

**Highlight**

- Awesome scenery
- Home stays in villages of ethnic minorities
- Beautiful and easy trails
- All meals included

**Itinerary at a glance**

**Day 1:** Transfer to Mai Chau/Trek to Xo Village

**Day 2:** Trek Van Village

**Day 3:** Trek and transfer to Hanoi

**Trip note**

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| <b>Duration:</b>       | 3 days, 2 nights   |
| <b>Group size:</b>     | 08 persons   |
| <b>Depart from:</b>    | Hanoi  |
| <b>End at:</b>         | Hanoi  |
| <b>When:</b>           | Year round   |
| <b>Activities:</b>     | Trekking, Cultural expedition  |
| <b>Trekking grade:</b> | Introductory to Moderate   |
| <b>Transport:</b>      | AC vehicle, on foot  |
| <b>Accommodation:</b>  | 2 home-stays   |
| <b>Tour guide:</b>     | English or French speaking guide   |
| <b>Support crew:</b>   | Local cook   |
| <b>Meals:</b>          | Day 1: Lunch, Dinner<br>Day 2: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner<br>Day 3: Breakfast, Lunch |



**Tour price**

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**Inclusion:**

- AC car transfer
- English or French speaking guide
- Local cook
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Home stay permission
- Water & Snacks
- First-aid kit
- Entrance fees & Sightseeing fees

**Exclusion:**

- Travel insurance
- Visa
- Tips
- Personal expenses

**Note on client safety**

We reserve the right to deviate from this itinerary for any reasons, including road and weather conditions, frequency of visits to a village, or for any other factor which may influence client safety.



### Food

All meals, which are indicated in the itinerary, are included in the price of this trip. While in big towns we will enjoy Vietnamese cuisine in fine restaurants. Once we travel away from big towns, the emphasis will be on healthy and nutritious fresh local produce.

### The homestay

Homestay in villages is simple in term of bedding condition and amenities. We will stay overnight in traditional house-on-stilt of the Thai minority and, as the locals do, we will sleep on bamboo floor with mattress, clean sheet, pillows and mosquito nets. Toilet is usually western style.

### The trekking day

A typical trekking day start at about 8.30 am after breakfast. Lunch times can vary depending on the terrain. We aim to reach the next overnight stop by 4.30 or 5. During the trek we will have short breaks for rest, snack and photographing.

### ATA tour guide

The tour will be led by one of our tour guides who are experienced in guiding trekking tours in Vietnam. He has been carefully trained in this field and is fully licensed in tour guiding by the government. In addition, he has been trained in first-aid by SOS International and he knows how to deal with difficult situations. You will have a great time traveling with him.

### What to bring

Trekking boot, sun block, hat, anti-insect repellent, sunglasses, sleeping bag (optional), rain coat, toiletries, original passport.



## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 1: Hanoi – Mai Chau – Xo Village

8:30 am: leave Hanoi for Mai Chau. After 4-hr beautiful bus ride we reach Pom Coong, a village of the Thai ethnic minority in Mai Chau valley. Lunch in Pom Coong Village. In the afternoon we take light walk on village road to Xo, a village of the Thai ethnic minority. Dinner and overnight in a local house.

#### Summary

Transfer Hanoi – Mai Chau: 4-hr  
Trekking: 14 km – Easy grade  
Meals: Lunch, Dinner  
Accommodation: Home stay

### Day 2: Xo Village – Buoc Village – Van Village

After breakfast at the home stay we say goodbye to the host and walk to Buoc Village. On the way we would see villagers working on rice paddies and children going to school. Lunch on the way. In the afternoon, we will reach the beautiful village of Van. We will spend the second night with a local family.

#### Summary

Trekking: 18 km – Moderate grade  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Accommodation: Home stay



### Day 3: Van Village – Buoc Village – Van Mai Village – Hanoi

After breakfast at the home stay, we walk on village roads which run between mountains and rice paddies. We reach our lunch stop, Van Mai Village, around 11:30am. Lunch in a local house before taking a bus ride back to Hanoi. We would arrive in Hanoi around 5.30pm. Trip completes in Hanoi.

#### Summary

Transfer Mai Chau – Hanoi: 4-hr  
Trekking: 14 km – Easy grade  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## Holiday Extensions

### **Kayaking in Halong Bay:** *4-day tour with 3-day kayaking and overnight on Chinese junk*



The most famous place for kayaking in Vietnam. Kayak is also the best way to explore how beautiful Halong is, to paddle through islets, to visit hidden caves, lagoons, unspoiled beaches, floating-fishing village, to talk with local fish-man. Thanks to thousands of islands on the bay, the water is calm, the current is fine, and the wind is not too strong are ideal condition for sea-kayaking.

### **Trekking in Sapa:** *4-day tour with 3-day trek and 2 nights home stays in villages*

Sapa, nestling in a beautiful valley on the border with China, is northwest Vietnam's most colorful destination. Sapa and its environs has some of the best trekking in Vietnam and there are many ethnic minority villages that can be reached in day treks from Sapa or for a real hill tribe experience it is possible to stay overnight in local villages along the way. The scenery is spectacular, especially in spring and autumn when the skies are clear and blue, and the people are welcoming. Dominating the Sapa skyline is the peak of Vietnam's highest mountain, Mount Fan Si Pan, rising to 3,143m above sea level.



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