

Venture Into Vietnam

Hilltribes and the Northeast

09 May - 21 May 2013 13 Days



Venture Into Vietnam and ride the spectacular North Eastern region close to the Chinese border. The magnificent limestone Karst mountains that loom out of the mist are the perfect foil to the colourful traditional clothing worn by the ethnic minorities that live in the region.

In this northern region, ethnic hilltribe people eke out a living in much the same way they have for generations. On soaring shafts of stone, cultivated corn billows between rocks. Homesteads are perilously fastened to the slopes. Bursts of red and green flash near mountain peaks where brightly clothed women move about, tending to their crops. Vietnam is a country of outstanding beauty, rich traditions and culture, and the Northeast certainly has these three things in abundance.

A Few Tour Highlights ...

Ha Giang Province - In an ever-shrinking world, Ha Giang, with its uniquely preserved tribal culture, is one of those rare places that hasn't been corralled by modernity or prepackaged for visitors - at least, not yet. The Ha Giang province was the last to open to tourism and offers some of the most striking sceneries in Vietnam. Virgin forests, natural fortress mountains sculpted into terraces, rock formations plateaus split by breathtaking canyons. These majestic landscapes shelter the largest diversity of ethnic minorities in Vietnam (approximately 90% of the population in this region are ethnic minorities)



Dong Van District - The Dong Van plateau, at Ha Giang Province's northernmost edge, was named the Vietnam's first [Unesco](#)-designated Global Geopark, a status that the organisation bestows on places of significant geological and cultural heritage. Situated right up near the Chinese border this 900-square-mile plateau is studded with ethereal karst formations, evidence of tectonic events that started molding the area over 400 million years ago.

Bac Ha - At an altitude of 1200m above the sea level the scenery around Bac Ha is breathtaking. The roads wind up, over and down many passes in this very mountainous region. Different ethnic groups are in evidence at the colourful markets.

Pan Hou Ecology Village Resort - Built in the style of a traditional village in the Hoang Su Phi district, Ha Giang. This lodge is set in a remote area of High Song Chau Mountains. The resort has 2 hectares of landscaped grounds with ponds, and vegetable gardens.

Hanoi

The capital of Vietnam, a northern city built on the banks of the Red River. Hanoi is a city of lakes, tree lined boulevards and French influenced architecture. Explore the fascinating maze of the Old Quarter's intriguing back lanes.

Non-Riders - 'Hire a Rider' option

While this is a motorcycle-based tour, non-riders are welcome. We can arrange an experienced local to 'chauffeur' you on the back of a bike - that way you still can experience travelling by motorbike in Vietnam, and have the chance to stop and take photos, stop and meet the locals whenever you wish. Alternatively, you can travel on the back of a friend or spouses bike, or from the comfort of our support vehicle.

COST* - on a twin share basis including return airfares

Contact us for an up to date all inclusive tour cost, with or without airtickets

Motorcycle Rider: NZ\$

Single Supplement:

Ex Auckland, New Zealand

Pillion/Van: NZ\$

Hire a Rider: TBC

COST* - on a twin share basis land content only

(i.e. does NOT include return airfares - purchase own)

Motorcycle Rider: NZ\$

Single Supplement: NZ\$

Pillion/Van: NZ\$

Hire a Rider: TBC

* Prices may be subject to change

THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

Return airfares from New Zealand to Vietnam, transport to and from the airport in Vietnam, the services of the tour co-coordinators and our Vietnamese guides, luggage transport in the tour/backup vehicle, mechanical and puncture repairs, petrol and oil.

All accommodation for the duration of Venture into Vietnam Tour is included. Breakfast is provided daily on our tour, and most meals as stated in the itinerary. Motorcycle hire or a place in the tour vehicle.

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