

Hạ Long & Cát Bà Island

A cruise on private junk



The Ha Long Bay is a magical place... Therefore, I always found it a shame to visit this bay in big boats, following each other in a single line all along a large channel, without caring about people's wishes... Based on this observation, I have thus decided to organize the visit of the bay myself, by offering private and customized tours!

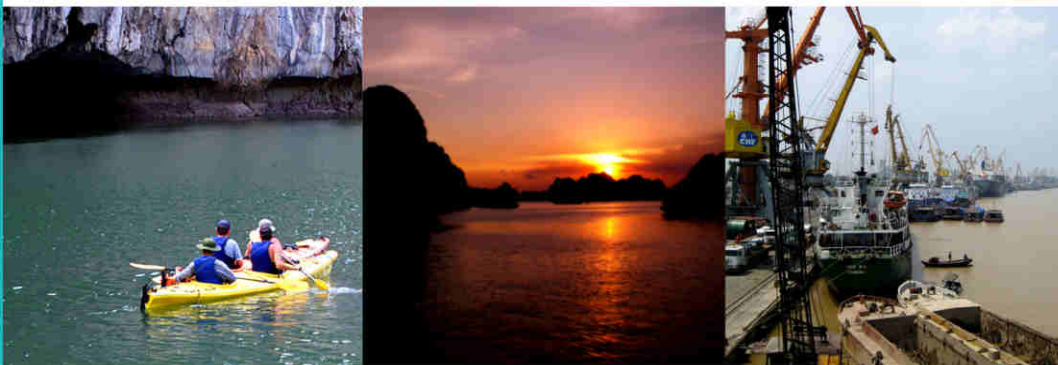
Visiting the Ha Long Bay leaving from Cat Ba, is in my opinion the best way since **you enter directly into this mythical bay** from its most beautiful part, the Lan Ha Bay. In this way, **I offer you a tour on small traditional private jonques** that can snake in and out in all the hidden recesses of the bay...

The night onboard is spent in **a private cabin on a jonque where only the crew accompanies you** to steer the helm and cook the meals.

Admittedly the jonques are less luxurious than the boats from big Agencies who offer classic tours, however these jonques allow a **much more different and original discovery of the Bay.**

With a wide range of activities during 2, 3 or 4 days, **this tour can be adjustable to each of your tastes and wishes...**

Lastly, being myself a lover of the culinary art, **I particularly mind the quality of meals**, especially given that Ha Long is the heaven of fish and seafood...



BASE OF PROGRAM : 2 Days - 1 Night

THE BAY ON A PRIVATE JUNK

Day 1

You will leave for the town of Hai Phong, either at:
 - 6.15am, a private car will come and pick you up at your hotel
 - Or at 5.15am, from the Long Bien bus station in Ha Noi to go to the Tam Bac bus station in Hai Phong, then, a taxi to the Ben Binh harbor in Hai Phong. **With this option, bus tickets and taxi fees are at your charge. A roadmap is given in Annex.**
 The ferry for Cat Ba Island leaves at 9am. It takes an hour to get there.

One of my contacts will be waiting for you when you arrive and will bring you to a local restaurant for a breakfast on the harbor. Rest of the morning at liberty by the harbor and possibility to go to the beach.

At noon, you will go to the small harbor of Cai Beo where you will get on board a small private junk to visit the Lan Ha Bay (the most beautiful part of Ha Long Bay).

Lunch will be taken onboard at 1pm.

In the afternoon stops can be made at will in the bay if you want to go for a swim, do some kayak or visit the inland lake for example.

At the end of the afternoon, you will visit the fishermen village.

Diner and accommodation onboard, in the middle of the Bay.

*Breakfast in Cat Ba,
 Private car (if car option
 chosen),
 Ferry Hai Phong - Cat
 Ba,
 Private junk,
 Tickets and kayak,
 Lunch, dinner and
 overnight on board in
 the bay.*

Day 2

You will admire the sunrise view during breakfast onboard and possibility to enjoy a morning bath in the bay.

The boat will continue its cruise among the karst peaks and you will take the time to visit every nook and cranny of Lan Ha Bay.

You will be back on Cat Ba island around noon and lunch will be taken in a restaurant on the harbor

The ferry to Hai Phong leaves at 2pm.

Once you arrived in Hai Phong, either:

- the car takes you back to Ha Noi (return is scheduled around 6.30pm),

- you can go back with a local bus, return scheduled around 7pm. In this option, bus tickets and taxi fees are at your charge.

*Breakfast on board,
 Private junk,
 Lunch in a local
 restaurant,
 Ferry Cat Ba - Hai
 Phong,
 Private car (if car option
 chosen).*

UPGRADE 1 : + 1 Day - 1 Night

24 HOURS LONGER IN THE BAY

Day 2

You will spend the day in the bay, on board of the junk.

The cruise will continue and you will be able to do the same sea activities than the day before: kayaking, swimming, "laze" on the beach ...

For the evening and the night, 3 options are offered:

- You have dinner and spend the night in a bungalow in the village of Viet Hai,

- You will have diner and spend the night onboard in the middle of the Bay,

- Or you go back to Cat Ba island to have diner in a restaurant of the harbor and spend the night at the "Holiday View" hotel on the harbor.

ALSO POSSIBLE TO SPEND A NIGHT IN SPRING ON A BEACH.

Prices and list of Resorts to ask.

*Breakfast,
 Private junk,
 Tickets and kayak,
 Lunch on board (except
 drink),
 Diner and overnight,
 depending on the option
 chosen.*

Day 3

After breakfast :

- **If you spent the night in bungalow in the village of Viet Hai:** Return to Cat Ba harbor by boat (about 2 hour long).

- **If Not:** You take the car or a motorbike taxi to get to the island's inland following your wishes. You will make a 3 hour long trek in the national park of Cat Ba, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Lunch will be taken in a restaurant on Cat Ba harbor. The ferry for Hai Phong leaves at 2.10 pm.

Once you arrived in Hai Phong, either:

- the car brings you to Ha Noi (return scheduled around 6.30pm),

- Or you take the local bus, return scheduled around 7.30pm.

In this option, bus tickets and taxi fees are at your charge.

If night in bungalow :

Private junk,

If not :

*Motorbike taxi or car,
 Tickets.*

*Breakfast,
 Lunch in a harbor
 restaurant (except
 drink),*

*Ferry Cat Ba - Hai
 Phong,*

*Private car (if car option
 chosen).*

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UPGRADE 2 : + 1 Day - 1 Night

24 HOURS LONGER IN THE TERRESTRIAL HA LONG BAY

Only possible with the private car option

Day 2 or DAY 3

Same program for the beginning of the day
Same services included.

Private car,
Diner (except drink),
Hotel.

Once you arrived in Hai Phong, the car driver wait for you at the landing stage.
The road to Ninh Binh takes around two and a half hours and you will arrive to Tam Coc in late afternoon.
Diner and accommodation at "Nam Hoa" hotel in Tam Coc.

DAY 3 or DAY 4

After breakfast, at 8:30', the guide brings you to visit Bich Dong Cave and surrounding the village by bicycle.
Lunch is in a local restaurant.
After lunch, a car takes you to the Temple of Hoa Lu.
Hoa Lu is the ancient capital of Vietnam and the temples are dedicated to first Lê and Đinh emperors.
After the driver takes you to Van Long or taking a boat with the guide to visit Van Long winding between the karst rocks and rice fields.
The return to Ha Noi is expected in late afternoon.

Breakfast,
Bicycle,
Private car,
English speaking guide,
Tickets and barque,
Lunch.

For more upgrades and programs on the terrestrial Ha Long Bay, check sur "Ninh Binh and The Terrestrial Ha Long Bay" Tour.



Đi xuống Đảo CÁT BÀ bằng xe khách địa phương
Comment Aller à Cat Ba en bus Local
How to go in Cat Ba Island by local Bus

Quý Khách đi bằng xe ôm hoặc xe Taxi từ Bến xe Gia Lâm.
Vous vous rendez en Xe Om ou taxi à la gare de Gia Lâm.
You go by Xe Om or Taxi to Gia Lâm Bus Station.

Quý Khách đi bằng xe khách Gia Lâm – Niệm Nghĩa (HẢI PHÒNG) - Quý Khách lưu ý, không đi xe xuống HẠ LONG !
Vous prenez un bus "Gia Lâm – Niệm Nghĩa" (Gare de bus de Hai Phong) – Attention à ne pas prendre un bus en direction Ha Long !
You take a bus "Gia Lâm – Niệm Nghĩa" (Hai Phong Bus Station) – Be Careful not to take a bus to Ha Long City!

Khi Quý Khách đến Bến Xe Niệm Nghĩa, Quý Khách đi bằng xe ôm hoặc xe Taxi ra Bến BÍNH.
Arrivés à la gare routière de Niệm Nghĩa (HAI PHONG), vous prenez un taxi ou un Xe Om pour aller à l'embarcadere BEN BINH.
When you arrive in Niệm Nghĩa Bus Station (HAI PHONG), you take a taxi or a Xe Om to go in HAI PHONG Harbor: BEN BINH.

Khi Quý Khách đến Bến BÍNH, Quý Khách đưa vé tàu nhanh cho nhân viên trên tàu.
Arrivés à l'embarcadere BEN BINH, vous montrez vos tickets et les agents vous orienteront vers le bateau à prendre.
When you arrive in BEN BINH, you show your Boat's tickets to the officers who will show you your boat.

Khi Quý Khách đến Đảo CÁT BÀ, ở đó có người đón quý khách.
Arrivés à CAT BA, une personne vous attend à la sortie du bateau.
When you arrive in Cat Ba Island, someone will wait for you.

Fare information



Number of Persons		1 Pers	2 Pers	3 Pers	4 Pers	5 Pers
Base (B)	by car	558 €	612 €	663 €	713 €	764 €
	by Bus	425 €	494 €	550 €	606 €	663 €
B + Upgrade 1	by car	916 €	1 002 €	1 086 €	1 169 €	1 252 €
	by Bus	773 €	874 €	963 €	1 052 €	1 141 €
B + Upgrade 2	by car	852 €	927 €	1 045 €	1 164 €	1 264 €
	by Bus	676 €	788 €	943 €	1 044 €	1 245 €
B + 1 & 2	by car	1 200 €	1 317 €	1 468 €	1 520 €	1 742 €
	by Bus	1 024 €	1 168 €	1 356 €	1 490 €	1 723 €

Number of Persons		6 Pers	7 Pers	8 Pers	9 Pers	10 Pers
Base (B)	by car	1 005 €	1 066 €	1 128 €	1 189 €	1 251 €
	by Bus	898 €	957 €	1 028 €	1 089 €	1 151 €
B + Upgrade 1	by car	1 708 €	1 801 €	1 896 €	1 989 €	2 084 €
	by Bus	1 591 €	1 682 €	1 786 €	1 879 €	1 974 €
B + Upgrade 2	by car	1 580 €	1 720 €	1 825 €	1 979 €	2 147 €
	by Bus	1 523 €	1 678 €	1 795 €	1 949 €	2 107 €
B + 1 & 2	by car	2 283 €	2 455 €	2 593 €	2 779 €	2 980 €
	by Bus	2 216 €	2 403 €	2 553 €	2 739 €	2 930 €

Option with Guide :

This trip is really to relax on the boat, and admire the Ha Long Bay panorama... Then I feel not necessary to have a guide with follow you. But in the case you to have any guide, the extra fee is 30 EURO / day for a French spoken guide and 25 EURO / day for an english spoken guide. These fees are for all the group, and the guide is already included in the 3rd day of the Upgrade 2.

Option Come back to Ninh Binh / Tam Coc:

After Ha Long bay trip, if you prefer to come back in Ninh Binh / Tam Coc and without coming back in Ha Noi, it is for sure possible. Please contact us for the extra fee for this extra road by private car.

Fare valid until 31/12/2019



