Ha Long Bay

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Set sail among the breathtaking limestone cliffs that jut from the emerald waters of Ha Long Bay

According to local legend, Ha Long Bay was formed by the thrashing tails of dragons that were sent by the gods to help the Vietnamese people defend their land from invading Chinese forces. According to scientists, it was created by millions of years of erosion and geological evolution. No matter how it was fashioned, Ha Long Bay is a unique wonder of the natural world—a precious open-air geological museum and UNESCO World Heritage Site. An exploration of the bay and its islands is the perfect way to launch your Mekong River adventure.

**Day 1**

**Hanoi, Vietnam**

Once you’ve cleared customs at Noi Bai International Airport in Hanoi, you’ll be greeted by a Uniworld representative who will help you with your luggage and take you to your luxury hotel. After check-in, you may choose to rest at the hotel or go out and explore the city. Your local host will be happy to offer suggestions, but be sure to visit nearby Kim Lien Pagoda. The 800-year-old temple, whose name means “golden lotus,” is considered the most beautiful in Hanoi.

**Day 2**

**Ha Long Bay**

Saffron-colored sails bell from the high masts of the traditional junk that sail the exquisite waters of Ha Long Bay, contributing a picturesque note to the extraordinary beauty of this UNESCO-designated landscape. After enjoying breakfast at your hotel in Hanoi, you’ll board a motorcoach that will carry you on a scenic drive to the bay, where you’ll board a luxurious junk and begin your breathtaking cruise. Precipitous limestone pillars and isles—some 1,600 of them—rise out of the emerald water of the bay. Settle into your stateroom, then enjoy lunch with a matchless view as you sail among these astonishing formations, the result of eons of tides and rain. Later, rowboats will take you, in small groups of four to six, to Vung Vieng, a floating fishing village whose brightly painted houses shelter about 20 families. You will also have time for swimming or optional services such as an adventurous kayak rental or a relaxing massage. Are you intrigued by Vietnamese cooking? The boat’s chef will demonstrate some of the techniques that create this extraordinary cuisine before you sit down to the delicious dinner he’s prepared. Afterward, relax on deck and enjoy more scenic sailing.

**Day 3**

**Hanoi**

**Featured Excursion:**
**Sung Sot Cave**

Early this morning, participate in Tai Chi on the sundeck and enjoy a light breakfast prior to your excursion.

The karst islands of the bay are dotted with caves. Join an early-morning excursion to one of the most spectacular—Sung Sot Cave on Bo Hon Island. This enormous cave (encompassing three separate chambers filled with stalactites and stalagmites) is also colorfully lit, making it both fun and fascinating to explore.

After brunch onboard the junk, you’ll disembark and return to Hanoi, where you’ll check back into your previous hotel. The rest of the day is yours to spend at leisure in Vietnam’s charming capital city.

**Buffet breakfast is included with hotel stay. All meals are included onboard the junk.**

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**Note:** The itineraries presented are subject to modification due to closures because of public holidays or other uncontrollable factors. Every effort will be made to operate programs as planned, but changes may still be necessary throughout the itinerary.

**Note:** All extras, such as bottled water, drinks, tips, telephone calls, laundry and items of a personal nature, are not included in the cost of the trip.