

Code AD44 05	<b>4x4 Discovery of Central Highlands and Northern part</b>
<b>DURATION:</b>	<b>14 days / 13nights</b>
<b>ROUTE:</b>	Ho Chi Minh City - Kontum - Konktu - Hoi An - Da Nang - Maichau -NinhBinh - Halong Bay -Hanoi

Buon Ma Thuot : A good Central Highlands base for visits to ethnic minority villages and to a national park, where elephants still roam and elephant treks are available.

Hoian : Low - slung, houses, shops and temples crowd the streets of this ancient mercantile town. At this center of the clothes trade, hundreds of tailors sew gowns, suits, bags and shoes in silks and cottons for fashion emporiums cross town.

Halong bay is a sparkling, emerald-green bay dotted with sailling junks and thousands of forested limesone towers. Catba, home to the rare white-headed langur, is the largest island in an archipelago of hundreds.



Photo : Meo vac on Sunday market

#### HIGHLIGHTS

[Map](#)

- \* Don village in BuonMathuot
- \* Draysap and Gialong waterfalls
- \* Yordon National park
- \* Hochiminh trails
- \* Hoian Old Town
- \* Hanoi capital
- \* Maichau - home of Thai people
- \* NinhBinh -Halong bay in land
- \* Haiphong city -Catba island
- \* Halong bay - the wonder of world

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### **Day 01: Hochiminh city - BuonMathuot by 4WD ( L )**

Am: 8h00 pick up from your hotel in Hochiminh city depart for BuonMathuot city. A good Central Highlands base for visits to ethnic minority villages and to a national park, where elephants still roam and elephant treks are available. Stop on the way at Duc Trong and many others place for taking photos. Arrive BuonMathuot at 18h00 Pm. Overnight at hotel.

### **Day 02: Buon Ma Thuot - Don village - Yordon National park. ( B, L )**

8:00 transfer to Buon Ma Thuot (50 km) for visiting the villages of the Ede people : Akothong. Then visit Yordon National park by elephant riding. You will see many coffee plantation, coffee has long been the main stay of local economy , and the fortune of the area are highly dependent on the price of the bean. Return and overnight in Banmethuot.

### **Day 03: Buon Ma Thuot - Pleiku ( B, L )**

Morning: Visit Draysap -Gialong Falls, both waterfalls sharing a stretch of Krong Ana river, are stunning and offer a good river side trekking opportunities. Pm : Transfer to Pleiku, surrounded plantations and large number of Montagnards , the ethnic hill tribe. Stop over on the way. Overnight in Pleiku.

### **Day 4 : Pleiku - Kontum - Konklo 192km ( B, L )**

Am : depart to Kontum - There are several sights in the town and this is also the gate way to the historic Hochiminh trails. Check in hotel



Pm : Visit Seminary and Hill tribe Museum, Wooden church and the villages of BahNar people.

### **Day 05 : KonKlor II - KonKoTu ( B, L,D )**

Morning: Breakfast at village. 7:30 trek through paddy fields to KonJoRi village then cross forest to DakBla River. Continue the trek along DakBla River to bamboo hanging bridge. 12:00 lunch picnic at DakBla River. Swim in DakBla River

Afternoon: 14:00 Boating in DakBla River to KonKoTu village. Visit KonKoTu. 18:30 dinner in Rong house. 19:30 enjoy traditional Gong music, Xoang dance and drink local jar-wine. Overnight in Rong house.

### **Day 06: Kon Ko Tu - Kon Tum ( B, L,D )**

Morning: Car picks up at KonKoTu and transfer to KonTum for breakfast. then to Kon Ray (40 Km) Visit the villages of Sodra & JoLung people, come back Kon Tum.

8:00 transfer to YaChim commune (20 km) for visiting the villages of the JaRai people such as: PleiRo Lay, PleiWeh and PleiBua and sight seeing Yaly lake.

### **Day 07: Kon Tum - Dakto - Hoian by Hochiminh trails ( B, L )**

8:00 transfer to Hoian , stop over at Dakto, 42 km north of Kontum, was a major battlefied dung the American War. Arrive Hoian town in the afeternoon. Check in and overnight at hotel.

### **Day 08 : Hoian - Myson ( B, L )**

8:00Drive to visit My Son, a ancient religion center of the Cham people in the past, 55 km to the South West of Hoi An town, the most important remains of the kingdom of Champa and a Unesco World Heritage site. Return to Hoian. Free time to visit the town. Overnight at hotel in Hoian.

### **Day 09 : Hoian -Danang - Hanoi - Maichau ( B, L ) Flight**



Am : Transfer to the airport for the morning flight to Hanoi. Pick up at the airport and transfer to Maichau Hoabinh. The evening we see a performance of traditional dance followed by local rice liquor. Overnight in Mai Chau at the village.

**Day 10 : Maichau - NinhBinh ( B, L )**

Short cycling around Mai Chau valley. The stunning mountainous scenery and simple lifestyle of the Thai hill tribe people are a highlight of Mai Chau although conditions are very basic.

Pm : Depart to NinhBinh via ManDuc and Hochiminh trails. Overnight at Thuyanh hotel.

**Day 11 : Ninhbinh - Halong bay ( B, L )**

Am : Visit Tam Coc restaurant. Have rowing boat trip along Ngo Dong river that drive you through the three marvelous caves - Tam Coc. Lunch at the restaurant. Transfer to Halong bay. Overnight at hotel .



**Day 12 : Halong -Hanoi ( B, L )**

Boat trip on the bay (5 hours) to visit typical islands and caves. Lunch on boat. Enjoy the landscape of the immense bay with 5,000 islets. Bathing at a beach at The Titop Islet. Explore Sung Sot (Amazing) cave Cruise back through stunning scenery of th bay Lunch. Disembark . Pick up and return to Hanoi. Overnight at hotel in Hanoi.

**Day 13 : -Hanoi city tour free time ( B, L )**

Visit to HoChiMinh Mausoleum, HoChiMinh's House-on-stilt, HoChiMinh Museum (or Ethnic Museum), Van Mieu (Temple of Literature). Lunch P.M: Visit Hoan Kiem Lake, Ngoc Son Temple. Cyclo tour (2 hours) to visit Old Quarter of Hanoi and Dong Xuan Market. Night in Hanoi.

**Day 14 : departure ( B )**

Breakfast at hotel. Free until transfer to airport for departure.

End tour.

Rate in USD per person valid 31Oct 2008

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Hotel category	Number of Persons				
	2-3	4-5	6-9	10-14	Single Sup
Standard					
Superior					
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**Accommodation offering in this trip: ( click to see hotel )**

Cities	Standard	Superior class
<b>BuonMathuot</b>	Thanh cong hotel	DamSan
<b>Pleiku</b>	Duclong	TreXanh
<b>Konketu</b>	Rong house	Rong house
<b>Kontum</b>	QuangTrung	Indochine
<b>Hoian</b>	ThuyDuong 3	ThuyDuong 3
<b>Maichau</b>	Village	Maichau Lodge
<b>NinhBinh</b>	ThuyAnh hotel	ThuyAnh hotel
<b>Halong bay</b>	HongMinh hotel	BachDang hotel
<b>Hanoi</b>	Classic	ThienThai

**Tour Cost includes:**

- Transportation in mountain by Ford Everest 4 X 4 - Ford Transit group over 4 pax
- Meal as mentioned: B = breakfast, L = Lunch ( full meals on trekking )
- Accommodation : twin sharing room at the below mentioned hotel
- English or French speaking guide
- Entrance fees and permission to indicated sights
- Flight from Danang to Hanoi
- Traditional Music in Maichau
- Private boat in Halong bay, Hoalu

**Tour Cost excludes:**

Airport taxes; Visas; travel insurance; tips; personal expenses, emergency transfers.

**Trip Summary:**

Where	Trip starts in Hochiminh city and ends in Hanoi
When	All year round;
Grade	Moderate to Strenous;
Accommodation	Simple guest-houses (Standard), Tourist-class hotels (Superior);
Transport	Private car or bus, public train, etc.;
Meals	As indicated (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner) Vietnamese food