cua Van Floating Village, considered one of the most beautiful destinations in the world, drifting past colorful homes and fishing boats by kayak or traditional rowing boat. Finish the day with another spectacular sunset over the bay. (B, L, D)

**Day 11: Sunday, April 18, 2027 Ha Long Bay - Hanoi** This morning, **it's your choice!** Explore Sung Sot Cave, the largest in Ha Long Bay, following the 500-meter paved passageway that threads through it -**OR-** visit Titov Island for a swim in the calm waters, sunbathing on the pristine beach and - if you're up for it - a hike up the mountain for a panoramic view of Ha Long Bay. Then, bid the bay farewell as you travel back to Hanoi. Enjoy one last free afternoon to revisit your favorite spots or simply relax before gathering with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

### Experience It! Mai Chau

Nestled in a serene valley surrounded by towering cliffs, Mai Chau is a tranquil haven in Vietnam. Its lush rice paddies stretch as far as the eye can see, interspersed with stilt houses and small hamlets. The valley is home to the White Thai people, whose vibrant textiles and traditional dances add a rich cultural tapestry to the landscape. Meet a Vietnam war veteran and connect further with history, wander through the verdant fields, savor farm-fresh dishes like com lam and ga doi in a local's home, and sleep in a eco lodge. Mai Chau's peaceful ambiance and natural beauty make it a perfect escape from the hustle and bustle of city life.

## EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH

### Optional 6 Days 5-Night Southern Vietnam Post Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$1,799.00 USD double, \$2,599.00 USD single, land & air inclusive

**For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit**  
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**Day 12: Monday, April 19, 2027 Hanoi - Tour Ends** Your adventure through Northern Vietnam comes to a close today. (B)

### Important Tour Information:

**Book Now rates valid until Sep 09, 2026, valid on air inclusive packages only.**

**The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3.** This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

**Travel with an average of 16 people (maximum of 24).**

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at the time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by the observance of religious or local holidays.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

Triple and child accommodations are not available.

Smaller coaches, which may not be lavatory-equipped, may be used on this tour. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.

To complete your tour, we include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Due to flight schedules, a pre and/or post night stay may be required in some gateway cities (at an additional cost). Please inquire at time of reservation.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised, many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Internal flights are required in order to participate in this tour and are included in the final price, quoted at time of booking.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

### Travel Requirements:

Passports and visas are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.



**VISAS ARE REQUIRED** for this tour at your expense. The approximate cost for a one-month **SINGLE ENTRY VIETNAM VISA** is \$40 US Dollars and **MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.** To enter Vietnam, you will need 1 blank page in your passport. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from the date of return home. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority.

Collette will provide all necessary information, updates, and supporting documents for your travel requirements, including visa and Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETAs), if required, approximately 60-90 days prior to your departure.

Each traveler is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from.

Please be aware that if your flight schedule is via Dubai or if you are stopping over in Dubai and are carrying narcotic drugs, controlled or semi-controlled drugs, then you will be required to complete an electronic form prior to entering the country, to obtain approval to carry medication. Please use the link <https://mohap.gov.ae/en/w/approve-emergency-drugs-and-psychoactive-materials> to view the guidelines. A user's guide is available to explain the application and the supporting documents required. For regular prescription or over-the-counter medication, no prior approval is necessary.

**A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of September 02, 2026 are based upon availability. Final payment due by January 08, 2027. Deposits are refundable up until September 09, 2026.**

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9 Meals: 5 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners

#### Day 12: Hanoi - Ho Chi Minh City

Fly south to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam's economic center and main hub of the southern region. Upon arrival, set out on a guided city tour introducing you to the city's blend of French colonial charm and modern energy, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. The rest of the day is yours to explore at your own pace — perhaps stroll through Ben Thanh Market or relax at a café. *Today lunch will be included.*

#### Day 13: Ho Chi Minh City

Venture into the heart of the Mekong Delta, where life flows along the riverbanks. Cruise the Mekong River, passing stilt houses and floating markets. Visit a coconut candy workshop to see how this sweet treat is made — and maybe sample a few — and enjoy lunch before returning to the city. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

#### Day 14: Ho Chi Minh City

Step into history with a visit to the Cu Chi Tunnels, an underground network used during the Vietnam War. Learn about the resilience and ingenuity of those who lived and fought here. The rest of the day is yours to explore or relax before gathering for dinner. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 15: Ho Chi Minh City - Mui Né, Phan Thiet

Travel to the coastal city of Phan Thiet, known as the birthplace of Vietnamese fish sauce. Visit the Lang Chai Xua Fish Sauce Museum to discover the 300-year-old craft that defines this region's culinary identity. Later, head to the Red Sand Dunes to witness a breathtaking sunset over the rolling landscape. This evening, settle in at your Mui Né resort for an evening at leisure. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 16: Mui Né, Phan Thiet

Start your day at the Mui Né Fishing Village, taking the opportunity to immerse yourself in daily life among the local fishermen. You can join them in various activities, such as net weaving, repairing fishing equipment, or even going out to sea for a fishing expedition. The afternoon is yours to unwind on the beach or enjoy your resort's amenities. Tonight, gather for dinner to celebrate your adventure. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 17: Mui Né, Phan Thiet - Ho Chi Minh City - Tour Ends

Return to Ho Chi Minh City for your onward flight home, carrying with you the incredible stories of Vietnam. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Important Tour Extension Information:

**The overall activity level of this extension is a level 3.** This means walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable as is climbing 3 flights of stairs. You can handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. You can expect some longer days balanced with free time. This level is not a fit for travelers that require mobility assistance devices.

**Fully-guided** extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 4 travelers is not met to operate.

Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at the time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

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For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be scheduled prior to 6:00 p.m.

An internal flight is required in order to participate on this extension and is included in the final price, quoted at time of booking.

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