

# NorthEast Vietnam Off-Road CME Itinerary

We are excited to adventure ride through the mountains of Northeast Vietnam, departing Hanoi we travel to the border with China and the mountainous region of Cao Bang, and the Cross border Ban Gioc Waterfall. Take in great roads and experience Ba Be lake by boat as we put our bikes on local boats and glide across the calm waters with time for a swim, after departing Ba Be National Park we head up to the rough mountains of Ha Giang and the colorful people that inhabit this unique landscape. Ride through stone forest and hill-tribe villages on our way to the road that hugs the cliff at the Ma Phi Lieng Pass. Great views into China. Next we visit an historical landmark of the H'mong Kings palace built in the 1840's from the proceeds of Opium cultivation., We head down to Ha Giang town, and then back up through the terraced mountains to Hoan Su Phi, stop on Thac Ba Lake on our way back to Hanoi. Get ready for an amazing 9 Nights / 10 day Northeast Vietnam motorbike adventure.

## **Day 1: Hanoi**

Overnight Hotel (D)

Arrive in Vietnam and check into hotel. Group Introductions and meet the team. Rest and get gear ready for our off-road tour.

## **Day 2: Hanoi – That Khe**

Overnight in Hotel (B,L,D)

We pick you up at your hotel and transfer you to our garage at 7am and get sorted out on the bikes then head out of town on a divided highway after around 2 hr we join small roads and make our way through hills and villages. We take lunch en route and continue on quiet country roads stopping for photos and to meet locals. In the afternoon we make our way to the town of That Khe close to the border on China.

## **Day 3: That Khe – Quang Uyen – Ban Gioc waterfall**

Overnight home-stay (B,L,D)

Leaving That Khe after breakfast we head west on Highway 4 then turn off on back roads and make our way to Quang Uyen and the lime stone plateau of Tra Linh. Ride through mountains and jungles terrain to head on small roads to The landscape turns into limestone karst and is described as Halong Bay on land with sharp rock formations jutting of green rice fields. The roads here are in good condition and a pleasure to drive with light traffic and limestone mountains around. We take the back roads along to the spectacular Ban Gioc Waterfall on the border with China we head down to the waterfall and explore the amazing views. Overnight in village near the falls.

## **Day 4: Ban Gioc – Tra Linh – Thong Nong – Ba Be lake**

Overnight home-stay (B,L,D)

Leaving Ban Gioc we head off through the lime stone outcrops through forest and small villages on roads that parallel the border with China to the Tra Linh and cross down to Thong Nong we travel down a forested pass to the Nang River. There we put the bikes on boats and journey up the river through caves to the Ba Be Lake National Park, Lunch on board the boat, This spectacular clear lake surrounded by jungle covered mountains is great for a swim and is cool in the summer. Overnight and dinner with a local hill-tribe family.

### **Day 5: Ba Be – Meo Vac – Dong Van**

Overnight in hotel (B,L,D)

After breakfast at the home stay we head north through villages, forest and rivers, on our way to Bao Lac town. We leave the main road and climb up on small roads close to the border and make a river crossing by bamboo raft up. Once across the river we climb up to the black rocks that make up the landscape of Meo Vac. Here you see many hill-tribe people dressed in their colorful clothes in their daily life working in the fields amongst the spectacular scenery. Leaving Meo Vac The road hugs the cliff face and we climb up to the Ma Phi Lieng Pass. We have time to stop take photos of the amazing views across the gorge to China and visit some villages or local markets along the way. Overnight in Dong Van market town.

### **Day 6: Dong Van – Ha Giang**

Overnight in home-stay (B,L,D)

Early start today and we head through the black stone mountains and colorful hill tribe villages. Lunch en route, westop at Nha Vua Meo and visit the H'mong Kings palace constructed in the 1840's. More amazing paved roads through the rocky landscape on our way down to Yen Minh, WE make our way to Mau Due and climb through an amazing valley known for hemp production, we take back roads and make our way to a home-stay out side of Ha Giang Town, Overnight in Tay minority village on the outside of town.

### **Day 7: Ha Giang – Hoang Su Phi Overnight in ecolodge**

Overnight in ecolodge (B,L,D)

After breakfast at the home stay we head out of town and head up the mountains on small roads along the border through forest and villages to the small town of Hoan Su Phi, along the way the are spectacular views of terraced rice fields and Dao and H'Mong villages. We take time to stop for photos meet the locals and get a glimpse

into their unique way of life. In the afternoon we make our way to the home stay at Khanh Dinh bungalow with views on to Chieu Lau Thi mountain Hoan Su Phi district.

### **Day 8: Hoang Su Phi – Thac Ba lake**

Overnight in home-stay (B,L,D)

Departing Hoan Su Phi we travel over the mountains through more terraced fields and drop down to Thac Ba lake, here there are many villages of Dao minority people, we have time to stop along the way, Picnic lunch as a nice spot and arrive in time to relax on the lake to enjoy a cold beverage or two.

### **Day 9: Thac Ba – Hanoi**

End of Off-Road Tour (B,L, D)

After breakfast at the home-stay we head out on our way back to Hanoi. Lunch en route, get closer we get to Hanoi the more traffic, so we will take a divided highway to get us back in Hanoi at our Vinh Thuy garage around 5pm, then we will transfer you back to your hotel.

### **Day 10: Hanoi**

Transfers back to Airport (or continue your travels on your own) (B)

Check out of Hotel and arrange transport back to hotel.

### **What's included:**

Motorbike Honda 250 / Jeep 1:3 guide to client ratio per jeep

All petrol, oil and daily maintenance

Helmet and riding gear padded motorbike jacket and pants

Dry Bag to store your personal belongings

All accommodation with 9 nights twin share at hotel/ bungalow or sharing big room at homestay (Can upgrade to single room \$300 except for Day 7 as we don't have enough accommodations)

All drinks: water, coffee, soft drink, alcohol (excluding high end liquor and wines)

All meals on tour: breakfast, lunch, dinner

All entrance fees and ticket, music performance

English speaking tour guide, mechanic

Pick up, drop off hotel and designated airport pick-up

Free map on tour

14 Hours CME / Credit for FAWM

**What's not included:**

Visa to Vietnam

Pick up, drop off hotel to airport outside of arranged times

Personal health insurance & rescue insurance

Any cost related to delays, injuries, or lost items

Tips and gratuity (\$250-\$300pp)

Damage for the bikes

Speciality Alcoholic Drinks