

SOULS OF NORTHERN VIETNAM

Photography Tour

Duration: 8 days / 7 nights

Overview: Hanoi - Tam Coc - Halong Bay - Ha Giang





Key Experiences:

- Best Photography Destinations of Northern Vietnam
- Cozy and High quality travel services
- Professional Photography Guide
- Free coaching available



DAY 1: Arrive in Hanoi - Old Quarter

Hanoi has been the capital of Vietnam for over a thousand years. The city has a rich culture, a touching history and one of a kind mix of architectural styles. Upon arrival, your guide will pick you up and transfer to your hotel. After refreshing yourselves, head for the Old Quarter of Hanoi for street life and architecture photos. Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 2: Long Bien Bridge - Hanoi Cathedral/Temple of Literature(*) - Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum(*) - Life along the railway - Bat Trang Ceramic Village - West Lake

Today is the main day of Hanoi photo day. Take the chance to capture images of Vietnam's center of culture and life. Start the day at around 6 am at Long Bien bridge. This is a good place to capture life of Hanoi with people commuting to the city by motorbike and bicycle. The bridge itself is also a witness of American attacks in 1972 during Vietnam War. The Red River underneath accommodating from fishermen houses and boats offer a special view for photography too. Get back to the hotel for breakfast then transfer the Temple of Literature for Vietnamese Ao dai model shooting. This photo shoot is to capture images of the beautiful traditional costumes and portraits.(*) Now go to a local residence where the national railway runs through and people build houses and live along the railway. With good lighting, you will have very special pictures of Hanoi.

After lunch, go to Duong Lam Village to visit one of the oldest villages of Hanoi. You can visit and take photos of some old houses representing the ancient Vietnamese architecture. There are also rice paddies, water buffalos and farmers wearing conical hats working in the fields. Get back to Hanoi and stop by Ho Tay (the West Lake) for landscape photos and those of the oldest pagoda in Hanoi (6th century). Overnight in Hanoi.



DAY 3: Tam Coc: Trang An - Bai Dinh Temple - Bich Dong (Grotto) - Van

Ninh Binh is nicknamed Halong Bay in the mainland, consisting of limestone mountains for a majestic scenery wherever you go. There is a diverse geography to make sure you have an unending inspiration of photography. Start the day at 8 am and head for Ninh Binh for about 2 hours and get on boat to go to Trang An Complex. There's a pagoda and limestone grottos and springs and swamps for your nature and landscape pictures. (Bich Dong, Van Long). Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 4: Halong Bay - Islands - Caves/ Grottos

Halong Bay is a world heritage. One has not been to Vietnam if one has not been to Halong Bay. Check out and transfer to Halong Bay. Get on top Bai Tho mountain for panoramic photos of the bay then move to Titop mountain for more photos of the bay and beaches. Get on a boat to visit a fishing village in the bay where local life is a great topic of your pictures. Dau Go Cave offers interesting nature for photography. In the late afternoon, sail to Ngoc Vung beach for bikini photo shoots. (*) Board back on cruise for sunset photos. Overnight on cruise in Halong Bay.

DAY 5: Halong Sun rise - Morning Taichi/ Yoga Scenes - head back to Hanoi

Today is a day of some tastes of Halong and Hanoi. Get up at around 5 am to catch the sunrise then change to Tai chi (silhouette ?) photos. Go on shore and drive back to Hanoi. There might be some nice stories of local life and a cave along the way for you to capture. Check in hotel and rest. At about 4, get out for a walk. Hanoi downtown is lively from the late afternoon. You should be able to take street life pictures of typical Hanoi for about 2 hours. Overnight in Hanoi.



DAY 6: Depart for Ha Giang - Ha giang tea farm - Quan Ba Mountain

Ha Giang is a unique place, for now still untouched by mass tourism. For many, this is the most beautiful place in the North of Vietnam with fantastic mountain scenery over the whole area. Start the day and head for Ha Giang at around 8 am. Stop by Ha Giang Tea Farm to capture some tea farming activities and landscapes. Next stop is Quan Ba Mountain, which is also on the way. This mountain is a frequent photo destination for visitors to Ha Giang. Overnight in Ha Giang

DAY 7: Dong Van Karst Plateau Geo-park with Dong Van local market - Sung La Valley - Ma Pi Leng Mountain Pass

Authenticity, nature, beautiful mountains and no tourist crowds. Ha Giang really poses to you as a typical mountainous country, the best for a photo tour. Start out the day at a local market. Depending on the different days of the month that you are guided to different markets. There are lots of minority people in their colorful traditional costumes trading and shopping. There are 54 ethnic groups in Vietnam's population. Keep on travel in Dong Van Plateau and go to Pho Cao and Sung La Valleys for street life and landscape photos. Visit the famous palace of Meo people's former King and learn about the local architecture and way of living. There is model shooting of local people in their traditional costumes. Visit and take pictures of the place for which Ha Giang is known to the world: Ma Pi Leng mountain pass, the road of happiness. Overnight in Ha Giang.

DAY 8: Head back to Hanoi and End tour

Morning market and travel back to Hanoi. Arrival time in Hanoi is about 6 pm. Time to finish the photo tour and to be on your own with your next destinations.



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