

WHITE HIGHLAND DISCOVER

10 days / 09 nights



Hanoi – Halong - Lao Cai – Local Village Treks – Bac Ha – Lao

A deep discover of untouched area of Lao Cai, a king land of trekking in Vietnam. Bac Ha and Si Ma Cai, two districts that share border with China, named as White Highland of Vietnam with diversified cultures of dozens of groups of hill tribes, will perform breathtaking view of high rocky mountains and flowery hills

DAY 2: HALONG BOAT TRIP – TRAIN TO LAO CAI (B/L/D)

After breakfast, we will continue to tour the Bay until reaching the Wharf of Halong again (around 11.00) and back to Hanoi. Stopover at Hong Ngoc Charity centre in Sao Do Town for a quick lunch. After arrive in Hanoi around 16.00, the guide will show you around the Sword Lake, Ngoc Son Temple and enjoy an afternoon show at 17.00 of Water Puppetry. Dinner in Hanoi before taking the night train (escorted by Threeland guide) to Laocai station. Overnight on the train.

DAY 1: HANOI – HALONG BAY (-/L/D)

Welcome to Threeland!

In the morning the tour guide of Threeland Travel will meet you at your hotel in Hanoi and transfer you to Halong, a World Heritage as designated by UNESCO in 1994, with thousands limestone islets with stopovers en route to visit the rural life of the Red River Delta's farmers (esp. in transplanting and harvest times), or the ceramic town at Dong Trieu. The transfer will take about 3hours30. Check-in your boat in Halong and have a lunch of fresh seafoods served on board. Afternoon is your relaxation and you can just relax on the sundeck and enjoy the bay's splendid seascape of thousands odd-shaped rocky islands, visit the inside-island grottoes or go swimming. Dinner (seafoods) and overnight on board.



Tour Code : VNT04

Connection : Easy to combine with other trips in the North and South of Vietnam and Northern Laos

Itinerary in brief :

DAY 01: HANOI – HALONG BAY (-/L/D)
DAY 02: HALONG BOAT TRIP – TRAIN TO LAO CAI (B/L/D)
DAY 03: LAO CAI - BAC HA – COC LY - CAO SON (B/L/D)
DAY 04: CAO SON – LUNG KHAU NHIN – THAO CHU PHIN (B/L/D)
DAY 05 +06: THAO CHU PHIN - XIN CHENG – QUAN THAN SAN – TA VAN CHU – BAN PHO – BAC HA (B/L/D)
DAY 07: BAC HA – BAN LIEN (B/L/D)
DAY 08: BAN LIEN – NAM DET (B/L/D)
DAY 09: NAM DET - BAC HA - HANOI (B/L/D)
DAY 10: HANOI



DAY 3: LAO CAI - BAC HA – COC LY - CAO SON (B/L/D)

We arrive in Lao Cai in the early morning. After a short break for refreshment and coffee, we take 2 hour driving along the winding mountainous road to Bac Ha, the white highland in Northwest Vietnam. Meet and make friend with the local support team then start taking 2 hours trek to Coc Ly, a nice village on the bank of Chay river. If today is Tuesday, you will have great time to enjoy the weekly market of hill tribe there. After lunch we will continue hiking to Cao Son, where we will be overnight in a nice ecologue.

DAY 4: CAO SON – LUNG KHAI NHIN – THAO CHU PHIN (B/L/D)

12km from Cao Son is Lung Khai Nhin, a nice village of H'mong people. Furthermore, every Thursday, a local bazaar held here with a lot of interesting activities of locals such as drinking, dance, chatting and talking. Jumping into the market and joining the people will be an unforgettable feeling. After the lunch, we continue with a descending trek along small and undiscovered tracks thru the terrace rice fields, houses on stilt and winding bamboo fences. Reach the river bank and enjoy the sunset view over the mountain. Get over to the other bank of river by bamboo raft ran by river waterpower – extraordinary feeling of using local transportation method. We will be homestay or overnight at local school.

DAY 5 +6: THAO CHU PHIN - XIN CHENG – QUAN THAN SAN– TA VAN CHU – BAN PHO – BAC HA (B/L/D)

We will enjoy the first day in Si Ma Cai, the most remote district of Lao Cai, located in the border with China and together with famous Bac Ha, make an area named White Highland. There are few footprints of tourists there and things still remain as it was in 30 years ago. Trek thru territories of various H'mong hill tribes such as Black H'mong, Flower H'mong, White H'mong, Green H'mong will make you unforgettable memory of hidden Vietnam. Have a 2-day discovery at an untouched area of extreme Northern mountain Vietnam with the first overnight at Quan Than San, then the second night at hotel in Bac Ha for refreshment. On the way back to Bac ha town, you will stop at Ban Pho village to see the process of producing local whisky.

DAY 7: BAC HA – BAN LIEN (B/L/D)

One night refreshment at hotel in Bac Ha and after unhurried breakfast in the town, you will have an easy start with 2 hours trek along a flat and paved road before catch up a single dirty track to Ban Lien. You will have chance to see plum and peach forests and if the trek held in Spring with the white blossom cover the mountains, the beautiful sceneries will leave the unforgettable mark in you mind. Overnight in Ban Lien, a nice village of Tay people.

DAY 8: BAN LIEN – NAM DET (B/L/D)

A trail run in parallel along Phong river will be our trekking route today. We will have a mixture of up-and-down rugged terrain, wet and dirty soil, crossing stream by unstable temporary stone spillway. The Dzao women live here are famous for their sophisticated dress, skirts with many layers, large red turban over their hair buns, coin necklace representing a woman's health etc. At the end of a long day, we will overnight homestay in Nam Det.

DAY 9: NAM DET - BAC HA - HANOI (B/L/D)

After 3-hour short descending, we will return to Bac Ha town. On the way we will meet Phu La hill tribe, who impress you by their traditional costume featured by the mixture of local weaving and beads made by glass. Have lunch in Bac Ha and relax with cold beer before transfer to Lao Cai Railway Station for night train to Hanoi.

DAY 10: HANOI

Arrive in Hanoi at 5am.

End of services.

