

EXPLORE THE NORTH VIETNAM WITH MOTORBIKE.

1 - ITINERARY

1.1 – Brief Itinerary:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Itinerary</i>	<i>Meals</i>	<i>Overnight</i>
15/04/19	0	Arrival Day	D	Hotel
16/04	1	Hanoi – Mai Chau	B,D	Homestay
17/04	2	Mai Chau – Phu Yen	B,D	Hotel Hong Long
18/04	3	Phu Yen – Tú Lệ - Mu Cang Chai	B,D	Homestay
19	4	Mu Cang Chai - Than Uyen - Sapa	B,D	Hotel
20	5	Sapa rest day	B,	Hotel
21	6	Sapa – Ha Giang	B,D	Trương Xuan
22	7	Ha Giang – Meo Vac	B,D	Hotel Hoa Cuong
23	8	Meo Vac – Ba Be	B,D	Homestay mr Xao
24	9	Ba Be – Boat trip – Cao Bang	B,D	Thanh Loan
25	10	Cao Bang – Ban Gioc Waterfall – Quang Uyen	B,D	Homestay
26	11	Quang Uyen - Dong Khe – That Khe – Lang Son – visit Cave	B,D	Hotel Muong Thanh
27	12	Lang Son – Ferry to Cat Ba island. Finish Riding.	B,D	Beach Bungalow.
28/04	13	Cát Ba island – kayaking and beach relax.	B,LD	Beach Bungalow.
29/04	14	Cat Ba – Hanoi.	B,D	Hotel.

1.2 – Day-by-day Itinerary:

Day 1: Hanoi – Mai Chau, homestay (B,D) 160km,

We leave busy life of Hanoi behind and travel on highway 06 to North West of Vietnam. The ride will bring us on Rd 06 and small road through villages to Mai Chau.

Upon arrival, we check in Stilt house of White Thai People and explore the scenic village and culture around.

Dinner and enjoy the Local Performance by Thai girls and Boys. O.N on Stilt House.

Day 2: Mai Chau – Phù Yên. 170km (B,D)

We back track on the main a few kilometres before embarking on a new road which drops down the side of a huge valley, steadily falling all the way back down to the Da River Reservoir. The 50 kilometres route has plenty of challenging surface and is prone to landslides. Much of the area is inhabited by Kinh and both Black and White Thai ethnic groups. Depending on time we can complete another side road which rises up the opposite side of the valley, offering impressive views over the area on a clear day. Just before the reservoir we breach a final steep ascent and pass by communes of Dao people, before the descent to the banks of the reservoir and a ferry crossing. Once across we follow the banks of the reservoir past village all relocated before the flooding of the valley. On easy dirt road we approach the delta settlement of Phu Yen, set in the middle of a vast valley floor of paddy fields. Overnight in Phu Yen. Dinner then O.N in hotel.

Day 3: Phù Yên – Tú Lệ - Than Uyên , , hotel (B,D) 190km

We have a mountainous road day to ride, the first part from Phu Yen to Ba Khe via Lung Lo pass is track and the rest is sealed road. after lunch, we continue the ride through the rural areas with beautiful rice fields along the beautiful road that lead up to Mu Cang Chai. We go through the Mu Cang Chai massif, one of the highest mountain pass in Vietnam, from the top of this pass, we have one of the most beautiful views of North Vietnam. Overnight in hotel. (O.N could be in Mu Cang Chai (basic simple hotel) or Than Uyen)

Day 4: Than Uyen – Sapa, , hotel. (B,D) 120km

We have nice ride along valley and passing some developing towns Phong Tho, Lai Chau, Tam Duong...then spectacular road up O Qui Ho pass to get in to Sapa town. Check in Hotel and relax.

Day 5: Rest day in Sapa. Hotel. (B,)

Whole day to discover the area of Sapa with some options:

AM: Take a walking tour to local village of Black Hmong or Dzay. (Motorbiking is optional)

PM: Free to explore the town. O/N in hotel.

Day 6: Sapa – Hà Giang .. hotel. (B,D) 180km

We leave Sapa town in the morning, and go on with our ride to Pho Rang (Bao Yen) then Rd 279 to Viet Quang then To Ha Giang. Enjoy the scenic road and countryside along the ride. Check in hotel and Dinner in town

Day 7: Ha Giang - Meo Vac.. Hotel. (B,D) 170km

AM: After Breakfast, we leave Ha Giang city and start going up hill and enjoy the Karst Plateau. The road leads us along high rocky mountain, spectacular valleys, villages of H'Mong, Lo Lo, Ha Nhi... people on the way. Visit the Palace of H'Mong King, take a great view of Nho Que river before going down to Meo Vac town. Check in Hotel and Dinner.

Day 8: Meo Vac – Ba Be Lake. homestay,(B,D) 190km

Leaving Meo Vac, we ride along the mountain range of Song Gam (Gam River). We go on the ride to Ba Be, some sections of the road are still under construction. Having Lunch on the way then continue small road to Ba Be. Check in local homestay of the Tay people by the lake.

Day 9: Ba Be Lake Boat trip - Cao Bang. (B,D) (130km)

AM: Breakfast in Homestay, then take a 2 hr boat ride (Motorbike on Boat too) to enjoy the nature of Ba Be lake. We will finish in Buoc Lom pier, re start our ride to Cao Bang province, a city near near the border with China. Cao Bang is sparsely populated. It has several ethnic communities in villages hardly affected by tourism. Cao Bang is famous for its graceful mountains, grottos and streams. Arrive in Cao Bang city in the afternoon, ***Overnight in Hotel Thành Loan 2.***

Day 10: Cao Bang – Ban Gioc Waterfall – Quang Uyen. (160km) (B,D)

We leave Cao Bang in the morning, enjoy the ride on nice and scenic roads, Stop to visit village of Black Smith of the Nung people – Phuc Sen. Continue the road to Ban Gioc Water fall, enjoy the view from Truc Lam Pagoda (Optional) then visit the waterfall. If time permit, we can visit Nguom Ngao cave – a beautiful waterfall in Cao Bang.
Take a ride back to Quang Uyen for a night stay in small hotel.

Day 11: Quang Uyen – Lang Son – Visit Cave in Lang Son. (B,D) (130km)

Today we go back to Indochina time by driving the famous Colonial Road No.4, where we pass villages like Dong Khe and That Khe. This place is well-known for its countless bloody fights during the 1950s between Viet Minh and the French Force. In the afternoon, we arrive in Lang Son city and discover the central market. This market offers divers Chinese products as Lang Son is the trade-gateway between China and Viet Nam. Before checking in our hotel in Lang Son, we take an interesting visit to Tam Thanh grottos.

Day 12: Lang Son – Halong city. Finish motorbiking. (B,D)(160 km)

We farewell to border city and start our ride head to Hanoi. After a short ride along Highway 01, we turn left to back road through countryside, enjoy hilly roads, view of garden, lakes, countryside road
Arrival in Halong City, Farewell to our motorbikes and load them to the truck.
We will have 1 hour ferry ride to enjoy the view of Halong bay to Cat Ba island. Then bus transfer to Cat Ba town before another short boat ride to Beach Bungalow.
Check in and relax.

Breakfast in Bungalow restaurant.

Day 13 : KAYAYKING and Beach relax. (B, L, D)

We get on our private cruise and start the kayaking trip. Our crew will take us to beautiful spots for kayaking to explore the caves, white sand beaches, swimming in clear and nice water of the bay. Afternoon, We ll get back to the bungalow for the second night stay. Enjoy the beer oclock and sunset. Then Buffet dinner.

Day 14 : Cat Ba – Hai Phong – Hanoi. (B, D)

AM: Free at your leisure til check out at noon then get on the tender to Cat Ba town. We ll travel to Hai Phong then journey to Hanoi. Late afternoon, Check in Hotel in Hanoi. Farewell dinner.

2 - COST

The following cost has been calculated for a party from ... people travelling together.

It will be applied as below:

1746USD / 01 rider

- **Extra Services:**
- - Bigger Motorbike: (250cc - 400cc) : 35USD plus / per day / bike.
- - Pillion Passenger: 1429 USD / 01 pax. Ride on 250cc - 400cc bike with Rider.
- - Car Passenger: 1125 USD / 01 Pax. - **Applied only for Group with support car: We receive only From 1 - 2 Car passengers / Group.**

The above cost is quoted on cash payment basis. This is not including government tax and service charges. If payment is made by other mean than cash such as credit card, traveler's check, bank transfer...bank charges will be for sender.

2.1 - Inclusions:

- Honda XR150cc Motorbike hire with insurance for Motorbike.
- Our experienced biking guide.
- Meal as mentioned Breakfast (B), Lunch (L) and Dinner .
- Accomodation (standard hotel, homestay.)
- Entrance fee to the itinerary sightseeing
- **Supported Car for group from 8 motorbikers.**

2.2 - Exclusions:

- International, domestic air tickets.
- Vietnam visa.
- Travel Insurance. All persons are expected to arrange their own insurance. We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance from home. Policies should cover any potential risks involved in your holiday.
- Beverage and alcoholic drinks.
- Tips. *We recommend 7 – 9 usd / day / person to our supported team (guide and driver...)*
- Personal expenditure such as telephone, laundry, shopping and any other services not clearly mentioned on.

3 – HOTEL INFORMATION

3.1 – List

3.2 – Notes

3.3 - Contacts

To be advised on our final confirmation.

4 – BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS

4.1 – Confirmation

As per our company policy, booking will only be confirmed on receipt of advance deposit.

- Tour package: from 30%
- Single travel service such as car rental, air tickets bookings or hotel reservations: 100%

4.2 – Deposit and Payment

Deposit can be settled by cash or wire transfer 90 days at least before the departure. The balance can be paid by cash, travelers' cheques or credit cards upon your arrival in Vietnam. If payment is made by other mean than cash such as traveler's cheques, credit cards or via Western Union... bank charges will be for sender.

Here are our bank account details.

Beneficiary Bank:

BANK FOR FOREIGN TRADE OF VIETNAM
Address: 198 Tran Quang Khai, Hanoi, Vietnam
Swift code: BFTVVNVX

Beneficiary:

Dong Minh Cuong
Bank account (USD): **0011372559414**
Website : <http://www.vietcombank.com.vn>

4.3 – Amendment

There is no fee for any change or amendment you make prior to your final confirmation. Otherwise, amendment or cancellation fees may be charged (subject to Sen Asia Travel's supplier policy). Because we will launch the booking reservation immediately after we receive your final confirmation and starting from that point, service's amendment/cancellation fees may be applied by our local service providers such as hotel, restaurants, airlines companies...

Please note that we will not charge you any fee if our service providers do not charge us.

4.4 – Cancellation

Sen Asia Travel must be informed in writing. Cancellation charges would be effective from the date we receive advice in writing and cancellation charges would be applied as follows:

- From 90 days to 45 days: 20% of the total tour/service costs
- From 45 days to 15 days: 50% of the total tour/service costs
- From 14 day to departure: 100% of the total tour/service costs

4.5 – Responsibility

The detailed programme and schedule flights are subject to change by airlines companies without prior notice and in accordance with the weather conditions and daily operations flights. Consequently, itinerary concerned might be adjusted. If this occurs, however that it is done as a courtesy to participants and Sen Asia Travel can not be held responsible for denied boarding, nor for additional costs occurred.