



Vietnam and the Bay of Ha Long by motorbike

14 days/ 13 nights

This tour has been organised by Vietnamese locals who kindly wish to share the beauty of their country with adventurous tourists and motorbikers.

During your stay, you will get to explore unmissable locations, such as the famous bay of Ha Long. A local tour guide will also show you around all the best scenic spots that Vietnam has to offer.

So, hop on your motorbike and explore the mind-blowing scenery of the Orient!

YOUR PROGRAM

Day 1 - Arrival in Ho-Chi-Minh City (or Saigon)

Your tour guide will meet you at the airport and organise a transfer to your hotel.

Day 2 - Discovering Saigon

Your great adventure will begin with a ride through the modern city of Ho Chi Minh, which served as a backdrop for Marguerite Duras's most famous novel, *The Lover*. The landscapes of Ho-Chi-Minh City are truly spectacular, and they will undoubtedly blow you away. A famous restaurant, located in a tastefully restored French colonial villa, will welcome you for lunch. Your great Asian adventure will carry on in the afternoon.

Day 3 - The Mekong Delta

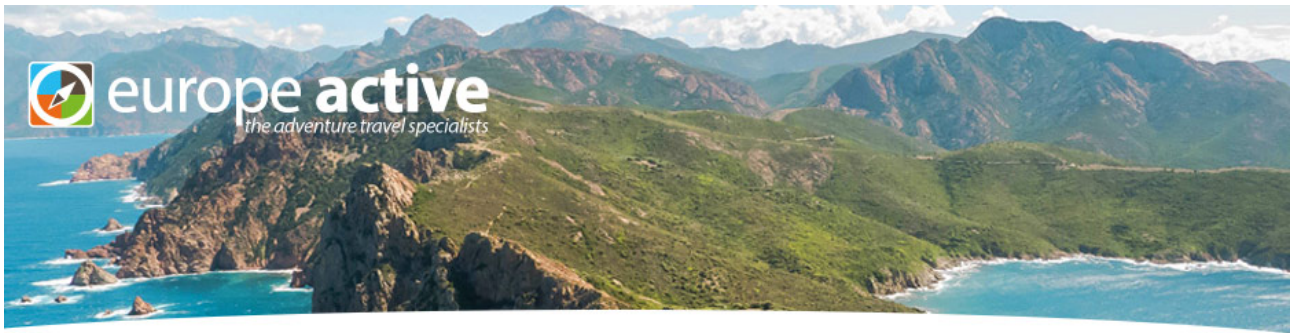
Today's ride will take you to the rural parts of the country. After crossing the river by boat, you will ride on local back roads and along estuaries crowded with thirsty buffaloes and small fishing boats. Riding from the lively and buzzing town of Saigon to peaceful and quiet rural lands, you will find yourself at the heart of an authentic Vietnam.



Day 4 - From Saigon to Vung Tau

In the morning, you will set off for Vung Tau and, after a quick visit around town, the day will be all yours to enjoy.

Day 5 - From Vung Tau to the Cape of Mui Ke



Today's stage will consist of a 160km ride along Viet Nam's tropical coastline via Ho Coc, Long Hai and Bin Chau. The little fishing village of Long Hai boasts magnificent white sandy beaches. There, you will have the opportunity to admire majestic landscapes and visit the temple of Dinh Co or natural caves where soldiers used to hide from southern enemies during the Vietnam War.



Day 6 - Mui Ne

After an enjoyable breakfast, you will ride along the coastline from Mui Ke Ga to Phan Thiet and Mui Ne. The Cham ruins, which you will discover during today's trip, will make you travel back to ancient times and mysterious bygone civilisations. A stop above the beaches of the South China Sea is also recommended for a relaxed seafood lunch.

In the afternoon, you will have the opportunity to try kite surfing, parasailing or simply to enjoy the white sandy beaches nearby.



Day 7 - From Mui Ne to Da Lat

After exploring fishing villages and local markets, you will ride to the coastal town of Mui Ne. Its famous red sandy dunes are a true feast for the eyes as they turn the landscape into a great festival of colours. There, an epic 170km ride to the North East and Da Lat, the capital of Lam Dong province, will take you to white-sand dunes, similar to those of the Sahara Desert. The lakes, which surround the dunes, abound with lotus flowers and serve as the ideal backdrop for an enchanting walk. Da Lat is also an oasis of elegance where many riders like to fill their bags with heavenly souvenirs.



Day 8 - Da Lat

Today, you will have time to enjoy strolling down the streets of this delightful town and its famous markets, situated near a lake. Outside Da Lat, the Zen Buddhist Temple of Truc Lam will enable you to discover the religions of the Orient while the Dalanta Falls of the Thuyem Lam Reserve will take you into the wild Vietnamese flora.

In the evening, traditional Vietnamese dancers will entertain you over dinner in a small ethnic minority village.

Day 9 - From Da Lat to Nha Trang

You will start the day with a pleasant 150km ride through the Vietnamese countryside. The road winds and undulates as it weaves through the mountains and its scattering of hamlets and villages. There, you will be able to explore local markets, have a drink or admire the surrounding landscapes. As the road goes on, the wonderful town of Nha Trang will soon come into sight. Once in the heart of the most famous coastal resort in Vietnam, you will be able to sit down in a picturesque little restaurant for a late lunch, and then go to the beach for the rest of the day.

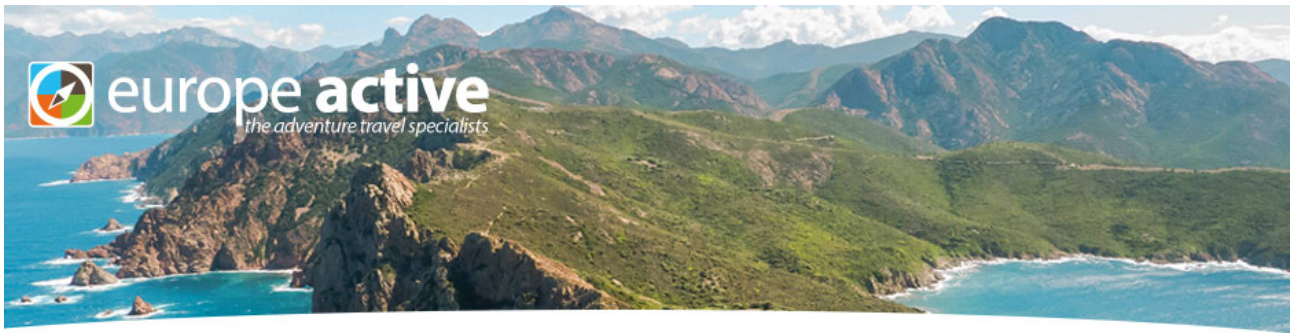


Day 10 - Nha Trang

In the morning, you will ride to Po Nagar, a Cham Temple Tower founded before 781, where locals offer tourists the chance to try a great variety of water sports such as sailing, kayaking, scuba diving, breath-hold diving. Other optional activities include boat tours, cooking classes and mud baths.

Day 11 - From Nha Trang to Hanoi

Today, you will fly to Hanoi. Located on the banks of the Red River, this Vietnamese town boasts a rich culture and history, with great monuments such as the Ho Chi Minh Museum, mausoleum, Presidential Palace and the Temple of Literature.



Day 12 - From Hanoi to the Bay of Ha Long

At 8.30am, a vehicle will come to your hotel and drive you to a boat, which will take you to the bay of Ha Long. Once you arrive in Hon Gai Harbour at 11.45am, the captain will serve you welcome drinks on board his ship. From 12.30am onwards, you will have time to settle into your cabin while the boat navigates to the bay of Tulong. Lunch will be served at 1.00pm in a Vietnamese fashion, next to the fantastic rock formations and beautiful islands of the river. At 3.00pm, you will travel to Cong Tay village where locals will give you a warm welcome. Then, you will take the boat to Tra San at 4.30pm. During your cruise, there will be many optional activities on offer such as traditional massages on board the ship, or kayaking, swimming and diving once you arrive in Tra San. You will then be served pre-dinner drinks while you watch the sun set at the bay of Bai Tu Long (6.00pm). Thirty minutes later, at nightfall, the boat will drop the anchor near Cong Da. The crew will then serve you a relaxing and delicious Vietnamese dinner. From 9.00pm onwards, you will have the opportunity to try some of the optional activities on board such as traditional music and massages or fishing. Otherwise, you will simply have the chance to relax in your cabin or watch the stars from a river bridge.



Day 13 - From Ha Long to Hanoi

At 6.00am, thrill-seekers will have the chance to take a Tai Chi class while watching the sun rise. A buffet breakfast or a breakfast à la carte will then be served at 7.30am and your cruise to the bay of Ha Long will start at 8.30am. Next, a hike to the summit of Ti Top Mountain will offer you spectacular panoramic views over the bay. You will then leave the boat at 10.00am, return to Hanoi an hour later, and spend the rest of the day there.

You will spend the night in Hanoi.

Day 14 - Your trip ends here in Hanoi

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Additional information

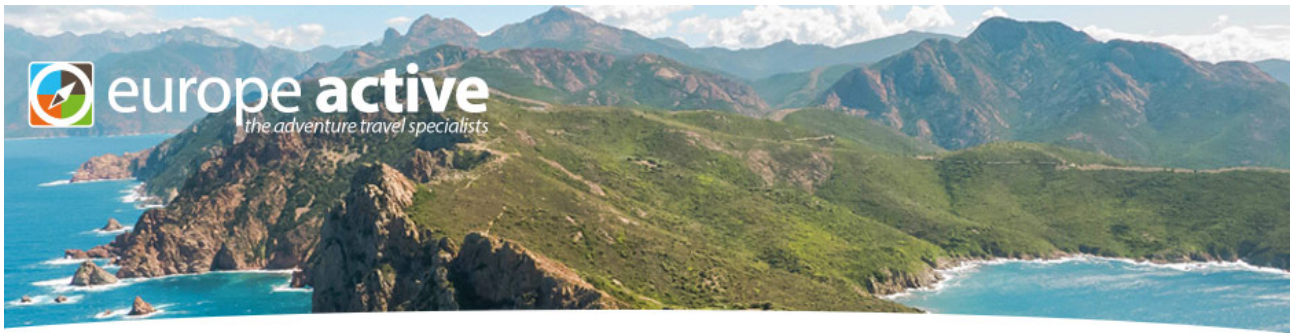
TARIFFS

Price from 2599 euros per person.

OPTIONS

Supplement for single bedrooms : 849 euros per person.

Renting a motorbike (125 or 250CC) : 349 euros per person.



INCLUDED

Accommodation, private transfers, vehicle for luggage transfers, assistance of a local mechanic, Francophone or Anglophone tour guide, Europe Active assisting guide, cruise to the bay of Ha Long, flight from Nha Trang to Ha Long, visits of tourist sites, invitation letter from the Vietnamese authorities, twelve breakfasts and lunches, six evening meals.

NOT INCLUDED

Transfers which are not included in the tour, flight to Saigon and from Hanoi, personal travel insurance, beverages and some evening meals, fines and speed tickets, motorbikes, petrol, visits of tourist sites which are not included in the tour, optional activities which are not included in the tour, personal expenses.

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Distances vary. Riding around Vietnam is not always easy, especially in cities. You will need to be comfortable and used to riding a motorbike.

CARRYING

Luggage transfers by vehicle.

ACCOMMODATION

In 3 and 4 star hotels (some with swimming pools), double bedrooms. There will be a supplement for single bedrooms.

SIZE OF GROUP

From seven. There will be a supplement for smaller groups.

DEPARTURE

Saigon airport.

DISPERSION

Hanoi airport.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Visa processing times: one week minimum.