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## 4D3N HANOI DISCOVERY TOUR




### HIGHLIGHTS

- ✚ An evening Street Food Tour of the Old District of Ha Noi
- ✚ Board a scenic boat for a ride through Halong Bay to Ninh Binh
- ✚ Taste iconic dishes of Hanoi in local restaurants

### OVERVIEW

Day	Itinerary in Brief	Overnight
1	Arrival Hanoi	Hanoi
2	City Tour	Hanoi
3	Hanoi – Ninh Binh - Hanoi	Hanoi
4	Hanoi Departure	-

## HOTELS

Hanoi 3 Nights	Grand Cititel Hanoi
	<p><b>Superior Room With Breakfast</b></p> <p>All stylish rooms have air conditioning, a cable flat-screen TV, personal safe, and desk. Private bathroom comes with a shower, and free toiletries.</p> <p>Grand Cititel Hanoi Hotel operates a 24-hour front desk and has self-check-in machine. You will also find a gym room at the hotel.</p> <p>Within a 10-minute drive from Grand Cititel Hanoi Hotel, you can reach major city landmarks, including Hoan Kiem Lake and St. Joseph Cathedral.</p>

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Hanoi Arrival



On arrival at the airport, welcome by your guide and driver, transfer to your hotel for check-in. Afternoon at leisure.

In the evening, performed in Hanoi's famous Thang Long theatre, located alongside Hoan Kiem Lake, the Water Puppet show is one steeped in history and culture. The puppetry is accompanied by traditional Vietnamese music performed by a live orchestra, and combines both traditional and modern influences to create a unique and priceless cultural experience for visitors to Vietnam.

Enjoy a welcome dinner in a Hanoi local restaurant.

**Meals:** Dinner

## Day 2: Hanoi



After breakfast, drive to the Temple of Literature, the oldest university in Hanoi and a perfect example of ancient architecture built in homage to the Chinese scholar Confucius.

Then, you will drive to the colourful Museum of Ethnology. A good way to have an overview about the 54 ethnic minorities in Vietnam.

Have a unique lunch in KOTO restaurant. KOTO is an organisation who give disadvantaged youth in the community opportunities to learn new skills in the culinary world.

In the afternoon, drive out of the capital to Bat Trang Village, and see first-hand the ancient art of ceramics that are produced in the village. Here, you will visit a ceramic workshop to see the creation process and learn about the many families in the village that have been producing ceramic art for nearly 400 years.

In the evening, go on a culinary whirlwind, sinking your teeth into the flavours of the North on a street food tour through the alleys of the Old Quarter. Meet your guide at your hotel, before strolling along to the local night market. Watch the hustle and bustle and array of goods on display, before setting off into the maze of alleys. Here, stop at a famous pho stall to slurp up this world-renowned beef noodle soup, before grabbing a stool at the neighbouring Bia Hoi Corner. Watch the commotion of this spot as it comes to life in the dark, while sipping a tall glass of cold local draft beer. Continue wandering and take in the sights of various curbside businesses that only open at night. Try some delicacies such as savoury steamed rice rolls with wood ear mushroom and pork, a classic Vietnamese sandwich, freshly grilled chicken wings or other snacks that make your stomach rumble! See

first-hand the city's obsession with barbecues before finishing things off with some dessert. Take a bite of fresh tropical fruits over shaved ice, drizzled with condensed milk as a perfect way to finish off this street food tour.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Note:**

- \* Food Tour Estimated duration: 3.5 hours
- \* Walking distance: approx. 2.8 km
- \* Please advise in advance, if you have any special food requests (diet, vegetarian, ...)
- \* The itinerary and food sample can be changed upon the shop's availability
- \* In case of rain, the itinerary may include a visit to a covered noodle stall.
- \* Black out date: Lunar New Year period (Exact dates will be updated on yearly basis)

### Day 3: Hanoi – Ninh Binh – Hanoi



After breakfast, you will embark on a journey south of about 100 kilometres to Hoa Lu, the ancient capital of the Dinh and Le dynasties dating back to the 11th century. Having been eroded over the millennia, the dilapidated ruins have nearly been absorbed by the spectacular scenery creating a mystical atmosphere that will be sure to titillate your imagination.

After lunch in a local restaurant, you will continue to nearby Trang An, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its outstanding natural beauty and the scenic karst formations which contribute to its reputation as being the “Halong Bay on land”. Board a small boat and meander lazily down the peaceful river while passing through a series of caves. While enjoying the sounds of soaring birds overhead and paddling along the crystal-clear waters of the river, jagged limestone hills jutting skyward out of electric green rice paddies will surely bring out the best in your photography.

Finally, back to the pier and return to Hanoi. On the way, you will stop at Bái Đính Temple Spiritual and Cultural Complex. Located on Bai Dinh Mountain in ascending a series of over 300 stone steps, the path passes under an ornamental gate to reach the entrance. The temple itself is located in a series of small caves on the mountainside. Along with Buddhist deities, natural spirits of the mountains are also venerated.

In the evening, enjoy a typical dish: a Hanoian bun cha (grilled pork with noodles), in a famous local restaurant.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 4: Hanoi Airport

Free and easy until time for transfer to Noi Bai Airport for your flight departure.

**Meals:** Breakfast