

**PROJECTS
ABROAD.**

Community Development

Vietnam

**Environmental actions,
community development and
cultural immersion**

4 QUALITY
EDUCATION



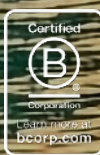
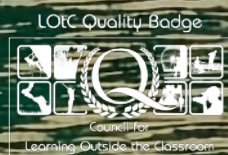
11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES
AND COMMUNITIES



13 CLIMATE
ACTION



17 PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS



**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS**



 **LENGTH**
14 Days

 **ACCOMMODATION**
Guesthouse, Hotel,
Cruise ship

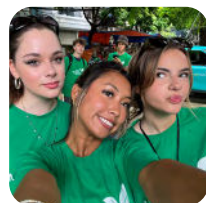
 **TRANSPORT**
Minibus, Boat,
Bicycle

Trip highlights:

-  Tackle real environmental challenges by joining locally-led community projects like river clean-ups, tree-planting initiatives, and workshops dedicated to sustainable recycling.
-  Enjoy a unique experience where you'll do something different every day, designed to develop your skills and give you the edge in future university and job applications.
-  Embrace authentic Vietnamese culture through traditional cooking classes, craft workshops, and interactions with the communities.
-  Discover the natural wonders of Vietnam on a weekend excursion to Ha Long Bay, where you can cruise across emerald waters, kayak through towering limestone karsts, and take in the breathtaking scenery.

Overview

The following is included in the cost of your trip (subject to change).



Service & Learning

Environmental outreach

- Lake and canal cleaning
- Tree planting
- Soap recycling initiative

Local economy

- Gardening at a farm
- Visit to local businesses

Education

- Reading books
- Singing educational songs
- Role-playing
- Arts and crafts
- Environmental workshops and awareness activities

Workshops

- Vietnamese language lesson
- Environmental challenges introduction
- Learn about recycling actions in the city from NGO staff
- Bamboo products creation
- Silk weaving and chopstick making
- Guided reflection

Food/Accommodation

- Three meals a day (all diets catered for)
- Drinking water
- Hotels

Culture & Learning

- Boat cruise through Ha Long Bay
- Kayaking and sunset at the bay
- Bicycle ride through Mai Chau's rice fields
- Imperial Citadel of Thang Long visit
- Hanoi Military History Museum
- Water Puppet Theatre show
- Old Quarter 'walking street': night markets, games, and street performers
- Village tour
- Cooking class
- Quiz night

Logistics

- Airport transfers in Vietnam
- Orientation and tour of cities
- Travel in country
- Pre-departure support
- 24/7 support from local staff
- Emergency assistance



Days 1-2



SLEEP
Guesthouse



TRAVEL
Minimal

Arrival & induction

Land in Hanoi at the Noi Bai International Airport, where our local team will welcome you and transfer you to your hotel. Once settled into your room, enjoy a first taste of authentic Vietnamese flavours with a welcome dinner at a restaurant.

Your first full day will focus on getting you familiar with your new environment. Start by meeting with our local team for your project induction. They will walk you through your schedule, brief you on safety measures, and teach you about essential cultural rules before taking you on a guided tour of the city centre. You will have some time to rest and relax before heading out for dinner and testing your general knowledge with a quiz night.

Day 3



SLEEP
Hotel



TRAVEL
Minimal

History & culture

Dive into the long and complicated history of Vietnam with a visit to the Imperial Citadel of Thang Long, the Hanoi Flag Tower, and the Hanoi Military History Museum. You'll learn about the emperors who ruled the country, its military, and its unification.

You'll also join a Vietnamese language lesson to learn basic phrases that will facilitate your interactions with the local community. Finally, end the day with a workshop to learn about environmental challenges in the region.





Days 4 - 6

 **SLEEP** Hotel  **TRAVEL** Minimal

Environmental impact & cultural immersion

Spend the next few days working on impactful environmental initiatives. You'll first meet with NGO staff to learn about local recycling efforts and help plan and prepare for your upcoming outreach work.

Support a 'Plastic Action Day' by cleaning up local lakes and canals, and join a greening initiative by planting trees at a school. You will also join 'Soap For Hope', a charity initiative that recycles soap from hotels to create products for disadvantaged communities.

In the evenings, immerse yourself in the local culture as you attend a traditional water puppet theatre show and wander through the vibrant 'walking street' markets in the Old Quarter. Watch the street performers, play games, and browse the stalls of the night markets.



Ha Long Bay cruise

Experience the natural beauty of Vietnam as you embark on a three-hour drive north to Ha Long Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature.

Upon arrival, board your cruise boat and spend the day floating through the bay, exploring its unique cave systems. Later, trade the boat for a kayak and paddle through emerald waters surrounded by towering limestone pillars. It's the perfect vantage point to admire the scenery as the sun sets. You'll also gain a deeper understanding of local culture during a traditional spring roll cooking class. To finish your day, enjoy a lively karaoke session followed by an overnight stay aboard the boat.

Start the next morning with a refreshing Tai Chi session on the deck. Before sailing back to the harbour, you'll head out to explore Titov Island and its unique floating villages. After lunch, travel back to Hanoi and enjoy a relaxing evening.





Days 9-13



SLEEP

Cruise ship,
Guesthouse



TRAVEL

3 hours
each way

Cultural discovery & community work in Mai Chau

Your journey continues as you travel by minibuss to the scenic valley of Mai Chau. Once settled into your guesthouse, head out on a scenic cycle around the surrounding rice fields, followed by a guided village walk with a personal introduction to the local Thai ethnic groups.

Roll up your sleeves and discover traditional farming techniques as you spend a morning at a family-owned rice or vegetable farm to assist with gardening tasks. You'll also visit local businesses to learn about the local livelihood, like handicrafts and weavers. In the classroom, you'll support children's development through songs and role-play, encourage creativity through arts and crafts, promote healthy habits like proper handwashing, and create learning resources like posters and flashcards to raise awareness of environmental issues.

Alongside your service work, you'll discover more about local traditions through workshops where you'll have the chance to weave silk and craft traditional chopsticks. You'll also visit local markets to pick up fresh ingredients for a cooking class, where you'll learn to prepare a traditional homemade lunch. Before leaving, you'll take time to reflect on your observations and share ideas about sustainable community development.

On your last full day, you'll travel back to Hanoi for a final feedback session, a last chance to shop for souvenirs in the Old Quarter, and a celebratory farewell dinner.



Departure

Reflect on the once-in-a-lifetime journey you've undertaken and the memories you've made. Look back on the incredible work you've done and how you've contributed to the local communities in Hanoi and Mai Chau with pride.

Think about your newfound confidence, skills, and cultural understanding gained during your journey; these are experiences that will stay with you for the rest of your life.



Destination Info

Filled with natural beauty and urban adventure, Vietnam is an incredible country bordering China, Laos, and Cambodia. Home to the world's largest cave, the stunning Ha Long Bay, and remnants of the brutal Vietnam war, there's so much to discover.

Vietnam's tourism sector is growing rapidly and it is now one of the most popular Southeast Asian nations to visit. Floating markets, striking karst mountains, endless rice paddies, and imperial history are all on your doorstep, see it for yourself!

LANGUAGE

Vietnamese

CURRENCY

Vietnamese Dong

NATIONAL DISH

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POPULATION

101 million

TIMEZONE

GMT +7

NATIONAL ANIMAL

Water Buffalo

CAPITAL

Hanoi

COUNTRY CODE

VN / +84

NATIONAL BIRD

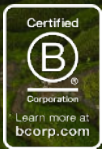
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A sustainable adventure

We're dedicated to protecting both people and the planet, treading lightly as participants of global travel.

By travelling with us, you're making positive contributions to people and planet, aligned with the UN SDGs.

Don't just take our word for it, we're B Corp certified!



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**CLIMATE ACTION
PLAN**



**FAIR & ETHICAL
WAGES**



**SUPPORTING
THE UN SDGs**

Learning Outcomes



GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

Our programme is designed to immerse students in diverse cultures, engage with real-world challenges, and gain an understanding of their role in a global community. They will develop intercultural competence, broaden their perspectives, and actively contribute to sustainable development initiatives.



LEADERSHIP & TEAMWORK

Through stepping outside their comfort zone, students will build resilience, confidence, and adaptability. By taking on new challenges and working collaboratively in teams, they will strengthen their leadership skills, decision-making, and capacity to guide and inspire others.



EMPOWERMENT

Students are empowered to develop the confidence and independence needed to think critically, challenge the status quo, and take ownership of their choices, creating a mindset for transformative decision-making.

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