

## Highlight

- Amazing limestone formations of Lan Ha Bay and Halong Bay
- Inclusive junk for overnight
- Great trek in jungle

## Itinerary at a glance

- Day 1:** Transfer/kayaking Halong Bay
- Day 2:** Kayaking Halong Bay
- Day 3:** Kayaking Halong Bay – Cat Ba Island
- Day 4:** Trek in Cat Ba National Park
- Day 5:** Back to Hanoi via Hai Phong

## Trip note

<b>Duration:</b>	5 days, 4 nights
<b>Group size:</b>	08 persons
<b>Depart from:</b>	Hanoi
<b>End at:</b>	Hanoi
<b>When:</b>	Year round - best time is from Sep - July
<b>Activities:</b>	Kayaking, Cruising, Trekking
<b>Kayaking grade:</b>	Moderate
<b>Trekking grade:</b>	Moderate
<b>Transportation:</b>	AC vehicle, Junk, support boat, kayak, hydrofoil
<b>Accommodation:</b>	02 nights on junk, 02 nights in hotel
<b>Tour guide:</b>	English or French speaking guide
<b>Meals:</b>	Day 1: Lunch, Dinner Day 2: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Day 3-4: Breakfast, Lunch Day 5: Breakfast



## Tour cost

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## Inclusion:

- AC vehicle
- Twin shared cabin on junk
- Twin share hotel room on Cat Ba Island
- Private support boat as paddling
- Sit-in kayak (single or double kayak depending on availability)
- Dry bag
- Hydrofoil to Hai Phong
- English or French speaking guide
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- First-aid kit
- Water & Snacks
- Entrance and sightseeing fee day

## Exclusion:

- Travel insurance
- Visa
- Tips
- Personal expenses



## Note on client safety

We reserve the right to deviate from this itinerary for any reasons, including weather conditions or for any other factor which may influence client safety.



### Food

All meals, which are indicated in the itinerary, are included in the price of this trip. Since we are in the sea our meals are mainly dominated by fresh seafood. If one is allergic to seafood he has to inform us when booking the tour so that we can prepare some alternatives.

### Hotel on Cat Ba Island

On Cat Ba Island we use the best 3-star hotel looking over Cat Ba Bay.

### The junk

The beautiful Chinese junk functions as a hotel and we would share it with other travelers. We will get twin shared cabin with AC and restroom.

The next day when we go kayaking a smaller wooden boat will support us the whole day.

### The kayak

On this trip we use mainly hard-cell, single kayak. However, due to the limit number of the single kayak, the double kayak can be used as alternative. Paddle, life-jacket and dry bag are available.

### ATA tour guide

The tour will be led by one of our tour guides who are experienced in guiding kayaking tours in Halong Bay. He has been carefully trained in this field and is fully licensed in tour guiding by the government. In addition, he has been trained in first-aid by SOS International and he knows how to deal with difficult situations. You will have a great time traveling with him.

### What to bring

Sun block, hat, anti-insect repellent, sunglasses, rain coat, flashlight, toiletries, original passport.

## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 1: Kayaking Halong Bay

Leave Hanoi for Halong Bay at 8.30am.

On the way we will have a short break for refreshment at a handicraft centre. Upon arrival in Halong City we board a junk for a fine seafood lunch and a short cruise to Thien Cung Cave. After a short exploration of the cave we start our kayaking time paddling through an amazing area of limestone islets. We will pass a floating village to reach Luon Cave, which is a tunnel thrusting through a mountain. Paddling through the tunnel to explore a beautiful secluded lagoon. We will meet the junk in front of the cave. Aboard the junk for dinner and overnight.

#### Summary:

Transfer Hanoi – Halong: 3.5 hrs  
 Transportation: AC vehicle, Boat, Kayak  
 Activities: Kayaking 2.5 hrs, Cruising  
 Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
 Accommodation: Twin shared cabin

### Day 2: Kayaking Halong Bay

After breakfast we start paddling to Van Chai Floating village and then continue paddling to Dark Cave. Tide permitting, we explore this amazing

cave by kayak. The cave is a 200m long, dark tunnel thrusting through a limestone mountain. The tunnel is the only entry to a secluded and beautiful lagoon. Lunch on support boat in front of the cave. After lunch we paddle to Ba Trai Dao Lagoon, along a stunning and fairly rough sea channel, to explore its beautiful beaches. Continue paddling to Lan Ha Bay, which is smaller than Halong Bay but much more interesting with lots of secluded beaches. Cruise back to Halong Bay for dinner and overnight on mother boat

#### Summary:

Kayaking: 5 hr - Moderate grade  
 Transportation: Boat, Kayak  
 Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
 Accommodation: Twin shared cabin



### Day 3: Kayaking and transfer to Cat Ba Island

Breakfast on boat. Transferred by support boat to Lan Ha Bay, where we start paddling across a wide sea channel to reach Dau Be Island, which has a small fishing settlement. To the western side of the island is Ho Ba Ham (Three Tunnel Lake), a deep grotto with three inland "lakes. The grotto is accessible only at low tide by kayak. There are beautiful beaches around, where we could stop for swimming. Optional paddling around the island. Lunch on support boat.

In the afternoon we take a short transfer by support boat to Cat Ba Island. Bus transfer from Cat Ba Dock to hotel. Check in hotel and free at leisure. Overnight on Cat Ba Island.

#### Summary

Kayaking: 5 - 6 hrs - Moderate grade  
Transportation: Boat, Kayak, Bus  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch  
Accommodation: Hotel on Cat Ba Island (harbour view)

### Day 4: Trek Cat Ba National Park

Breakfast in the hotel before taking a beautiful drive to Cat Ba National Park. Trek thru the park (4 hrs) to Viet Hai Village where you have lunch in a local house. After lunch you walk to the dock and transferred by boat back to Cat Ba town around 5 pm. Overnight on Cat Ba Island.

#### Summary

Transfer Hotel – National Park: 30 mins  
Trek: 4 hrs – Moderate grade  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch  
Accommodation: Hotel on Cat Ba Island (harbour view)

### Day 5: Cat Ba Island – Hai Phong City – Hanoi

Breakfast in the morning and free at leisure. In the afternoon, we take hydrofoil to Hai Phong City. We meet our bus in Hai Phong and transfer back to Hanoi. Trip completes.

#### Summary

Hydrofoil to Hai Phong: 45 mins  
Transfer Hai Phong – Hanoi: 2 hrs  
Meals: Breakfast



## Holiday Extensions

### Trekking in Sapa: 4-day tour with 3-day trekking and 2 nights home stay in minority villages

Sapa, nestling in a beautiful valley on the border with China, is northwest Vietnam's most colorful destination. Sapa and its environs has some of the best trekking in Vietnam and there are many ethnic minority villages that can be reached in day treks from Sapa or for a real hill tribe experience it is possible to stay overnight in local villages along the way. The scenery is spectacular, especially in spring and autumn when the skies are clear and blue, and the people are welcoming. Dominating the Sapa skyline is the peak of Vietnam's highest mountain, Mount Fan Si Pan, rising to 3,143m above sea level.



### Trekking Mai Chau

2 or 3-day tour with beautiful treks and village home stays

Get off the beaten track with this discovery trip to the north-west highlands of Mai Chau. Offering a combination of cultural and physical activity with some of Vietnam's most stunning scenery. Spend nights in local minority villages and meet colorful personalities along the way.



## ACTIVELY EXPLORING HIDDEN LANDS