

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Please note that this itinerary is just a suggestion and can be easily amended to suit your needs. Let me know if you would like to make any changes at all and I will be more than happy to suggest an alternative itinerary for you.

*Please note once a booking is confirmed changes may incur a rebooking fee.

Day 1 [28 Oct 13]: Hanoi – Lao Cai

Sapa is a former French hill station set in a high valley near the Vietnam-China border and is surrounded by picturesque mountains. At 1600m, its cool climate inspired the French to build villas here as their summer retreat from Hanoi. Today, Sapa attracts visitors from around the world due to its stunning scenery, crisp climate, colourful markets and ethnic hill tribes living in nearby villages.



Board the Victoria Express from Hanoi to the border town of Lao Cai. Catch some sleep along the way in soft sleeper berths on the train (**4 berth shared cabins**). If you wish to have the cabin to yourself, a surcharge will apply. Please contact Sue for more information. The train departs around 21:50pm and arrives into Lao Cai the following day at around 06:00am

Note: no late check out room included

Day 2 [29 Oct 13]: Lao Cai - Sapa (B, L)

Early arrive at Lao Cai, transfer to Sapa for breakfast. Today you start by getting some exercise with trek to the hill tribe villages of Cat Cat, Ta Van and Cau May. As you walk to the villages nestled in the valley below Sapa, you will meet some of the local ethnic minority people on their way to and from Sapa. These minority people, including the Red Zao, Hmong and Tay people, walk to Sapa to trade at the markets. Tonight you spend the night at the hotel in Sapa town.

Hotel: Victoria Sapa Resort & Spa
Room type: Superior Dbl/Twn
Website: www.victoriahotels-asia.com
Address: Sapa District, Lao Cai province
Phone Number: 84203871522



Day 3 [30 Oct 13]: Sapa – Ta Phin – Lao Cai (B)

This morning our exercise involves climbing up Ham Rong Mountain for a panoramic view of Sapa and its environs. After lunch time we drive out of town and commence an hour-long walk to Ta Phin, home to the distinctive Dao (pronounced Zao) community. From here we drive to Lao Cai station for the overnight train journey to Hanoi.

Catch some sleep along the way in soft sleeper berths on the Victoria Express (4 berth shared cabins). The train departs around 20:45pm and arrives into Hanoi the following day at around 05:00am.

Day 4 [31 Oct 13]: Train back to Hanoi

Upon arrival in Hanoi, transfer directly to the hotel

Note: no early check in available

TOUR PRICE PER PERSON:

Total Tour Cost Per Person	A\$ 680
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Tour includes:

- Accommodation based on twin share at above selected hotels with daily breakfast
 - Check-in time at all hotels is 2.00PM and check-out time at all hotels is 12.00PM.
 - Early check-in and late check-out is subject to availability with surcharge.
- All transfers as mentioned by air-conditioned vehicle
- All airport transfers with English speaking guide
- All meals: B = Breakfast, L = Lunch as mentioned in the program.
- All entrance fees
- English speaking guide
- Train tickets: Victoria Express (soft sleeper 4 berths share cabin)

Tour excludes:

- Travel Insurance (Compulsory). I can help you with your travel insurance. All members of SmallGroup Travel tours are offered a 15% discount on travel insurance.
- Visas
- All flight tickets
- Services and meals if not mentioned in itinerary
- All drinks, including water, soft drink and alcohol on all included or optional excursion
- Laundry, telephone calls and expenditure of a personal nature
- Tips and gratuities

Please note that none of the services have been booked and this proposal is subject to availability.

N/B: Prices may be subject to currency fluctuation until full payment is made

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Please be aware that flight times, hotels and all other logistics, services and days of travel are subject to availability. Where flights are cancelled or delayed SmallGroup Travel will endeavour to secure alternative arrangements of similar value as noted in our booking conditions.
- This quotation is valid for above travel date. Any bookings made after this date are subject to change, as local economic conditions require.
- The travelling times mentioned within this dossier are approximations only. These times will vary according to weather, road, traffic or any other prevailing conditions.
- This itinerary and supplementary information has been compiled in good faith and was accurate at time of writing. However it DOES NOT form part of a contract between the client and Buffalo Tours.
- Please ensure you have the correct visas for travel. SmallGroup Travel is not responsible if you enter a country and do not have the correct visa.

HOW DO YOU BOOK THIS TOUR?

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Please contact Sue Kuti . You will be given a booking form to complete which must be returned with a nonrefundable deposit of \$200.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Cancellations

In addition to the cancellation fees below, an administration fee of \$50 per booking will apply if changes are made to an itinerary after confirmation is received.

Cancellations fees will be charged as follows:

- Once a booking status is confirmed all deposits are **non refundable**
- 14-60 days before arrival: 35% of the price
- 13 days before arrival: 100% of the price

The above excludes certain classes of domestic air tickets (i.e.: M class). These must be paid by SmallGroup Travel at time of booking and are thus non-refundable.

Claims and Refunds of Unused Services

- No refunds or exchanges can be made in respect of accommodation, meals, sightseeing tours, transport or any other services which are included in the tour prices but not utilized by the tour member.
- For claims to be considered, they must be received in writing within 30 days of the termination of the program and be accompanied by supporting documentation. Any adjustment considered will be based on the actual price of the services involved and not on a per diem basis. Buffalo Tours will not accept any liability for any claims that are not received within 30 days of the termination of your travel program. All claims for days missed while travelling should be made in writing within 30 days of the termination of the program.

Children and infants

For all tours children (from 6 to 11 years of age at the time of travelling) are charged at 75% of the adult price. Children from two to six years are charged 50% of the adult price. Infants (under 2 years of age at time of booking) are charged 10% of the adult price unless otherwise stated in the tour programs. 12 yrs and over is adult price according to airlines and hotels.

Itineraries

Accommodations (hotel or vessel) and pre-arranged sightseeing are subject to change at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond SmallGroup Travel's control. Every effort will be made to operate tours as planned.

Early Check-in

Early check-in has not been included in the tour prices. Most hotels allow check-in to take place during the mid afternoon. If you require your room ready for immediate check-in upon your arrival, Buffalo Tours can arrange this for an additional charge. Please ask for details and prices.

Liability & Insurance

- In addition and without limitation, SmallGroup Travel is not responsible for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay or damage to personal property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from but not limited to acts of God or force majeure, illness, disease, acts of war, civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, animals, strikes or other labour activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, overbooking or downgrading of services, food poisoning, mechanical or other failure of aircraft or other means of transportation or for failure of any

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transportation mechanism to arrive or depart on time. Additional expenses incurred due to delays, accidents, natural disaster, political actions and unrest must be covered by the tour members.

- There are certain inherent risks in adventure travel of the type involved here. These include, but are not limited to, risks of kayaking and rafting (for example dangers of rapidly moving water, rocks and other submerged objects, hypothermia, etc), hiking, trekking or climbing (for example, equipment failures, or other trail obstructions) and in all trips dangers of animals, inaccessibility to medical attention and difficulty in evacuation from remote locations in the case of a medical emergency. Passenger assumes all such risks with regard to these possibilities.
- Airline schedules and local conditions may affect accommodation and itineraries. If this should occur SmallGroup Travel will endeavour to substitute a suitable arrangement of similar value.
- Participation on any tours implies full agreement to the above conditions by all parties involved.
- The Consumer is required to have full travel insurance. It is the responsibility of the Consumer to read their insurance policy before they travel and ensure that the insurance scheme provides the Consumer with the requisite level of cover.

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I look forward to welcoming you on a Smallgroup Travel Tour!

Best wishes
Sue Kuti



TravelManagers Terms & Conditions

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