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24 Dec 2022 - 3 Jan 2023 (11-days) Northeast Vietnam (Hoang Su Phi, Ha Giang, Ba Be Lake and Hanoi)

Trip Cost per person Rm2700 (16pax group)** EXCLUDES FLIGHTS

Based on 1 USD = Rm 4.41 Maybank 25JUN. Final adjustments will be made to cost based on USD exchange rate in Dec 2022.

Flight Details as follows - tickets to be bought after group forms.

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Update 26 Jun 2022 New trip by Yongo. Yong Lee Min has been on this trip with a group in Dec 2019. Pictures shown in the link above. Please confirm quickly so that we can lock in this trip during the peak December months. We have 1 full day in Hanoi at the end of the trip. Members can opt to fly in earlier or leave later to utilise cheaper fares and/or spend a couple of extra days in Hanoi. Airport bus Rm7 goes every 15 min 29km takes 40 min. Hotel in Hanoi about Rm120. **Please contact Chung Zhen, WhatsApp +6016-484-2220 or LeeMin, WhatsApp +6016-220-9033.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE. This is meant to be a "free and easy" budget trip. Participants should be relatively fit, with a good sense of humour, and above all, have the <u>right attitude</u> for close travel with others through possibly some trying times. Most definitely, this is not a trip for prudes, whiners, fuss-pots, and other similiarly assorted types! Although every effort will be made to stick to the given itinerary, ground conditions may change and cause some disruption and/or deviation from the norm. Otherwise, have fun!

For the duration of the trip, we use a chartered bus. All meals and entrance fees are included in the cost, excluding your stay in Hanoi. The accompanying local guide has several years of experience covering this area. Its quite important participants are able to manage their own luggage, preferably backpacks or softpacks and no "giant" luggages please.



Shuttle Bus/ Qang Uyen / Scenic 1hr walk/ Homestay Huong Su Phi

<u>Day 1 Hanoi-Hoang Su Phi:</u> Fly from KL to Hanoi. Plck up Noi Bai airport to Hoang Su Phi. Green tea rows can be seen in Yuyen Quang Province on the way. Break for lunch and keep driving to Nam Hong village with stops to see rice terraces and arrive early evening. Overnight (O/N) Hoang Su Phi Bungalow.

<u>Day 2 Hoang Su Phi:</u> Full day slow trek to several villages to see the livelyhood of the local Dao ethnic minority group and try a traditional homecooked meal. We will pass by Nam Khoa where we can see beautiful rice terraces in Hoang Su Phi, and back to bungalow in the early evening. O/N Hoang Su Phi Bungalow.

<u>Day 3 Ha Thanh:</u> Travel to Ha Giang to visit local markets and have lunch. Afterwards, on to Ha Thanh Village and few hours long easy walk to experience the culture of the Tay ethnic minorities there. O/N Ha Thanh Homestay.

<u>Day 4 Dong Van:</u> Early morning and travel to Dong Van, stopping by highlands markets on the way to visit Heaven's Gate, Twin Mountains at Tam Son town, with lunch break at Yen Minh. After lunch, we will visit Tham Ma pass, Pao story house. Old H'Mong Palace and French fortress in Dong Van town. O/N Dong Van

<u>Day 5 Cao Bang:</u> Continue highland journey to Ma Pi Leng Pass, one of the most sought after scenic passes of Vietnam. We will do a three hours easy trek on the Skywalk, highland lunch at Meo Vac, and then relax on the drive to Cao Bang. O/N Cao Bang.

<u>Day 6 Quang Uyen:</u> Today we wisit the famour Ban Gioc Waterfall right on the Vietnam-China border, and take a short barge ride to the falls. After a short stop at nearby Nguom Ngao Cave, before proceeding to Kim homestay at the incense village at Quang Uyen. O/N Kim Homestay.



Ban Gioc Waterfall/ Local Food/ Hoang su phi village walk / Local Girl

<u>Day 7 Ba Be:</u> Early morning 6.30 morning walk to see the local incense making process and have a good breakfast. Afterwards, will visit the Blacksmith Village, and then drive to Ba Be Lake. On arrival, leisurely boat ride through Puong Grotto to our lakeisde homestay at Widow Island. O/N Ba Be Lakeside Lodge.

<u>Day 8 Ba Be:</u> Lake cruise in the morning, stopping at attractions along the way and strolling through several lakeside villages and small parks. We will be back at the lodge by early afternoon to rest and relax. In the evening, a good dinner, cultural show, and song and dance. O/N Ba Be Village Lodge.

<u>Day 9 Hanoi</u>: Early start to Hanoi to arrive around lunchtime. Half-day city tour to Hanoi's most iconic sights. Dinner can decide yourselves after exploring the area around our Hanoi Old Quarter hotel. O/N Hanoi

Day 10 Hanoi: Free and easy day to enjoy Hanoi on your own. O/N Hanoi.

<u>Day 11 Home:</u> Last minute morning shoping and explorations before 12 noon, then bus transfer to Noi Bai airport to fly back home

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. Cost cover accommodation, traveling and meals to sites mentioned above excluding Hanoi.
- 2. Accommodations will be in budget to mid-range hotels, local homestays and guesthouses.
- 3. Not covered are flight costs estimated at Rm900, meals Rm50 x 2 days(Rm100 estimate), tips (Rm100 estimate) and optional activities.
- 4. Cost is subject to change depending on fluctuations in exchange rates.
- 5. Non-refundable deposit of Rm800 is payable to confirm your place.

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