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4-14 MAR 2025 (11D10N) NORTHEAST VIETNAM (Hoang Su Phi, Ha Giang, Ba Be Lake and Hanoi)

Trip Cost per person Rm3500 (15-18pax) Rm3700 (10-14pax) EXCLUDES FLIGHTSBased on 1 USD = Rm 4.7750 Maybank 13Jun2024. Final adjustments on cost is based on the exhcange rate at time of final collection.

FLIGHT DETAILS - PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE FLIGHT UNTIL ADVISED BY US

AIR ASIA RM867 (Without checked baggage) as of 11Jun25 04 MAR 25 Tue KULHAN AA 1205 1420 3h15 14 MAR 25 Fri HANKUL AA 1450 1910 3h20

Ha Giang is known as "Final Frontier of Vietnam" and shares a 270km border with neighbouring China. This mountainous area is off-the-beaten track and goes unnoticed by many though it's gaining popularity lately. It is blessed with beautiful karst mountains, stunning steep passes, long and winding roads, fields of buckwheat flowers and tranquil villages of diverse ethnic minorities. This trip will take us through the heart and soul of Ha Giang to witness its picturesque landscape and the gorgeous faces of minority ethnics.

IMPORTANT NOTICE This is meant to be a "free and easy" budget trip. Participants should be relatively fit, with a good sense of humour, and above all, have the <u>right attitude</u> for close travel with others through possibly some trying times. Most definitely, this is not a trip for prudes, whiners, fuss-pots, and other similiarly assorted types! Although every effort will be made to stick to the given itinerary, ground conditions may change and cause some disruption and/or deviation from the norm. Otherwise, have fun!

We use a chartered bus or van for the duration of trip. **All meals and entrance fees are included except in Hanoi**. The accompanying local Vietnamese guide has several years of experience covering this area. We DO NOT send guide from Malaysia. It's important participants are able to manage their own luggage, preferably backpacks or softpacks, or trolleys Not more than 24", 20-22 is ideal. Large size 28 inches luggage IS NOT ALLOWED on Yongo trips. Members can opt to <u>fly in earlier or leave later</u> to extend and spend some extra time in Hanoi. Noi Bai Airport bus leaves every 25-30 minutes at VND35,000 or Rm7, taking 40 minutes (29km) to old guarters.



Hoang Su Phi/ Tam Son/Tham Ma Pass/TwinMountain

Day 1 KUL to Hanoi: Meet at KLIA2 at 9AM 4 MAR 2025 TUE. Fly Air Asia departing at 12:05PM to Hanoi. Bus plck up from Noi Bai airport to downtown hotel. Free and easy to stroll Hanoi Old quarters. No meals provided on this day. O/N Hanoi

Day 2 Hoang Su Phi (270km): After breakfast, bus plck up from hotel to Hoang Su Phi, and travel through Tuyen Quang Province with scenic views of the green tea fields on the way to Hoang Su Phi. Lunch break and continue to Nam Hong village with stops to see the rice terraces and arrive at our accommodation in the early evening. Overnight (O/N) Hoang Su Phi Bungalow. B/L/D

Day 3 Hoang Su Phi: Full day leisure walk to several villages to see the livelihood of the local Dao ethnic minority group and try a traditional homecooked meal. We will pass by Nam Khoa where we can see beautiful rice terraces in Hoang Su Phi, and back to bungalow in the early evening. O/N Hoang Su Phi Bungalow. B/L/D

Day 4 Ha Thanh (75km): Bus to Ha Giang to visit local markets and have lunch. After lunch, proceed to Ha Thanh Village and few hours (2-3 hours) easy walk through some beautiful paddy fields to experience the culture of the Tay ethnic minorities there. O/N Ha Giang Homestay. B/L/D

Day 5 Dong Van (150km): Early morning and travel to Dong Van, stopping by highlands markets on the way to visit Heaven's Gate, Twin Mountains at Tam Son town, with lunch break at Yen Minh. After lunch, we will visit Tham Ma pass, Pao story house, Old H'Mong Palace followed by an **optional** short but steep trek to the French fortress in Dong Van town. O/N Dong Van B/L/D

Day 6 Cao Bang (208km): After breakfast, we continue with bus highland journey to Ma Pi Leng Pass, one of the most sought after scenic passes of Vietnam. We will do a three hours trek on the spectacular Skywalk. Then, we will enjoy a highland lunch at Meo Vac, and then relax on the drive to Cao Bang. O/N Cao Bang. B/L/D

Day 7 Quang Uyen (145km): Today, we visit the famous Ban Gioc Waterfall that falls on the Vietnam-China border, and take a short barge ride to the falls. On the way, we will visit the Phuc Sen Blacksmith Village to witness the local craftsmanship as well as a short stop at the nearby Nguom Ngao Cave before proceeding to the incense village at Quang Uyen where we will spend the night. O/N Kim Homestay. B/L/D



Ban Gioc Waterfall/ Local Boy/NhoQues River/ Local Market

Day 8 Ba Be (158km): After breakfast, a leisure walk through the village to see the local incense making process. Afterwards, a 5 hour bus ride to Ba Be Lake. On arrival, a relaxing boat ride through Puong Grotto to our homestay. O/N Ba Be Homestay. B/L/D

Day 9 Ba Be: Lake cruise in the morning, stopping at attractions such as Widow Island along the way and strolling through several lakeside villages and small parks. We will be back at the lodge by early afternoon to rest and relax. In the evening, a good dinner, cultural show, and song and dance. O/N Ba Be Homestay. B/L/D

Day 10 Hanoi (233km): Early start to Hanoi to arrive around lunchtime. Half-day city tour to Hanoi's most iconic sights. Dinner is on your own after exploring the area around our Hanoi Old Quarter hotel. O/N Hanoi. B/L

Day 11 Hanoi: Last minute morning shopping and explorations, then bus transfer to Noi Bai airport to fly home. Air Asia departing 2:50PM arriving Kuala Lumpur 7:10PM on 14 MAR 2025 FRI.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Cost cover transportation, accommodation and meals mentioned in the itinerary above. B/L/D indicate Breakfast/ Lunch/Dinner
- 2. Accommodations will be in budget to mid-range hotels (twin-share), guesthouses and local homestay (multi-share) and some shared bath.

- 3. Not covered are Flight, Meals in Hanoi estimates Rm100 (Rm50x2days), Tips estimates Rm200 and optional activities.
- 4. Cost is subject to change based on fluctuations in exchange rate. **USD1 = Rm4.7750 as at 13Jun2024** (Maybank)
- 5. Non-refundable deposit of Rm1000 is payable to confirm your place.
- 6. Members are required to have Travel Insurance and be adequately insured prior to departure.

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