

HALONG CRUISE

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EXCLUSIVE FOR
HALONG BAY

The 7 reasons why everyone should see
Halong Bay on a cruise



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We first want to congratulate you on showing interests in joining a cruise trip to Halong Bay. We strongly believe that visiting the Bay on an overnight cruise is the best way to experience this natural world heritage site. Whether you are just considering it an option, or have already figured out which cruise you will be traveling with, this guide is a gift from us to bring Halong Bay one step closer to you.

The guide is organized in an easy-to-follow way. We first wish to point out to you why it's all worth your bucks to book a cruise trip to Halong Bay, then familiarize you with what cruises in Halong Bay are like. The section Frequently asked questions consists of the most popular questions we receive in the past year. We conclude our guide with a brief introduction of the best Halong Bay cruise trips we have offered customers to date, with some unique tips you can't find elsewhere on the internet.

It is not only this guide's, but also our company's preamble to keep you, our customers, readers, and soon to be friends at the heart of all our work. Please share with us any ideas, questions or comments you may have about this guide or about Halong Bay. Our customer support staff are eager to answer your inquiry and you can either email us to info@halongbaytours.com or call us on the **Hotline: +84-946-505-505**.

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HALONG BAY

GENERAL INFORMATION

Ha Long Bay, located in Ha Long City and Cam Pha town of Quang Ninh province, is 165 km from Hanoi. With an area of 1,500 km² with 1,600 islands, of which nearly 1,000 islands have names, Halong contains much potential value and mystery.

Before nineteenth century, the name Halong was not in the book. Until the late nineteenth century, the new name 'Ha Long Bay' appeared on the maritime map the Gulf of Tonkin by the French, a number of articles on French and Vietnamese. Since the twelfth

century (1149) in the reign of King Ly Anh Tong, Van Don trading port has been established and developed quickly into a busy trading port throughout the Ly, Tran Le Dynasty. This is the first international trading port of Vietnam.

Over the years, even when the port ceased to operate, Halong Bay sustained its attractiveness from visitors everywhere because of its charming beauty. It has been announced as one of world natural heritage by the UNESCO.

Halong bay is homes for many beautiful caves with rustic names that tie closely to history. Taking Cau Go cave as one interesting example. Ancient legend has it that during the war against the Mongol army, General Tran Hung Dao had to prepare many wood logs here to hide in the bed of Bach Dang River, creating a resounding naval battle in history. Some

wood logs were found here, leading to its unique name.

Halong Bay is assessed by two factors: tectonic history and geology, geomorphology . Ha Long Bay is the result of long-term geological evolution. Visitors to Ha Long Bay are not only witnessing the wonders of the world, but also a precious geological museum being kept outdoors for more than 300 million years. The main cave is a vivid evidence of the intrusion of sea water through the geological ages. Environmental geology of Ha Long Bay is also fundamental values arise such as biodiversity, archeology and culture of other human values. Halong Bay concentrate with high biological diversity of ecosystems, tropical waters such as mangrove ecosystems, coral reef ecosystems, seagrass ecosystems, forest ecosystems and tropical plants especially agricultural ecosystems specific parts.

To date preliminary assessment flora in the bay area

has about 347 species of vascular plants belonging to 232 genera. Of the 347 known species of plants, 16 species are listed in Vietnam's Red Book of endangered and endangered soon. In the rare species of plants, 95 species of medicinal plants, 37 species of ornamental trees, 13 fruit trees and 10 groups with different usability. Ha Long fisheries and aquaculture operators harvest many sea products such as abalone, sea cucumber, shrimp, fish, squid, octopus, oysters, clams..etc

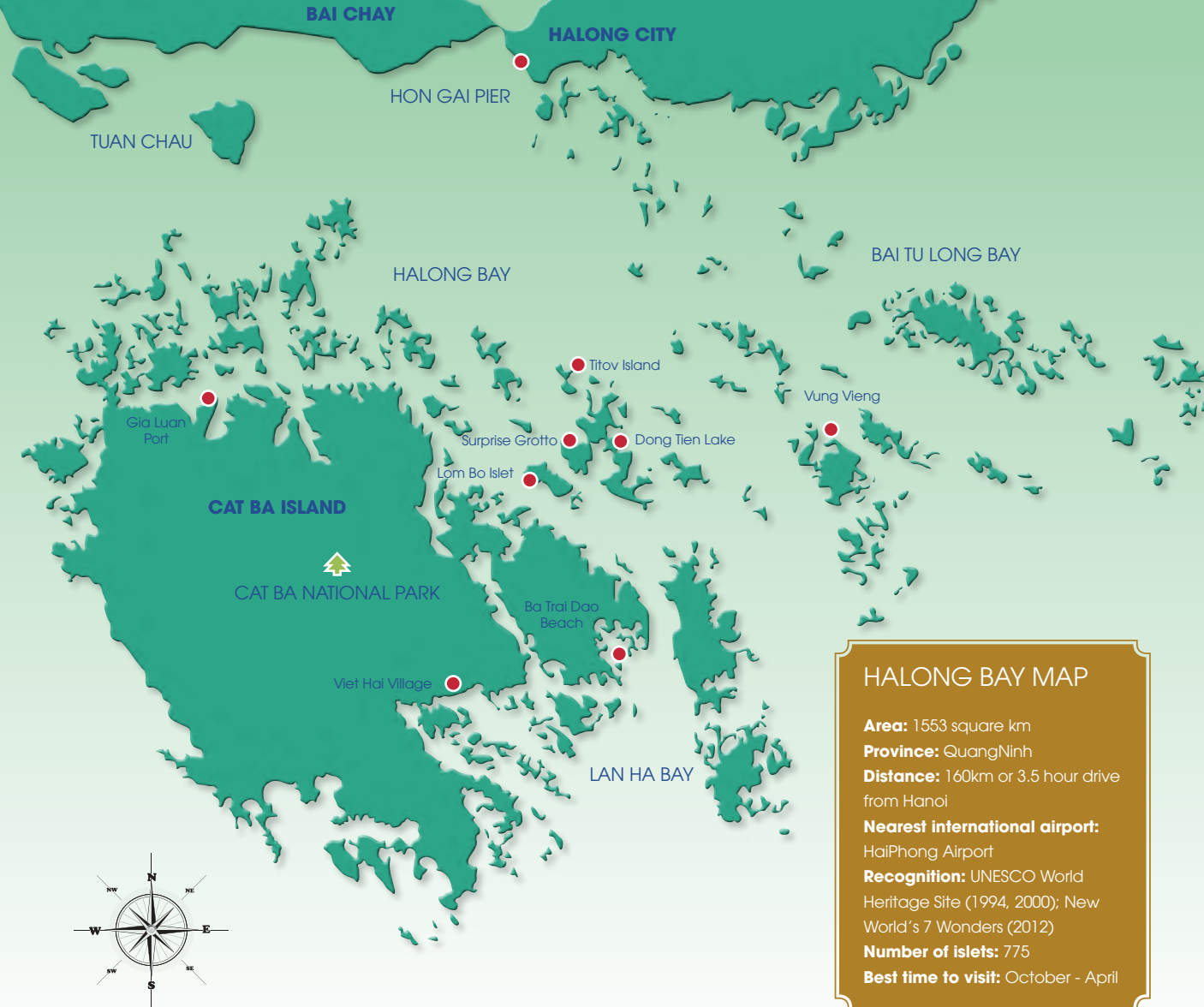
On 12/17/1994, in the 18th session of the Council of the UNESCO World Heritage held in Thailand, Ha Long Bay was officially recognized as a world natural heritage with exceptional value in terms of aesthetic, by the standards of the International Convention on the protection of natural and cultural world. On 02/12/2000, at the 24th Conference in Cairns, Queensland, Australia, World Heritage Council has recognized Halong Bay as a World Heritage 2nd standard geological value and geomorphology. Currently, Quang Ninh province is promoting and filling UNESCO Heritage Site of Halong Bay as the 3rd world heritage title, based on the value of archeology and biodiversity in the Gulf.



Halong Bay
UNESCO WORLD'S
Natural Heritage

HALONG BAY AT A GLANCE

If one has to visit only one Vietnamese place of interest, one can't get better than Ha Long Bay in the northern province of Quang Ninh. Boasting some 1600 spectacular islands and islets emerging from the emerald water to form a huge graceful work of art, it's no surprise that Ha Long Bay is often cited as a natural wonder of the world. Visit Ha Long and be charmed by an outdoors museum where more than 340 millions years of history is stored and conserved through the limestone karsts.



HALONG BAY MAP

Area: 1553 square km
Province: QuangNinh
Distance: 160km or 3.5 hour drive from Hanoi
Nearest international airport: HaiPhong Airport
Recognition: UNESCO World Heritage Site (1994, 2000); New World's 7 Wonders (2012)
Number of islets: 775
Best time to visit: October - April

WHAT TO SEE IN HALONG?

First of all, be sure to include Sung Sot (Surprise Grotto), the mothers of all majestic caves in your itinerary. It is regarded as an epitome of karst caves in Ha Long Bay and an Opera Theatre, with 3 main chambers that promise to take your breath away. Other visit-worthy caves are Dau Go, Bo Nau and Trinh Nu. Whether or not you're intimidated by the inevitable crowd of tourists in those caves, BaiTu Long Bay is absolutely not to be missed. The complex, which occupies three-quarters of the Ha Long Bay area, is less known, but it doesn't pale in comparison with nearby attractions. It's not easy to find a place so packed full of aesthetic beauty, biodiversity, and culture as BaiTu Long Bay. You won't be disappointed with stone mountains, long sandy beach, corals, forests, and fewer tourists as a bonus.

Many boat cruises offer rewarding activities for the energetic, such as kayaking; discovering the geology, geomorphologic and biodiversity value of the bay; fishing trips; talking with people in fishing villages; coral diving; and cycling on islands. Once you've got your kicks from all the good things that Ha Long Bay can offer, what is a better way to call it a day than sleeping on the boat at the bay, immersing in the majestic and mysterious, inspiring and imperious nature of the calm water, the starry sky and the grand islands. Halong Bay is the stuff of myths and naturally the Vietnamese have concocted one. Even when you have seen numerous beautiful caves in your life, it won't spoil to explore the distinctive nature of Ha Long Bay and see why it was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

NEWS



ATTRACTION FEE IN HALONG BAY TO BE RAISED SIGNIFICANTLY

New information from Halong tourism's administration states that there is significant increases in attraction fee for several tourism activities in this charming bay. Currently the ticket price to visit Halong bay is divided into 2 types: Day trip and overnight stay. After 1/1/2014, the price for visiting Halong Bay has been increased to VND150.000/person for day trip between 6.30am-6.30pm.

Individual attraction fee will range between VND30.000 - VND50.000 per person. For overnight stay, each guest will pay VND200.000 for 1st night, VND350.000 for 2nd night and VND400.000 for 3rd night.

On the other hand, Bai Tu Long bay will have a day trip fee of VND100.000. First night stay will be VND150.000, VND300.000 for 2nd night and VND350.000 for 3rd night. There is also a 50% discount for children under 15, elderly and handicap.

As statement from the local authority, the increase in fee will be used for environmental and cultural conservation in the area.

3 NEW CRUISES LAUNCH IN 2016

A few significant cruises will start offering service in 2016, which will make Halong Bay an even more enthralling place to visit:

La Fairy Cruise: La Fairy Cruise is a new 3 star vessel that offers exclusive dinner in a cave experience for all guests. There is no other cruises that can beat this offer and imagining having exquisite dinner in a candlelit cave will just be something you cannot enjoy anywhere else but Halong Bay.

Paradise Luxury Elegance: The 31 cabin vessel is a new gift that Paradise Cruise has to bring this coming year. Outstanding in design and exceptional in service, Paradise Luxury Elegance will promise you a trip to remember. This cruise will start running in June 2016, reservations accepted from now via info@halongbaytours.com

The secret 6 star cruise: A new extravagant cruise is being built and promises to make presence in 2016. Further details to follow.



PREPARATIONS FOR CARNIVAL HA LONG 2016

Department of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Quang Ninh has just announced the special preparations for the 8th Carnival Ha Long 2016.

Similarly to the previous years, approximately 3500 actors, actresses, singers, dancers, musicians and students are volunteered to contribute great repertoires and impressive music party to the opening night.

The highlight of this year's Ha Long Carnival is the colourful and bustling atmosphere in the joyous street parades, which is a perfect marriage of tradition and modernity inspiring every visitor. In addition, many new cruises have been licensed to operate in order to serve a large number of tourists.

These preparations promise a festive and splendid season in Ha Long. It is expected by Mr. Hoang Quoc Thai, Deputy Director of the Quang Ninh Department of Culture, Sports and Tourism that Carnival Ha Long 2016 will certainly continue in attracting a huge number of tourists.

Widely known as the biggest annual festival and the excellent tourism product in Ha Long, the Carnival has become a successful trademark for Quang Ninh province's tourism. Several art and model groups in Vietnam have been participated in this even each year, who have created truly colourful parades on the street of this allured city.

THE 7 REASONS WHY EVERYONE SHOULD SEE HALONG BAY ON A CRUISE

Planning a trip, especially a vacation so far away from home, can be both stressful and exciting. The problem is usually with having too many options to choose from and how to fit all attractions and activities in such a limited amount of time. Halong Bay, with the scattering islets and grotto over a body of water, is without doubt best seen on a cruise. In fact, an overnight cruise trip is the best way to enjoy its natural beauty, while you can spend your time meaningfully with your loved ones or a freshly made friends. But there are even more to that. Below are the 7 reasons why so.

1 CONVENIENCE

Ha Long Bay is packed with limestone islets rising from the emerald waters and pristine caves with interesting rock formations. As a result, independent travelers may have a hard time finding way around this popular destination. Cruise is therefore the best way to savor the amazing beauty of Ha Long Bay. The most breathtaking islets and grottos are always included in the itinerary of the cruise and you won't miss out on the best attractions that Ha Long Bay has to offer.

2 BEST VALUE FOR MONEY

Most attractions and activities in Ha Long are best explored on the water. You wouldn't be able to save that much if you travel independently

and have to pay for the food, transportation and accommodation separately. Cruise may sound like a pricy option at first, but when you add all these individual services together, you will be astounded by how much you can save. As a matter of fact, cruise is best value for the vacationer no whatever budget they are on.

3 VARIETY

No forms of vacation offer such a comprehensive experience like a cruise vacation. A cruise vacation grants you several entertainments and fine dining options, all of which are located steps away from your room. Most cruises offer nightly entertainment, which may include live bands, squid fishing and other fun communal activities. The deck offers sunbathing and

sightseeing - some cruises even organized tai chi in the early risers. In addition to seeing multiple picturesque islets at your own leisure, you can also explore various ethereal grottos when the cruise docks.

4 RELAXATION

Even if you are all for energetic activities, there will be time when you need to unwind with a cocktail. We all work longer hours now than before, and we deserve a full-on vacation recharge before resuming to work. What is more entertaining than lazing on the sundeck, basking in the wind and waves of Ha Long Bay, while being pampered and well-fed? If you go with luxury cruise such as Paradise Peak or Au Co, do not miss out on the spa and Jacuzzi services on board for utmost relaxation.

5 FAMILY-FRIENDLY

A cruise is hard to beat in terms of family entertainment. Indeed, many cruises offer a customizable experience where both parents and children can have a good time. There are childcare facilities where children can enjoy activities designed just for them. At the same time, parents can enjoy some privacy with their spouse while on board. Family-friendly entertainment for those who want a bonding time is also available on many cruises.

6 TOP-QUALITY CUISINE

At the end of the day, what you probably love the most is the culinary experience at Ha Long Bay. However, finding a good restaurant may be a tricky part. That's where cruise prove its superiority to other forms of travel. You can always count on superb dining choices on a cruise, as top-notch chefs with strictest hygiene standard will prepare your meals. Besides, you also get to savor all the exotic seafood goodness that Ha Long has to offer at a relatively cheaper price than high-end restaurants, all included in the cruise price.

7 SHARING YOUR EXPERIENCE

With passengers varying from 10 to 50 on each vessel, cruising offers unique opportunities to meet like-minded travelers - and you'll share new experiences that you probably won't find with other types of vacations. With plenty of fun group activities, get ready to create unforgettable memories and make friendships that last a lifetime.



INTRODUCTION OF NEW CRUISES

Introduction of Aphrodite Cruise

Named after the Greek Goddess of Love and Beauty, Aphrodite Cruise is undoubtedly one of the most charming and magnificent cruises in Halong Bay at the moment. Starting to operate at the end of 2013, Aphrodite Cruise is the latest vessel launched under the Aphrodite cruise line - which is a perfect combination of traditional ship building technique and equipped modern amenities whilst still boasts the innate irresistible charm of its Aphrodite family.

The Aphrodite Supreme vessel is 41 meters in length and 9 meters in width with 17 luxurious and spacious cabins divided into 3 classes: luxury, luxury balcony, terrace suite and family suite; fully equipped with modern facilities in Western style that can bring comfort to even the most fastidious travelers. All the cabins are located on the first and second deck while the third is Aphrodite restaurant together with the massage, spa and sauna area. Body massage while cruising through the bay is for sure the purest state of relaxation you can never forget. Then comes the time for capturing the breathtaking beauty of the bay on the sundeck where guests can bathe under the gently pouring sunlight of the dawn or watch sunset stretching away to the distant horizon.

The cruise offers various leisure activities that are suitable for guests of all ages: kayaking, swimming, snorkeling, beauty and massage services, cooking class, squid fishing, Tai Chi demonstration, karaoke... Whether guests are travelling as family, couple or solo traveler, the cruise can totally cater to each particular needs with great assistance of its well-trained, professional and cheerful staff who are always willing to help and aspire to make all the trips with Aphrodite a memorable experience. Enjoying the reputation of its mother line, the luxurious Aphrodite Cruise has been the reliable choice of many travelers from all over the world to ensure a fantastic trip at this world heritage site.



Introduction of Signature Cruise

Being one of UNESCO's Natural World Wonder, Halong bay intrigues visitors with more than 2000 big and small caves and island with their unique shapes and legend. It is also diverse with forestry, wild animals and culture. Signature cruise, a new cruise in the bay, will be able to help guests to explore this wonder. Signature Cruise Halong is proud to be one of the most beautiful ship in Ha Long with 5-star standards, designed in a modern European style elegance. The

cruise includes 12 spacious and comfortable guest rooms. There is a wide selection of suite style of deluxe twin and double suites with balcony and terrace as well as family suite for your needs. All rooms are well equipped with modern facility with the biggest room is at spacious 38m² and the smallest one is 19.5m². Upper deck is a restaurant bar with open space, allowing visitors to enjoy the spectacular beauty of the bay. Let's start a new day with tai chi exercises on the deck of Halong Signature Cruise, bringing you a new day full of energy among the vast sky and sea. Tourists will also enjoy a romantic sunset afternoon in the bay. Signature Restaurant on Halong Cruise with exquisite



Introduction of Dragon Legend

As a newest member of Indochina Junk, Dragon Legend Cruise proudly emerges as the high end product line in the role of bringing truly extraordinary experience for customers. In 2014, two ships which are fully equipped with comfortable facilities and luxury amenities will be launched.

Each Dragon Legend Cruise features 24 cabins based on international standards and 4 decks with both inside and open-air restaurants, bars and 2 sundeck areas. Along with food and beverage department, Dragon Legend also offers Spa services which are operated on the high safety level.

With the customer-satisfied motto, all design features are customer focused and oriented. Each spacious cabin is an art of work decorated with the harmonious combination between traditional and modern. A private bathroom including Jacuzzi is ready to provide a relaxed holiday for customers. Additionally, Dragon

Legend cruise offers a dramatic public spaces, impressive open air dining and bar that definitely makes sense of relaxing trip in the Bay. In accordance to provide an amazing cruise experience, safety is also our priority concern. Dragon Legend cruise is built on a strong steel frame and qualified iron which ensures the safe and sound holiday for customers. Another highlight is the different itinerary that has been researched to be extremely off the beaten track. Dragon Legend cruise offers trip to Bai Tu Long Bay in the less tourist area rather than the paths of others, which is promised to deliver unique sea sights and new sense of Ha Long Bay wonder. Following mission of Indochina Junk Company, this elegant cruise represents a new concept in passenger boat design and it is ideal for those who is looking for new experiences in Ha Long.

design and luxury will await you with a menu of Asian and European dishes, rich with special delicacy prepared by top chefs. Tourists will have a little trip to visit Sung Sot cave, house for magnificent stalactites formation. You can swim under the cool and clear water or paddle the kayaks to explore the small caves in the bay. When you are tired from exploring the area, there is a Beauty Spa and Massage service by professional that helps relaxing your tension. Signature Halong Cruise is committed to bring you the best service on the bay.



BEST CRUISE 2016

Glory Premium Cruise

Although brand new and recently launched in 2013, the Glory Premium Cruise is honoured to be selected as the budget cruise with fantabulous customer service.

The boats possess 15 luxury suites featuring stylish and modern furniture while maintaining cosy and traditional Vietnamese design. These spacious, well-appointed cabins with large en-suite bathrooms, large sun decks, and elegant dining rooms have also been fitted to the highest International standards.

The cruise offers an extraordinary way to explore Ha Long Bay, which emphasises on the multilateral engagement with residents. Built for you to enjoy the majestic natural sightseeing, Glory Premium cabins are heavenly windows onto the beauties of Ha Long Bay. The cruise will bring you into contact with locals in a lightsome way which definitely gives you relaxed and peaceful feelings.

The most remarkable thing is the dedicated and professional managers and staff are highly trained and promise to devote and bring you into the best experience in this stunning area.

See Vietnam in its true authenticity and genuineness, feel and experience the unique culture, delicious foods and ingenuous people, all in one packing!

Indochina Sails Cruise



Today, there are more competitors than ever for the list of the best cruises in Halong Bay as this world heritage site has been attracting a large number of service providers to operate in. If you are finding yourself in a state of confusion among all the cruise names and looking for a high class cruise experience, do not miss out Indochina Sails.

Indochina Sails was one of the very first companies to exploit the potential of Halong Bay with more than 10 years experience in hosting international tourists on the tranquil waters of the bay and also the pioneer company to offer overnight stay, which is no doubt the most wanted and relaxing activity of tourists when visiting Halong Bay.

Indochina Sails cruise line is now operating 6 newly built wooden junks designed in traditional style with temporary and luxurious facilities under the name of: Indochina Sails 1,2,3; Indochina Sails Premium, Valentine and Valentine Premium. All Indochina Sails vessels are big boats with a variety of cabin types that can easily meet the expectation of tourists seeking for a sense of luxury but not wishing to pay a large fortune for the trip while Valentine and Valentine Premium vessels (with 2 and 5 cabins respectively) are targeting those seeking for a more exclusive and intimate experience and absolutely perfect for honeymooners.

Through its long history operating in the bay, Indochina Sails has gained enviable reputation for its top-notch service quality. All the vessels feature spacious cabins

with large en-suite bathroom, large sun decks and elegant dining room and bar. The traditional wooden design with in-room decoration of handcraft artworks from the most famous craft villages in the country combined with the international standard amenities creates a perfect balance of modern convenience, comforts and nostalgic ambience. The dedicated and hospitable staff with open manners always aspires to bring the most memorable cruise experience and create "home away from home" atmosphere on board for guests.

Since its establishment, Indochina Sails has earned public trust in the luxury cruise range and become the choice of many tourists as assurance for a great trip. And it comes as no surprise that Indochina Sails is one of the best cruises in Halong Bay in 2013.

Paradise Privilege Cruise

If joining for a big cruise may be fun, small size cruise provides maximum level of intimacy as you exploring the natural wonder of Halong Bay. Being voted as best cruise in v in term of small size with excellent quality, Paradise cruise will not disappoint.

Paradise Privilege has a capacity to carry 6 passenger on board. There is a Double bedroom, Twin bed room and a Master suite. Each cabin is equipped with modern facilities that ensure both comfort and convenience. Baby cot service is available upon request in case tourists travelling with babies. Paradise Cruise will bring tourists to major attraction in the bay like Surprised Cave and Soi Sim island. Here, guests will be amazed with beautiful karst formation, being sculptured by millions of years and exciting beach. These are perfect locations for doing kayaking or swimming.

On board there is a range of exciting activities such as massage or bar. Guests will also have chance to taste

delectable Vietnamese dishes, meticulously prepared by top chefs. Vegetarian and meat options are available with touches of home-cooked meals from all across Vietnam. There is also a fusion of international and western dishes available. Dining with Paradise Privilege need not be boring. Guests will have chance to have their meals served in a cave, at the sun deck or while watching the sunset at a magnificent beach. With the cruise unique compact size, it is perfect for family or close group of friends to enjoy the trip together. The crew excellent service will take good care of your request. It is possible to have a custom trip of which destination to visit in Halong bay and the menu for each meal. Special events on board can also be delivered by the cruise.



THE CRUISE GLOSSARY

As you browse through the cruise options or plan for your upcoming trip to Halong Bay, you may be dazzled by the number of choices this little place has to offer. Let us explain to you what means what in order to make the best choice of your lifetime experience.



● **Luxury Cruise:** referring to the 5 star standard cruise trip. These cruises often offer top rooms and cabins, with amenities matching that of a 4 or 5 star hotels on land.

● **Deluxe Cruise:** an ideal option for mid-range travelers who want to see all the essence of Halong Bay without spending a fortune on the trip. Cruises of this class offer cabins and services of 3 star standard at a very reasonable deal.

● **Superior Cruise:** also known as budget cruise, superior cruises include the lowest price cruise at a

decent standard. The itinerary does not cut you short of any activities while providing you with adequate facilities and fulfilling meals.

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» *Note that the classification of this cruise is only relative and is not dependent on the vessel size.*
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● **Private Cruise/ Charter:** For Halong Bay Cruise, you can even have your own cruise and travel your own way. Most cruise companies offer private/ charter cruise option for varying group sizes from as small as 1 cabin boat to 20-cabin vessel. If you travel in a

group and would like total privacy, this is an ideal option.

● **Indochine style:** Indochine is the old name that refers to Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia during the French colonial period. Today, the French still leaves a strong influence in many architecture works and styles of Vietnamese artists. You will see this influence in the decoration style and outer appearance of most boats you travel with.

● **Cabin/ Suite:** Rooms on board of cruise of different size. Cabins are typical and vary in size from 12 to 18. Suites are often larger, more luxurious and expensive.

● **Shuttle bus:** Most cruise has shuttle bus or a public bus that collects and sends travelers from their hotels to the harbor to board the cruise trip.

● **Force Majeure:** Referring to the circumstances such as government restriction, bad weather, which lead to tour and cruise cancellation. This is set in the terms and conditions of each cruise trip. You will not be charged if the tour has not yet to start.



AUCO CRUISE

Star rating: ★★★★★

Launching:
April 2012

Operating Area:
The Gulf of Tonkin, Vietnam: Halong Bay, Cat Ba Island, Lan Ha Bay, Bai Tu Long Bay

Cruise duration:
3 days / 2 nights



FACTS AND FIGURES

Number of Boat	02	Engines	02 Yanmar (368KW)
Length	56 m	Passenger cabins	32 (All with floor-to-ceiling glass door)
Width	10.43 m	Passenger berths	66
Depth	3.20 m	Build	2011
Crew	45	Air Draft	10 m

PORT LOCATION

Address	Tuan Chau Marina Port, Quang Ninh Province, Vietnam
Distance to nearest bank or ATM	1 km
Distance to nearest hospital	4 km
Distance to Hanoi airport (Noi Bai)	160 km or 3.5 driving hours
Distance to Hanoi City	165 km or 3.5 driving hours
Distance to Haiphong airport (Cat Bi)	75 km or 1.5 driving hours

TRANSPORTATION

Shuttle Bus Service	Daily departure at 8:30 am at 47 Phan Chu Trinh, Hanoi
Private Car Service	On request
Helicopter Service	On request

CHECK-IN / CHECK OUT

Check in time	12:00 am	Check out time	10:30 am
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CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Diners Club

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English, French, Vietnamese



PORT LOCATION

Address	Tuan Chau Marina, Tuan Chau Island, Halong City
Distance to nearest bank or ATM	500 m
Distance to nearest hospital	4 km

TRANSPORTATION

Shuttle Bus service	Daily departure at 8:30 am at 47 Phan Chu Trinh, Hanoi
Private Car service	On request
Helicopter service	On request

CHECKIN/CHECK-OUT

Check in time: 12:00 am	Check out time: 11:00 am
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ACCOMMODATION

Deluxe Cabin	18 per ship
Royal Suite	02 per ship

CABIN AMENITIES (ALL CABIN TYPES)

• Hair-dryer	• Mineral water
• Individual controller air-conditioning	• Mini bar
• Shower cabin	• Slippers
• Toilet	• Life vests
• Bathroom amenities	• Fire extinguishers
• Umbrella / Raincoat at reception	• Smoke detector & Sprinkler systems

ONBOARD ACTIVITIES

• Swimming	• Tai Chi
• Kayaking	• Vietnamese cooking demonstration
• Fishing	• Spa & Massage
• Excursions to caves, grottoes, beaches & fishing village	• Wooden games

DELUXE CABIN

Number of cabins	18 per ship
Average room size	12.5 sqm
Bed type	02 Double & 16 Twin (Convertible into Double Bed)
Maximum number of persons allowed	02 adults + 01 Child below the age of 12

ROYAL SUITES

Number of cabins	02 per ship
Average room size	16.5 sqm
Bed type	Queen size
Maximum number of persons allowed	02 adults + 01 Child below the age of 12

SERVICES & FACILITIES

• Reception	• Safety box at reception
• Boutique Library	• Doctor on call
• 24-hour security	• Baby sitter
• Conference & meeting facilities	• Car rental service with driver
• Tender for sightseeing	• Theme party on request
• Kayaking, swimming & fishing equipments	• Rowing boat

DINING ROOM & BAR

Lunch	13:00 - 14:30 buffet
Dinner	19:00 - 21:00 set-menu
Brunch	09:00 - 10:30 buffet
Seating capacity	40 passengers
Bhaya bar	Teas, coffees, fresh juices, mocktails, cocktails, wine and spirit list sourced from around the world.

ONBOARD ACTIVITIES

• Swimming	• Tai Chi
• Kayaking	• Vietnamese cooking demonstration
• Fishing	• Spa & Massage
• Excursions to caves, grottoes, beaches & fishing village	• Wooden games

ONBOARD EVENTS (ON REQUEST)

• Meeting & Conference	• Wedding ceremony
• Fashion show	• Birthday / Wedding anniversary/ Honeymoon
• Traditional or modern live music	• Beach party
• Traditional or modern dance	• Dinner in cave
• Corporate Party	• Company retreat
• Theme cruise	



SPECIFICATIONS	Indochina Sails I	Indochina Sails II	Indochina Sails III	Indochina Sails Premium
Operated since	Apr, 2007	Nov, 2007	Nov, 2008	Nov, 2010
Length	40 m	40 m	44 m	53 m
Width	8.5 m	8.5 m	9 m	9,5 m
Height	19 m	19 m	20 m	23 m
Depth	2.5 m	2.5 m	2.5 m	2,4 m
Dining Room	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bar/ Sundeck	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Massage cabin	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes
ACCOMMODATION	Indochina Sails I	Indochina Sails II	Indochina Sails III	Indochina Sails Premium
Total cabins	14	15	15	23
Superior Twin	8 (13 m²)	11 (13 m²)	7 (14 m²)	13 (14 m²)
Superior Double	2 (13 m²)	N/A	4 (14 m²)	N/A
Deluxe Twin	4 (14 m²)	2 (14 m²)	1 (16 m²)	4 (16 m²)
Deluxe Double	N/A	2 (14 m²)	N/A	N/A
Suite Double	N/A	N/A	2(19 m²)	N/A
Suite Twin	N/A	N/A	1(19 m²)	4 (20 m²)
President Suite Double	N/A	N/A	N/A	2 (24 m²)

FACILITIES AND SERVICES	Indochina Sails I	Indochina Sails II	Indochina Sails III	Indochina Sails Premium
High-quality wooden décor	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Individually controlled air-condition	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
En-suite luxury bathroom	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Massage Shower	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jacuzzi (Suite and President Suite)	No	No	Yes	Yes
Deluxe Toilet Amenities and Towels	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hairdryer, Bathrobe and Slippers	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
High-quality white bed linen	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fresh flower	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
In-house Telephone	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mini Bar and Safe	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Complimentary Drinking Water	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Beauty Services and Massage	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cabin Service (Snack Meals)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Safety Equipment and Life Vests	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes





FLEET

Number of vessels	04
Outfit	Traditional Vietnamese wooden Junk
Capacity	34 passengers per vessel (Total: 136 passengers)

LAUNCH

Paradise Luxury I	November 2008
Paradise Luxury II	March 2009
Paradise Luxury II	June 2010
Paradise Luxury IV	October 2011

LOCATION

Operating Area	Halong Bay, Vietnam
Address	Tuan Chau Island, Halong City Quang Ninh Province
Distance to nearest bank/ATM	500m
Distance to nearest hospital	3km
Distance to Hanoi airport (Noi Bai)	160km (3.5 driving hours)
Distance to Hanoi City	165km (3.5 driving hours)
Distance to Haiphong airport (Cat Bi)	75km (1.5 driving hours)

TRANSPORTATION

Shuttle bus service	Daily departure at 8.00AM from Hanoi
Private car service	On request
Helicopter service	On request

CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

Check-in time 12.00AM	Check-out time 10.30AM
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CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

- Visa, MasterCard, American Express

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English, French, Italian, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese

ACCOMMODATION

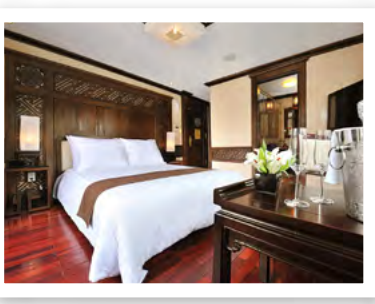
Deluxe Cabins	24 (6 per vessel)
Deluxe Balcony Cabins	30 (7 per vessel and 9 on Luxury I)
Paradise Suite	8 (2 per vessel)
Terrace Suite	6 (2 per vessel except Luxury I)
Total number of cabins	68 (17 per vessel)
Total passengers	136 (34 per vessel)

CABIN AMENITIES (ALL CABIN TYPES)

• Cabin with central air-conditioning	• Personal safe
• Marble bathroom with hot water	• Complementary mineral water
• Hair-dryer	• Slippers
• Toilet	• Wardrobe
• Complementary toiletry	• Life jacket
• Cabinet	• Fire extinguishers

FACILITIES

• 4 decks	• Dining Room
• Reception	• Bar
• Souvenir Boutique	• Sundeck
• Dry sauna	• Kayaks
• Jacuzzi (except on Luxury IV)	• Tender for sightseeing
• Massage room	



CALYPSO CRUISE

Star rating: ★★★★★



BRIEF BOAT SPECIFICATIONS

Built:	2009
Design concept:	traditional wooden style
Length:	33m
Width:	8m
Height:	9m
Deck 1:	8 cabins and kitchen
Deck 2:	4 cabins + Bar and restaurant
Average cabin size:	12.5 sqm
Sundeck:	Tanning chairs, wooden bar
Cabins Facilities:	comfort bedding, Air-con, Private Bath, bar, and rustic rattan furnishings
Generator:	4.500KVA
Cruising speed:	8 nautical knots per hour
Crew:	12

TRANSPORTATION

Shuttle Bus service:	Daily departure at 8:00-8:30 am from Hanoi
Private Car service:	On request

CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT

Check in time:	12:00 am	Check out time:	11:00 am
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ACCOMMODATION

Total number of Cabins	12
Total Passenger Capacity	24

CABIN AMENITIES

- Individually controlled Air-Conditioning Wardrobe
- Hot and Cold Shower Complimentary Bottled Water
- Toilet Slippers
- Toiletries Fire Extinguisher

SERVICES AND FACILITIES

- Reception (English and Vietnamese Speaking)
- 24-hour security
- Themed Parties on request
- Car Rental Service with Driver
- Tender for Sightseeing
- Kayaking & Fishing equipments
- Number of Cabins 12 fully-furnished cabins
- Average Room Size 12.5 sqm

DINING ROOM

- Cuisine Vietnamese Seafood & Various International Dishes
- Breakfast 08:00 - 8:30 daily
- Lunch 13:00 - 14:00 daily
- Dinner 19:00 - 20:00 daily
- Seating capacity 24 passengers

ON - BOARD ACTIVITIES

- Swimming
- Kayaking
- Excursions to caves, grottos, beaches & fishing village

ON BOAT EVENTS (BY REQUEST)

- Meetings & Conferences Wedding Ceremonies
- Themed



DRAGON'S PEARL

Star rating: ★★★★★

Launching:

The Dragon's Pearl 1 - April 2010
The Dragon's Pearl 2 - June 2010
The Dragon's Pearl 3 - July 2010

Cruise duration:

2 days / 1 night
3 days / 2 nights
4 days / 3 nights
5 days / 4 nights



OVERVIEW

The newest and the largest of the Indochina Junk family, the three Dragon's Pearl are modelled on the traditional Chinese junks that used to sail these waters.

Whether you are dining in the restaurant, lounging on one of the two sundecks or relaxing in the comfort of your cabin, you will be surrounded by the handcrafted teak and oak that make the Dragon's Pearl wonderful sailing vessels.

This classic junk is ideal for parties for larger groups (up to 20 people) or even incentive groups. Alternatively book a berth and get to meet new friends as you cruise the bay.

DRAGON'S PEARL FACT & FIGURE

Length:	34.5m	Cabins:	11
Width:	7.3m	Cabins size:	11m²
Decks:	03	Crew:	10

Passenger Capacity:	22
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SERVICES

• Kayaking	• Dinner in cave
• Beach BBQ	• Mangrove Forestation
• Fishing Trip	

FACILITIES

• Ship equipment, engine, generators, fresh water tank
• Safety equipment, alarm systems, life vests, life rife

PALOMA CRUISE

Star rating: ★★★★★

Launching:

2009

Cruise duration:

2 days / 1 night - 3 days / 2 nights



OVERVIEW

The Paloma is a brand new Chinese wooden junk crewed by a professional, loyal and dedicated team. Spread over 4 decks she has 16 en-suite fully equipped luxury cabins, a bar with soft seating and plasma TV, gourmet restaurant, outside dining area, sundeck and luxury spa.

Come onboard The Paloma. Be charmed by her exquisite luxury, intimate setting and unrivalled home from home service. An unforgettable way to witness the serene, calm setting of Halong Bay's exceptional natural beauty.

The Paloma is your home while you are in Halong Bay. Good service is key. Our crew consists of 20 dynamic, passionate and enthusiastic individuals who are committed to making your stay with us special and unforgettable.

PALOMA FACT & FIGURE

Length:	43m	Cabins:	22
Width:	10.5m	Decks:	04

SUPERIOR CABINS

Number of Cabins:	08	Room size:	13m²
Bed Type:	King size bed or Twin size bed	Locate:	First floor

DELUXE CABINS

Number of Cabins:	06	Room size:	15m²
Bed Type:	King size bed or Twin size bed	Locate:	Second floor

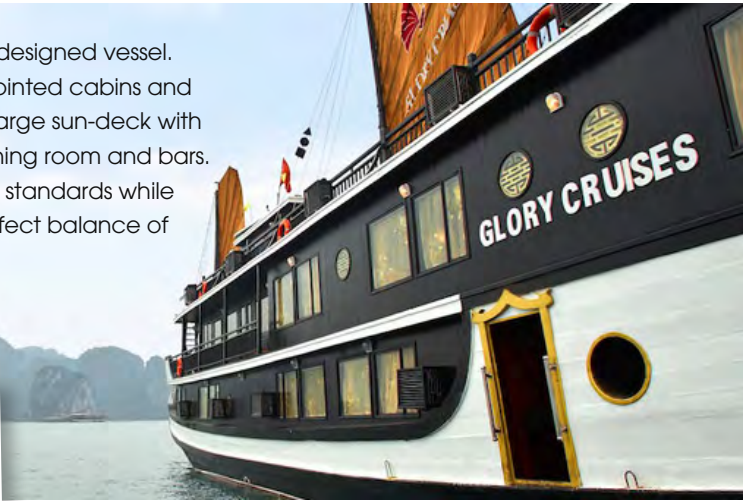
PALOMA SUITE

Number of Cabins:	02	Room size:	20m²
Bed Type:	King size bed	Locate:	Second floor

GLORY CRUISE

Star rating: ★★★★★

Glory Cruise is a modern and tastefully designed vessel. The boat features spacious, well-appointed cabins and suites with large en-suite bathrooms, large sun-deck with comfortable lounging furniture and elegant dining room and bars. Glory Cruise is designed to match international standards while maintaining traditional styling, creating the perfect balance of modern comforts and nostalgic ambiance.



Glory Cruise is about enjoying Halong Bay in an elegant, relaxing and fulfilling way. The cruise brings travelers into contact with local people of different floating villages. With Glory Cruises, you will have ample opportunity to see Vietnam in its authenticity and sample local culture and food, in a one unpacking, unforgettable vacation where your “floating hotel” get you insight into Halong bay Vietnam.

VESSELS:	
Long:	37,5m
Wide:	11,5m.
02 Generator:	Capacity 65 KVA and 45 KVA.
Engine:	YANMAR, made in Japan with capacity 105 CV
Crew:	Cruise Manager and 18 well trained staff.
Restaurant and Bar:	Western, Asia & Vietnamese
Safety equipment:	52 life buoy, 16 fire extinguishers and 02 medicine boxes. Safety box in every cabins.

LUXURY CABINS:		
08 Deluxe (15,5m2)	04 Suites (18m2)	01 Family Suites (36m2)
FACILITIES:		
• Luxurious Cabins	• Privates Balconies	• Sport Equipment
• Central Air-Conditioning	• Dining Room and Bar	• Cruise Program
• En-suite Bathroom	• Conference Equipment	• Entertainment

MARGUERITE CRUISE

Star rating: ★★★

Launching:
Marguerite 1 - August 2009
Marguerite 2 - Feb 2011

Cruise duration:
2 days / 1 night - 3 days / 2 nights



MARGUERITE CRUISE FACT & FIGURE			
Decks:	03	Sundeck:	26x6m²
Length:	34.5m	Cabins:	12
Width:	7.3m	Crew:	11
Height:	8m	Passenger Capacity:	24
DOUBLE ROOM			
Queen size Bed:	1.5x2m	Room size:	18m²
• En suite bathroom with standing shower, toiletry and towels		• Individually controlled Air-conditioning	
• High-quality White Bed Linen		• Mini bar	
• Complimentary Drinking Water		• Bedside table	
• Fresh Flowers		• Hairdryer, Slippers	
TWIN ROOM			
Twin size Bed:	1x2m (Convertible to double bed)	Room size:	18m²
• En suite bathroom with standing shower, toiletry and towels		• Individually controlled Air-conditioning	
• High-quality White Bed Linen		• Mini bar	
• Complimentary Drinking Water		• Bedside table	
• Fresh Flowers		• Hairdryer, Slippers	
PUBLIC AREAS			
• Sundeck		• Bar	
• Dining Room			



ANNAM JUNK

Star rating: ★★ ★

Launching:
July 2009

Cruise duration:
2 days / 1 night - 3 days / 2 nights

OVERVIEW

Inspired by the 14th century’s wooden junk, the 5 Annam Junk were uniquely designed and hand-built by Halong Travel, with luxurious interior and a wide selection of 5 to up to 11 cabin junk. Sailing across the exquisite sight of the tranquil Halong Bay, you can let yourself be enchanted the beauty of this UNESCO world heritage site while sipping a drink on your sundeck or admiring the breathtaking view from your cabin’s large windows.

Let the Halong Annam Junk take you to explore from the diamond in the rough - the recently discovered spots, to the most well-known and extraordinary islands and islets on the emerald water of the bay.

ANNAM JUNK FACT & FIGURE

Length:	26m	Cabins:	11
Decks:	02	Cabins size:	19-30m²

DELUXE CABINS

Among the bay’s natural beauty, you will highly appreciate the cabins’ design and furnishings. The walls in each cabin were joined by around 2000 pieces of bamboo and brocade pillows that were made by ethnic minorities’ hand will warm- up the cabin and bring comfort, interesting to travellers. The cabins are both Double bed and 02 single beds and include Air- conditioner; Private Bathroom, Mini bar, Hot standing shower, In house phone, Panoramic windows, Cotton bath robe.

SUITE CABINS

The cabin include double bed, Air- conditioner, Private Bathroom, Mini bar, Balcony with private sundeck, Hot water massage, In house phone, Panoramic windows, Cotton bath robe.

SUITE CABINS

Spoil yourself in this spacious 30m²/323sq.ft suite with Private Balcony 14m2 and private service for Royal room. The elegant suite, decorated in local design, has 1 king bed. Work in comfort at the desk and check your emails with high-speed internet access. Take in the halong bay view from the three Panoramic windows or unwind watching DVD’s on the plasma TV. Re-invigorate your senses in the bathroom with separate bathtub and walk-in shower. Sleeps 2 adults, 1 child.



CLASSIC SAILS

Star rating: ★★ ★

OVERVIEW

Newly launched in the late year of 2007, The Classic Sail Cruise was special designed to inherited typical junk from a real Indochina of old experience style. The cruise offers international standard service for a deluxe cruise in Halong. All rooms on Classic Sail are spacious and smart designed with a panoramic view balcony. The Cruise provides exceptionally personalized services.

The Classic Sail features with 7 spacious cabins and once special VIP with separate glass standing shower and balcony for spectacular views of the bay, restaurant, reading & relax area, especial terrace bar. Classic Sail Cruise gives us the best chance to enjoy the World Heritage listed Halong Bay.

CLASSIC SAILS FACT & FIGURE

Length:	26.5m	Cabins:	07
Generator:	50KVA	Maximum Passengers Overnight:	14
Beam:	1.5m	Crew:	08
Engine:	100PH	Cruising speed:	7 nautical knots

DELUXE ROOM FOR FAMILY

Number of Cabin:	06
Size:	12sqm
Note:	01 connecting

SUITE ROOM

Number of Cabin:	01
Size:	18sqm
Note:	Private balcony

SERVICES & FACILITIES

• Tour guide	• Safety deposit box	• Doctor on call	• Restaurant & Terrace Bar
• 24-hours security	• Boutique	• IDD at reception	• Reading & Relax area

SERVICES & FACILITIES

• Swimming	• Trekking	• Cooking (upon request)	• Traditional game
• Kayaking	• Caving	• Vietnamese Lesson	• Special reading

PHOENIX CRUISE

Star rating: ★★ ★

Launching:

Phoenix Cruiser 1: June 2009
Phoenix Cruiser 2: Nov 2011

Cruise duration:

2 days / 1 night - 3 days / 2 nights



PHOENIX CRUISE 01 FACT & FIGURE

Decks:	03	Cabins:	16 (08 twin+08 double)
Length:	37m	Bed Type:	Modifiable bed twin/double
Width:	10m	Deluxe cabin:	14 (12m²)
Height:	8m	Phoenix cabin:	02 (12m²)
Crew:	12	Connecting cabin:	Available on request

PHOENIX CRUISE 02 FACT & FIGURE

Decks:	03	Cabins:	14 (10 twin+04 double)
Length:	30.8m	Bed Type:	Modifiable bed twin/double
Width:	8.7m	Deluxe cabin:	12 (12m²)
Height:	7m	Phoenix cabin:	02 (12m²)
Crew:	12	Connecting cabin:	Available on request

CABIN AMENITIES & FACILITIES

• Large window overlooking to the bay	• Non smoking cabins with air-conditioning
• Wardrobe and safety box in cabin	• Deluxe bathroom, standing shower with hot water
• Safety facilities and First-Aid equipment	• Mini Bar, daily two complimentary bottles of water
• 24 hours security	• Free kayaking, swimming, fishing equipments
• Theme party on request: honeymoon, birthday...	• Fire pump, smoke detector, hammer, fire extinguisher

ADDITIONAL AMENITIES FOR PHOENIX CABIN

• Hair dryer	• Fresh flower	• Fruit basket & Red Wine	• Tea and Coffee
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CRUISE COMPARISON

Cruise Name	Launched	Cabins	Triple	Family
Emeraude Cruise	2003	39	0	2
Bai Tu Long Junk	2005	0	0	0
Lagoon Explorer Cruise	2006	4	0	0
Ginger Cruise	2006	10	0	0
Oriental Sails Cruise	2007	16	1	2
Indochina Sails	2007	15	0	0
Prince I Cruise	2007	2	0	0
Valentine Cruise	2007	5	0	0
Princess Cruise	2007	1	0	0
Jasmine Cruise	2007	24	0	0
Emotion Cruise	2008	28	0	2
Red Dragon Cruise	2008	5	1	0
Phoenix Cruiser	2009	16	0	0
An Nam Junk	2009	5	0	0
Aclass Opera Cruise	2009	21	0	0
Calypso Cruiser	2009	12	0	2
Paloma Cruise	2009	16	2	0
Bhaya Classic Cruise	2009	20	0	0
Prince IV Cruise	2009	3	1	1
Bhaya Legend II Cruise	2009	2	0	0
Paradise Luxury Cruise	2009	17	0	0
Bhaya Legend I Cruise	2009	1	0	0
Violet Cruise	2009	6	0	0
Aclass Cruise	2010	11	1	0
Dragon’s Pearl Cruise	2010	11	0	0
Syrena Cruise	2010	17	0	0
Indochina Sails Premium	2010	23	0	0
Valentine Premium Cruise	2010	2	0	0
Paradise Privilege Cruise	2010	3	0	0
Paradise Peak Cruise	2011	8	0	0
Poseidon Sail Cruise	2011	8	0	0
Luxury Imperial Cruise	2011	12	3	0
Aquarena Cruise	2011	12	0	0
Alova Cruise	2011	9	0	0
Glory Cruise	2011	12	0	1
Au Co Cruise	2012	32	0	0
Pelican Cruise	2012	22	0	0

FAQS



Q What time does the tour start and end?

Most cruises will leave the harbor at noon and return before noon the next day or 2 days after that, depending on which trip you book. To meet the cruise schedule, be prepared to be in Hanoi before 8AM since it takes at least 3 hours to reach the harbor. If you are late, some cruises also offer tender service to take you to the larger vessel.

Q When is the best time to visit Halong Bay?

Generally speaking, Halong Bay is great to see any time in a year. However, the dry season from October to December and the spring time from February to May are best in terms of weather. If you are a budget-minded traveler, choose the low season from May to September where there are many cruise deals.

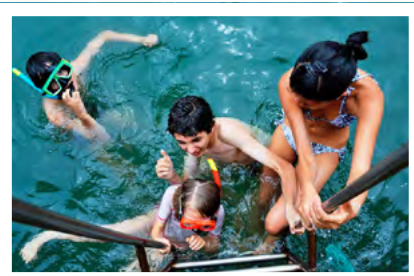


Q What activities are there besides sightseeing while I'm at sea?

There are plenty of things you can do while on board. Many cruises organize cooking class, teach tai-chi class for morning exercises and provide entertainment facilities at night. Depending on your stamina, you may even choose to kayak or rock-climb.

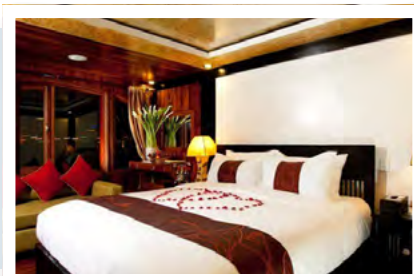
Q Is the small boat more cramped?

Small and large vessels will cater to different needs. If you prefer cozy space then a two to six cabin cruise will be best - think Violet or Valentine. Smaller boats mean greater privacy. In case you want to mingle and make new friends, then a larger boat will be your choice, such as Paradise cruise or Paloma.



Q Do I need to dress up special for the cruise?

Yes and no. There is no formal attire required - you may want to wear the most comfortable outfit you have. On the other hand, bring swimsuit if you plan to soak yourself in the emerald water of Halong Bay. If you are celebrating a special occasion, then plan to dress up as well.



Q Can children take the cruise trip?

Absolutely. All cruises offer extra beds for children if you want to keep them with you in the cabin. Cribs are also available on selected cruises. In fact, this is one of the best time you may find being with your kids. Imagine taking them out to kayak, playing chess with them or fishing for squid with them at night.

Q Should I tip?

There is no formalities on tipping in Vietnam. As long as you are happy with the service, you can always show your gratitude. However, do not feel obliged to do so.



Q Will the bus pick me up from my hotel?

Yes if you are staying in the Old Quarter. No if you are out of this area: you will need to take a taxi to the bus stop to be collected.



Q Can I use my phone or the Internet?

It depends on which cruise you are taking. You can use phone on all cruises but some do not offer wifi internet. Please check cruise amenities for further details.



Q Will I need any visas?

When you enter Vietnam, you are already requested to possess a valid visa and other travel documents. There are no other special documents you need to cruise Halong Bay.



Q Can I smoke on board?

You are not allowed to smoke inside the cabins on all cruises for safety reason. You can, however, do so if you are away from the cabin and public area.



Q I am vegetarian. Do I need to bring my own food?

Many cruises offer special meals for people with dietary needs such as vegetarian or vegan. Please indicate so at the time of booking so the cruise can prepare the best meal for you.



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