



Earthbound Expeditions

Hanoi, Xuan Son National Park Trekking

5 days, from US\$700 per person

Duration

5 days

Group size

Unlimited People

Country

Vietnam

Exploring Hanoi-Xuan National Park

Day by day

Day 1

Hanoi ARRIVAL

All guests are warmly welcomed upon arrival at Noi Bai International Airport by our local guide then transfer to check in the hotel. After that guests will visit the beautiful Hoan Kiem Lake and Ngoc Son Temple. Hoan Kiem Lake was already considered the most beautiful lake in Hanoi when Ngoc Son Temple was built on an island in the 19th century. Initially, the temple was called Ngoc Son Pagoda and was later renamed Ngoc Son Temple, since temples are dedicated to saints. Saint Van Suong, considered to be one of the brightest stars in Vietnam's literary and intellectual circles, was worshipped there along with other National heroes. Overnight at hotel in Hanoi

Altitude: 20 m On foot: Easy walking, 1–2 hrs Night: Hotel, Hanoi Meals: None

Day 2

Hanoi – XUAN SON TREKKING

After breakfast, our tour guide and vehicle will pick you up at in Hanoi and drive 100km to reach Xuan Son National Park via famous the Temple of King Hung located in Phu Tho Province. After 2.5 hour ride, we arrive the main gate of the Park and meet-up with our local escort and start trekking on rough and narrow path to Du Village. Boxed lunch will be served en route. The scenic view along the route is beautified by terraced paddies and green palm forests. Du Village is home to Dzao Ethnic Minority people and also known as the administrative station of the National Park. After 4km trekking, we reach Du village and check in homestay. Here, their stilt houses are built in their traditional architectural style. We will have chance to talk with old men to learn more about their daily lives and works such as going deep into forest for collecting firewood, and jungle fruits, vegetables. The rest of day is your free time to walk around this village and photo-hunt. We should not miss to observe how local women cook their traditional dinners as well as our dinner of chicken, bamboo sprouts, and some wild vegetable taken from the forest with rice wine. Overnight at local stilt house of Dzao people in Xuan Son National Park. Activity: 4kms trekking on rough road.

Altitude: 400 m On foot: 4 km, 2–3 hrs Night: Homestay, Du Village Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3

XUAN SON TREKKING

Xuan Son National Park: Trekking up to high Ten Peak Early morning, our local hosts will prepare a packageful of Dao delicacies like sticky-rice packed cakes and specially-cooked for us and after light breakfast, we pack our foods and drinks for a challenge trekking day up to Ten Mountain (1000m above the sea levels), known as the highest peak in Xuan Son National Park. We must equip thick warm clothes, leech repellent before start our trek. The trek leads us on a rough and steep jungle trail and all the hard work will pay off as we reach the top of the forest-covered peak and witness the amazing panorama that will unfold in front of us. Reaching the top is already a victory in itself, but setting sight of the wonderful scene stretched out is another experience worth taking pride in. Enjoy packed lunch at this summit and relax. Afterwards, we find our way down easily and it does not take us long as we climb up. Descending slowly and hike back to Du Village of the Dzao for another overnight. Our totally-8-hour-trekking day really makes us really tired but the traditional dinner of local host prepare for us at their kitchen awards us warmly. Take a tight sleep at local stilt house to get full energy back for next long trekking day. Overnight in Xuan Son National Park. Activity: 8 hours of trekking on jungle trails

Altitude: 1,000 m at Ten Peak On foot: 7–8 hrs Night: Homestay, Du Village Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4

XUAN SON TREKKING

Xuan Son National Park: Hiking to most remote Coi Hamlet Early morning, after light breakfast at home-stay, we leave this small village to Coi Hamlet which is located most remotely in limestone valley of National Park and is also home to Muong Ethnic Minority People. A 7kms-trekking leads us on jungle paths to arrive Coi Hamlet, here we will let our tiring legs relax then our local escorts will take us to visit gorgeous Coi Cave. Following a pure stream, we enter the Cave to admire its stalactites sparkling as hanging lamps and reach a natural pond. Freely swimming here then walk back to Coi Hamlet for tasteful lunch prepared by friendly Muong people. Afternoon, we say goodbye to Coi Hamlet and transfer to Hanoi. Overnight at hotel in hanoi Activity: 7 kms of trekking on jungle paths

Altitude: 20 m On foot: 7 km, 3–4 hrs Night: Hotel, Hanoi Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 5

HANOI – DEPARTURE

This morning you will explore Hanoi city to visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (closed on Monday, Friday and during the entire months of September & October) and his former residence with Humble House on Stilts, One-Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature, known as the first university of Vietnam and built more than 1,000 years ago. Lunch will be served at local restaurant Note: During the closure of Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum on Every Monday & Friday and whole month of September, October Tran Quoc Pagoda shall be replaced After lunch you will be proceeding to Noi Bai International Airport for your international flight home. We hope you had an exciting holiday with us. Making it an affair to remember!

Altitude: 20 m On foot: Easy walking, 1–2 hrs Night: No overnight Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

What's included

- Our tour prices are inclusive of accommodation in shared Twin/ Double/ Triple room with air-condition (AC) and private bathroom, meals as stated in the programme [B= breakfast, L= lunch, D= dinner], transfers and tours with local English speaking guides in private air-conditioned vehicles, all entrance fees as mentioned in the programme, mineral water of 2 bottles on bus per day and fresh towels available on the vehicles plus beautiful Vietnamese traditional gift.

Not included

- Not included are international flight, domestic flight, optional tours, personal travel insurance, personal expenditure, such as drinks, souvenirs, laundry, camera fees, communications, postage, gratuities etc., meals and services other than mentioned in the programme, drinks with meals, compulsory gala dinners during festive seasons and peak season surcharges which will be advised at the time of booking, early check-in and late check-out at hotels, if not mentioned in the programme.