

Enchanting Cycling Tour of Vietnam

From **\$3890**
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Price per person based on double occupancy
+5% GST + Visa Fees



14 Day Guided Cycling Tour Including:

Hanoi, Mai Chau, Thanh Hoa, Ninh Binh, Halong Bay, Hue, Hoi An

...and so much more!



Exclusive Cycling Experiences:

- Maximum group size of 15 people
- Day tour to Co Loa
- Day tour to Duong Lam ancient village
- 3 day cycling/hiking to Mai Chau
- Distance and elevation variations

Price Includes:

- 4 + Star Accommodations
- Daily Breakfast
- 12 Lunches, 9 Dinners
- Domestic flights, comfortable coach transportation, overnight cruise
- Entire tour escorted in English



Day 1: Arrive in Hanoi (D)

Become situated in your hotel in Hanoi and enjoy a welcome dinner and trip orientation.

Day 2: Hanoi Arrival (B,L)

Level: 1. Distance: 30 km/3 hours

Your tour starts in Hanoi, Vietnam's French-colonial capital. You will be picked up at your hotel in the morning to reach Bac Bien village in the beautiful countryside. Your cycling guide will welcome you at the meeting point. From here, you will cycle into the village to the border of the Red River, where a local boat will ferry you over the river. You will visit a local Vietnamese house on your way to the Co Loa village, before visiting temples and an exhibition about the history of Co Loa.

Day 3: Hanoi – Mai Chau (B,L,D)

Walking distance: 4 km/2 hours

In the morning, you will visit the Temple of Literature, built in the place once known as the first university of Vietnam and a fine example of Vietnamese architecture. Then, you will travel back to Hanoi Old Quarter, from Sword Lake to Hang Hanh. You will lunch in Hanoi before departing for Mai Chau.

Day 4: Mai Chau (B,L,D)

Level: 2. Distance: 35 km/4 hours

An entire day devoted to cycling and discovering Mai Chau valley is the only way to do this area justice. Along the way, view the peaceful villages, stilt houses, local schools, and rice fields to understand authentic life in northern Vietnam. Pass Gieng Sai, Ban Nhot, Ban Ha, Na Loc, and Mai Hich on your way to Du Lac, where you will explore the market and souvenir boutiques before returning to Mai Chau.

Day 5: Mai Chau – Pu Luong (B,L,D)

Level: 2. Distance: 50 km/5-6 hours

Today's cycling journey takes you deeper into the Mai Chau valley. You will visit the enchanting Pu Luong National Park, where limestone landscapes and peaceful rural life will be your cycling reward. You will also be able to spot some of the 1000 listed species of birds hidden amidst the diverse flora. This route takes you through the rice fields framed by karstic mountains, as well as the primeval jungle, a region untouched by most travelers.

Day 6: Pu Luong – Ninh Binh (B,L,D)

Distance: 136 km/3.5 hours

Enjoy your last morning at the edge of this beautiful valley, then depart with your driver to the site of Hoa Lu by taking a road that crosses through picturesque landscapes. At the beginning of the afternoon, you will explore Van Long Nature Reserve. Step aboard a small

rowboat for a peaceful journey through flooded rice fields and spectacular landscapes of rocky peaks, canals, and vegetation. Then, make your way to your hotel in Ninh Binh

Day 7: Ninh Binh - Halong (B,L,D)

Distance: 200 km / 4.5 hours

In the morning, you will depart towards the famous Halong Bay. On the way, pass through Thai Binh province and the large port city of Hai Phong before arriving in Halong around noon. There, you will embark on a cruise in the must-see Halong Bay. This world famous bay is one of the most beautiful landscapes in Vietnam, with its giant rock islets covered in luxurious vegetation overlooking the water. This scene creates a spectacular marine landscape, which earned its UNESCO World Heritage status in 1994. You will be served lunch and dinner aboard with freshly caught seafood from the bay, and enjoy a night fishing session on the boat.

Day 8: Halong–Hanoi–Fly to Hue (B,D)

Distance: 190 km / 3.5 hours

Wake up to enjoy the sunrise over the aquamarine waters of the bay. Then, the cruise will tour around the bay until you disembark at the end of the morning. After that, you will then return to Hanoi. On the way, visit But Thap Pagoda, before heading to Noi Bai International Airport, where you will take your flight to Hue.

Day 9: Hue (B,L)

Level: 2. Distance: 45 km/5 hours

In the morning, meet your guide at the hotel before setting off on the day's adventure. Cycle to the Imperial Citadel for a tour. Following this, pedal towards Phu Mong Village, a former Mandarin's village distinguished by its beautiful architecture. Continue on to Xuan Vien Tieu Cung, an ancient garden house where you will meet a local family for green tea and fresh fruits. Visit Mu Pagoda before finishing the day with a ferry to Thuy Bieu Village. You can visit the marvelous Perfume River, make your way to a craft village where you will learn about incense and traditional hats, and finally pedal onwards to Tu Doc tomb.

Day 10: Hue-Tam Giang Lagoon-Hue (B,L)

Level: 2. Distance: 35 km/2-3 hours

In the morning, head to the largest lagoon in Southeast Asia, Tam Giang Lagoon. Along the way, you will also stop at an amazing cemetery and be able to appreciate the Vietnamese countryside, near a beach where white sand and turquoise waters await. Later, embark on a boat ride and participate in a small net fishing session with the locals, before stopping for lunch at a local house to sample some of the region's

specialties. After a private vehicle returns you to your hotel, the evening is yours to enjoy.

Day 11: Hue – Lang Co Lagoon (B,L,D)

Level: 3. Distance: 65-85 km/4-6 hours

Today you will cycle directly from the hotel to the village of Vinh Ve, where the Chuong Lagoon region of the famous Tam Giang Lagoon is located. The old village draws visitors in with its beautiful architecture and sophisticated patterns and carvings of dragons. Make a stop at the rice museum, then take a break at a local house before embarking on a short cruise on a local ferry. Head to Tu Hien Beach for lunch, where you will cycle for 15 km before meeting up with the van, which will take you to your hotel if you don't wish to continue the cycle journey back.

Day 12: Lang Co – Hai Van Pass - Hoi An (B,L,)

Level: 3. Distance: 30-60 km/4 hours

Head to Lap An Lagoon in the morning for an intense cycling experience through the Hai Van Pass, hailed as one of the most beautiful coastal mountain roads in the world by BBC's Top Gear. Your ascent includes views of jungles, waterfalls, and beaches. Take a well-earned break at the small coffee shop on the top of the hill before either cycling or taking the van down to Hoi An.

Day 13: Hoi An (B,L)

Level: 2. Distance: 35 km/5.5 hours

Take a leisurely ride along Hoi An's main road to old town, where cars are prohibited so that you can enjoy the timeless atmosphere of the district. Visit Dong Binh, a mat weaving village, and then head on to the carpenter's village before boarding a local ferry back towards Tra Que Village, famous for its herbs and vegetables. Return to the city after a local meal to enjoy your afternoon.

Day 14: Hoi An – My Son – Hoi An (B,L,D)

Level: 2. Distance: 40 km/5 hours

Set out this morning on Hoi An's characteristically narrow streets. You will see beautiful wooden furniture, try your hand at rice paper making, and visit the My Son sanctuary today. This is the most important Cham archaeological site in central Vietnam, dating back to the 4th century. Then, head back to enjoy your final evening in Hoi An and a farewell dinner.

Day 15: Hoi An (B)

Enjoy a final free day in Vietnam until your personal transfer to the airport for your flight home.