

# NORTH VIETNAM 5 DAY ITINERARY

This itinerary covers some of the highlights of North Vietnam, including the bustling city of Hanoi, the natural beauty of Halong Bay, and the picturesque landscapes of Ninh Binh.

## Day 1: Arrival in Hanoi

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Explore the area around Hoan Kiem Lake and the Old Quarter.
- Attend a traditional Vietnamese Water Puppet Show
- Lunch: at local restaurant.
- Dinner: on your own.
- Overnight stay in Hanoi.

## Day 2: Hanoi City Tour

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Begin your day with a visit to the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, the Presidential Palace, the HCM Museum and the nearby One Pillar Pagoda.
- Explore the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university.
- Lunch: at a local restaurant.
- In the afternoon, visit the Museum of Ethnology to learn about the country's diverse ethnic groups.
- Dinner: on your own.
- Overnight stay in Hanoi.

## Day 3: Halong Bay Cruise

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its stunning limestone karsts and emerald waters (about 3-4 hours by road).
- Day cruise on Halong Bay.
- Explore caves, go kayaking.
- Lunch: local seafood on the boat.
- Return to Hanoi in the evening.
- Dinner: on your own.
- Overnight stay in Hanoi.

## Day 4: Ninh Binh Day Trip

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Travel to Ninh Binh, often referred to as "Halong Bay on land."
- Visit Trang An, a scenic landscape of karst formations and river caves.
- Take a boat ride through this picturesque area.
- Lunch: at a local restaurant.
- Explore the ancient capital of Hoa Lu and visit the historic temples.
- Return to Hanoi in the evening.
- Dinner: on your own.
- Overnight stay in Hanoi.

## Day 5: Departure from Hanoi

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Shopping and exploring Hanoi before your departure.