

DAY 1 — Hanoi - Mai Chau

Departing Hanoi, you will be driven halfway to Mai Chau, before stopping in the city of Hoa Binh. There you board a small local motorised boat and navigate the Song Da Reservoir, the largest in Vietnam. You will pass Ba Khan Islands, described as Halong Bay on freshwater, as we take the 3hr boat journey to Mai Chau. Just outside of the village of Mai Chau, the White Thai villages of Ban Lac and Pom Coong allow visitors to step into Thai life by observing rural lifestyle and traditional stilt houses. On arrival at the village, you will be free to explore Mai Chau and its surrounds. At night you will enjoy an extensive home cooked meal preceded by the traditional welcome tasting of a local rice wine.

DAY 2 — Mai Chau

After breakfast at our home-stay, we take an easy trek for 3 hrs around the beautiful Mai Chau valley to visit more Muong and Thai minority villages. After a relaxing picnic lunch and an opportunity to shop for local ethnic handicrafts, your driver will be waiting to drive you to Hoa Binh where you will check into the Vy Resort. Here you are able to take advantage of the resorts many facilities before the return trip to Hanoi tomorrow.

DAY 3 — Mai Chau - Hanoi

After checking out of the resort, it is a leisurely drive back to Hanoi.

Mai Chau

Nestled in the Mai Chau Valley, surrounded by rice paddies this village and its White Thai inhabitants provide a welcoming ethnic minority experience.

Emergency Contact in Vietnam 24 hours

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Tipping Guide

For your leader we recommend \$2 USD a day. For drivers & local guides, we recommend \$1 USD a day. You are under no obligation to tip, this is a guide only.

Wide Eyed Tours Rules

Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on our trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for Wide Eyed Tours travellers. Wide Eyed Tours philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter, and in particular the local people who make our destinations such special places. The exploitation of prostitutes is completely contrary to this philosophy. Our group leader has the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they use prostitutes.

Responsible Travel

We believe strongly in low impact or rather positive impact tourism. Broadly speaking this means that we try to minimise the negative aspects of tourism on the local cultures and environments that we visit and highlight the positive aspects.



Inclusions

Transport to / from Mai Chau, all entrance fees, boat trip, qualified guide.

Included Meals

2 x breakfast, 3 x lunch, 2 x dinner

Accommodation

at Mai Chau is on a group share basis in a traditional Thai style long house, accommodation Vy Resort (1 night).