

Soul of Hanoi: Tradition, Cuisine & Craft Immersion 3 days

Trip overview

This 3-day tour offers an authentic experience, combining local street food, village specialties, and hands-on cultural activities. As you explore, you will interact with local people, taste incredible dishes rarely found elsewhere, and gain a deeper understanding of Vietnamese heritage. Perfect for curious travelers who want more than just sightseeing, this journey brings you closer to the real soul of Vietnam.

- **Durations:** 3 days
- **Destinations:** Hanoi
- **Price from:** US \$349/person
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://bestratetours.com/vietnam-tours/soul-of-hanoi-tradition-cuisine-craft-immersion-3-days.html>

Trip outline

Day	Activities	Accommodations	Meals
Day 1	Welcome to Hanoi - Evening Street Food & City Tour by Scooter	Hotel in Hanoi	Dinner
Day 2	Hanoi - Discover Village Life & Traditional Tastes	Hotel in Hanoi	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 3	Explore Hanoi Traditional Crafts & Arts	NA	Breakfast, Lunch

Itinerary

Day 1: Welcome to Hanoi - Evening Street Food & City Tour by Scooter

Our guide and drivers will meet you at your hotel, where you'll receive a quick safety briefing before hopping on your scooter to begin an exciting ride through Hanoi's vibrant streets. Join our guide for a thrilling scooter tour to explore Hanoi's lively streets and hidden food spots. First, like locals, we will taste delicious **street food**, from crispy spring rolls to sweet desserts.

Next, we will visit the colorful **Flower Market**, where fresh blooms fill the air with sweet scents. Then, we will head to the **Fruit Market**, a bustling place filled with tropical fruits and authentic flavors.

To end the night, enjoy a relaxing ride around the city to see Hanoi by night. You will pass famous landmarks, active neighborhoods, and large lakes, all beautifully lit up.

Meals: Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 2: Hanoi - Discover Village Life & Traditional Tastes

Today, embark on a flavorful cultural journey into the heart of Vietnamese village traditions, exploring two unique culinary destinations near Hanoi.

Begin your day in **Le Mat Snake Village**, famously known for its centuries-old tradition of snake wine. Here, you'll get a firsthand look at how local families raise snakes and see snake wine, believed to have medicinal benefits. For the adventurous, this is a rare chance to taste one of Vietnam's most intriguing local delicacies.

Continue your experience in **Tu Son Rat Village**, where the specialty is surprisingly unique: grilled field rat, a rural delicacy that's been part of local culture for generations. Learn how this protein-rich food is carefully sourced from rice fields and seasoned using traditional herbs and spices.

End your culinary adventure with **banh phu the** - also known as "husband and wife cake." This traditional Vietnamese dessert is a symbol of love and fidelity, often featured at weddings. Made from glutinous rice, mung bean paste, and coconut, each cake is delicately wrapped in pandan leaves and steamed to perfection.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 3: Explore Hanoi Traditional Crafts & Arts

On the final day, we set out to experience the rich and long-standing craft heritage of Hanoi's villages, each renowned for a different art form.

First, we venture to **Da Sy Metalsmith Village**. While here, you will see skilled artisans forging tools and decorative items by hand with your own eyes. You can even try hammering metal under the guidance of a professional.

Afterward, we make a move to **Chuong Village**, home to conical hats. They are not only practical items but also works of art with intricate patterns adorned. At a family-run workshop, you will gain more information about how these iconic hats are woven from palm leaves, and you can roll up your sleeves, shaping and painting your own.

Later, we head to **Quang Phu Cau Village**, where incense sticks are made. Watch when local makers roll bamboo sticks in fragrant paste, then hang them to dry in the sun. You will leave with a bundle of fresh incense as a fragrant souvenir.

The last destination for today is the village which thrives in the art of **To He**. A native artist will show you the way to mold and decorate these tiny toys, and you should not miss a chance to craft the mini animal or character you like.

Wrapping up a day full of stories, we hit the road to Hanoi. This marks the end of your journey in Northern Vietnam. Thank you for choosing us, we hope to see you again!

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: NA

Booking Policy

Inclusion

- Overnight in shared Twin/ Double room with Air-condition (AC) at hotel.
- All transport during tour on air - conditioned vehicle as per itinerary (including airport pick up & see off)
- All in-tour stationed local English speaking guide.
- Meals as indicated in the program
- Entrance fees as per itinerary

Exclusion

- Hotel EARLY check in & LATE check out
- Peak season surcharge & compulsory dinner at the hotel (if any)
- International flight to or from Vietnam with taxes
- Vietnam Visa (above 6 months passport Valid & 3 clear-page require)
- Passport Fees
- Travel Insurance
- Tips, laundry and gratuities
- Meals not marked on itinerary, and water during meals
- Tips for guide /driver (recommended US \$3-5 /pax /day)
- Tipping is completely up to you and should be based on your perception of the service quality

Cancellation Policy

- Cancellation received before 60 days: FREE of charge
- Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 10% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 15 days to 29 days prior arrival date: 30% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 7 days to 14 days prior arrival date: 50% of total rate
- Cancellation received less than 7 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total rate

Children Policy

- The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults
- For infant (<04 years old): FOC *except domestic ticket cost*
- 04 - 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate
- 04 - 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate
- 04 - 11 years old in twin share: 90% adult rate

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