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SMALL GROUP JOURNEY

Northern & Central Vietnam Discovery

“Return flights from Nairobi included in the price”

10

DAYS

7

DESTINATIONS

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LUXURY HOTELS

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HA LONG BAY CRUISE

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Overview

A ten-day journey through the most dramatic northern and central landscapes of Vietnam — from the lantern-lit Old Quarter of Hanoi and the mountain roads of Ha Giang to the UNESCO-listed waterways of Ha Long Bay and the ancient charm of Hoi An. Return flights from Nairobi, all luxury accommodation, a Ha Long Bay overnight cruise, guided excursions, and visa assistance are all included in one transparent price.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Two nights in Hanoi exploring the Old Quarter, Temple of Literature, and the famous Oasis Café — one of Southeast Asia's most aesthetic hidden cafés
- Ban Gioc Waterfalls in Cao Bang Province — among the largest and most spectacular waterfalls in Asia, approached by traditional bamboo raft
- Overnight cruise aboard the Indochine Premium Cruise through Ha Long Bay — kayaking, sunset cocktails, gourmet seafood, and private balconies over emerald waters
- Hoi An Ancient Town — coconut basket boats, lantern workshops, riverside cafés, and an evening lantern cruise on the Thu Bon River
- Ha Giang Loop — one of Southeast Asia's most dramatic mountain circuits, passing Dong Van Karst Plateau and the legendary Ma Pi Leng Pass
- Ninh Binh luxury sampan boat ride through the Trang An Landscape Complex — a UNESCO World Heritage Site known as "Ha Long Bay on land"
- Golden Bridge at Ba Na Hills, Da Nang — the world-famous bridge held by giant stone hands, reached by cable car above misty mountain peaks
- All return flights from Nairobi, domestic flights, visa assistance, and travel insurance included — nothing to arrange separately

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The Itinerary

01

HANOI

Day 1 | Nairobi » Hanoi — Arrival in Vietnam's Capital

Depart Nairobi aboard Qatar Airways or Emirates, connecting into Hanoi's Noi Bai International Airport. Upon arrival, a private luxury transfer escorts you into the city — past French colonial buildings, lakeside boulevards, and the first scooter-filled streets that announce Hanoi's extraordinary energy. Check into the Peridot Grand Luxury Boutique Hotel and rest before a luxury Vietnamese welcome dinner overlooking Hoan Kiem Lake. As evening deepens, a guided walk through the lantern-lit Old Quarter reveals the soul of northern Vietnam — street food stalls, coffee houses, rooftop bars, and the kind of street life that happens nowhere else on earth.

- Peridot Grand Luxury Boutique Hotel , Hanoi
- Dinner

02

HANOI

Day 2 | Hanoi — Cultural Discovery & Hidden Cafés

A guided day through Hanoi's most iconic sites — the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and its surrounding lakes and gardens, the Temple of Literature (Vietnam's first university, founded in 1070), Tran Quoc Pagoda on its peninsula in West Lake, and the elegant French colonial quarter. After lunch, a visit to the Oasis Café — one of Hanoi's most celebrated hidden cafés, famous for its tropical architecture, artistic interiors, and calm luxury atmosphere that feels entirely removed from the city outside its walls. The evening brings a traditional water puppet performance followed by dinner at one of Hanoi's luxury rooftop restaurants overlooking the city skyline and the shimmer of Hoan Kiem Lake below.

- Peridot Grand Luxury Boutique Hotel , Hanoi
- Breakfast, Dinner

03

HA GIANG

Day 3 | Hanoi » Ha Giang — Into the Northern Mountains

Depart Hanoi by private luxury vehicle for the journey north toward Ha Giang — one of Vietnam's most remote and visually dramatic provinces, rarely visited by mainstream travellers. The drive itself is an experience: rice terraces appearing between limestone peaks, ethnic minority villages clinging to hillsides, waterfalls threading through jungle, and roads that seem to have been drawn by hand around impossible terrain. Arrive and check into P'apiu Resort Ha Giang — an exclusive mountain retreat with panoramic views across the valleys of northern Vietnam. Dinner at the resort as the highland air cools and the stars emerge above the mountains.

- P'apiu Resort Ha Giang
- Breakfast, Dinner

04

HA GIANG

Day 4 | Ha Giang Loop — Ma Pi Leng Pass & Dong Van Plateau

Today is the Ha Giang Loop — considered by travellers who have been everywhere to be one of the most spectacular day journeys in Southeast Asia. The road winds along cliff edges above deep gorges, through Hmong and Dao villages where the traditional way of life continues unchanged, across the Dong Van Karst Plateau (a UNESCO Global Geopark of ancient limestone formations), and over Ma Pi Leng Pass — a mountain ridge above the Nho Que River where the view drops hundreds of metres straight down into a river the colour of jade. Photography stops are frequent. The scale is unlike anything in lowland Vietnam. Return to the resort for dinner as the light fails over the northern highlands.

- P'apiu Resort Ha Giang
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

05

CAO BANG

Day 5 | Cao Bang — Ban Gioc Waterfalls

Travel toward Cao Bang Province and the extraordinary Ban Gioc Waterfalls — among the largest and most spectacular waterfalls on the Asian continent, cascading through emerald landscapes beside the Vietnam-China border. The approach by bamboo raft across the river, the mist rising from the falls ahead, and the limestone cliffs framing the water creates one of the most memorable scenes in northern Vietnam. After the waterfalls, explore Nguom Ngao Cave nearby — a limestone cave system of extraordinary stalactites and formations. Return to Saigon Ban Gioc Resort for dinner, the sound of the river audible from every room.

- Saigon Ban Gioc Resort , Cao Bang
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

06

NINH BINH

Day 6 | Ninh Binh — Ha Long Bay on Land

Travel south toward Ninh Binh — a province of limestone karsts, winding rivers, flooded rice paddies, and ancient temples that has earned the nickname "Ha Long Bay on land." The landscape is extraordinary: limestone towers rising directly from rice fields, rivers threading through cave systems, and ancient temples clinging to cliff faces. A luxury sampan boat ride through the Trang An Landscape Complex — a UNESCO World Heritage Site — drifts through cave after cave, emerging each time into different vistas of karst and water. At Hang Mua viewpoint, 500 steps lead to a hilltop where the entire valley spreads below. Check into Tam Coc Garden Resort for dinner.

- Tam Coc Garden Resort , Ninh Binh
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

07

HA LONG BAY

Day 7 | Ha Long Bay — Overnight Luxury Cruise

Transfer to Ha Long Bay and board the Indochine Premium Cruise — a vessel designed for guests who want Ha Long Bay as it should be experienced: from the water, slowly, with time to absorb it. Ha Long Bay's 1,969 islands and islets rise from the Gulf of Tonkin in formations that took 500 million years to create. As the vessel moves between them, kayaks are lowered into the water for exploration of hidden lagoons and sea caves. At sunset, cocktails are served on the upper deck as the light turns the limestone gold. Gourmet seafood dinner follows on board. Overnight at anchor, the bay completely silent except for the occasional call of a seabird.

- Indochine Premium Cruise , Ha Long Bay
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

08

DA NANG

Day 8 | Ha Long Bay » Da Nang — The Golden Bridge

After a final morning breakfast on the bay, disembark and transfer to the airport for a domestic flight to Da Nang in central Vietnam. Check into TIA Wellness Resort on Da Nang's beachfront, then head immediately for Ba Na Hills and the Golden Bridge — perhaps the most photographed site in modern Vietnam. Two giant stone hands, each five metres wide, appear to hold the bridge above the mist-covered mountain canopy. The cable car ride to reach it is itself spectacular. Return to the resort for dinner on the beach, the South China Sea a few steps away.

- TIA Wellness Resort Da Nang
- Breakfast, Dinner

09

HOI AN

Day 9 | Hoi An — Ancient Town & Lantern Cruise

Transfer to Hoi An — a UNESCO World Heritage town where the sixteenth century has been remarkably preserved and the pace of life is entirely different from Vietnam's cities. The morning brings a coconut basket boat ride through the Thu Bon River's coconut palm forests — circular bamboo vessels that spin and drift through narrow waterways while local guides demonstrate traditional fishing techniques. The afternoon is given to the Ancient Town itself: lantern-making workshops in the streets, tailor shops measuring for custom-made garments within hours, riverside cafés, and the Japanese Covered Bridge. As evening falls, the streets transform — paper lanterns in every colour are lit, the river fills with floating candles, and a lantern boat cruise carries you along the Thu Bon as Hoi An becomes its most beautiful version of itself.

- Almanity Hoi An Resort & Spa
- Breakfast, Dinner

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HOI AN

Day 10 | Hoi An » Nairobi — Departure

A final breakfast at the resort. The morning is yours — one last walk through the Ancient Town, one last coffee by the river. Private transfers escort you to Da Nang International Airport for your connecting international flights back to Nairobi. Your Finders & Keepers Safaris Vietnam journey concludes with ten days of landscapes, culture, and luxury that span the full breadth of the country's north and centre.

- Da Nang » Nairobi (connecting international flights)
- Breakfast

INVESTMENT

Pricing & Inclusions

PER PERSON SHARING

\$5,980

SINGLE TRAVELLER SUPPLEMENT

On Request

Price per person based on double/twin sharing. Return flights from Nairobi, all domestic flights, luxury accommodation, guided excursions, visa fees and travel insurance are fully included. Single supplement available on request.

SEASONAL PRICING

Jan – May	SHOULDER SEASON	\$6,100
Dry in the south, cool in the north		
May – Sep	BEST VALUE	\$5,400
Monsoon season across much of the country		
Sep – Dec	PEAK SEASON	\$6,600
Dry season returns, ideal for touring		

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- » Return flights from Nairobi (Qatar/Emirates)
- » Domestic flights within Vietnam
- » 9 nights luxury accommodation
- » Ha Long Bay overnight cruise (Indochine Premium)
- » Daily breakfast & selected premium dining
- » All airport & inter-city private transfers
- » Private luxury transportation throughout
- » Ha Giang Loop guided experience
- » Ban Gioc Waterfalls & bamboo raft
- » Trang An sampan boat ride
- » Golden Bridge at Ba Na Hills
- » Hoi An lantern boat cruise
- » Coconut basket boat, Hoi An
- » Water puppet performance, Hanoi

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Personal shopping expenses
- Premium imported alcohol brands
- Tailor-made clothing purchases (Hoi An)
- Tips and gratuities

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This itinerary is a starting point, not a fixed departure. The pace, the lodges, the length, the dates and the party travelling can all be reshaped around you.

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