

Vietnam - Land of the Dragon Extended (M-ID: 3909)

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from \$4,921.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

14 days

05/11/2024 - 05/24/2024 14 days

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You'll take a boat trip into the World's largest cave, ride on parts of the infamous Ho Chi Minh Trail, pass through hill tribe villages, witness mind-blowing views of terraced rice fields, take an overnight train journey and finish it all off on a private boat in the World-famous Ha Long Bay.

This motorcycle tour provides the perfect combination of accommodation, from a homestay with a local family to exceptional 5* hotels, luxury resorts, and lodges, including one that is listed on National Geographic's 'Unique Lodges of the World'.

If you're looking for the ultimate road riding motorcycle tour of Vietnam, you need to look no further!

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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 a luxury lodge listed on National Geographic's 'Unique Lodges of the World'.
- Visit the Sapa region and witness some of the most impressive terraced rice fields in the world.
- Stay in the bustling 'Old Quarter' of Hanoi.

- Spend a night on the waters of Ha Long Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, aboard our own private boat.
- Experience an authentic homestay.
- Witness the stunning mountain landscapes of Northern Vietnam.
- Take a tour of Hanoi city in an open-top Willys Jeep.
- Stay at beachfront resorts.
- Finish in Hoi An City - an ancient trading port.

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Tour itinerary:

DAY 1: Arrive in Hội An - Welcome to Vietnam!
You'll be met at Da Nang international airport and transferred to our fantastic oceanfront hotel. Take some time to relax on the beach or explore the beautiful city.

The group will get together in the afternoon to receive a briefing of the trip ahead. After this it's out into the town for a welcome dinner of authentic Vietnamese food – it's great stuff!

Accommodation: 5* hotel.
Included meals: Dinner.

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DAY 2: Hội An - Hue 150km
After meeting the local team and making some personal adjustments to the bikes, we hit the road and begin our journey north. It's the first riding day of this luxury motorcycle tour of northern Vietnam and it's an absolute corker!

We pass over the spectacular Hai Van pass and stop at viewpoints to take in the stunning views across the South China Sea. The roads are just brilliant – this is where the famous Top Gear trio did some of their best filming – a beautiful ride as we follow the coastal roads north to our destination of Hue, the former imperial capital.

An easy first day will arrive us at our luxury beachfront resort early afternoon, giving you time to explore the sights of the city or the elaborate tombs in the countryside. If this isn't your cup of tea, there's always the resort pool or beach!

Accommodation: Beachfront resort.
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

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DAY 3: Hue - Khe Sanh 220km
Wake up to a beautiful sunrise across the ocean before saddling up for another cracking day of motorcycle riding in Vietnam. We continue north on coastal roads, riding alongside sand dunes and rice fields up to Vinh Moc tunnels. Here exists a network of tunnels where many villagers lived underground during the Vietnam war.

Leaving the coast behind for now, we head west and cross the width of the country, finishing up in Khe Sanh, a small town close to the Laos border.

Accommodation: Guesthouse.
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

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DAY 4: Khe Sanh - Phong Nha National Park 220km
We'll start the day by visiting the site of a former US marine base. This was the target of a famous siege in the prelude to the Tet Offensive in 1968 – one of the largest military campaigns of the Vietnam War.

Now riding parts of the infamous Ho Chi Minh Trail, we ride north, passing a number of significant wartime locations en route, including overgrown remnants of the original trail.

In the afternoon we reach the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ke Bang National Park. It's a beautiful ride as the roads cut through lush green jungle.

Accommodation: Hotel.
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

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DAY 5: Phong Nha National Park - Vinh 150km
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 after breakfast we'll hop on a boat and take a short trip deep into the cave.

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 up towards our destination of Vinh.

We finish the day with a visit to the Ho Chi Minh Trail

museum. 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.

Accommodation: Hotel.
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

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DAY 6: Vinh - Pù Luông Nature Reserve 340km
It's a big distance today, but the good roads along the Ho Chi Minh highway allow us to comfortably make good time.

We reach the Nam Ma River and visit a bamboo chopstick factory in the afternoon – with absolutely zero health & safety considerations in place, it's always an interesting visit!

We reach our destination of Pu Luong valley, where we'll be staying in a stilted house with a local family. It's a beautiful setting and the host family put on an incredible feast (and no doubt a few shots of rice wine!).

Accommodation: Homestay.
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

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DAY 7: Pù Luông Nature Reserve - Phúc Yên 150km
Wake up to the sounds of the village coming to life, as the locals walk their buffalo out to the fields and the ducks and chickens peck around our bikes.

Continuing our journey north, we ride up to meet the Black River (more beautiful than it sounds!). We board a local ferry which will chug us over to meet Highway 32 on the other side. It's a great afternoon's ride through rolling hills and villages.

Accommodation: Hotel.
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

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DAY 8: Phúc Yên - Mù Cang Chải 150km
Now reaching the highlands of North Vietnam, we travel through the mountains and witness incredible views of the impressive terraced rice fields that line the hills.

The villages up here are just beautiful as we pass through minority communities of Hmong and Dao tribes, where the locals are colorfully dressed in red and black attire. This is the real Vietnam, right here!

Accommodation: Guesthouse.
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

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DAY 9: Mù Cang Chải - Sapa 150km
Continuing through the highlands, we pass alongside forests and tea plantations. We cross numerous passes, including the highest pass in Vietnam: Tram Thon pass, at 1900m. This pass is known as 'Heaven's Gate', due to the incredible views that open up in front of you at the top.

The terraced rice fields become more and more impressive as near Sapa. We arrive at an incredible resort, high up in

the hills with 360° views of rolling hills of rice terraces. Listed on National Geographic's 'Unique Lodges of the World', it would not make sense for us to spend only one night here! So take some time to relax and recharge the batteries before the final day of riding and overnight train to Hanoi.

Accommodation: Luxury lodge.
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch.

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DAY 10: Sapa rest day
Relax by the pool and take in the view. For those that can't sit still, there's plenty to see and do around the hills of Sapa and we'll happily take you out for some more riding!

Accommodation: Luxury lodge.
Included meals: Breakfast.

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DAY 11: Sapa - Lào Cai (150km) - Hanoi
It's the final day of riding on this motorcycle tour of Vietnam and it will not disappoint! We pass through more tribal villages and reach the Red River and the border of China.

Descending from the highlands, we reach Lao Cai. Here we will have time to take a shower and have dinner before boarding an overnight train to Hanoi.

Accommodation: Overnight sleeper train – twin bed cabins (or private cabin if you opt for single room accommodation).
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

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DAY 12: Hanoi - Hạ Long Bay
Arriving in Hanoi at 6:30 am, we will collect the bikes from the train and take a short ride through the backstreets of Hanoi to the workshop. We'll have some breakfast and be scooped up by a minivan that will drive us out to Ha Long Bay, another UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here awaits our private boat.

Ha Long Bay is a stunning place, with karst limestone mountains sticking out of the blue waters all around us. After such an epic journey, this is the perfect way to bring it all to an end! Relax on the deck, have a swim in the crystal clear waters, or take one of the kayaks for a paddle through small coves.

Sunset cocktails on deck? Why not.

Accommodation: Private boat.
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

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DAY 13: Hạ Long Bay - Hanoi
Sunrise in the bay often comes with a low lying fog, which, combined with the views of the karst mountains, provides an almost eerie feeling. It's certainly a relaxing place to wake up!

We'll travel back to Hanoi where our journey comes to an

end. Our hotel is perfectly located in the Old Quarter, where the bustling streets lend endless opportunities for souvenir shopping or just an entertaining stroll!

We'll go out for a farewell dinner and no doubt a few celebratory drinks. Hanoi is a very lively city!

Accommodation: 5* hotel.
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

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DAY 14: Departure - Transfer to the Airport
Saying our goodbyes, we'll arrange for a taxi to take you to Noi Bai international airport. Bon voyage!

Accommodation: Not included.
Included meals: Breakfast only.

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	no, not incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	yes
Level of difficulty	easy medium
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

Pricing

- Prices for dates -

11.05.2024. - 24.05.2024.

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.) \$4,921.00

per rider in shared twin/double room with rental motorcycle Honda CRF 300L (included) \$5,582.00

per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers cannot book without an accompanying rider) \$4,340.00

per person single room (surcharge - only available with an additional selection of the basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room") \$716.00

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Upgrade to rental motorcycle Ural 650cc (surcharge) \$149.00

Motorcycle Damage Protection Plan (surcharge) \$398.00

3rd Party Insurance (surcharge) \$398.00

Included

Rental motorcycle Honda CRF 250L 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
Overnight cruise on a private boat on Ha Long Bay
Overnight sleeper train from Lao Cai – Hanoi
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: 4.5/5

Average Daily Ride Hours: 6-7

Total Distance km: 1680

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

Airport Pickup/Drop-off: You'll be collected from Da Nang International Airport (airport code: DAD) 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 Nội Bài International Airport in Hanoi (airport code: HAN).

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 'Prices' section for more information.

Flights: You'll need to book a flight to arrive in Da Nang International Airport (airport code: DAD) on or before the morning of Day 1 of this trip. You will then fly out of Nội Bài International Airport in Hanoi (airport code: HAN) 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: Enduro/summer weight adventure style kit is the way to go on this motorcycle tour, rather than road riding kit. If you are opting for enduro kit, we'd recommend you bring extra layers and waterproofs to keep out the wet stuff. You'll want some decent armoured protection and please do bear in mind that we will sometimes be riding on the road... 'dress for the slide, not the ride!'