# The Northeast Big Loop

Nature & Authenticity





Many would say that the loop of the Northeast offers less impressive landscapes than the Northwest... It is not totally inaccurate. **However, the authenticity of this loop makes it one of my favorite spot.** 

In **Ha Giang**, the roads weave among a multitude of limestone eruptions punctuating the landscape. **Isolated and crippled** for a long time, the province remains **one of the most authentic and most welcoming one of the Country.** 

For this reason, the activities offered are mostly strolls by car or by foot, with stops to admire panoramas from tagged panorama view points and belvederes. Also for this reason, visiting Ha Giang can only be made with a private car and can be a bit costly...

**The local markets** are also centers of interest where it is possible to meet the population and to buy local products.

**Cao Bang** is also part of the bordering provinces with China and is, for that reason, difficult of access. The rural landscapes are particularly beautiful during rice transplanting and harvesting, when the minorities in their traditional outfits are getting busy in the fields. There, you can visit local markets of the **Thay, Nung, H'Mong, Dao and Lolo people.** 

Lastly, the **Natural Park of Ba Be** is of the most peaceful and most enjoyable one. Ba Be remains one of the best memories of my customers, **both in terms of quietness of the place and for M.Tho and his family's warm welcome.** 

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# PROGRAM: 9 Days - 8 Nights

# Day 1: Ha Noi - Yen Bai

At 8am, a private car and an English speaking guide will come and pick you up at your hotel to bring you to Yen Bai (about 4 hour long journey).

Lunch will be taken in a local restaurant.

In the afternoon, you will be going to the Thac Ba lake by motorbike taxi or by car.

You will go on a boat to visit the lake and the water den.

Diner and accommodation in a stilts house of a family from the Dac Ouan Trang minority. Private car, English speaking Guide, Lunch, Boat, Dinner and night in homestay.

# Day 2 : Yen Bai - Ha Giang \_\_\_

After breakfast, the car will bring you to Ha Giang (about 7 hours and a half long journey).

Lunch will be taken in a restaurant on the way back. Diner will be taken in a local restaurant of Ha Giang.

You will be spending the night at the Quang Ba hotel in Ha Giang.

Breakfast, Private car, English speaking Guide, Lunch, Dinner, Hotel.

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### Day 3: Ha Giang - Dong Van - Meo Vac

After breakfast, you will take care of all the necessary authorizations needed in order to stay in the Province.

The car will then bring you towards Meo Vac (about 4 hour long journey). You will visit there several surrounding villages.

Nuit à l'hôtel « Hoang Ngoc » de Dong Van.

Lunch will be taken in a local restaurant.

Then, the car will bring you to Dong Van (about 1 hour long journey).

Dinner will be taken in a local restaurant of Dong Van.

Breakfast, Private car, English speaking Guide, Lunch, Dinner, Sleeping autorizations, Hotel.

## Day 4: Dong Van Market - Ha Giang

( Only possible on Sunday )

After breakfast, a local guide will bring you to visit the Dong Van market

You will then discover the market, the local handicraft products sold by the very colorful H'Mong, Dao and Nung minorities.

Afterwards, you will visit there an old French post-guard in the surrounding hills. Then, you will carry on the visit by climbing up to the "Ma Ti Lanh" mountain.

Lunch will be taken in a local restaurant in Dong Van.

In the afternoon, you will leave by car to the town of Ha Giang by taking a different road until the town of Yen Minh.

Lunch at liberty in a local restaurant on the way.

A stop is scheduled on the way to visit the old palace of the H'Mong king.

Arrival in Ha Giang is scheduled around 6pm.

Dinner will be taken in a local restaurant in Ha Giang.

Night accommodation at the "Hoang Ngoc" hotel in Ha Giang.

If that day does not land on a Sunday, the visit of the market is replaced by a trek in the surroundings.

Breakfast, Private car, English speaking Guide, Lunch, Dinner, Hotel.

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# Day 5: Ha Giang - Cao Bang

After breakfast, you will leave for Cao Bang (about 8 hours long journey)

Lunch will be taken in a local restaurant on the way.

Afterwards, the car will carry on its journey to Cao Bang.

Dinner will be taken in a local restaurant in Cao Bang.

Night accommodation in a local hotel in Cao Bang.

Breakfast, Private car, English speaking Guide, Lunch, Dinner, Hotel.

# Day 6 : Cao Bang surroundings

After breakfast, the car will bring you to visit the cave of Nguom Ngao and the waterfalls of Ban Gioc.
Lunch will be taken in a local restaurant.
In the afternoon, you will be visiting the 36 lakes of Thang Hen.
Dinner will be taken in a local restaurant.
Night accommodation in a local hotel of Thang Hen.

Breakfast, Private car, English speaking Guide, Tickets, Lunch, Dinner, Hotel.

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### Day 7: Cao Bang - Lake of Ba Be \_

At 7am, you will leave in a private car for Ba Be (about 6 hour and a half long journey)

Lunch will be taken in a local restaurant on the way. You will arrive in Ba Be around late afternoon. Dinner and night accommodation at the inhabitant's house.

### Day 8: Visit of Lake of Ba Be\_

At 8.30am, you will be going on a 15 kilometer long trek in the surrounding mountains.

You will pass by several villages of Tay minority.

A picnic lunch will be taken on the way. Return is scheduled around late afternoon.

Dinner and night accommodation at the inhabitant's house.

Breakfast, Private car, English speaking Guide, Picnic Lunch, Dînner and night in homestav.

English speaking Guide,

Dînner and night in homestav.

Breakfast,

Tickets.

Lunch,

Private car,

### Day 9 : Ba Be - Ha Noi

After breakfast, you will take a boat on the Ba Be lake.

You will go around the lake and stops are scheduled to visit the "Dong Phuong" cave, and the "Dau Dang" waterfalls.

Lunch will be taken with a Tay family.

The car will bring you to Ha Noi after lunch.

Several stops are scheduled to admire the landscapes and to visit the museum of Thai Nguyen.

Return is scheduled around early evening.

The car brings you back to Ha Noi.

Dinner and accommodation at liberty.

Breakfast, Private car, English speaking Guide, Tickets, Boat, Lunch.

# Fare information



Number of Persons	1 Pers	2 Pers	3 Pers	4 Pers	5 Pers
Program	1 616 €	1 871 €	2 384 €	2 636 €	3 214 €

Number of Persons	6 Pers	7 Pers	8 Pers	9 Pers	10 Pers
Program	3 470 €	3 982 €	4 235 €	4 746 €	5 257 €



