



North Vietnam Accommodation Ninh Binh Province -Hanoi

Visiting the northern part of Vietnam (Ninh Binh, Province) in April 2015 we tested the following accommodation and tour providers. Please contact us for more information and the best prices.

Ninh Binh, Province



Emeralda Resort, Ninh Binh ★★★★★ (out of 5 stars)

We stayed 9 days at this beautiful resort to check it out. Built in typical ancient Vietnamese style in a rural, quiet area Emeralda offers well appointed rooms, fantastic food, relaxing spa treatments and well maintained grounds. The organic restaurant presents international and typical Vietnamese cuisine of a high standard. The friendliness and attention of the staff is another bonus not only at the restaurant. Everybody is doing his best to make the guest feeling welcome at Emeralda.

Our Verdict: If you are looking for a relaxing, comfortable resort in the north of Vietnam with the possibility to eat delicious organic food and doing beautiful excursions - **Emeralda** is the place to stay. **Price indicator:** 250-350 USD/night/room incl. breakfast - depending on room and season

Location: 8 room: 8 sleep quality: 9 food: 10 service: 8 cleanliness: 9 value: 8 Total: 8.6
scale of one to ten: 1 poor <-----> 10 perfect



Deluxe room



Local fish at the organic restaurant



vegetable dish at the organic restaurant



Swimming hall



Main swimming pool



Huge breakfast buffet



Hanoi



Sofitel Legend Metropole ★★★★★ out of 5 stars

We stayed 3 days at this beautiful hotel to check it out. The moment we stepped in we loved this place, the ambience, the attention to details and the friendliness of the staff. We stayed 2 nights in the Opera Wing and 1 night in the Historical Wing when we returned from Halong Bay. Both rooms were spacious, very comfortable and absolutely quiet. We enjoyed the delicious food in the Spices Garden Restaurant (organic food on the menu) and the live music (Jazz Diva Kathryn Farmer) at Le Club. Breakfast buffet was fantastic.

Our Verdict: For us **this** is the place to stay in Hanoi. The elegance and atmosphere of this colonial style hotel in the middle of the city is superb.

Price indicator: 300 – 700 USD/night/room incl. breakfast - depending on room and season

Location: 8 room: 10 sleep quality: 9 food: 10 service: 10 cleanliness: 10 value: 9 Total: 9.4
 scale of one to ten: 1 poor <-----> 10 perfect



Deluxe room – Metropole wing



Grill buffet



garden



pool



Breakfast buffet



Premium room - Opera wing

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North Vietnam Sightseeing -Halong Bay

Halong Bay & Gulf of Tonkin

3 day -luxury cruises with AuCo

★★★★★ out of 5 stars



We think there is no better way to experience the most stunning scenery of one of the most beautiful bays recognized as a world heritage by UNESCO than aboard **The Au Co**, the most refined vessel in the Gulf of Tonkin. From **Halong Bay** to **Bai Tu Long Bay** and **Lan Ha Bay**, the **3 day/ 2 night voyage** offers luxury service and countless opportunities to explore the most exotic and magnificent destinations and glimpse into the daily life of local people. We enjoyed our excursion in the rainforest of the National Park on Cat Ba

Island, relaxed on the beach in the hidden lagoons of Lan Ha Bay. Our visit to the peaceful area in Bai Tu Long Bay on a traditional rowing boat was only one highlight of this cruise. While aboard we loved The Au Co's dedicated service, signature five elements cuisine (veggies from the companies organic garden), re-energized with Tai Chi, relaxed on the sundeck watching the amazing scenery passing by or got pampered with a Traditional Vietnamese massage.

Our Verdict: Seeing all the other boats operating in the area we felt very good that we had chosen the AuCo cruise. The ship is modern, the cabins spacious (we booked the Long Quan Suite), the food is good and the crew is absolutely friendly. We have to say that we are normally not the kind of people who like cruises, but to explore this amazing area in a relaxing and comfortable way this is probably the best way to do that. The drive from Hanoi to Halong Bay (3,5 hours) on very busy roads was something we did not like so much. There is an option to fly with a seaplane direct from Hanoi to Halong Bay. **Price indicator:** 750-2100 USD for 2 nights/3 days per person incl. all meals Price depending on cabin and season.

Location: 10 room: 8 sleep quality: 8 food: 8 service: 8 cleanliness: 8 value: 8 Total: 8.2
scale of one to ten: 1 poor <-----> 10 perfect



Long Quan Suite



Main deck



Top deck



Delicious organic food



Remote beach



sunrise



Local fishing boat



floating village