

Vietnam - Tribal Trails - 9 days (M-ID: 3911)

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from \$2,612.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

9 days

01/06/2024 - 01/14/2024 9 days

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You'll ride winding singletrack trails up to remote hill villages, pass through the world-famous terraced rice fields, stay with a local family and spend a night in a luxury lodge (listed on National Geographic's 'Unique Lodges of the World')!

Experience rural culture, eat delicious Vietnamese food, stay in an incredible variety of accommodation, cross wide rivers and ride some of the best singletrack trails in Asia!

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Tour highlights:

- Witness the stunning mountain landscapes of Northern Vietnam.
- Enjoy an excellent mix of riding terrain, from singletrack riverside trails to steep tracks in the hills.
- Ride through small rivers and cross large ones on local ferries.
- Enjoy a variety of Vietnamese cuisine and western style picnics provided by our support crew.
- Stay with a local family.
- Ride some of Asia's best singletrack trails!
- 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.

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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.

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DAY 2: Hanoi - Mai Chau 160km

Our trusty steeds will be brought to the hotel, and we will meet the local team as well. There's space to test the bikes, so we can make some personal adjustments and ensure you're comfortable on the Hondas before we hit the streets.

The first riding day of this off-road motorbike tour of Vietnam kicks off with a 45 km stretch of highway that'll get us away from the city. We then branch off onto smaller roads that wind through the hills and villages to meet the Black River (much more beautiful than it sounds!).

In the afternoon we hit the trails and carve through the forests to our destination of Mai Chau. It's a beautiful setting that feels a world away from the city we left behind this morning!

Enjoy a stroll around the resort before enjoying a fantastic meal this evening.

Accommodation: Resort.
Included Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

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DAY 3: Mai Chau- Mộc Châu 140km

Plenty of singletrack and dirt roads today as we pass through remote areas inhabited by the Hmong tribes, where the locals are dressed in their colorful attire.

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

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DAY 4: Mộc Châu - Trám Tau 180 km

An incredible day of challenging trails, steep tracks, and more amazing views. We meet the Black River where a local ferry chugs us over to the other side. From here, we head high up into the hills on off-road trails that lead us to tiny mountain villages before we descend to our destination of Trám Tau.

Finishing with a challenging ride up to our overnight stop, we will be greeted with some much appreciated cold beers! This will have been one hell of a day's riding!

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

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DAY 5: Trám Tấu - Mù Cang Chải, 200km
Today we venture further into the remote regions of the Hmong and Dao minority villages. Make sure your cameras are charged today – the colorfully dressed locals combined with the beautiful villages and mountainous backdrop make for some truly incredible sights.

More technical off-road riding today as we traverse the rugged landscapes on our way to Mù Cang Chải.

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

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DAY 6: Mù Cang Chải - Sapa, 160km
Today we pass through forests and alongside tea plantations as we continue through the highlands. We cross numerous passes, including the highest pass in Vietnam: Trám Thôn 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 of the Sapa region are some of the most spectacular in the world and tonight's accommodation is perched atop a hill, slap bang in the middle of it all. Listed on National Geographic's 'Unique Lodges of the World', this place is the perfect place to relax for an afternoon and morning before the final day of riding and overnight train back to Hanoi.

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

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DAY 7: Sapa - Lào Cai (150km) - Hanoi
It's the final day of riding on this off-road motorbike tour of Vietnam and it will not disappoint! We pass through more 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 8: Hanoi
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. After saying our farewells to the local team, a minivan will collect us and take us back to our hotel in the Old Quarter of the city.

We include an afternoon tour of the city in the open-top 'Willys Jeeps' – it's a lot of fun and a great way to enjoy the chaos of the city – but if you'd prefer to relax, why not chill by the rooftop pool with a cocktail!

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 9: 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	Combo On-/Offroad
Vehicle	your own motorcycle motorcycle rent optional
Tourguide / Coach	yes (guided)
Accommodation	Hotel / B&B or similar 5 star hotel
Flight to / from	no, not incl.
Ferry	yes, incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	yes
Level of difficulty	difficult
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

Pricing

For dates:

January 6, 2024 - January 14, 2024

per rider in shared twin/double room incl. rental motorcycle Honda CRF 300L (Only available for a booking of two persons. Single travelers need to choose the single room surcharge.)	\$3,179.00
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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.)	\$2,612.00
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per person single room (surcharge, only available with an additional selection of the basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room")	\$277.00
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per person Motorcycle Damage Waiver (surcharge)	\$223.00
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per person 3rd Party Insurance (surcharge)	\$216.00
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Included

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

Accommodation

Airport Pickup/Drop-off

Entrance Fees/Crossings

Expedition Leader

Financial Protection

Fuel
GPS Tracking
Local Guide
Meals
Mechanic
Medical Support
Overnight sleeper train from Lao Cai – Hanoi
Part Profits Donated to Charity and 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: No
Terrain: 70% unpaved
Difficulty: Difficult
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: 990

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 hotel back to the same airport.

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.

Local Guide: This motorcycle tour will be guided by an experienced local Vietnamese guide.

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

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Mechanic: A mechanic will be riding at the back of the group, ready to attend to any issues that may arise.

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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.

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Motorcycle Hire: If you have your own suitable & reliable motorcycle at the start point, you are quite welcome to use that for this trip. If not, we will provide a rental motorcycle for you. Please see Prices section for available bikes. The cost of shipping the rental motorcycle to and from the start and end destination is also included.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Flights: You'll need to book a return flight to arrive at 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 the same 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.
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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).

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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.

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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.

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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: When booking the Motorcycle Damage Protection Plan all damage to the motorcycle is then covered by us. Please bear in mind that this excludes damage caused by irresponsible riding.

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