

Sketching Vietnam with Leonie Norton

15-25 April 2023

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Day 1 – Saturday 15 April

Arrive at Hanoi Noi Bai International Airport. NOTE: There will be transfers whatever your arrival time. Transfer to hotel.

Day 2 – Sunday 16 April - Hanoi

- 9am - Meet in our hotel with Leonie and the group for an introduction session
- 10.30am - Visit National Fine Art Museum with lovely old statues and carvings. Sketching in museum
- Lunch
- Temple of Literature – Beautiful buildings. Time for a quick sketch
- Drop back to hotel – walk to Hoan Keim Lake. Orientating you to our location, you can see locations you might like to return to and sketch, and soak up the atmosphere of the Old City.
- Welcome dinner at a much-loved specialty fish restaurant in Hanoi
B.L.D.

Day 3 – Monday 17 April – Mai Chou

- We head out to the northwest and into a beautiful valley whose major ethnic group is the White Thai people.
- Stunning scenery. We will take a walk through the rice fields.
- Visit textile shops a a local village. The village is pole houses so excellent for afternoon sketching
B.L.D.

Day 4 – Tuesday 18 April – Mai Chou

- We will walk across to a local village and visit a Women’s Group. You may like to sketch the women at their looms and other village activities.
- Morning group sketch
- The afternoon is unstructured so you can locate a spot to sketch.
B.L.D.

Day 5 – Wednesday 19 April – Tom Coc

- Tom Coc is set in the picturesque Red River Delta, and is know as the Halong Bay of the Rice Paddies because of the towering limestone Karsts (huge rocks/mountains) that dot the landscape. Sketching opportunities. Lunch at Riverside family house.
B.L.D.

Day 6 – Thursday 20 April – Tom Coc

- Pre breakfast morning walk to see a lovely little pagoda tucked away near our hotel.
- Cooking class for lunch. We will shop for ingredients at the lively local market in Ninh Binh. Sketching opportunities.
- Free evening
B.L.

Day 7 – Friday 20 April – Tom Coc

- Morning sketching session. We will choose a subject from a Pagoda or the rice fields. Visit the Ancient Village.
- The afternoon is unstructured to allow you to locate you a place you would like to sketch and this will be done at your own pace. There are canoeing opportunities available on the waterway.
B.D.

Day 8 – Saturday 21 April – Hanoi

- Departing for Hanoi in morning and visiting the Village of paper mache Temple Sculptures. This quirky village offers great inspiration for sketching.
- One of the Guild Villages around Hanoi specializes in embroidered silk pictures which look like paintings. The fineness of the work is astounding.
- Free evening
B.L.

Day 9 – Sunday 22 April – Hanoi

- 8.30am early start for the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum
- Visit National Museum of the Ethnic Minorities which is very interesting with the diversity of cultures and practices astounding.
- Morning sketch
- Free time in afternoon
- Evening is Hanoi's legendary Water Puppets performance.
B.L.

Day 10 – Monday 23 April – Ha Long Bay

- Heading to the World Heritage listed Halong Bay where the views are stunning and peaceful. We have our own boat for the night
- Lots of opportunities to sit on the boat and sketch
- Relax on the boat or choose to participate in a carefully arranged kayaking adventure on the bay.
- Enjoy the authentic Vietnamese meals on board the boat
B.L.D.

Day 11 – Tuesday 24 April – Hanoi

- Return to Hanoi
- Free afternoon
- Farewell dinner
B.L.

Day 12 – Wednesday 25 April – Depart Vietnam

- Airport drop at whatever time your flight leaves.
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COST

AUD 4390 per person twin share

Single Supplement AUD 650

Deposit: AUD 1750 to secure your place

Booking deadline: 15 December 2022

Full payment due: 15 January 2023