

SHOPPING AROUND HANOI



Hanoi – Bat Trang – Dong Ky – Van Phuc – Hanoi

OVERVIEW

Tour code	VNS02
Duration	04 days / 03 nights
Features	Are you a BIG shopper? Are you fond of local artifacts? Check up the Vietnamese galleries and craft shops after visiting art museums and cottage industries villages surrounding the capital with us. Some may suppose that shopping does not need knowledge of local history and culture; we think differently.

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Day 1	: Arrival In Hanoi – Visit Hanoi (D)
Day 2	: Cottage Industry Villages Near Hanoi (B/L)
Day 3	: Hanoi At Leisure (B)
Day 4	: Depart From Hanoi (B)

ITINERARY IN DETAIL

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN HANOI - VISIT HANOI (D)

Arrive in Hanoi. Greeted by your guide at the airport and transfer to your hotel in the city centre. Let's start our visiting the Sword Lake of Hanoi, with charming Ngoc Son temple on a small islet. From here, have a walking tour with our guide to the Old Quarter, starting from the St. Joseph Cathedral to the streets of Hang Bong, Hang Gai and To Tich alley. Go on to Hang Quat Street to intermingle with the Hanoians in their hectic daily life before back to your car again to visit Dong xuan Market, then the Ethnology Museum where we can learn much about the culture and traditions of 54 ethnic groups living in Vietnam, amongst whom so many groups are skillful in making sophisticated fhandicraft. Evening enjoy a show of Water Puppetry at Thang Long or Truong Chinh Theatre. Overnight in Hanoi.

Please note! Dong Xuan Market will be replaced by the Old Quarter night market during 3-day weekend.

DAY 2: COTTAGE INDUSTRY VILLAGES NEARBY HANOI (B/L)

Morning head to Bat Trang Ceramic village, the home of pottery artisans who have been well-known since 15th century for their superb products. Thanks to a white clay resource found near the location of Bat Trang

today and to the setting on the eastern bank of the Red River, Bat Trang have become a popular place for whom looking for refined crackle pottery, celadon, terra-cotta and other types of good porcelain. The products now are famous for both Vietnam and for export. From Bat Trang, back to Hanoi to enjoy a tour in the Old Quarter of cyclo, a kind of three-wheel small pedicab used in Hanoi since one century ago. After lunch in Hanoi, we will go on to the west to Van Phuc Silk village and visit some families feeding worms and making famous traditional silk. Visit Chuyen My lacquerware village before return to Hanoi late afternoon for overnight.

DAY 3: HANOI AT LEISURE (B)

You are at your leisure today.

If you look for places to go, the galleries in Hanoi, featured by lacquerware and lacquered pictures, oil paintings, silk paintings and traditional paintings drawn or woodblock-printed on "giay do", a special kind of paper made traditionally from rice powder or other crafts made of shell, straw and other ingredients, and different kinds of clothes of silk, linen, cotton, raw thread made by minority ethnic people etc. will surely attract you! Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 4: DEPART FROM HANOI (B)

At your leisure till your guide arrive and accompany you to Noi Bai airport for the onward flight.

SERVICES INCLUDED

- English-speaking tour guide
- Land transfer by air-con vehicle
- Twin-shared room
- Meals as mentioned in the program (no drinks)
- Admission, Show ticket.
- Visa arrangement

SERVICES not INCLUDED

- Airfare (international and domestic) and airport tax
- Early check-in, late check-out surcharge
- Other meals
- Drinks and personal expenses (phone call, laundry, tipping etc.)
- Any services not mentioned in the program