

HANOI · HA GIANG · CAO BANG · HALONG BAY

Vietnam

The Untamed North to the Ancient Shore

Maximum 12 Guests Per Group — We keep groups small so the experience stays real.

Why Us

We started GlobalJourneys in 2016, not with a business plan, but with a notebook full of things we swore we'd never let happen to a traveller again.

Our founder already carried 15+ years in the travel industry — enough to know what most itineraries get wrong. We believed travellers deserved journeys shaped by people who'd actually been there. That's the work we do. Journeys that stay with you long after you return.

GUIDED BY EXPERIENCE. DEFINED BY TRUST.

2016

Founded in Mumbai

15+

Years of industry
experience

5,000+

Travellers hosted
across the globe

50+

Iconic destinations
curated

100+

Handpicked premium
stays

01

Transparent pricing

What's included is included. No surprise add-ons revealed at checkout.

02

Chosen from experience

Every hotel and route on this itinerary has been personally vetted — not picked off a listing.

03

Support while you travel

A real phone call away if plans change — 24/7, for the length of your trip.

04

Small groups, real experiences

Maximum 12 guests per departure. Few enough to move like locals, enough to share the journey.



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Where Mountain Passes Meet Emerald Waters

Vietnam is a country of extraordinary contrasts — and this seven-day journey captures the best of them. We begin in the ancient streets of Hanoi before heading north into Ha Giang, where roads dissolve into mountain passes and the world feels genuinely remote.

The Ha Giang Loop takes us through karst peaks, terraced valleys, and Hmong villages to the legendary Ma Pi Leng Pass — one of Asia's most breathtaking viewpoints, 2,000 metres above the turquoise Nho Que River.

Then south to Cao Bang for Ban Gioc Waterfall on the China border.

We end where land meets water — an overnight cruise through the limestone karsts of Lan Ha Bay.

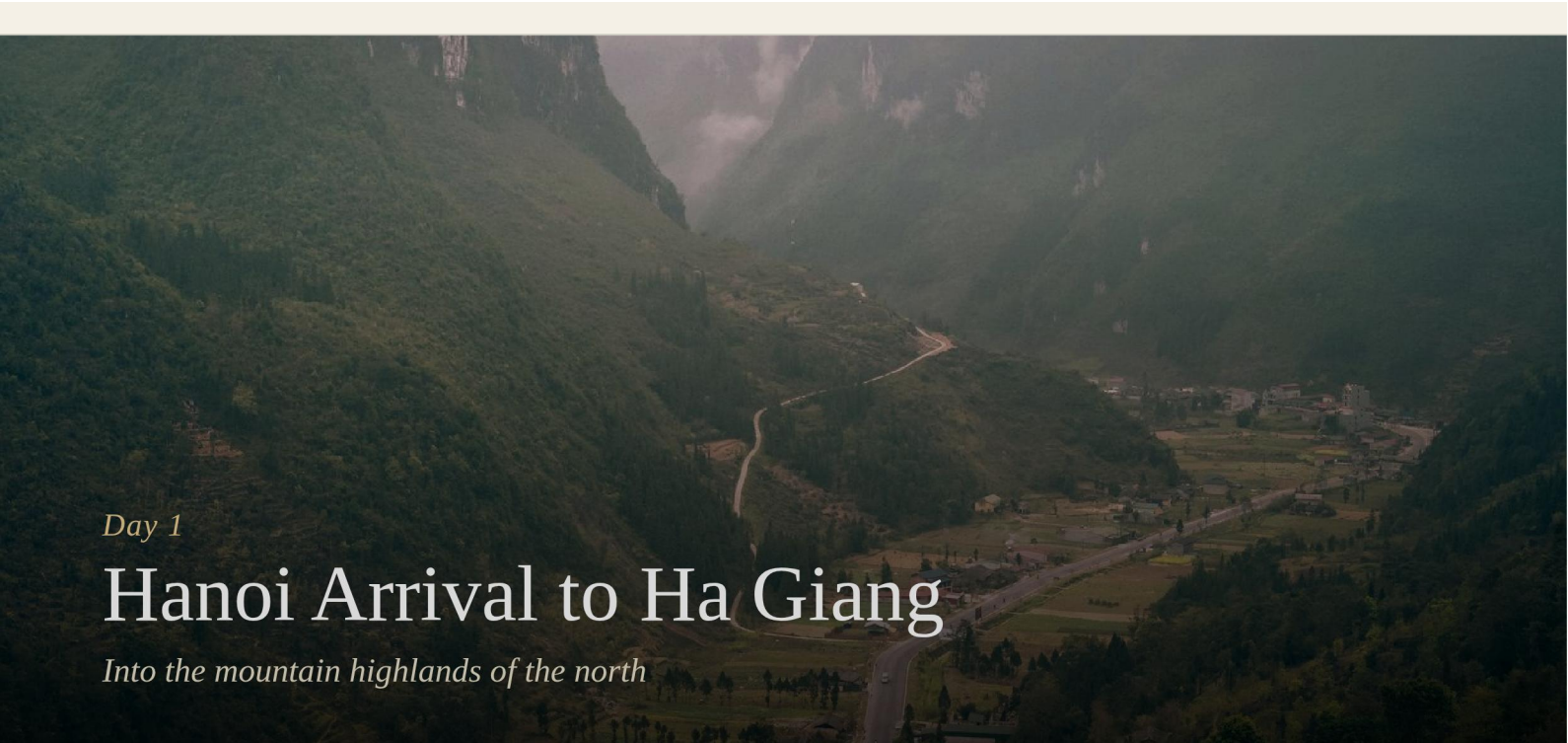
You won't remember every moment on this route. You'll remember the one each place gave you that no photograph could quite hold.

YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

Through the Northern Highlands & Halong Bay

Hanoi · Ha Giang · Cao Bang · Halong Bay

DAY	REGION	HIGHLIGHTS
Day 1	Ha Giang	Hanoi Arrival · Transfer to Ha Giang (5–6 hrs) · Welcome Dinner
Day 2	Dong Van	Quan Ba Heaven Gate · Twin Mountains · Lung Tam Village · Sung La Valley · Pao's House
Day 3	Cao Bang	Lung Cu Flag Tower · Ma Pi Leng Pass · Nho Que River Gorge · Meo Vac · Transfer to Cao Bang
Day 4	Cao Bang	Ban Gioc Waterfall · Bamboo Raft · Nguom Ngao Cave · Cao Bang Exploration
Day 5	Hanoi	Scenic Drive Cao Bang → Hanoi (6–7 hrs) · Rest Night · Dinner
Day 6	Halong Bay	Board Amanda Pearl · Lan Ha Bay · Dark & Bright Cave · Cooking Class · Overnight Cruise
Day 7	Departure	Tai-chi on Sundeck · Kayaking · Brunch on Cruise · Transfer to Airport · Departure



Day 1

Hanoi Arrival to Ha Giang

Into the mountain highlands of the north

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

We begin in Hanoi this morning, where you'll meet your local guide. We head north into Ha Giang Province — a 5–6 hour scenic drive through winding mountain roads, ethnic minority villages, and breathtaking countryside views. Ha Giang is one of the most spectacular mountainous regions in all of Vietnam. The road itself rises through misty valleys and dense forest, giving you your first glimpse of the karst landscape that defines this remote corner of the country. Check in, freshen up, and sit down to a welcome dinner before the Ha Giang Loop begins tomorrow.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Drive through Bac Me and the gorges of the Lo River valley
 - First views of limestone karst peaks emerging from the mist
 - Pass through small market towns and Tay minority villages
 - Arrive Ha Giang town — the last major stop before the loop begins
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OVERNIGHT

Ha Giang · Phoenix Ha Giang Hotel (or similar) · Superior Room

Breakfast & Dinner included

The winding roads of Ha Giang Province — the gateway to Vietnam's untamed north

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Day 2

Quan Ba · Sung La · Pao's House · Dong Van

Heaven Gate and the Hmong highlands

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

Begin the Ha Giang Loop in earnest. The first stop is Quan Ba Heaven Gate — a dramatic mountain pass that opens to panoramic views of the valley below and the famous Twin Mountains, two volcanic domes rising from the earth like green sentinels. Continue to Lung Tam Village for a demonstration of traditional Hmong hemp weaving — a craft passed down through generations. Then wind through the gorgeous Sung La Valley, where corn and buckwheat fields cling to the hillsides, to reach Pao's House — a beautifully preserved Hmong stone farmhouse made famous by a beloved Vietnamese film. Arrive in the remote frontier town of Dong Van as the sun drops behind the karsts.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Quan Ba Heaven Gate — sweeping valley panorama
- Twin Mountains rising dramatically from the valley floor
- Lung Tam Village — live Hmong hemp weaving demonstration
- Sung La Valley — one of Ha Giang's most photographed landscapes
- Pao's House — Hmong stone architecture & cultural exhibit

OVERNIGHT

Dong Van · Đồng Văn Cliffside House (or similar) · ROH Room

Breakfast & Dinner included

Sung La Valley — misty karst peaks and terraced fields at the heart of the Ha Giang Loop

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Day 3

Lung Cu · Ma Pi Leng · Nho Que · Cao Bang

The most dramatic pass in Vietnam

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

The most awe-inspiring day of the entire journey. Start at Lung Cu Flag Tower, perched near Vietnam's northernmost point at over 1,400 metres — the views are 360 degrees of raw mountain wilderness. Then comes Ma Pi Leng, one of the four great mountain passes of Vietnam and among the most dramatic roads in all of Southeast Asia. The cliffs plunge nearly 2,000 metres to the emerald Nho Que River threading far below. Stop to take it all in — this is a view that stays with you. Pass through Meo Vac, a colourful market town where Hmong, Dao, and other ethnic groups trade on weekend mornings. Then a 5–6 hour drive south toward Cao Bang.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Lung Cu Flag Tower — Vietnam's northernmost viewpoint
 - Ma Pi Leng Pass — cliffs falling 2,000m to the Nho Que River
 - Nho Que River gorge — kayak viewpoint (photo stop)
 - Meo Vac market town — ethnic minority market culture
 - Long scenic drive south through wild mountain terrain to Cao Bang
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OVERNIGHT

Cao Bang · Muong Thanh Luxury Cao Bằng (or similar) · Deluxe Room
Breakfast & Dinner included

The Nho Que River, viewed from Ma Pi Leng Pass — 2,000 metres of dramatic limestone gorge

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Day 4

Ban Gioc Waterfall & Nguom Ngao Cave

Southeast Asia's most spectacular waterfall

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

Today belongs entirely to Cao Bang's two great natural wonders. Ban Gioc Waterfall is one of the largest and most spectacular waterfalls in all of Southeast Asia — a wide, roaring curtain of white water crashing over limestone terraces right on the Vietnamese–Chinese border. Take a bamboo raft to the very base of the falls and feel the spray on your face. The scale of it is humbling. In the afternoon, Nguom Ngao Cave opens into a vast subterranean world — an otherworldly network of stalactite formations, cathedral chambers, and stone drapes that extend deep into the limestone mountain. Return to Cao Bang for a relaxed evening and one of the best dinners of the trip.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Ban Gioc Waterfall — bamboo raft to the base of the falls
 - Straddles the Vietnam–China border — a rare geographical spectacle
 - Nguom Ngao Cave — 2.8km of stalactite chambers
 - Cao Bang town — local street food and riverside evening walk
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OVERNIGHT

Cao Bang · Muong Thanh Luxury Cao Bằng (or similar) · Deluxe Room
Breakfast & Dinner included

Ban Gioc Waterfall, Cao Bang — one of the largest and most beautiful waterfalls in Southeast Asia

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Day 5

Cao Bang to Hanoi

The long scenic road south

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

After breakfast, depart Cao Bang and begin the 6–7 hour drive back to Hanoi. The road south winds through some of Vietnam's most beautiful and least-visited countryside — terraced rice fields stepping down into misty valleys, river crossings, small roadside towns where life moves at an entirely different pace. It is one of those days where the journey is the destination. Arrive in Hanoi in the evening, check in to your hotel, and enjoy a quiet dinner. Tomorrow the landscape changes completely — from mountain passes to limestone waters.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Scenic drive through Cao Bang and Bac Kan provinces
 - Rolling highland countryside — terraced paddies, river valleys, jungle roads
 - Stop at local roadside village for lunch en route
 - Arrive Hanoi — rest, recharge, and prepare for the cruise
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OVERNIGHT

Hanoi · Army Hotel (or similar) · Superior Room

Breakfast & Dinner included

Vietnam's northern countryside — terraced rice fields and valley mist on the long road south

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Day 6

Halong Overnight Cruise · Lan Ha Bay

Sailing the Bay of Descending Dragons

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

Pick up after breakfast and drive 3.5 hours to Tuan Chau Harbour. Board the Amanda Pearl Cruise for a welcome drink and set sail into Lan Ha Bay — the quieter, equally spectacular neighbour to the famous Halong Bay. Lunch is served onboard as the boat glides past the Finger Islet, Candle Islet, and thousands of uniquely shaped limestone towers rising from jade-green water. In the afternoon, explore the Dark and Bright Cave by bamboo boat — paddling through arched rock passages into hidden lagoons. Swim off the boat in the emerald bay. As the sun drops, join a Vietnamese spring roll cooking class on deck before the sunset party and dinner onboard under the stars.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Welcome cocktail and boat briefing as you sail into Lan Ha Bay
- Scenic cruise past 1,600+ limestone karsts — lunch on deck
- Dark and Bright Cave — bamboo boat through rock arches into hidden lagoons
- Swimming stop in emerald bay waters
- Vietnamese spring roll cooking class
- Sunset party on the sundeck · Gala dinner onboard

OVERNIGHT

Halong Bay · Amanda Pearl Cruise (or similar) · Junior Cabin

All Meals included — Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner onboard

Lan Ha Bay, Halong — 1,600 limestone karsts rising from some of the world's most stunning waters

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Day 7

Halong Bay Departure

Until the next journey

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

Rise early for a Tai-chi session on the sundeck as the bay comes to life in the morning light — limestone towers emerging from the mist, fishing boats passing in silence. Join a guided photo hunt among the karst formations before a light breakfast. Explore Lan Ha Bay one final time by kayak, paddling through rock arches and into hidden coves where the water is so clear you can see the sandy bottom. Return to the boat for check-out. Brunch is served at 10:00am as the Amanda Pearl slowly navigates back through emerald waters toward Tuan Chau Harbour. Farewell the crew at noon. Transfer to Hanoi Airport for your onward flight.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Sunrise Tai-chi on the sundeck
 - Morning photo session among the karst towers
 - Kayaking through rock arches and hidden lagoons
 - Brunch on cruise (10:00am) as you sail back to harbour
 - Noon disembarkation — transfer to Hanoi Airport
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OVERNIGHT

End of programme · Transfer to Hanoi Airport

Breakfast & Brunch included onboard

The final morning — limestone karsts, kayaks, and the quiet magic of Lan Ha Bay at sunrise

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WHERE YOU WILL STAY

Hotels & Accommodation

CITY	HOTEL	ROOM TYPE	MEAL PLAN	NTS
Hanoi	Army Hotel (or similar)	Superior Room	Breakfast & Dinner	2
Ha Giang	Phoenix Ha Giang (or similar)	Superior Room	Breakfast & Dinner	1
Dong Van	Đồng Văn Cliffside House (or similar)	ROH Room	Breakfast & Dinner	1
Cao Bang	Muong Thanh Luxury (or similar)	Deluxe Room	Breakfast & Dinner	2
Halong Bay	Amanda Pearl Cruise (or similar)	Junior Cabin	All meals onboard	1

All rates for 1 room with twin/double sharing. Breakfast & dinner included at all hotels. Rates subject to availability and confirmation.

PACKAGE COSTING

Journey Cost

Per Person · Twin Sharing · incl. GST & E-Visa

GST · TCS · Vietnam E-Visa — all included in the price above. Flights not included.

PRICE PER PERSON

Twin Sharing · incl. GST & E-Visa

₹89,900

1ST · 25% — ON BOOKING

₹22,475

Confirms your seat

2ND · 25% — 60 DAYS PRIOR

₹22,475

Second instalment

3RD · 25% — 30 DAYS PRIOR

₹22,475

Third instalment

4TH · 25% — 15 DAYS PRIOR

₹22,475

Final instalment

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EVERY DETAIL, CLEARLY DEFINED

What's Included & What's Not

INCLUDED

- ✓ 6 nights accommodation — daily breakfast & dinner as per itinerary
- ✓ Halong Bay overnight cruise — all meals onboard (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)
- ✓ All meals as specified — Indian-friendly, no beef, no pork throughout
- ✓ AC vehicle with experienced driver for the full duration
- ✓ English-speaking tour guide for the full duration
- ✓ All sightseeing entrance fees & permits
- ✓ Drinking water in vehicle throughout
- ✓ Vietnam E-Visa — included & facilitated by Global Journeys
- ✓ GST & TCS — included in the package price

NOT INCLUDED

- ✗ International airfare (Hanoi inbound / Hanoi outbound — flights not included)
- ✗ Early check-in / late check-out at hotels
- ✗ Beverages at included meals
- ✗ Personal expenses — laundry, bar bills, porter charges, etc.
- ✗ Compulsory tipping for guides & drivers (USD 3 per person per day, payable directly)

Booking Procedure & Refund Policy

How To Book

Your booking is secured in four equal instalments — each 25% of the package price. The first payment confirms your seat on the departure. Our team will send you a payment schedule and confirmation directly from our official GlobalJourneys email.

Now relax and enjoy — we'll handle everything from logistics to last-minute changes so your experience stays smooth and personal.

Payment Schedule

INSTALMENT	DUE
On confirming booking	25%
60 days before departure	25%
30 days before departure	25%
15 days before departure	25%

Cancellation Policy

All cancellation requests must be made in writing via email. Refunds, where applicable, are processed within 0–7 working days and are always calculated on total tour cost.

Note: A non-refundable booking fee of 20% applies to all bookings, covering costs already committed on your behalf — hotel holds, vehicle reservations, and cruise bookings paid in advance.

Cancellation Schedule

NOTICE BEFORE TOUR	REFUND
120 days or more	100%*
60–119 days	50%*
30–59 days	30%*
15–29 days	10%*
14 days or less / No show	0%

**Minus the non-refundable 20% booking fee.*

Why the 20% Is Non-Refundable

Hotel rooms, vehicle arrangements and cruise bookings for your dates are reserved and paid for immediately once your advance is received. Any cancellation requires us to release and rebook these at our own cost — which is why a portion of the tour cost is non-refundable.

How to Pay

Scan & Pay — UPI



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Scan with any UPI app — PhonePe, GPay, Paytm, or your banking app

Bank Transfer — NEFT / RTGS / IMPS

Account Name	GlobalJourneys
Account Type	Current Account
Account No.	258879170009
IFSC Code	INDB0000470
Bank	IndusInd Bank
Branch	Crawford Market, Mumbai

Please share your payment screenshot on WhatsApp or email after transfer. Your booking is confirmed only upon receipt of the advance payment and written confirmation from our team.

Journeys That Stay With You

Smiles from the heart, stories from our guests.



Arnaz Goimewala

Mumbai, India



“Big thank you Global Journeys for the amazing Kashmir trip. Right from day one till the end, everything was arranged with utmost care and attention — the chauffeurs, the cars, the detailed itinerary. Global Journeys has never disappointed me. Many thanks to Hussain who made this trip so memorable and enjoyable for us.”



Natasha Demelo

Mumbai, India



“We had an amazing experience planning our Turkey trip with Global Journeys. They took care of all our bookings and suggested the best places to visit. Husain was incredibly supportive, offering recommendations tailored to our preferences. Husain and team are truly genuine, with lots of experience. I highly recommend booking with them.”



Shobita Kumar

Mumbai, India



“Global Journeys is far better than any agency. They were so immaculate, prompt, and planned our trip to 6 cities in Croatia and Greece with the most luxurious hotels and flawless logistics. There was not a single glitch in any way. Looking forward to all our other trips with Global Journeys.”



Farhad Bharucha

Mumbai, India



“Global Journeys is the best travel desk I have come across. From arranging an amazing Spain trip end to end, to assisting us in the midst of travel issues due to the Middle East crisis — they were there at every step. Hussain & Taher are truly humble and genuine. I would highly recommend them.”