

Vietnam - Land of the Dragon (M-ID: 3907)

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from \$3,578.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

9 days

05/02/2024 - 05/10/2024 9 days

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Riding some of the best motorcycling roads in the country, you'll explore tribal villages, the infamous Ho Chi Minh Trail, and stunning coastal routes and mountain passes. You'll visit war tunnels & museums, travel through a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and take a boat trip deep into the world's largest cave before finishing with a glorious ride over Hai Van Pass.

If you can spare 9 days for an incredible road riding motorcycle tour in Vietnam, this is the trip to tick all boxes!

Tour highlights:

- Take a boat trip into the World's largest cave at Phong Nha National Park - a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Visit a Ho Chi Minh Trail museum and ride parts of the infamous route.
- Visit the underground tunnels at Vinh Moc.
- Stay in the bustling 'Old Quarter' of Hanoi.
- Experience an authentic homestay.
- Enjoy a variety of Vietnamese cuisine and western style picnics provided by our support crew.
- Stay at beachfront resorts.
- Finish in Hoi An City - an ancient trading port.

Tour itinerary:

DAY 1: Arrive in Hanoi - Welcome to Vietnam!

You'll be greeted from Hanoi's 'Noi Bai' international airport and transferred to our luxury hotel, ideally located in the Old Quarter of the city. Relax by the pool or take some time to explore the bustling streets before meeting with the group in the afternoon for a trip briefing.

In the evening we'll go out for an excellent welcome meal at an authentic Vietnamese restaurant. If you weren't in love with Vietnamese food before, you will be now!

Accommodation: 5* hotel.

Included meals: Dinner.

DAY 2: Hanoi - Pù Luông Nature Reserve 160km

Suitably rested, we'll be collected from our hotel after breakfast and taken to the workshop where the bikes await. After meeting the local team it's time to hit the road!

The first riding day of this on-road motorcycle tour in Vietnam kicks off with a 45km stretch of the main road that takes us away from the city. We then branch off onto smaller roads that snake through picturesque hills and villages that will feel a world away from the city chaos that we left behind this morning!

We meet the Black River (much more beautiful than it sounds!), stop at numerous viewpoints, and witness colorful hill tribe culture as we near our destination of Pù Luông valley.

Tonight we will stay with local families in their stilted

houses, surrounded by terraced rice fields and the relaxing sounds of snorting pigs, cowbells, and ducks. This is the real Vietnam right here and you can look forward to more of that incredible Vietnamese food – our host puts together one hell of a feast!

Accommodation: Homestay.

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

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DAY 3: Pù Luông Nature Reserve - Vinh 360km

Wake up to the sound of the village coming to life, as the locals walk their buffalo to the fields and the kids march off to school.

After breakfast we saddle up and hit the road, heading southwest, riding alongside the Nam Ma River and stopping at a bamboo chopstick factory and small riverside villages en route.

Accommodation: Hotel.

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

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DAY 4: Vinh - Phong Nha National Park 150km

As we're now venturing onto parts of the Ho Chi Minh Trail, it's only right that we stop at the Ho Chi Minh Trail Museum on the way out of town. You've read the books and seen the films, but there's nothing quite like learning about the 'American War' from the point of view of Vietnamese locals.

The landscapes today offer some of the most stunning views in all of northern Vietnam, with karst limestone mountains towering above the green rice fields. The riding, too, is phenomenal, with twisting mountain passes that lead us down towards our destination of Phong Nha National Park – a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Phong Nha National Park is home to the World's largest cave, where civilians and military took shelter from the bombings of the war. The best way to explore this monster cave is by water, so we'll take a boat trip deep inside before finishing the day at our hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel.

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

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DAY 5: Phong Nha National Park - Khe Sanh 220km

It's a fantastic ride today as we pass through the spectacular green scenery of Ke Bang National Park. We pass by a number of significant wartime points of interest, including overgrown remnants of the original Ho Chi Minh Trail that brushes alongside the border of neighboring Laos.

As we near our destination of Khe Sanh, we'll stop at a former US marine base that underwent a famous siege in the prelude to the Tet Offensive in 1968 – one of the largest military campaigns of the Vietnam War.

Accommodation: Guesthouse.

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

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DAY 6: Khe Sanh - Hue 220km

Today we cross the country, from close to the Laos border in the west all the way to the east coast. We stop at Vinh Moc Tunnels, where hundreds of locals lived during the war beneath the ground.

We follow the coastal roads south, riding alongside rice paddies and sand dunes down to our destination of Hue, the former imperial capital.

Accommodation: 4* beachfront resort.

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

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DAY 7: Hue 40km

Hue is a great place to spend a couple of nights and explore the local area! You can spend your morning exploring the city, visiting the forbidden palace and the elaborate tombs in the countryside that were built by former Kings. We're staying in an excellent resort tonight, so an afternoon by the pool or on the beach is not a bad way to recharge the batteries before a final day on the bike tomorrow.

Accommodation: 4* beachfront resort.

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

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DAY 8: Hue - Hội An 150km

It's the final day of riding on this road riding motorcycle tour of Vietnam, and boy, is it a good one! We'll leave the resort and continue south on stunning coastal roads, passing over the incredible Hai Van Pass, stopping at a viewpoint for some stunning views across the South China Sea. This is the area where the famous Top Gear trio did some of their best filmings, so it's no surprise that this is one of the best riding roads in Vietnam!

We'll enjoy a final lunch on the beach before arriving in the ancient trading port of Hoi An and celebratory beers by the hotel pool.

In the evening we'll enjoy a farewell dinner for a final feast of that exceptional Vietnamese food.

Accommodation: 5* hotel.

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

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DAY 9: Departure - Transfer to the Airport

Saying our farewells, we'll arrange a taxi to take you to Da Nang international airport so you can catch your flight home. Bon voyage!

Accommodation: Not included.

Included meals: Breakfast.

Countries	Vietnam
Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Onroad
Vehicle	your own motorcycle motorcycle rent optional
Tourguide / Coach	yes (guided)
Accommodation	Hotel / B&B or similar 4 star hotel 5 star hotel
Flight to / from	no, not incl.
Ferry	yes, incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	yes
Level of difficulty	easy medium
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

Pricing

per rider in shared twin/double room with own motorcycle (Only available for a booking of two persons. Single travelers need to choose the single room surcharge.)	\$3,578.00
per rider in shared twin/double room with rental motorcycle Honda CRF 300L (included)	\$4,131.00
per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers cannot book without an accompanying rider)	\$2,889.00
per person single room - (surcharge, only available with an additional selection of the basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room")	\$317.00
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Motorcycle Damage Protection Plan (surcharge)	\$284.00
3rd Party Insurance (surcharge)	\$257.00

Included

Rental motorcycle Honda CRF 300L is included as standard (or as per booking)

Twin-share accommodation as per itinerary

Airport Pickup/Drop-off

Boat trip into the World's largest cave

Entrance Fees/Crossings

Expedition Leader
Financial Protection
All fuel
GPS Tracking
Local Guide
Meals
Mechanic
Medical Support
Rainforest & Wildlife Conservation
Personalized Jersey
Support Vehicle
Welcome Pack

Not included

Everything not listed as included

3rd party motorcycle insurance

Flights

Motorcycle Damages

Other Expenses: Alcohol; Laundry; Souvenirs; Any meals that are not mentioned in the itinerary; Recovery, oil, spare parts, labor or other indirect costs resulting from the damage or repair of your motorcycle; Emergency transportation; Any other item, optional excursion, activity or entrance fee that is not specifically mentioned as being included.

Personal Travel Insurance

Riding Kit

More details

Destination: Asia - Vietnam

Max Group Size: 12 Riders

Pillion Friendly: Yes

Terrain: 0% unpaved

Difficulty: Moderate

Support: Local guide | Trip manager / 1st response medic | Support vehicle | Consulting doctor | Mechanic

Comfort: 4/5

Average Daily Ride Hours: 6-7

Total Distance km: 1300

Accommodation: On this trip, we stay in a mixture of hotels & resorts, traditional homestays, and guesthouses. Please see the daily itinerary detail for more info on each night's accommodation.

Airport Pickup/Drop-off: You'll be collected from Nội Bài International Airport in Hanoi (airport code: HAN) on the morning of the first day. (You are of course welcome to arrive a day or two earlier, but there will be an extra cost for airport pickup). At the end of the trip, we will arrange transfers from our final hotel to Da Nang International Airport (airport code: DAD).

Expedition Leader: Your tour will be led and managed by a highly experienced member of our team (trained as a wilderness first response medic).

Financial Protection: We are committed to customer satisfaction and consumer financial protection. At no extra cost to you, all our passengers are fully insured, and subsequently the balance of monies paid as detailed in your booking confirmation form. The policy also includes repatriation if required, arising from the cancellation or curtailment of your travel arrangements due to insolvency. During the COVID-19 crisis, every rider that requested a refund was issued a cash refund.

GPS Tracking: This motorcycle tour is accompanied by a GPS tracker that displays our live location and tracks history on an online map. We will provide you with the link and login details which you can then share with your family at home so they can track your progress throughout the trip.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are provided on most days. Please see the daily itinerary to see what meals are included on each day.

Medical Support: At least one member of the support team will have been trained as a Wilderness First Response medic. An extensive medical kit including a defibrillator (AED) & stretcher is carried in the support vehicle. We also have consulting doctors on call, 24/7, who are always ready to assist in the case of an emergency. Our doctors are fully briefed on all riders' medical info prior to the tour, they know what we do, where we are riding, exactly what we have in our medical kit, and what training our medics have. Tours are accompanied by GPS trackers and a satellite messenger device so our doctor and office can see exactly where we are and can maintain communication.

Charity - Rainforest & Wildlife Conservation: Part profits from every motorcycle tour are donated to M'Lop Tapang – a local Cambodian charity dedicated to bettering the lives of young children & their families. Playing our part in rainforest & wildlife conservation and in an effort to offset our carbon emissions, we donate part of profits to the World Land Trust.

Support Vehicle: This tour is accompanied by a large support vehicle, equipped to carry your luggage, an extensive medical kit + stretcher + defibrillator (AED), drinking water, snacks, tools, and spare parts.

Welcome Pack: We'll welcome you with a bag of goodies which will include a T-shirt, Baseball cap, Map, Stickers, Mug, Keyring, Neck tube.

3rd party motorcycle insurance: 3rd party motorcycle insurance is a legal requirement in Vietnam. We advise you first to check if this is included (or can be added as an extra) in your travel insurance policy. If not, we can arrange this within Vietnam for an additional cost. Please see the 'Prices' section for more information.

Flights: You'll need to book a flight to arrive in Nội Bài International Airport in Hanoi (airport code: HAN) on or before the morning of Day 1 of this trip. You will then fly out of Da Nang International Airport (airport code: DAD) airport on the last day of the trip. It is important you either:

- Book a flexible flight ticket that allows you to make amendments or cancel without penalty;
- Have travel insurance that will reimburse you for out of pocket expenses incurred by a canceled trip;
- Do not book your flights until we have notified you that this departure is guaranteed.

Motorcycle Damages: Please be aware that you are responsible for all damage caused to the motorcycle. If you don't want the potential hassle of being charged for motorcycle damage at the end of the ride, we offer our own damage protection plan. If you book the Motorcycle Protection Plan (see under prices), all damage to the motorcycle is then covered by us. Please bear in mind that this excludes damage caused by irresponsible riding (for example, a failed wheelie attempt).

Personal Travel Insurance: It is a condition of booking that you obtain appropriate travel insurance that covers you for riding the same capacity motorcycle that you'll be riding on this motorcycle tour. The insurance must cover emergency evacuation, medical bills, repatriation, etc.

Riding Kit: Adventure style kit with decent ventilation is the way to go on this motorcycle tour, rather than enduro or road leathers. So that means a good helmet, protective riding jacket, and trousers, ideally with CE or equivalent approved armor on the pointy bits – elbows, knees, and shoulders. You are also going to need good riding gloves, a neck tube, and a sturdy pair of motorcycle boots. Please bring waterproofs if your kit doesn't keep out the wet stuff.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

3rd Party Insurance: If you're unable to obtain this with your travel insurance, we can organize this within Vietnam.

Motorcycle Damage Protection Plan: See under More Details.

Single Room Supplement: Single room accommodation is available at all of the resorts, guesthouses, and hotels, but not the homestay.