

Northern Vietnam I Wildlife Discovery

The flora and fauna of Vietnam is unique and overwhelming! On this tour you get the chance to explore the wildlife and biodiversity of the famous Cuc National Park and to spot endangered and rare species.

Day - 5 Hanoi

NINH BINH – HANOI (*B, L*)

This morning after breakfast, you will depart for the site of Vietnam's first capital, **Hoa Lu**. Visit the **temples** dedicated to Emperor **Dinh Tien Hoang** of the **Dinh Dynasty** (968-80), and Emperor **Le Dai Hanh** of the **Le Dynasty** (980-1009). The ancient **Hoa Lu Citadel** (most of which has since been destroyed) once covered an area of three square kilometers. If time permits after visiting Hoa Lu (for the fit and healthy), take a **half-hour walk** up one of the surrounding **limestone karst hills**, the climb is rewarding with **spectacular views**. Enjoy a **simple Vietnamese lunch** at the **local restaurant**. This afternoon you will visit **Van Long Nature Reserve** for a **boat trip**. Covering an area of nearly **3,000 hectares**, Van Long is the **largest wetland nature reserve** in the North of Vietnam and a **1.5 hour boat trip** by traditional **sampan** is the perfect way to see this area. Van Long's fauna includes **39 species of birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish**. Some of these species have been classified as **globally endangered animals** such as the **white-breeched langur** which can be seen occasionally early morning or late afternoon. Late afternoon transfer by road back to Hanoi (approx. 2 hours) arriving in the early evening. Check in hotel.

Overnight: Hanoi

Inclusions

- 5 nights in your chosen accommodation
- Meal as specified in itinerary
(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- Activities and excursions according to itinerary
- Tours and excursions in mini buses/buses
or with public transportation according to itinerary
- English speaking tour guide
- Admission fees according to itinerary

Exclusions

- International flights
- Meals other than mentioned in itinerary
- Tours and Excursions other than mentioned in itinerary
- Early check-in and late check-out at hotels
- Personal travel insurance
- Personal expenses and tips for driver/guides
- Visa fees