

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, and being aware of places 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 at 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 known as the Halong Bay of the Rice Paddies because of the towering limestone Karsts (huge rocks/mountains) that dot the landscape. Sketching opportunities.
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.
- Morning sketching session – pagoda, early morning the boats on the water will make an excellent sketch or the rice fields or Ancient Village as a group.
- Cooking class for lunch. Shop at the local market in Ninh Binh. Gathering a few recipes to take home. Sketching opportunities. Afternoon is unstructured. Find a place you would like and work at your own pace.
- Free evening
B.L.

Day 7 – Friday 21 April – Hanoi

- We leave early this morning and head towards Hanoi. There are many interesting villages around Hanoi, and we will visit the Village of Papermache Temple Sculptures. This quirky village offers great inspiration to sketch.
- One of the Guild Villages around Hanoi specializes in embroidered silk pictures that look like paintings. The fineness and detail of the work is astounding.
- Free Evening

Day 8 – Saturday 22 April – Hanoi

- Early start for the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum.
- National Museum of the Ethnic Minorities is very interesting, the diversity of cultures and practices astounding.
- Sketching opportunities
- Evening visit to Hanoi's legendary Water Puppets.

Day 9 – Sunday 23 April – Ha Long

- Heading to World Heritage listed Halong Bay – no matter the weather the views are stunning and peaceful. We have our own boat for the night.
- Opportunities to sit on the boat and sketch.
- An arranged kayaking adventure is available.

Day 10 – Monday 24 April – Hanoi

- Return to Hanoi
- Free afternoon
- Farewell dinner

Day 11 – Tuesday 25 April – Hanoi

- Airport drop at whatever time flight leaves

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