

2022 – Vietnam Villages Photo-Tour

September

DAY 1 – Friday 2nd September – Hanoi

When you arrive in Hanoi you will be picked up from the airport and taken to our comfortable hotel located in the Old Quarter of Hanoi. That evening our group will meet up over dinner and discuss our upcoming adventure.

Possible midnight photo-shoot at Hanoi Flower Market

DAY 2 – Saturday 3 – Hanoi

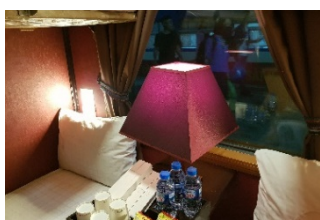


After a refreshing sleep and delicious breakfast, we will take you out into the hectic streets of Hanoi to photograph the ever-present energy and diversity.

We will also take you to the iconic Egg Coffee House for a special morning treat.

Saturday Evening

After a day of exploring the exciting “Old Quarter you will attend the famous Water Puppet Show where talented performers and musicians display one of Vietnam’s iconic traditional entertainment icons.



We will have a quick dinner, grab our gear and head to Hanoi’s Train Station where you will board the “Orient Express” style overnight train (sleeper) to Lao Cai which lies just within the Vietnamese border with China.

Day 3 – Sunday 4 – Sapa



Early next morning the train arrives, and we will be met by a private car with our charming local guide, who will take us up into the mountains 60km north to the colourful local Flower Muong Hum or Zou market. You will have a huge number of amazing photo-opportunities here.

We then travel to our Sapa Hotel for a fresh shower and to dine at a local restaurant and then a good night’s sleep.

DAY 4 – Monday 5 - Lao Chai Ta Van Village



Early the next morning our local Hmong Guide will meet us, and we will begin our day hike to Lao Chai. There will be many adventures along the path and a lunch at a local café overlooking the steep terrace rice fields. That night we will stay at a local “Homestay” followed by a traditional meal with our home stay family.

DAY 5 – Tuesday 6 – Lao Chai Village



The next morning after breakfast our local guide will take you for a trek to stunning vantage points to explore your photographic creativity. It will be harvest time and the rice terraces will be a lovely golden colour and alive with activity.

We usually have a portrait workshop here with one of the Hmong iconic personalities.



Tuesday Afternoon

In the afternoon we will return to the township of Sapa by taxi and you will be able to relax while exploring this unique hilltop township from our first-class hotel.



DAY 6 – Wednesday 7 – Sapa to Hanoi

Wednesday morning is a time to relax and have some private time to explore, rest or even get a well-earned massage from one of the professional facilities attached to the hotel.

In the afternoon a limousine will take us south back to our Hanoi hotel where we will enjoy a meal and relax.

DAY 7 – Thursday 8 – Hanoi to Ninh Binh

Early next morning we will walk through the Old Quarter of Hanoi to photograph the train as it traverses the narrow path between busy houses and shops. Vendors will rush to remove people and obstacles before this huge train rumbles through.....
Breathtaking for us, every day for them.

Later that day we will travel by Limo to Ninh Binh where we will photograph the stunning wetlands and the Mua Caves. We will stay at a Tam Coc Homestay, take a dip in the pool and dine in one of the local Tam Coc restaurants.



DAY 8 – Friday 9 - Ninh Binh



In the morning we will visit numerous locations around this amazing area such as the enormous wetlands that host the local boatpeople.

DAY 9 – Saturday 10 – Motor Bike tour around Ninh Binh Area



We spend Saturday travelling rural paths with professional motor bike drivers to out-of-the-way locations around the Tam Coc Trang An Scenic Landscape Complex UNESCO World Heritage site.

In the afternoon we head to Da Nang by train (sleeper) and wake to the trains gentle rocking as it weaves it's way along the mountainous and picturesque coastline to Da Nang.



Day 10 – Sunday 11

Once we arrived the next morning, we catch a taxi for a short trip to beautiful and historic township of Hoi An.

Hoi An



Hoi An will offer so many visual opportunities. It is a riverside town close to clean, beautiful beaches. Historic buildings influence by a hundred years of French occupation are bathed with colour and texture.

Surrounded by ever-present waterways, this area is a treat to view and in the evenings hundreds of small boats and colourful lit floating lanterns swirl within the watery reflections.

DAY 12 – Monday 12 September – Hoi An

Monday morning, we rise very early and travel to the local fish market. It comes alive as the fishing boats return with their hulls full of fish from their night at sea. It is alive with frantic activity, and you will be kept on your toes dodging and weaving through bustling vendors stores and keen buyers. Bright lights, tropical mist, vibrant colour and frantic activity will excite your visual creativity.

Our final day of the photo tour will be taken up by exploring beautiful town Hoi An and meeting some famous local photographers. It will allow you to enjoy some of the many cafes and restaurants. In the evening we will host a debriefing workshop and dinner where we can celebrate our images. It will be a final get together to scroll through the amazing images you have produced.

Day 13 – Tuesday 13th September



For the adventurous guest we can arrange a 2 am shoot of the Old Japanese Bridge in Hoi an.

We will have our breakfast together and spend some of the morning doing a final scout around Hoi an before you prepare to leave.

You are then welcome to stay on or we will assist you on your way home from your fabulous adventure photographic tour.

Cost Include:

- Photographic Team Leader, Guide, photo-support, tuition, and photographic workshops.

- 2 nights in Hanoi Hotel
- Water Puppet Theatre tickets
- Transfer to Hanoi Train Station
- Overnight Sleeper Train (or bus) Tickets to Lao Cai
- Limo Transfer to Sapa
- Guide and transport to Flower Hmong or Zou Market
- 2 nights' accommodation hotel in Sapa
- Guides and porters for hike to Lao Chi Village
- 1 night accommodation homestay with Hmong family and 2 meals
- Taxi back to Sapa
- Limo to Hanoi (or train or bus)
- Limo to Ninh Binh
- Day trip motor bike tour with professional drivers
- 2 nights' accommodation in Ninh Binh
- All scheduled breakfast meals on tour
- Overnight Train to Da Nang from Ninh Binh
- Transfer to Hoi An
- 2 nights' accommodation at Hoi An Hotel
- Final Night Dinner Banquet
- Transfers back to Da Nang Airport
- Airfares, insurance and Visa NOT included



Cost

\$4,500 for private rooms

Deposit \$500 AUS - by 15th August

Final Payment \$4000 AUS - by 25th August

Shared Accommodation

\$4,200 per person for (For couples, families, or friends)

Pay with PayPal www.phototourism.com.au

You must also provide proof of Current Passport, Visa, Travel Insurance and Covid Vaccinations. Private details: Full name, Age, Gender, Address, Email, any health considerations, or issues by 15th August at the latest.

(Please note that the itinerary and costs can be adjusted for currency fluctuations and unforeseen events)