**Sapa off the beaten track**

**Duration:** 4 nights 3 days

**Highlights:**

Ban Khoang village - Sin Ho - Ta Phin village - Sa Seng Village - [Sa Pa town](http://www.travelsapa.com/) - Muong Hoa Valley - Hau Thao & Giang Ta Chai village - Ham Rong mountain resort ...From the top of the forest, you will observe the overview of Sa Pa town, cloudy karst mountains as well as Muong Hoa Valley. This place is the home of many different hill tribe people including H’mong, Dzay, Dzao and Tay...

**Detailed itinerary:**

*Night 1:* Hanoi – Lao Cai

Pick up from your hotel to Hanoi railways station. Take the overnight train to Lao Cai. Spend your night in a 4-berth A/C cabin, soft sleeper.

**Day 1: Lao Cai – Sa Pa – Ban Khoang – Ta Phin (B, L, D)**

The train arrives at Lao Cai Station approx at 05:30. You will be welcomed by our local guide and transferred to Sa Pa for breakfast. After breakfast, you will be free to explore the town by yourself.

9:00 A.M– our car will pick up from the tow the trekking point. You will trek thru the bamboo and cardamom forest. You will have chance to watch many kinds o birds and animals. After 1h30 trekking, you will stop at Ban Khoang village of black H’mong people. This is a small village with not more than 200 people and out of reach of tourists. Take a rest and have a picnic lunch.

After lunch, continue your hiking to Sin Ho and then trek uphill to Ta Phin village. Stay overnight in Red Dzao local house.

*Night 2:* Overnight at homestay.

**Day 2: Ta Phin – Sa Pa – Sa Seng – Hau Thao – Giang Ta Chai (B)**

After breakfast, car picks up to the path leading to Sa Seng Village where you will start trekking route along the off-beaten trails thru cardamom forest. From the top of the forest, you will observe the overview of Sa Pa town, cloudy karst mountains as well as Muong Hoa Valley. This place is the home of many different hill tribe people including H’mong, Dzay, Dzao and Tay. Keep your camera ready for photo shoot of local people daily, especially amazing rice terraces. Trek down Hau Thao and Giang Ta Chai village before catching a car back to [Sa Pa](http://www.travelsapa.com/).

The rest of day is at leisure and spend another overnight in Sa Pa.

*Night 3:* Overnight at your [hotel in Sapa.](http://www.travelsapa.com/hotels/)

**Day 3: Sapa – Lao Chai & Ta Van Villages – Lao Cai – Hanoi (B, D)**

After breakfast, take you to visit Ham Rong mountain resort, visit an orchid garden, orchid garden 2, European gardens. Continue to visit Heaven Gate, Cloud Airport, enjoy the panoramic town of Sapa. Return to the town for lunch on your own budget. Free time until your car awaits to transfer to Lao Cai station. Board a night train to Ha Noi.

*Night 4:* Overnight on a 4-berth A/C cabin, soft sleeper on the train back to Hanoi.

**Day 4: Hanoi**

Arrival in Hanoi in the early morning. Tour ends.

*Type of tour:* Private tour, Medium style

*Departure:* Every day, the detail Itinerary will be confirmed base on the day you [travel to Sapa](http://www.travelsapa.com/)

**Includes:**

- Private car/minivan in Sapa & taxi from hotel in Hanoi to railway station & from railway station to hotel in Hanoi

- Soft sleeper in joined cabin 4 berths with A/C

- All entrance fees

- Local English speaking guide in Sapa

- All meals as per program (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner)

- Accommodation as programmed, based on twin sharing

**Excludes:**

- Drinks

- Insurance

- Personal expenses

- Gratuities

**Accommodation to be used:**

*Standard:* Red Dzao homestay and Bamboo or Royal View Hotel or the likes

*Superior:* Red Daza homestay and Chau Long Hotel - New Wing

**Packing list:**

Passport, insect repellent, proper shoes