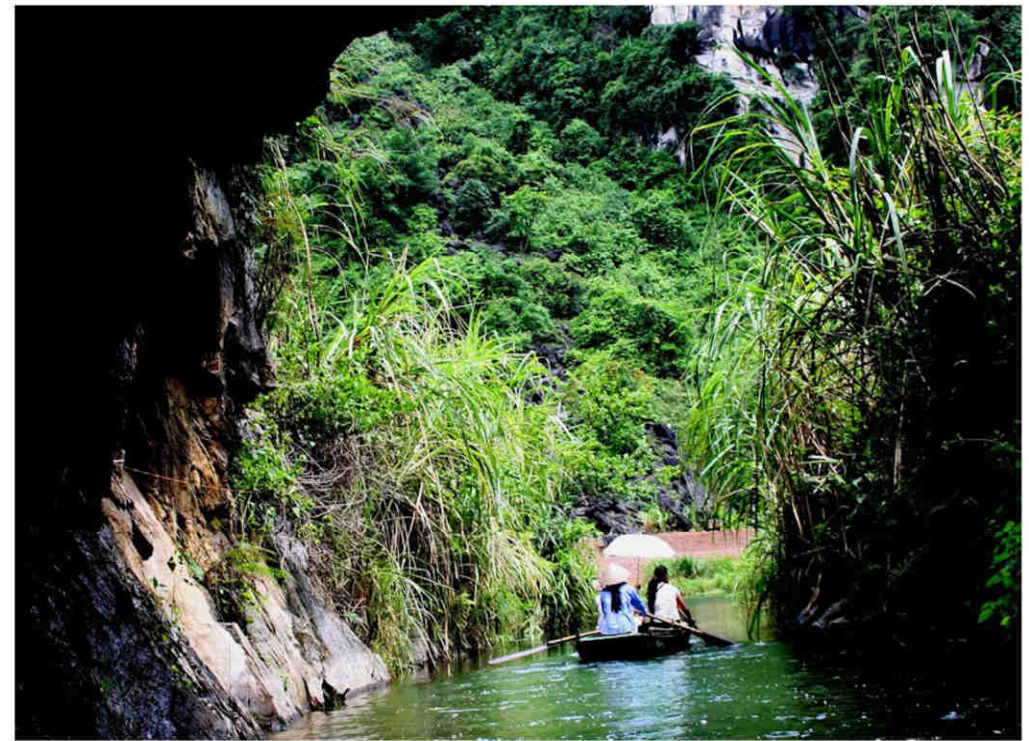


Ninh Bình Terrestrial Hạ Long

Trips in the middle of karsts



Located South from Ha Noi, the Province of **Ninh Binh is the most Southern point of South East Asia karst peaks highland...** It is also the terrestrial point where these peaks are the most impressive in Viet Nam, which gave it the name of **"Terrestrial Ha Long Bay"**.

First of all there is Tam Coc (*or An Trang, less touristy*), **a site where small rivers weave among karst rocks and rice fields.** Not far from it, there is **Hoa Lu**, the former capital of Viet Nam.

The village carrying the name « Kenh Ga » along the river is also worth the detour. The word "Kenh Ga", meaning "the canal of the chicken", gets its name due to its numerous curves similar to a chicken running away... **You can visit the village by boats, with the particularity that they are made of concrete!**

Others must-see in the region, **the fabulous Phat Diem cathedral**, massive wood building, and not to forget **the biggest national park of the country: Cuc Phuong.**

Lastly, the region is made of a multitude of small path tracks where it is simply enjoyable to drive around on a bicycle...

The terrestrial Ha Long Bay is often criticized because of the great number of tourists, and it is true, punts follow each other in single file along the river... **This is why I try my best to find local alternatives in order to insure a change of scene and authenticity...it would be a shame to miss this pretty site...**



PROGRAM 1 : 2 Days - 1 Night THE TERRESTRIAL HA LONG BAY THROUGH KENH GA

Day 1

At 7am, a private car comes and picks you up at your hotel and brings you to Trang An.

Once arrived, you will get on board of a punt with a guide to visit the Trang An river weaving among the karst rocks and rice fields.

Lunch will be taken in a local restaurant before visiting the Hoa Lu Temple.

Hoa Lu is the former capital of Viet Nam, and the temples there are dedicated to the first emperors Le and Dinh.

Afterwards, the guide will bring you to visit the Bich Dong cave by bicycle.

Return to the hotel.

Diner and accommodation at "Nam Hoa" hotel in Tam Coc.

*Private car,
English speaking guide,
Tickets and punt,
Bicycle,
Lunch in a local
restaurant,
Diner,
Hotel.*

Day 2

At 8.30am, you will go to Hang Mua either by bicycle or by car. You will climb up about 200 meters by foot. Once you arrived on the summit you will be able to enjoy and admire the panorama of Tam Coc and its beautiful surrounding landscapes...

The car will then go to the traditional village of Kenh Ga, where you will go on board of a ship to visit the village. The word "Kenh Ga", meaning "the canal of the chicken", holds its name from its numerous curves, similar to a chicken running away...

The lunch is taken in a local restaurant.

Afterwards, the car will bring you to the Dich Long pagoda. It is also called "Nam Thien De Tam Dong", meaning "the third most beautiful cave of the Country". You will visit the cave and its surroundings, as well as the pagoda.

You will return to Ha Noi by car around late afternoon.

Diner and accommodation at liberty in Ha Noi.

*Breakfast,
English speaking guide,
Bicycle,
Déjeuner,
Tickets and punt,
Private car.*



PROGRAM 2 : 2 Days - 1 Night THE TERRESTRIAL HA LONG BAY THROUGH PHAT DIEM

Day 1

At 7am, a private car comes and picks you up at your hotel and brings you to Trang An.

Once arrived, you will get on board of a punt with a guide to visit the Trang An river weaving among the karst rocks and rice fields.

Lunch will be taken in a local restaurant before visiting the Hoa Lu Temple.

Hoa Lu is the former capital of Viet Nam, and the temples there are dedicated to the first emperors Le and Dinh.

Afterwards, the guide will bring you to visit the Bich Dong cave by bicycle.

Return to the hotel.

Diner and accommodation at "Nam Hoa" hotel in Tam Coc.

*Private car,
English speaking guide,
Tickets and punt,
Bicycle,
Lunch in a local
restaurant,
Diner,
Hotel.*

Day 2

At 8.30am, you will go to Hang Mua either by bicycle or by car. You will climb up about 200 meters by foot. Once you arrived on the summit you will be able to enjoy and admire the panorama of Tam Coc and its beautiful surrounding landscapes...

Then the car will bring you to Bai Dinh to visit the Bai Dinh pagoda.

Lunch will be taken in a local restaurant.

The car will then go to the cathedral of Phat Diem (about 1 hour long journey). You will visit the big wood cathedral that mixes Asian and Western Christians architecture styles.

You will be back to Ha Noi by car around late afternoon.

Diner and accommodation at liberty in Ha Noi.

*Breakfast,
English speaking guide,
Bicycle,
Lunch,
Tickets and punt,
Private car.*



PROGRAM 3 : 2 Days - 1 Night at the inhabitant's place THE TERRESTRIAL HA LONG BAY THROUGH VAN LONG

Day 1

After breakfast, at 7.30, the English speaking guide comes and picks at your hotel with the private car to bring you to Ninh Binh (2 hour long).

Once you arrived, you will go on board a punt to visit Van Long. Lunch will be taken at a family's place in Van Long.

In the afternoon, you will ride a bicycle to visit the surroundings of the village. You will continue the visit by the Nhat Tru pagoda, and then the Hoa Lu temples. Hoa Lu is the former capital of Viet Nam and the temples are dedicated to the first emperors Le and Dinh.

You will end the visit with the local market and will come back to the inhabitant's place to learn how to cook Vietnamese cuisine.

Diner and overnight at the inhabitant.

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

Day 2

After breakfast, you will go by bicycle with the guide to visit the Mua cave. You will climb up about 200 meters by foot. Once you arrived on the summit you will be able to enjoy and admire the panorama of Tam Coc and its beautiful surrounding landscapes...and then the Bich Dong cave.

You will visit the Thai Vi temple before lunch.

Lunch will be taken in a local restaurant.

In the afternoon, you will go onboard of a punt with the guide to visit the Trang An river that weaves among the karst peaks and rocks and the rice fields.

You will be back in Ha Noi around late afternoon.

Diner and accommodation at liberty in Ha Noi.

*Breakfast,
Private car,
English speaking guide,
Lunch,
Boat,
Tickets.*

PROGRAM 4 : 1 Day

THE TERRESTRIAL HA LONG BAY BY TRANG AN

At 6.30am, a private car will come and pick you up at your hotel to bring you to Trang An.

Once you arrived there, you will go onboard of a punt with the guide to visit the Trang An river that weaves among the karst rocks and the rice fields.

Lunch will be taken in a local restaurant before visiting the Hoa Lu temples. Hoa Lu is the former capital of Viet Nam and the temples there are dedicated to the first emperors Le and Dinh.

You will then go to Hang Mua either by bicycle or by car. You will climb up about 200 meters by foot. Once you arrived on the summit you will be able to enjoy and admire the panorama of Tam Coc and its beautiful surrounding landscapes...

Return to Ha Noi scheduled around end of afternoon.

Diner and accommodation at liberty in Ha Noi.

*Private car,
English speaking guide,
Tickets and punt,
Bicycle,
Lunch in a local
restaurant.*

PROGRAM 5 : 1 Day

LA BAIE DE HA LONG TERRESTRE PAR TAM COC

At 7am, a private car comes and picks you up at your hotel and brings you to Tam Coc (2 hour long journey).

Once arrived in Tam Coc, you will get on board of a punt with a guide to visit the Tam Coc river weaving among the karst rocks and rice fields.

Afterwards, the guide will bring you to visit the Bich Dong cave.

Lunch will be taken in a local restaurant before visiting the Hoa Lu Temple. Hoa Lu is the former capital of Viet Nam, and the temples there are dedicated to the first emperors Le and Dinh.

The car will then go to the traditional village of Kenh Ga, where you will go on board of a ship to visit the village. The word "Kenh Ga", meaning "the canal of the chicken", holds its name from its numerous curves, similar to a chicken running away...

Return to Ha Noi scheduled around late afternoon.

Diner and accommodation at liberty in Ha Noi.

*Private car,
Guide francophone,
Tickets and punt,
Bicycle,
Lunch in a local
restaurant.*



UPGRADE 1 : + 1 Day - 1 Night

THUONG NHAM PARK

Day 2 or Day 3

Instead of returning to Ha Noi the night before, you dined and slept at "Nam Hoa" Hotel.

After breakfast, you leave the hotel by car or bike (about 7 km), to go to the Thung Nham Park.

This is a very nice park in the middle of karst rocks.

You start by climbing over 400 steps to get to the cave Vai Gioi. This cave is divided into 3 parts and covers 50,000 m².

You continue cycling to a pier where you take a boat to get to the cave of the Buddha (Hang Goal). This is one of the largest caves in the region that is 500 meters long.

After you continue to visit the cave of the siren (Dong Tien Ca).

Then you finally take one last boat to visit the "reserve" to birds.

You end up visiting this place for a walk and explore the local fruit that you can enjoy directly on picking the trees.

Then you come back Ha Noi by car in the late of afternoon.

Dinner and accommodation at liberty in Ha Noi.

*Diner and overnight in hotel the day before,
Breakfast,
Private car,
English speaking guide,
Tickets and boat location,
Bicycles,
Lunch in local restaurant.*



UPGRADE 2 : + 1 Day - 1 Night

THE NATIONAL PARK OF CUC PHUONG

Day 2 or Day 3

Instead of going back to Ha Noi the night before, you will be having diner and sleep either at the hotel or at the inhabitant's place in Ninh Binh.

After breakfast, you will go by car to the National Park of Cuc Phuong (about 1 hour long journey)

You will do a trek with the guide in the park of Cuc Phuong.

Lunch is taken in a local restaurant.

In the afternoon you visit the reserve primates' monkeys.

Return to Ha Noi scheduled around late afternoon.

Dinner and accommodation at liberty in Ha Noi.

*Diner and overnight in hotel the day before,
Breakfast,
Private car,
English speaking guide,
Tickets.*

UPGRADE 3 : + 2 Days - 2 Nights

Day 3 or Day 4

Instead of going back to Ha Noi the night before, you will be having diner and sleep either at the Cuc Phuong Park Hotel.

After breakfast, you will go about 20 km away from Cuc Phuong park by car.

You will go on a trek with the guide to the surroundings of « Ban Khan » village – the Tay minority.

Lunch will be taken with a local family.

In the afternoon, you will keep on walking until the main street where the car will be awaiting for you to go to Ha Noi.

Dinner and accommodation at liberty in Ha Noi.

*Diner and overnight in hotel the day before,
Breakfast,
Private car,
English speaking guide,
Tickets.*

Fare information



Number of Persons	1 Pers	2 Pers	3 Pers	4 Pers	5 Pers
Program 1 by Kenh Ga	331 €	404 €	497 €	589 €	716 €
Program 2 by Phat Diem	331 €	404 €	497 €	589 €	716 €
Program 3 by Van Long	295 €	335 €	385 €	469 €	551 €
Program 4 or 5	168 €	196 €	216 €	234 €	299 €
Upgrade 1 or 2	+ 163 €	+ 187 €	+ 247 €	+ 285 €	+ 344 €
Upgrade 3	+ 326 €	+ 372 €	+ 494 €	+ 515 €	+ 688 €

Number of Persons	6 Pers	7 Pers	8 Pers	9 Pers	10 Pers
Program 1 by Kenh Ga	770 €	866 €	924 €	1 051 €	1 109 €
Program 2 by Phat Diem	770 €	866 €	924 €	1 051 €	1 109 €
Program 3 by Van Long	596 €	651 €	720 €	784 €	835 €
Program 4 or 5	312 €	328 €	351 €	393 €	416 €
Upgrade 1 or 2	+ 366 €	+ 420 €	+ 447 €	+ 509 €	+ 529 €
Upgrade 3	+ 729 €	+ 851 €	+ 898 €	+ 1 019 €	+ 1 061 €

Fare valid until 31/12/2019

