

COFFEE STUDY TOURS x VIETNAM

HANOI - HÒA BÌNH - HA LONG BAY

5 Days /4 Nights

Schedule of visit to the places listed below may change. Please check from time to time for updates.

Manila - Hanoi via CEBU PACIFIC AIR

25 April (Tuesday)

Departs 10:15 PM

Arrives 12:30 AM (of 26 April)

DAY 1 | Wednesday, 26 April (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Accommodation at **MUONG THANH HANOI CENTER** or similar class

HANOI CITY TOUR

- **Ho Chi Minh Complex** - The Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum Complex is an important place of pilgrimage for many Vietnamese. A traffic-free area of botanical gardens, monuments, memorials and pagodas, it's usually crowded with groups of Vietnamese who come from far and wide to pay their respects to 'Uncle Ho'. Within the complex are **Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, Ho Chi Minh's Still House and the Presidential Palace, Ho Chi Minh Museum** and the **One Pillar Pagoda**.
- **Tran Quoc Pagoda** - One of the oldest pagodas in Vietnam, Tran Quoc Pagoda is on the eastern shore of Ho Tay. The pagoda was rebuilt in the 15th century and again in 1842.
- **Temple of Literature** - A peaceful complex dedicated to Confucius. Built in the 11th century, it was the first university in Vietnam and, still today, students come here to burn incense before important exams. You will find it great for photography, the solemn atmosphere tinged with incense smoke and the sunken lotus ponds populated by fish and turtles.
- **Ethnology Museum** - This fabulous collection relating to Vietnam's ethnic minorities features well-presented tribal art, artefacts and everyday objects gathered from across the nation, and examples of traditional village houses. Displays are well labelled in Vietnamese, French and English.
- **Sword Lake & Ngoc Son Temple** - 'Temple of the Jade Mountain', Hanoi's most visited temple sits on a small island in the northern part of Hoan Kiem Lake, connected to the lakeshore by an elegant scarlet bridge, constructed in classical Vietnamese style. The temple is dedicated to General Tran Hung Dao (who defeated the Mongols in the 13th century), La To (patron saint of physicians) and the scholar Van Xuong.
- **Old Quarter** - A must see place to experience Hanoi, where you will find shopping and cultural/historical sites all wrapped into one.

DAY 2 | Thursday, 27 April (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Accommodation at **MUONG THANH HANOI CENTER** or similar class

HANOI COFFEE SHOPS TOUR

- **Giang Café (est. 1946)** - Widely known for the "Egg Coffee" — egg is not a code for milk or sugar, but an actual egg. This drink is a unique blend of chicken egg yolk, coffee, sweetened condensed milk, butter and cheese.
- **Café Nhan (est. 1946)** - Order a classic black coffee, where you can watch your drink as it slowly filters through the phin (traditional Vietnamese filter), and emerges thick, dark and oil-like. Widely known for being the meeting point for all the Northern "Vietcong" during the French War
- **Cafe Lam (est. 1949)** - The coffee shop walls are covered completely in paintings from various decades. Before the coffee shop became famous many starving artists would come to hang out here. They would exchange their latest works for credit and drink coffee for free until it was time to create another one. This exchange did two things for Cafe Lam: it was able to adorn itself with countless paintings that are now worth quite a bit of money and it also fostered an atmosphere attractive to artists and intellectuals, something that endures to this day.
- **Trung Nguyen Café** - The biggest and most famous coffee company in Vietnam beside Hoan Kiem Lake and try a weasel coffee
- **Cafe Mai (est. 1936)** - Widely known for: Many types of coffee from famous coffee regions of Vietnam and one of the typical gift for foreign friends.
- **Highland Coffee** - The local version of 'Starbucks Coffee'. Enjoy espresso or cappuccino. They also serve Italian sodas, snacks, sandwiches, pizzas, and good breakfasts, all while looking out over the lake or watching the hustle and flow of traffic below.

Close the day by attending to **Water Puppet Show**.

DAY 3 | Friday, 28 April (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Accommodation at **MUONG THANH HANOI CENTER** or similar class

HÒA BÌNH PROVINCE COFFEE FARM TOUR

Explore a real-life coffee plantation in Hòa Bình and enjoy a tour facilitated by a local farmer. Hòa Bình is a mountainous province in Vietnam, located in the nation's Northwest region. Learn the steps of producing coffee, and enjoy some authentic local coffee

Travel by bus to Hoa Binh Province takes around 4 hours from Hanoi

DAYS 4 & 5 | Saturday, 29 April - Sunday, 30 April (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Accommodation at **SYRENA CRUISES** or similar class

HA LONG BAY OVERNIGHT CRUISE

Travel to **Ha Long Bay** and board a luxury boat for an overnight cruise amongst the more than **3,000 limestone islands** rising majestically out of the turquoise bay. Pass by grand rock formations and quaint fishing towns, and sample a delicious lunch of freshly caught fish and seafood.

Activities:

- A Vietnamese cooking demonstration with chef on board
- An optional traditional massage
- Kayak / Boating
- Refreshing swim
- Tai Chi demonstration on the sundeck
- Visit 'Surprise Cave' –the most beautiful cave in the Bay

Travel by bus to Hoa Binh Province takes around 3-4 hours from Hanoi

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01 May (Monday)

Departs 1:15 AM

Arrives 5:40 AM