

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.

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**, **Ownston'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 Languor**, **Golden-headed Languor**, **Tonkin Snub-nosed Languor** 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**, **lories**, **bats** and **cats**. Tonight's accommodation is in the **simple guest house** inside the national park.

Overnight: Cuc Phuong National Park

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