

# Northern Vietnam I Wildlife Discovery

The flora and fauna of Vietnam is unique and overwhelming! On this tour you get the chance to explore the wildlife and biodiversity of the famous Cuc National Park and to spot endangered and rare species.

- Explore the fascinating Cuc National Park
- Explore the city Ninh Binh, famous for its jugged karst formations
- Get to know Vietnam's first capital, ancient Hoa Lu
- Discover the largest wetland nature reserve

## Day - 1 Hanoi

### HANOI ARRIVAL

Welcomed at Noi Bai International airport by our guide and transferred to your hotel. Relax on your own for the rest of the day.

## Day - 2 Cuc Phuong

### HANOI – CUC PHUONG NATIONAL PARK (B, L, D)

This morning depart from Hanoi to transfer by road to Cuc Phuong National Park, in Ninh Binh province of the Red River delta. Cuc Phuong National Park was established in 1962 by President Ho Chi Minh as Vietnam's first National Park, and is renowned for both its scenery and its flora and fauna including many endangered species. The National Park is exceptionally rich in biodiversity and is said to be home to 2234 species of plants, 122 species of reptiles and amphibians, 135 species of mammals and 336 bird species. Some of the park's rarest and most famous resident mammals include the Clouded Leopard, Delacour's Langur, Owston's Civet and Asian Black Bears. Even though some larger animals like panthers and bears make Cuc Phuong their home, they are rarely seen. The Cuc Phuong Endangered Primate Rescue Center and the Cuc Phuong Turtle Conservation Center are two important research centers vital for the breeding, rehabilitation and preservation of animals rescued from poachers. Both centers are open to visitors during the day and a stop will be made here after visiting the Visitors Center. The Cuc Phuong Endangered Primate Rescue Center homes species like the Delacour's Langur, Golden-headed Langur, Tonkin Snub-nosed Langur and Black Crested Gibbon. This is one of the highlights of a visit to Cuc Phuong where guests can observe some of the rarest primate species in the world. If time permits also visit the Turtle Conservation Centre. In the afternoon, visit the Cave of Prehistoric Man, where human skeletons and stone tools dated to some 7.500 years ago. In the evening, the national park guide and the local guide will take guests to reenter the pitch black forest and with the aid of a spotting lamp, you might be able to spot the forest's numerous nocturnal creatures, which include civets, owls, flying squirrels, lorries, bats and cats. Tonight's accommodation is in the simple guest house inside the national park.

**Overnight: Cuc Phuong National Park**

### Day - 3 Cuc Phuong

#### **CUC PHUONG NATIONAL PARK (B, L, D)**

Wake to the singing of gibbons and the sounds of the surrounding forest. This morning after breakfast, embark on the 7km loop trail adventure to visit the 1000-year old tree. This 7km loop trail offers an opportunity to discover the tropical fauna and flora of the national park. Enjoy a rustic lunch at the restaurant in the national park. In the afternoon, cycle about 7km to Yen Quang Lake, where there is the chance to kayak amidst beautiful scenery and local people fishing in the lake. Arrive at resort in later this afternoon. Then free time at your own leisure.

**Overnight: Cuc Phuong National Park**

### Day - 4 Ninh Binh

#### **CUC PHUONG NATIONAL PARK – NINH BINH (B, L)**

This morning after breakfast join a 9-km hike to visit the Ancient Tree before having a picnic lunch in the forest. Finally, visit the some 200- 230 million years old Dinosaur Fossil before walking back to the main road to drive back to the center. This afternoon depart from Cuc Phuong National Park to transfer to Ninh Binh, famous for its jugged karst formations with lush green rice paddies, also known as Halong Bay on land.

**Overnight: Ninh Binh**

### Day - 5 Hanoi

#### **NINH BINH – HANOI (B, L)**

This morning after breakfast, you will depart for the site of Vietnam's first capital, Hoa Lu. Visit the temples dedicated to Emperor Dinh Tien Hoang of the Dinh Dynasty (968-80), and Emperor Le Dai Hanh of the Le Dynasty (980-1009). The ancient Hoa Lu Citadel (most of which has since been destroyed) once covered an area of three square kilometers. If time permits after visiting Hoa Lu (for the fit and healthy), take a half-hour walk up one of the surrounding limestone karst hills, the climb is rewarding with spectacular views. Enjoy a simple Vietnamese lunch at the local restaurant. This afternoon you will visit Van Long Nature Reserve for a boat trip. Covering an area of nearly 3,000 hectares, Van Long is the largest wetland nature reserve in the North of Vietnam and a 1.5 hour boat trip by traditional sampan is the perfect way to see this area. Van Long's fauna includes 39 species of birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish. Some of these species have been classified as globally endangered animals such as the white-breeched langur which can be seen occasionally early morning or late afternoon. Late afternoon transfer by road back to Hanoi (approx. 2 hours) arriving in the early evening. Check in hotel.

**Overnight: Hanoi**

### Day - 6 Hanoi

#### HANOI – DEPARTURE (B)

Today is departure day. A private car and guide will be available up until the final departure to the airport.

##### Inclusions

- 5 nights in your chosen accommodation
- Meal as specified in itinerary  
(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- Activities and excursions according to itinerary
- Tours and excursions in mini buses/buses  
or with public transportation according to itinerary
- English speaking tour guide
- Admission fees according to itinerary

##### Exclusions

- International flights
- Meals other than mentioned in itinerary
- Tours and Excursions other than mentioned in itinerary
- Early check-in and late check-out at hotels
- Personal travel insurance
- Personal expenses and tips for driver/guides
- Visa fees

### Payment Details:

Group from 6 persons and  
more starting from (p.P)

# USD 268

Private tour for 2 persons  
starting from (p.P.) USD 456

### Booking Availabilities

Booking in between : **2nd May 2019 & 1st March 2022**

#### ★★★ Star Hotel

Single Supplement	: USD 77.00
Double Room Price(per person)for the 1st + 2nd person	: USD 456.00
Double Room Price(per person)for the 3rd + 4th person	: USD 356.00
Double Room Price(per person)for the 5th + 6th person	: USD 268.00