# Mai Châu In the heart of hills

A Thai village





When arriving from Ha Noi, the sight of Mai Chau from the pass is truly one of the most beautiful sights. Located in the middle of a magnificent valley, **stilts houses** with thatched roofs of the White Thai families seem to be popping out from nowhere. Village at the foothills of the mountain range (800m in altitude) and with the desire of being authentic, Mai Chau is however one of the most touristic destinations of the Northwest Viet Nam... certainly because it is the first stop in the mountains when arriving from Ha Noi.

Valued for **the beauty of its landscapes**: large rice fields surrounded by verdant mountains, as well as for its forest treks, you will also be able to enjoy the peacefulness and **the 'Man - Nature' harmony ruling in this small town**.

All its enchantment lies in its localization and its inhabitants. The peculiar architecture of the stilts houses and the Thais handicraft (embroidery and couture) are as many must-see things. If you feel like stretching your legs, you can enjoy treks going through Thai, Xa Linh or H'Mong villages. In that case, a guide will be accompanying you in order to make you discover heavenly places you would not imagine...

The inhabitants are now used to directly welcome people into their places. The stilts houses are equipped with hot water and electricity. You will be very warmly welcomed there; you will be offered to share a meal and even, if you are lucky, to attend to traditional dances.

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# PROGRAM 1: 3 Days - 2 Nights

### TREKS IN THE SURROUDINGSS

## Day 1

An English speaking guide and a private car will come and pick you up at your hotel at 8am to go to Mai Chau (about 4 hour long journey).

Along the road, you will be able to admire the landscapes and everyday life rural scenes of North Viet Nam.

A stop is possible in the town of Hoa Binh in order to see the largest water dam of the country, supplying over 30% of the water demand of the Country.

Lunch is taken with a Thai family.

In the afternoon, you will walk around Ban Hang Kia.

Diner and accommodation at a H'Mong minority's place.

Private car, English speaking guide, Tickets, Lunch, Diner and overnight at the inhabitant.

### Day 2

After breakfast, the guide will take you for an 8 kilometer long trek around Ban Hang Kia.

You will go on your stroll towards Cun Pheo village.

A picnic lunch will be taken on the road.

Around late afternoon, you will arrive to Ban Van where you will be having diner and will be sleeping at a Thai minority's place.

Breakfast, Private car, English speaking guide, Picnic lunch, Diner and overnight at the inhabitant.

### Day 3

After breakfast, you will go on a 2 hour long walk to reach Ban Sam Que village.

You admire and enjoy the mountainous landscapes and surroundings. Afterwards, you will come back by car to Mai Chau where lunch will be taken with a Thai family.

After lunch, the car will bring you back to Ha Noi.

Diner and accommodation at liberty in Ha Noi.

Breakfast, Private car, English speaking guide,

# PROGRAM 2: 2 Days - 1 Night

# LOCAL MARKET - ONLY ON SATURDAY / SUNDAY

## Day

An English speaking guide and a private car will come and pick you up at your hotel at 8am to go to Mai Chau (about 4 hour and a half long journey).

Along the road, you will be able to admire the landscapes and everyday life rural scenes of North Viet Nam.

A stop is possible in the town of Hoa Binh in order to see the largest water dam of the Country, supplying over 30% of the water demand of the Country.

Lunch is taken with a Thai family.

In the afternoon, you will go on a stroll in the villages of Ban Lac and Boom Con. You can witness there the women weaving their Thai traditional clothes.

Diner and accommodation with a Thai family.

# Day 2: THE LOCAL MARKET OF XA LINH (Only on Sunday)

After spending the night and taking breakfast at the Thai's family, you will go by car towards the village of Xa Linh located approximately 30 kilometers away from Mai Chau to discover the local market of the minorities.

At the market, you will discover local artisanal products sold by the very colorful H'Mong, Muong and Thai minorities...

Afterwards, you will be going on a stroll in the village of Ba Co from the H'Mong minority.

You will then be returning to Mai Chau to have lunch with a Thai family.

Afterwards, the car will drive you back to Ha Noi (about 4 hour and a half long journey)

Diner and accommodation at liberty in Ha Noi.

Private car, English speaking guide, Tickets, Lunch, Diner and overnight at the inhabitant.

Breakfast, Private car, English speaking guide, Lunch.

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# PROGRAM 3: 2 Days - 1 Night

# MAI CHAU BY PHU CUONG

homestay.

A guide and private car will pick you up at your hotel at 8 am to go to to Phu Cuong Mai Chau (about 4 hours trip).

Along the road, you can admire the landscapes and scenes of farm life in North Vietnam.

Arrived in Phu Cuong (Tan Lac Hoa Binh), you have lunch in a local restaurant.

You will then visit the village of Ba Khan, people of Muong minorities (12 km walk).

Dinner and Overnight homestay in a traditional house in the village of Khan Ho.

Private car, English speaking guide, Tickets, Diner and overnight at

After breakfast, the guide takes you to visit the area around the

You then visit the Da River boat and its magnificent panorama.

The picnic lunch is provided on the boat.

You return to Hanoi after lunch (4 hours trip).

Diner and accommodation at liberty in Ha Noi.

Breakfast, Private car, English speaking quide, Tickets. Picnic lunch.

# UPGRADE: + 1 Day - 1 Night

# MOC CHAU

# Day 2 or 3

After lunch, instead of returning to Hanoi, you go to Moc Chau (2 hours trip).

Along the road, you can admire the landscapes and scenes of farm life in North Vietnam.

Lunch is in a local restaurant in Moc Chau

In the afternoon, you take a walk on the steppe, grassland, you see the tea plantation and visit the dairy farm where you can taste and buy dairy products. Then you visit the remains of the site where Ho Chi Minh spoke with ethnic minorities Moc Chau. Then the guide takes you to Dong Ngu Ban On.

Dinner and overnight in the Thai minority living in a stilt house.

Private car, English speaking quide, entry tickets, Lunch, Dinner and overnight homestay.

# Day 3 or 4

After breakfast at 8 am, the guide takes you to visit Dong Son Moc Huong, the waterfall Dai Yem.

You then continue to go to the Thai minority villages, to discover daily life.

Then you visit Chien Vien Moc mail Ly Tay Tien stele Lunch is in a local restaurant in Moc Chau.

At 14h, you return to Ha Noi and arrive in Ha Noi early in the evening.

Breakfast, Private car, English speaking guide, Lunch.

# Fare information



| Number of Persons | 1 Pers  | 2 Pers | 3 Pers  | 4 Pers  | 5 Pers  |
|-------------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Program 1         | 414 €   | 496 €  | 540 €   | 664 €   | 746 €   |
| Program 2 OR 3    | 253 €   | 334 €  | 379 €   | 423 €   | 481 €   |
| Upgrade Moc Chau  | + 124 € | + 165€ | + 197 € | + 246 € | + 276 € |

| Number of Persons | 6 Pers  | 7 Pers  | 8 Pers  | 9 Pers  | 10 Pers |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Program 1         | 851 €   | 935 €   | 1 016 € | 1 066 € | 1 183 € |
| Program 2 OR 3    | 537 €   | 593 €   | 651 €   | 708 €   | 764 €   |
| Upgrade Moc Chau  | + 318 € | + 349 € | + 382 € | + 421 € | + 367 € |



