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Exploring Hanoi in Depth

2 Nights/3 Days

Tour Highlights:-

- Marvel at the iconic Long Bien Bridge
- Ride an electric cart around Hanoi's largest lake
- Visit the colourful Quang Ba Flower Market
- Take part in a traditional Vietnamese cooking class
- Discover Huu Tiep Lake and the B-52 Wreckage

From £953 per person

Overview:

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Day 1: Hanoi - City Tour

Xin Chao and welcome to Hanoi. Upon arrival at Hanoi airport, you'll be picked up and transferred to your dedicated hotel. You can relax and recover from your flight until 3pm, which is when your walking city tour commences at Hanoi's largest market, which sells all sorts of unique goods including clothes, gifts, souvenirs, electronics, household items and delicious street food.

Your city tour will continue on to the ancient Long Bien Bridge - an impressive cantilever bridge and iconic symbol of the city which spans the famous Red River. There is a stop included at the Serein Café & Lounge, which looks out over onto the bridge and Red River – this makes for some epic photos and people-watching opportunities.

In the evening, you can enjoy a delicious Vietnamese dinner with the opportunity to try the specialty Hanoi dish cha ca la vong, which consists of grilled fish with turmeric and dill.

(Dinner & overnight stay in Hanoi included)

Day 2: Hanoi - City Tour

An allocated guide will meet you at 9am for your next exciting city tour. This walking tour begins at the southern edge of the city's Old Citadel. You'll head towards a mobile street market, which has stalls selling lots of fresh fruit and vegetables, and continue walking until you enter Hanoi's food street. You'll then visit the Temple of Literature - an architectural masterpiece dedicated to the literary accomplishments of the country.

Afterwards you can enjoy a Hanoi bun cha lunch, which consists of grilled pork served with noodles and herbs. Afterwards there is a visit to the Presidential Palace's botanical gardens, which offer a serene respite from the bustling city. Here there are giant fruit trees, a pagoda and a teak house on stilts, which was once the official residence of Ho Chi Minh. Afterwards, you'll take an electric cart ride around Hanoi's largest lake. En route you'll discover one of Hanoi's largest buildings and enjoy a cocktail on its rooftop, which offers immense views of the city and mountains.

The remainder of your evening is at leisure, with the option of witnessing a Quintessence of Tonkin show. This outdoor entertainment spectacle showcases Hanoi's deep-rooted cultures, history and traditions. If you choose to watch the show, you'll be transferred to Hanoi Towers and take a shuttle bus to the venue around 5.30pm. You can enjoy a buffet dinner at the venue and the show commences at 7.30pm, lasting around an hour.

(Breakfast, lunch & overnight stay in Hanoi included)

Day 3: Hanoi – Market Tour

Day 3 will start bright and early at 4:30am with a visit to Hanoi's renowned Quang Ba Flower Market.

Afterwards you have the opportunity to walk around the city and join in the early local morning exercises, such as jogging and Tai Chi.

You then get to experience a vespa ride and discover Hanoi's excellent café culture by stopping off at an Italian style café in the city's Old Quarter, which overlooks the impressive St. Joseph's Cathedral. You'll then enjoy another vespa ride through the city's narrow laneways towards some railway tracks and local houses. After another short vespa ride towards Huu Tiep Lake, you'll be met by an elderly local resident who will tell some fascinating tales about the city's past in a 400 year old temple. You'll then take a short stroll through some local markets and witness the B-52 Wreckage at Huu Tiep Lake. This US bomber jet was shot down during Hanoi's bombing raids in 1972. Then it's back on the Vespa for a ride to the large bustling Ngoc Ha Market, then along the riverside past the colourful Hanoi Ceramic Mosaic Wall. You'll also ride to Kumquat Farm - a lush green oasis home to hundreds of Kumquat trees, which are small fruit trees shaped as different symbols.

A final vespa ride will take you to a snack stop, and then you'll head back to your hotel for some rest time. At around 3pm, there will be a fun cooking class to enjoy, and you even get to select some fresh ingredients at a local market before cooking. Afterwards there is a variety of options for activities, including a visit to a Buddhist pagoda, a temple dedicated to Vietnam's national hero Ly Thuong Kiet and a local garden where you can learn about the fresh herbs and vegetables that are grown in the area. After this, you'll get to cook some traditional main dishes for dinner with a chef and/or a homestay owner.

After this experience, you'll be transferred to the airport for a late flight. Alternatively, we can extend your stay in Hanoi, heading further east in the city to the breath-taking Halong Bay – a UNESCO site home to



soaring limestone karsts and emerald green waters.

(Breakfast and dinner included)

End of itinerary.

Inclusions:

- Return flight tickets to London Heathrow in economy class.
- Accommodation for 11 nights in given / similar hotels.
- Meals as mentioned in itinerary (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- All city tour / sightseeing and inland transfers using air conditioned car (Innova Car).
- Services of local English speaking guide during sightseeing.
- Entrance fees to monuments as specified in itinerary.
- All applicable taxes.

Exclusions:

- Personal services such as porter charges, laundry, phone calls etc.
- Rides or recreational activity at any of the destination other than specified in inclusions.
- Any meals not mentioned in inclusions or in itinerary.
- Visit to any monument other than specified in itinerary.
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