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e 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.

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HALONG BAY CENERAL INFORMATIO

a 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

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 filing UNESCO Heritage Site of Halong Bay as the 3rd world heritage title, based on the value of archeology and biodiversity in the Gulf.







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.

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 boāt cruisings 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.

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NEW EXPERIENCES IN HALONG WITH ULTRA-MODERN AMUSEMENT PARKS

HALONG QUEEN CABLE CAR - THE WORLD'S LARGEST REVERSIBLE AERIAL TRAMWAY

Halong Queen cable car is a part of Project Sun World Halong Park, which covers an area of nearly 200 hectares. Right after its inauguration, Halong Queen cable car set two guinness World records, including the tallest cable car tower (188.88 meters) and the largest cable cabin (with the capacity of 230 passengers for each cabin).

The cable car was set up under the design and consultation of the world's famous cable car's companies: Doppelmayr (Austria) and Garaventa (Switzerland). It has the length of around 2,200 meters with two concrete towers on either side of Halong Bay. Unlike other cable car systems, Halong Queen Cable Car consists of only two cabins with the transport capacity up to 2,000 passengers per hour. Passing through Cua Luc Bay and connecting Bai Chay Beach to Ba Deo Mountain, the cable car opens up a wonderful opportunity for travelers to admire the amazing beauty of the UNESCO World Heritage Site from the high altitude.

HALONG SUN WHEEL - ENJOY UNRIVALLED PANORAMIC VIEW OF HALONG BAY FROM ATOP

Also belonging to Sun World Halong Park, Halong Sun Wheel promises to bring a truly gorgeous panoramic view of the most breathtaking bay in Vietnam. This is not only one of the two largest sightseeing ferris wheels in Vietnam (along with Sun Wheel Danang in Asia Park) but also among the tallest ones in the world.

The Sun Wheel is placed in Ba Deo Mountain at the elevation of 215 meters. It is designed and set up by Japanese corporation Sanoyas Hishino Meisho. Featuring 64 cabins, with the maximum capacity of 6 guests each cabin, the Sun Wheel has the frequency of 20 minutes/ cycle and the capacity of 1,200 passengers/hour. At night, the twinkling light from the wheel along with the lighting system in Bai Chay Bridge bring visitors the shimmering and magical views of the whole city.





Visiting Halong Bay in 2017, you will have a chance not only to experience an extravagant cruise tour in this picturesque landscape but also take part in a wide range of recreational activities in White Rabbit Park the first adventure theme park in the city. With a total area of approximately 20 hectares, White Rabbit Park is an ultra-modern entertainment complex including extreme games, folk games, children playground, food court, and so on. With the price from 20 - 40 dollars/ticket, visitors can participate in a variety of thrilling games and attractive leisure services such as Caribbean Pirates, high speed roller coaster, Hiphop, Apolo, Fly away, Star fly, music performance, magic show, circus performance, etc. Open daily from 8:00am to 10:00pm, White rabbit Park is an ideal entertainment venue in Halong for family vacation 2017.



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.



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NEW CRUISES

COLLECTION

Introduction of **Orchid Cruise**

BEST NEW CRUISE 2017: FOOD, ITINERARY AND FACILITY

Set afloat in November 2016, Orchid Cruise is the latest trend for cruising art of Halong Bay. The beautiful vessel is designed and completed in accordance with the international shipbuilding progress under the strict supervision of Vietnam Maritime Committee. This 5-star floating hotel is fully appointed with rescue equipment and state-of-the-art facilities, promising a safe, comfortable, and enjoyable cruise tour in Halong Bay.

Orchid Cruise family consists of three vessels (with the other 2 launched in April 2017). Each Orchid Cruise is 54 meters in length, 11 meters in width, and 11 meters in height with 14 ample and gracious cabins, divided into 5 classes including Suite, Family Suite, Premium Suite, Family Premium Suite, and Orchid Exclusive Suite. Orchid Cruise's cabins are unbeatable in terms of the room size (36 - 72 meters) and the extravagant

comfort that one can ask for: floor-to-ceiling window, private balcony, comfy 8-layer paradise dream bed, en-suite bathroom, air-condition, mini bar, etc. Thanks to its ample cabin space, Orchid Cruise is a top pick not only for groups of friends but also for families with children. Each cabin can accommodate up to 3 occupants, especially, spacious connecting cabins for families with the 72-square-meter-floor space are extremely ideal for 4 adults and 2 children.

Hailed as the newest and one of the most luxurious cruises in Halong Bay, Orchid Cruise not only enriches the collection of Halong Bay 5-star cruises but also redefines the concept of "5-star". This is one of very few iron boats among hundreds of normal wooden vessels. Besides, under the permission of local authorities, Orchid Cruise is the very first one that organizes cruise tour throughout Halong Bay - Bai Tu Long Bay - Lan Ha Bay with the most highlights of this less-travelled route. Last but not least, this is a pioneering liner setting sail from Dinh Vu Port, Hai Phong City. The unique place to start its voyage makes Orchid Cruise stand out from the others thanks to the significant reduction in the transfer time, only 2.5 hours (from the center of Hanoi to Dinh Vu Port), instead of 4 hours as usual.

With the remarkable improvements in both customer service's quality and facilities, the magnificent Orchid Cruise has been a reliable choice for all types of groups, especially families to experience extravagant cruise tours in Halong Bay.





Introduction of Lafairy Sails Cruise

UNIQUE TOP DECK DINNER WITH LIVE MUSIC DAILY

Named after a magical cave in Halong which is believed that fairies once came for bath, LaFairy Sails Cruise is one of the newest boutique wooden liners. Sending down the slipway since 2015, LaFairy Sails is among the best 4-star cruises at the moment offering elegant and cozy living space, professional and attentive services, gourmet cuisine, and unique itinerary.

LaFairy Sails Cruise has the time-honored traditional outer side but still featuring the latest amenities inside. The cruise possesses 11 lavishly appointed cabins with sea-view windows. All cabins are located on the first and the second deck, with the size ranging from 15 to 30 square meters. Each cabin is exquisitely tailored to the various demands of travelers yet generally decorated with natural hardwood floor and furniture, air-conditioning, toiletries and bathroom amenities, hot and cold shower, etc.

The spacious sundeck with comfortable sunbeds and chairs is ideal for sunbathing, practicing Tai Chi in the early morning, enjoying the purest air and natural surroundings, and capturing the breathtaking beauty of this legendary bay. Its sundeck bar caters all kinds of beverages including a wide range of wine, beer, cocktails, juices, and so on.

The cruise's restaurant on the second deck, with floor-to-ceiling-window and royal wooden furniture, promisingly brings not only the romantic and cozy ambience but also the spectacular sea views for guests whilst indulging in the culinary heaven of Vietnamese seafood and international dishes. Above and beyond, LaFairy cruise's itinerary is unique and unsurpassed due to its special program: BBQ Dinner in Cave, taking place daily during your cruise trip. Up to present, LaFairy Cruise is one of scarcely any cruises organizing this special program, therefore, think about Dinner in Cave, think about LaFairy Sails!.

More cruises to join the collection of 2017

As 2017 unfolds, a list of new cruise is under way to enrich the Halong Bay cruise collection. Aphrodite will soon launch it's ultra luxury Hera Cruise while Paradise has released the first photos of Paradise Luxury Elegance. Other reputable cruise line such as Signature, Pelican Halong and Aclass all have plans for their new products toward the end of the year. Check out oru Cruise Brochure 2018 (released in September 2018) for full details.

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WHAT OUR TRAVELLERS ARE MOST IMPRESSED SO FAR

Paradise Privilege Cruise

The most luxurious and intimate cruise

elivering cruise trips since 2010, Paradise Privilege Cruise is always the best choice for those who seek the extravagant experience in an intimate vessel. With seven years of operation, the boat has seen a multitude of travelers coming and going with the highest satisfaction.

Paradise Privilege Cruise is one of the smallest but the most extravagant liners in Halong Bay. The boat features only three spacious and exquisitely elegant cabins, classified into three classes, namely, Superior Double, Superior Twin, and Master Suite, All cabins are situated on the first and second deck while the third

one is sundeck with 3600 view onto the breathtaking Halong Bay.

The cruise's luxurious restaurant and bar, located on the second deck, caters a wide selection of Vietnamese delicacy, including both meat and vegetarian options. All of these dishes are meticulous prepared by top chefs, using locally sourced ingredients to truly reflect the exquisiteness of Vietnamese cuisine. In addition, meals can be arranged according to special requests such as dinner in cave, BBQ on sundeck, lunch (dinner) on beach, or a private dinner in your own cabin.





Glory Cruise

The best value cruise

nelieve that travelling is more than just a visit to an Dattractive destination, Glory Cruise team always go out of their way to bring travelers an experience to remember and cherish. Sailing with Glory Cruise, travelers can not only explore the endless beauty of Halong Bay in the most relaxing and fulfilling way but also save a lots of expenses by a comprehensive but economic package. A cruise tour with this 3-star floating hotel already includes entrance fees, pick-up services, well-appointed cabin, fabulous food, and a wide range of activities.

Glory Cruise is gracefully designed with the marriage of twenty-first-century amenities and the traditional style. The boat features 17 cozy and elegant cabins with spacious en-suite bathroom, large sundeck with comfortable sun lounges, exquisite dining room and stylish bar. All cabins and suites are located in the first and second floor and fully furnished with modern amenities. Especially, in order to help guests closely expose to the amazing nature of Halong Bay even from your bedroom, each Glory cabin has floor-toceiling window or private balcony, allowing the natural light and the purest air pouring into your cabin. The most highlighted feature of Glory Cruise has always been its fantastic services. Glory Cruise crews are well-trained and always attentive to every single details to make sure your trip as perfect as possible. With the fabulous services quality and the unrivalled experience at a very reasonable price, it comes as no surprise that Glory Cruise is voted as the best budget cruise in Halong Bay.

Aphrodite Cruise

The best cruise for cuisine

Cophisticatedly designed with the inspiration of the Omarvelous beauty of the natural wonder and the exclusive Vietnamese traditional culture, Aphrodite Cruise stands among the most sought-after liners in Halong Bay up to present.

Aphrodite Cruise offers a loads of leisure activities which are suitable for all ages: Morning Taichi, squid fishing, cooking class, trekking, kayaking, swimming. Aphrodite is known for offering a broad selection of Vietnamese and international cuisine. Especially, Vietnamese cuisine is made to reflect 5 flavors: Spicy. sour, bitter, salt, and sweet, which is equal to 5 natural elements: metal, wood, fire, water, and earth. Besides, chefs are also ready to prepare vegetarian dishes, specific allergen-free dishes, child-friendly food, etc. Taking food a very serious aspect of a perfect cruise journey, Aphrodite has devoted itself to delivering the best possible dining experience.



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.

- » Note that the classification of this cruise is only relative and is not dependent on the vessel size.
- 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	
CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED				
Visa, MasterCard, American Expre	ess, Diners Club			

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English, French, Vietnamese

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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
CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT	
Check in time: 12:00 am	Check out time: 11:00 am
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
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Traditional or modern dance	



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 m ²)	N/A	N/A
Suite Double	N/A	N/A	2(19 m ²)	N/A
Suite Twin	N/A	N/A	1(19 m²)	4 (20 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

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)
CARINA ARTENIA (ALL CARINATIVE)	

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







BRIEF BOAT SPECIFICATIONS			
Built:	2009		
Design concept:	traditional woode	en style	
Length:	33m		
Width:	8m		
Height:	9m		
Deck 1:	8 cabins and kitc	hen	
Deck 2:	4 cabins + Bar an	d restaurant	
Average cabin size:	12.5 sqm		
Sundeck:	Tanning chairs, w	ooden bar	
Cabins Facilities:	comfort bedding	, Air-con, Private Bath, bar, and rusti	c rattan furnishings
Generator:	4.500KVA		
Cruising speed:	8 nautical knots p	er hour	
Crew:	12		
TRANSPORTATION			
Shuttle Bus service:	Daily departure o	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
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









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 dinning 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 herth and get to meet new friends as you cruise the bay

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DRAGON'S PEARL FACT &	FIGURE		
Length:	34.5m	Cabins:	11
Width:	7.3m	Cabins size:	11m²
Decks:	03	Crew:	10
Passenger Capacity:	22		
SERVICES			
• Kayaking		• Dinner in cave	
Beach BBQ Mangrove Forestation			
Fishing Trip			
FACILITIES			
Shin equipment engine gener.	ators fresh water tank		

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



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 F	ACT & FIGURE			
Length:		43m	Cabins:	22
Width:		10.5m	Decks:	04
SUPERIOR	CABINS			
Number of Co	abins:	08	Room size:	13m²
Bed Type:	King size bed	or Twin size bed	Locate:	First floor
DELUXE C	ABINS			
Number of Co	abins:	06	Room size:	15m²
Bed Type:	King size bed	or Twin size bed	Locate:	Second floor
PALOMA S	UITE			
Number of Co	abins:	02	Room size:	20m²
Bed Type:		King size bed	Locate:	Second floor

GLORY CRUISE

Star rating: ★★★★

lory 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.

GLORY CRUISES

VESSELS:					
Long:	37,5m				
Wide:	11,5m.	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	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			



MARGUERIT	E CRUISE FACT & FIGU	RE			
Decks:		03	Sundeck:	26x6m²	
Length:		34.5m	Cabins:	12	
Width:		7.3m	Crew:	11	
Height:		8m	Passenger Capacity:	24	
DOUBLE RO	ОМ				
Queen size Bed:		1.5x2m	Room size:	18m²	
• En suite bathro	oom with standing shower, to	oiletry and towels	Individually controlled Air-conditioning		
High-quality White Bed Linen		• Mini bar			
• Complimenta	ry Drinking Water		Bedside table		
Fresh Flowers		Hairdryer, Slippers			
TWIN ROOM	l e				
Twin size Bed:	1x2m (Convertible to dou	uble 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 ARE	AS				
Sundeck		• Bar			
Dining Room					



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 AME	NITIES FOR PHOENIX CABIN			
 Hair dryer 	Fresh flower	Fruit basket & Red Wine Tea and Coffee		

CRUISE COMPARISON

Cruise Name	Launched	Cabins	Triple	Family
Emeraude Cruise	2003	39	0	2
Bai Tu Long Junk	2005	0	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
Red Dragon Cruise	2008	5	1	0
Phoenix Cruiser	2009	16	0	0
An Nam Junk	2009	5	0	0
Calypso Cruiser	2009	12	0	2
Paloma Cruise	2009	16	2	0
Bhaya Classic Cruise	2009	20	0	0
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
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
LaFairy Sails	2015	11	2	0
Stellar Cruise	2015	21	0	0
Orchid Cruise	2016	14	3	4

FAQS



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.

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.





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.

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.





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.



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.

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.



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.

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.



PASSPORT

■ 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.





💿 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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