

TRIBAL NORTH VIETNAM



Vietnam is an extraordinary country for riding a motorbike, on- and off-road. Adventure is guaranteed! Below follows some information that you should know before we meet in Hanoi.

Riding abilities.

You don't need to be a hard-core off-road/enduro expert to join our tours. You *do* need experience with travelling in foreign countries and with riding on gravel. The days can be long, depending on many factors, so you have to be comfortable in most situations in order not to suffer fatigue too quickly. The pace is relaxed, it is not a competition, as we are traveling and will take a break frequently. There will be time enough to take pictures, movies, rest etc. On our longer tours we have resting days to enjoy all the local cultural highlights and to refuel energy. We do want to emphasize that for our off-road tours that you need to be healthy and in a good physical condition.

We have different levels for our different tours. On our website it is clarified which level the tour is and what level of experience is needed (Vietnam is level 4). Self-assessment is not easy, and if in doubt please don't hesitate to contact us. We are more than willing to explain you more about it.

During this tour you will ride on light 250 CC Honda CRF off-road motorcycles. They are easy to handle and perfect to do the job. We'll ride on different kind surface from perfect curvy tarmac, gravel roads and single tracks that can be steep and stony. Combined with water-crossings, remote tribal villages and jaw-dropping views it is an amazing tour that will move all your senses.



ITINERARY

- Day 1: Arrival (Hotel) - welcoming dinner
- Day 2: Guided Hanoi city tour by US Army Jeep (hotel)
- Day 3: Ha Noi - Ba Be 220km (Home-stay)
- Day 4: Ba Be - Dong Van 210km (Hotel)
- Day 5: Dong Van - Ha Giang 200km (Home-stay)
- Day 6: Ha Giang - Pan Huu 110km (Resort)
- Day 7: Pan Huu - Xin Man 180km (Guest-house)
- Day 8: Xin Man - Sapa 220km (home-stay at Ban Ho village)
- Day 9: Sapa - Mu Cang Chai 140km (Home-stay)
- Day 10: Mu Cang Chai - Ngoc Chien -Nghia Lo 230km (Hotel)
- Day 11: Nghia lo - Moc Chau 200km (home-stay)
- Day 12: Moc Chau - Pu Luong 180km (Home stay)
- Day 13: Pu Luong Ha Noi 180km (Hotel)
- Day 14: Departure

PRICE

Rider:	34 900 SEK
Pillion	not possible
Support vehicle	21 900 SEK

Included

- Airport pickup & drop off
- 3 nights in Hanoi (single room) in luxury hotel.
- 1/2 day Hanoi city tour by US Army Jeep (incl lunch)
- 11 riding days on motorcycle.
- Honda CRF 250cc
- English, Vietnamese, Swedish, Dutch speaking guides
- Mechanic and all spares
- All accommodation (home stays, resorts, guest-houses and hotels on tour (single room where available)
- All meals on tour (local food for breakfast and dinner, picnics for lunch, etc.)
- All drinks during the day (except beer and wine)
- Welcome dinner (local Vietnamese food)
- Final night dinner (local Vietnamese food)
- Third party insurance

Excluded

- Flight ticket
- Medical/travel insurance
- Visa (if needed)
- Alcoholic drinks
- Personal expenses



WHAT TO BRING?

Documents:

- **PASSPORT** (valid for 6 months with at least 2 consecutive blank pages).
- **DRIVER'S LICENSE**
- **INTERNATIONAL DRIVERS LICENSE.**
- **MEDICAL AND TRAVEL INSURANCE.** Bring contact number and policy number. Make sure that helicopter medevac is included.
- **CREDIT CARD:** there are ATM's in Hanoi. Payment with card only in Hanoi.
- **CASH (US\$)** Bring cash US\$ or take from a ATM. You can change for Vietnamese Dong.
- **VISA:** Please check Visa requirements for your country of origin, prior to travel as for most countries a visa is needed. A visa application form before departure is needed (some countries are exempted). Bring this together with 2 x photo 4x6 cm. with a white colour back-ground.

Gear/clothes:

- **Protective riding gear** (suit, helmet, gloves, etc). The temperature can fluctuate between 30 Celsius (Hanoi) and 5 C° up in the mountains when it's raining.
- **Boots.** Bring hard (enduro)boots with ankle protection. It will safe you leg/ankle!
- **Sunglasses and sunscreen**
- **Light rain gear /rain jacket.** Temperatures can drop when riding on high altitude or when raining.
- **Casual wear** for evening dinners and non-riding days.
- **Warm fleece and hat** for our cooler days/evenings
- **Camelbags/Hydration back-pack. Highly recommended!** Necessary very handy to prevent dehydration (also to prevent altitude sickness).
- **Camera.** These magnificent views you want to capture!
- **Head-light.** Some home-stays have no electricity during the night.
- **Travel sheets.** Can be useful when staying in the home-stays.
- **Power pack.** As a back-up for charging you electronic equipment/phone.
- **Your spirit for adventure!**

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

MEDICAL / VACCINATIONS

Please contact your local health authority for which vaccinations are needed/mandatory. This varies per country.

Malaria. We will not be in the south of Vietnam, but if you're planning to extend your stay and travel elsewhere, please contact your local health authority.

Yellow Fever. Although there is no risk of yellow fever in Vietnam, a valid yellow fever certificate is required if your journey starts or entails passing through the Yellow Fever Belt of Africa or South America.

Medicines. Don't forget your personal medicines. Some painkillers and medicines against travellers-diarrhoea are recommended to bring.

ROAD TRAVEL WITHIN VIETNAM

Vietnam has an extensive road infrastructure including national roads and secondary roads. Most roads are in good condition, but there are a few exceptions, with some great gravel roads for our off-road experience – yeahhh!

Traffic. In Vietnam the traffic is on the right-hand side and chaotic, especially in bigger cities/towns like Hanoi. But when driving slow, accidents are less likely to happen. On the main roads buses and trucks are on top of the hierarchy and take over whenever they feel like it. This can be in curves or wherever. Keep always cautious and “expect the unexpected”!

Speed limits. Keep an eye out for the designated speed limit as these may vary depending on road conditions and law enforcement does take place next to the road.

Driver's license: You must have a valid driver's license issued in your own country.

International Drivers license. It is mandatory you carry an official translation of your license / an international driving license. You should always have your driver's license with you when you are driving, as you will be asked to produce it if you are pulled over for any reason.

Fuel: Fuel is included in the tour price and we will refuel with the whole group.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

CURRENCY

Vietnam has the Vietnamese Dong (VND). The value is 100.000 Dong = 39 SEK / 4,1 € / 4,4 US\$ (January 2017)

ATM.

There are cash machines in bigger cities and towns available where you can withdrawn local money.

CASH.

Bring US\$ in cash. So you can always change in case needed.

WATER.

Water in Vietnam is not safe to drink. When traveling to remote rural areas you should take your own drinking water along or buy bottled water.

ELECTRICITY

The Vietnamese electricity supply is 110/220 volts AC 50 HZ. In Vietnam the power sockets used are of type A, C and D. Check out the following pictures (when from continental Europe). More info you can find here:

<http://www.power-plugs-sockets.com>



INTERNET/WIFI

You can buy a local sim-card with internet access. Internet and Wi-Fi are accessible in urban areas but not everywhere in rural areas.

TIPS AND TIPPING

As a rough guide: give like 10% to a waiter in a restaurant.

SECURITY

Vietnam is a safe country. But use common sense and take basic safety precautions. Keep valuables locked away and don't wear expensive watches or jewellery, flash expensive cameras, etc. If in doubt, ask a guide or at your accommodation for safety guidelines.

MISCELLANEOUS.

AIRPORT PICK-UP / DROP OFF. You will be picked up by a driver (with a Explore360 sign) when arriving at Hanoi International airport and brought back when departing. Please send your flight number and timings to us.

TRAVEL SUITCASE / SOFT-BAG.

When traveling with all your gear you can bring a big suitcase. This one you can leave in hotel where we stay upon arrival and when we come back to Hanoi. For during the tour, please bring a *smaller soft-bag* for in the support car. We have smaller waterproof soft-bags available to strap (bungee cords also available) on the bikes for rain clothes etc. in case needed.

HOTEL We will stay in Tirant hotel in the Old Quarter in Hanoi the 1st, 2nd and last night.

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