

THE AU CO ITINERARY

The experience of a lifetime in the Gulf of Tonkin

Deepen your discovery of magnificent Halong Bay with our continuous three-day cruise journey. Sail to further area of the bay which you hardly reach in a two-day journey. Discover local life of people here who has lived on an “isolated paradise” or talked to children who was born on the floating houses and nurtured by jade green water of The World Heritage Site. Kayaking to explore hidden caves and limestone formations. And many more distinct sites are awaiting you to come and to be overcome.

DAY 1: HANOI – HALONG BAY (L/D)

- 12:30** Arrive at Bhaya Group Cruise Centre at Tuan Chau International Passenger Port. Relax in your VIP lounge.
- 12:45** Embark on the cruise. Enjoy welcome drinks while our Cruise Manager informs safety briefing.
- 13:00** Start your cruise with a set-menu lunch while the ship cruises towards the southwest of Halong Bay.
- 15:00** Visit **Cua Van floating fishing village** by kayaking or traditional rowing boat. The village is well known for its location in the heart of World Heritage Site Halong Bay. Cua Van has been listed among 16 most beautiful coastal destinations in the world by Travel and Leisure magazine.
- 17:30** Back to the ship and join **Happy Hour** - buy one get one free and enjoy complimentary snacks.
- 18:00** Join exciting “**Master-Chef Competition**” and **fruit carving demonstration**, learn and try your hands with authentic Vietnamese food. The winner or the Master-Chef of The Au Co Luxury Cruise would be awarded with surprising gifts. It’s also time to admire the sunset over enchanting Halong Bay while the ship anchors for overnight stay.
- 19:30** Set menu dinner is served in the restaurant while the ship is anchored for our overnight stop.

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21:00 Free time to be spent watching movies in the cinema or squid fishing at reception area.

DAY 2: HA LONG BAY (B/L/D)

06:15 Refresh your body and mind with a **Tai Chi lesson** on the sundeck with complimentary tea and coffee.

07:00 Have breakfast on board while The Au Co Luxury cruises through the bay, passing beautiful spots; a good time to take amazing pictures.

09:00 Arrive at a local island, where a pretty small village nestles and waits for you to explore. Spend your active morning on cycling and exploring the tropical junk (weather permitting) in the national park with a guide from crew members. Visit ancient houses and “Bhaya Community Farm”, get to know about agricultural life and the story of Bhaya Community project here.

10:30 Return to the ship. Take time to relax.

12:15 Enjoy lunch in Halong restaurant while The Au Co cruises slowly past beautiful karst towers.

15:00 Kayak to explore sandy beaches in **Ho Ba Ham** Area.

17:30 Bar opens for happy hour with buy one get one free on drinks.

19:30 Barbecue party is ready on the sundeck. Experience Halong Bay beauty at night.

21:00 Free time to be spent watching movies in the cinema, squid fishing at reception area or a fruit carving session with our kitchen staffs.

DAY 3: HALONG BAY - HANOI (B)

06:15 A second chance to join the Tai Chi lesson on the sundeck with complimentary tea and coffee. Or take time to watch stunning sun rise on the sea.

07:00 Breakfast buffet is prepared in the restaurant.

07:45 Discover **Tien Ong Cave** which is also an archaeological site. Covering an area of 1,000 m2 with stunning stalactites and stalagmites, The cave is one of the finest caves in Halong Bay.

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- 09:00** Back to the ship and prepare to check out.
- 09:45** Join a traditional Vietnamese tea ceremony while the ship sails back to the port.
- 10.45** Disembark at Tuan Chau International Passenger Port. Farewell.

Inclusion:

- Welcome drink
- Air-conditioned en-suite cabin
- Entrance and sightseeing fees
- Visit to fishing village by rowing boat
- Bicycle to discover Viet Hai Village
- Kayaks
- 02 Breakfasts, 02 Lunches, 02 Dinners
- Onboard insurance, tax and service charges

Exclusion:

- All airfares, transfers, hotels & visa arrangements
- Beverages, spa and personal expenses
- All services not clearly mentioned in the inclusion list

Notes:

- Inclement weather, tide levels and operating conditions at sea may force changes in cruise itinerary and schedule at any time. Kayaking and swimming excursions, in particular, may be cancelled due to rough weather.
- Cruise offers fusion cuisine: international, seafood and Vietnamese. Please advise Bhaya Group at least one (01) week ahead of departure about any specific food preferences, dietary restrictions or food allergies.
- Port authorities insist on advance registration including full name, gender, date of birth, nationality, and passport number. At check-in a valid passport is required. Port authority may deny boarding if these conditions are not met.
- Free Wi-Fi available on terrace deck, but note that the internet signal at sea suffers frequent interruption.

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