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Sapa Ecolodge and biking package

Duration: 3 days 4 nights

The tour starts and ends in Hanoi with the soft sleeper trains to Lao Cai Station. The package from Sapa Travel is to provide you 2 days of biking in Sapa. Sapa Travel will include the ride to Muong Hoa Valley, Lao Chai, Ta Van Village and then to Ban Ho & Thanh Phu.

We choose <u>Topas Ecolodge</u> as your accommodation. <u>Topas Ecolodge</u> is located 18 km from Sapa, deep in the Hoang Lien Mountains. The 25 bungalows overlook the entire valley with the ethnic minority villages of Ban Ho and Thanh Phu, 400 altitude meters beneath. This package has been carefully designed to give you the best opportunity to experience the highlights of northern Vietnam: the ethnic communities with their unique cultures, the deep valleys covered by terraced rice fields, the breathtaking mountains... and the peacefulness.

OUTLINE

<u>Day 1</u>: Night train from Hanoi to Lao Cai.

<u>Day 2</u>: Transfer to Sapa. Biking to <u>Topas Ecolodge</u>.

Day 3: Full day biking.

Day 4: Back to Sapa. Transfer to Lao Cai. Train to Hanoi.

Day 5: Tour ends in Hanoi.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Hanoi – Lao Cai (-,-,-)

You will depart from Hanoi in the evening by night train to Lao Cai near the Chinese border.

Day 2: Full day biking – Topas Ecolodge (B,L,-)

You will arrival early in the morning in Lao Cai and meet your driver who will transfer you to Sapa. The drive is approximately 1 hour. Here you will enjoy your breakfast at a one of the recommended places in Sapa.

At 9h00 you will be transferred uphill to Heaven's Gate (Tram Ton Pass), the highest pass of Vietnam. From here you will have the bird's-eye view of the breathtaking Muong



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Hoa valley, where you will have the opportunity to pass by during the day's cycling trip. You will get on your bike and start descending into the Sapa valley, observing the fantastic scenery of mountains and rice paddy fields along the way. After leaving Sapa town behind for a while, you make a turn and follow a dirt road to the Black Hmong village of Lao Chai. From Lao Chai the road will take you to a village inhabited by the Giay tribe. You stop in a local house where you will enjoy lunch and have time to explore the village. After lunch you continue your ride along the valley. You arrive at Topas Ecolodge in the mid afternoon. You check in to your bungalow and enjoy the view over the valley and dotted mountain surroundings.

Approx: 4 hours biking/ 30 minutes driving/ 35 km/elevation up 180 m/ down 1,300 m

Day 3: Topas Ecolodge – Full day biking – Topas Ecolodge (B,-,-)

After having your breakfast, you will start by cycling from <u>Topas Ecolodge</u> down to the valley of Ban Ho. You will ride through the beautiful rice paddy fields along the river and continue until you reach the Tay minority village Thanh Phu. Here you will have a break and visit a local home. You will continue to My Son, which is a village of the small minority Xa Pho and return to Thanh Phu for lunch. Afterwards you will cycle to the Tay village Ban Ho, where you can visit the waterfall and have a rest until you will be picked up by jeep and go back to <u>Topas Ecolodge</u> where you will spend the night.

Approx: 6 hours biking/ 30 minutes driving/ 30 km/ elevation up 580 m/ down 1,150 m

Day 4: Topas Ecolodge - Sapa - Lao Cai (B,-,-)

You will start the day enjoying your breakfast. You can spend the day relaxing, joining an excursion or explore <a>Sapa town by taking the free shuttle bus running scheduled throughout the day.

At 17:00, you will take the shuttle bus from <u>Sapa</u> to Lao Cai for the night train back to Hanoi.

The train will back arrive in Hanoi early in the morning and your trip has ended.



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- * Single supplement: 119 US\$/ room
- * Prices valid within 3 months.

INCLUDES:

English Speaking Guide during shared excursions

2 nights at Topas Ecolodge (twin shared Deluxe bungalow)

All indicated meals (B as breakfast, L as lunch, D as dinner)

Return train ticket Hanoi – Lao Cai – Hanoi (soft sleeper in a 4-berth AC cabin)

All indicated transportation

Mountain bike with disk brakes, helmets, gloves and water

All entrance fees to the indicated places

EXCLUDES

Personal Insurance
Pre and post trip accommodation
Private expenses
Drinks and Beverage
All other services not mentioned as inclusive

Note:

The excursions are based on sharing group of maximum 8 travelers

Other meals in Topas Ecologge are recommended to be booked in advance.

GUIDE:

English speaking. All of our Sapa Tour Guides are tourism-reponsibly educated. They were born and raised in Sapa and Vietnam, thereby having first-hand expert knowledge of their Sapa Area. They are friendly, fun, and most of all they are flexible, allowing you to choose the pace of your tours.

They will meet you at your hotel. They are of your private tours. And, of course, speak your language!

Your request will be handled by one travel specialist from start to finish. After carefully designing your trip they will create a detailed itinerary for you. Please keep in mind this is YOUR PRIVATE TOUR so feel free to ask Sapa travel specialist to make any changes you wish to make, at any time!



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CONFIRMATION

Once you are satisfied with the itinerary, we will secure the services and you will be required to pay a deposit of 30% of the total cost of your trip. The balance of payment can be paid either by CASH UPON PICK UP in your hotel in Sapa, or by credit card/bank transfer/Western Union 45 days before Sapa Tour. Please discuss these payment options with your Sapa travel specialist, for more detailed information.

STAYING IN TOUCH

Even after booking, you'll undoubtedly think of more questions, so please feel free to contact your Sapa Travel specialist at any time. We like to hear from you! YES....even while you are on your tour, we will be more than happy to make changes, or correct anything you are not completely happy with.

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