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## 6 - 16 Sep 2023 (11D10N) NORTHEAST VIETNAM (Hoang Su Phi, Ha Giang, Ba Be Lake and Hanoi)

### Trip Cost per person Rm3200 (max 18pax) **EXCLUDES FLIGHTS**

Based on 1 USD = Rm 4.4481 Maybank 31MAR. Final adjustments on cost is based on the exhcange rate at time of final collection.

### FLIGHT DETAILS - **DO NOT PURCHASE FLIGHT UNTIL WE CONFIRM GROUP FORM**

**AIR ASIA** RM642 (No checked baggage) as of 31Mar23

06 SEP 23 3 KULHAN AA 0610 0825 3h15 (**AA Cancelled this flight - Update 30Jun2023**)

16 SEP 23 6 HANKUL AA 1530 1950 3h

**Update 30 Jun2023** Due to Air Asia cancelled 610AM flight, main group now fly in Hanoi one day earlier, **5Sep KUL HAN 1240 1500**

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 right attitude 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 if group is small or less than 18pax. 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 fly in earlier or leave later to utilise cheaper fares and/or spend some extra time in Hanoi. Airport bus leaves every 15 minutes at Rm7, taking 40 minutes (29km). Those who decide to fly in earlier can stay at one of the many Hanoi Airport hotels whilst waiting for the rest of the group.



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

**Day 1 Hanoi-Hoang Su Phi (270km):** Fly from KL to Hanoi. Bus pick up from Noi Bai airport 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. L/D

**Day 2 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 3 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 4 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 5 Cao Bang (208km):** After breakfast, we visit Dong Van Sunday market. This is the largest market of the ethnic minorities in the north where goods and cultures exchange take place. Continue our 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 6 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/Nho Ques River/ Local Market

**Day 7 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 8 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 9 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.

**Day 10 Hanoi:** Free and easy day to enjoy Hanoi on your own. O/N Hanoi.

**Day 11 Home:** Last minute morning shopping and explorations before 12 noon, then bus transfer to Noi Bai airport to fly home.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Cost cover accommodation, travel and meals to sites mentioned above. B/L/D indicate Breakfast/ Lunch/Dinner
2. Accommodations will be in budget to mid-range hotels, guesthouses and local homestay (multi-share).
3. **Not covered are flight costs** estimated at Rm800, estimates Meals Rm100 (Rm50x2days), Tips Rm100 and optional activities.
4. Cost subject to change based on fluctuations in exchange rates.
5. Non-refundable deposit of **Rm800** 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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