

# Journey to discover Vietnamese history and culture by motorbike

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**Motorbike racing** is a great experience for travelers around the world, especially young people. Photos on CNN are posted by journalist Jarryd Salem, who recorded a 10,000km long journey to discover Vietnam by motorbike. With a network of more than 200,000km of roads covering the city from villages to villages, from coastal resorts to rich forests, Vietnam is a country of two-wheeled vehicles.

Motorbikes - two-wheeled vehicles are the daily means of transportation for more than 90 million Vietnamese people, helping them to travel quickly and conveniently and many tourists come here to catch up with this travel habit. Every year, the country of Vietnam welcomes nearly 8 million tourists and recently a new type of tourism is beginning to attract many tourists around the world - traveling by motorbike.



The well-known tourist route Hanoi - Ho Chi Minh City has been upgraded, with riders who like to learn history and culture with adventures, this is the number 1 option. cities with agricultural villages, resorts, beaches to cross the dense mountains, undulating mountains, a bendy coast together but attractive.

Currently, there are lots of auto repair shops and shops for backpackers, so foreign travelers can be assured of running a school bus. Interestingly, I was finally in Vietnam with my two-wheeler. Without planning the timetable, anxious to explore Vietnam, I ran a distance of 10 thousand kilometers. Here are some highlights I

experienced during my journey to discover Vietnamese history and culture by motorbike:

## Journey to find a perfect trip

Hanoi, bustling bustling capital, is the first place that most tourists want to travel by motorbike in Vietnam. Some drivers seek out services from reputable companies such as Flamingo Travel, Cuong's Motorcycle Adventures and FlipSide Tours, while some other young backpackers travel along the street to hire train cars. cheap - Chinese motorcycles. Instead, there are people who buy a new motorbike and then run straight to the South but try going north, you will be able to see the mountains and the majestic mountains of Vietnam.

## Majestic mountains in northern Vietnam

With a rural, peaceful and peaceful lifestyle, **Mai Chau** is the first stop to be glamorous to welcome visitors on the northern road before continuing on to the terraced rice fields in **Nghia Lo, Than Uyen** and **Sapa** . The place has the highest mountain of the country and is also the gateway to the Hoang Lien Son mountain gate, for many years Sapa is a tourist destination attracting many tourists.



Rural in Mai Chau The peaceful village scene in Mai Chau and Hoa Binh.



The road from Than Uyen to Nghia Lo across beautiful terraced fields.



QL4D highway - a main road in Sapa, hugs one side of the high mountain on the way between Lai Chau and Sapa. The peaks are covered in clouds, but only a few lucky drivers have the opportunity to experience these beautiful scenes.

Most motorists stay here for at least 1 night, sharing a house with H'mong people to experience their unique culture.



Coc Pai Road - the road should be repaired because it is always in a damaged state

Going further north, the new adventure truly begins, going to Ha Giang, across ethnic markets in Bac Ha. Ha Giang is a large gateway to the Dong Van Stone Plateau, a mountainous area close to the border with China that tourists can not ignore.



The mountain pass in Dong Van, Ha Giang winds through the slopes along the Chinese border as one of the spectacular roads and is loved by motorbike riders.

It can be said that the terrain is **the most beautiful terrain in the country**, driving to Dong Van and then going to Bao Lac - the homeland of 17 ethnic minority groups, where you will experience the life of the nation minorities, culture, food and exploring the mountains like honeycomb and the deepest gorges in Southeast Asia, especially conquering the famous Ma Pi Leng Pass. Ma Pi Leng Pass is one of the most challenging roads in the country, the twists, thrills, and canyon paths fade away creating unforgettable memories for tourists.



Ma Pi Leng, Ha Giang is the deepest alley in Southeast Asia.

The temperature in these canyons can be drastically reduced as the climb and bumpy roads can make you wobble the steering wheel and bounce on the saddle, but those difficulties are quickly offset by recovery. box, excited, eager to experience the most magnificent scenery of Vietnam.

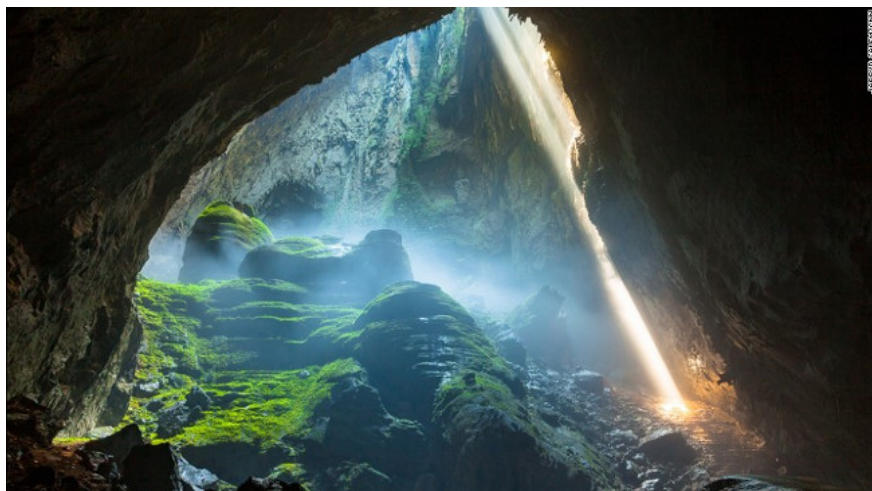
## **Cave population in Phong Nha**

Located about 560km south of Hanoi is a cave system that has begun to be developed and developed for local tourism over the years, which is already the poorest region in Vietnam. **Phong Nha - Ke Bang National Park** is known for its recent discovery of the largest cave in the world, **Son Doong Cave**, and adventurers from there to flock to explore this forest as well as the surrounding villages. Phong Nha. However, you should also visit the

town, not just the giant caves.



The rice fields in Phong Nha - next to two of the largest caves in the world, Phong Nha's tranquil village possesses incredible limestone mountains, picturesque rice fields and lots of adventurous fun activities to hold most visitors.



Not only famous for its mysterious caves, Phong Nha also possesses countless beautiful scenery, enough to hold visitors longer than originally planned. Phong Nha is located in the middle of a picturesque immense rice field and impressive limestone mountains, the people here are very hospitable, so I decided to stop and stay here three months after my first trip to Vietnam.

This " *Cave Kingdom* " is from a relatively remote, lesser-known area that has become one of the most attractive tourist destinations in Southeast Asia. Local people boldly take advantage of the reputation of Phong Nha to design a lot of interesting tours.

Dzung Le, a local tourism manager, has designed forest camping tours to introduce the most beautiful Phong Nha for tourists.



Hai Nguyen, the owner of the familiar Bamboo Café, runs an excellent eco-tour.

Mr. Hai said: " *Conservation is not only about raising awareness of forest protection, but also creating new, long-term opportunities for people. When more and more people are interested in tourism and the environment, more and more jobs are created for local people* ".



Tan Hoa girls - Traveling by motorbike you can visit a small village where public buses cannot reach, meet and chat with local people.

In addition to the caves, Phong Nha is also an ideal resting place, extremely quiet but surely you do not want to take a nap, and this is also the true highlight of every trip across Vietnam.

## Move along the Ho Chi Minh trail

The Ho Chi Minh Trail is one of the greatest military achievements of the twentieth century, running through the dense forests of Central Vietnam. The highway named **Ho Chi Minh** runs from inland across forests, across borders and even to the sea. Currently, there is a Ho Chi Minh highway built through a number of dense forests in the western branch. Most of the tourists who ride motorbikes often choose this route and west of Ho Chi Minh Road is considered the most imaginary part.



A section of Ho Chi Minh West branch road.

From Phong Nha along Ho Chi Minh highway, you will shorten about 240km, but the road surface is very narrow. Along the road there are only a lot of houses, so this is one of the farthest trips in the country. During this trip, you should be careful and focus on driving, an accident or an accident that may have to wait a long time to meet other people to ask for help. However, in the end, it only adds to the appeal.



Rainbow on the West Branch Ho Chi Minh trail after the rain. This place is also considered a "legend" for the

ph??t .



### Tanks at Khe Sanh

Besides the stunning discoveries of Vietnam, this is also an important aspect in the trip, learning about the tragic war history that Vietnam has experienced at 1954-1975. Khe Sanh is an attractive outdoor museum with tanks, airplanes, weapons and vehicles on the screen.

## Joy in fishing village along the coast

For those who first arrive in Vietnam, it is advisable to have diplomacy to get a road map and find the best scenery on the highway 1. Because of embracing the coast, this road is actually very dangerous always in a state of continuous damage. However, if you look carefully, you can enjoy the splendid beauty of the beaches here. **The famous Hai Van Pass** is one of the passes that challenges drivers, meandering between Hue and Da Nang cities, from a height of 496m, this mountain of ocean clouds will give us the style. Impressive scene of Vietnam's long stretch of ocean coast. To avoid the amount of tourists constantly pouring into this pass, go bold further south. **Note that** you can only speed up when in suburban areas because cattle walk around and you can be in danger.



Rock Disc is a masterpiece that nature bestowed on Phu Yen, where thousands of folded hexagonal stones stretch and overlap.

Farther south is Chi Thanh, home to Ganh Da Dia, Vietnam's unique coastal walk and try an extraordinary beach trip ending in Quy Nhon. Rarely, visitors have the opportunity to go through paved roads that connect fishing villages with rice fields. Spend a day relaxing under the palm trees at the legendary Jungle Beach beach to regain the spirit and health of the final stretch.



Fishing vessel anchored at Chi Thanh port.

## **Floating market in the Mekong Delta**

**The Mekong River** flows 4350km from the headwaters in the **Himalayas** through 7 different countries, one of the largest rivers in the world, eventually flowing into the South China Sea. Take a motorbike from Ho Chi Minh City to drive south to bustling Mekong Delta, surely you will be wavered by crowded mangrove trees, and many wild animals. Especially here the locals live in a sense of harmony with the immense water. Besides, the plains form a labyrinth of narrow lanes to explore by boat.





Can Tho floating market with all kinds of goods such as fruits, food, medicine .

Can Tho - a big city in the Mekong Delta, famous for its floating market. This delta forms a tangled maze with narrow canals, which go by canoe most convenient. In the large river sections, on the boats sold a lot of fresh products at famous floating markets. Sellers will sell fresh food such as fruits, meat and fish right on their boat.

Return to Saigon is the last part of the journey to discover tourism by motorbike. The city is overwhelmed with a series of loud, noisy cars. Enjoy a bowl of pho and a glass of iced coffee, listen to the stories and sales exchanges of the people here. After that, get ready for the journey to the North and discover the wonders that have created this wonderful country.





## Before leaving

The potential dangers on this trip with nature are always present. Strange roads often have many potholes and elephants, even locals who drive can say very dangerous, extremely improvised. Although these are familiar but frequent roads in the chaotic state, the scene of young men and women wearing sandals and slippers, headless helmets, running cars and then hitting other people. Before traveling Vietnam by motorbike, consider the risks and equip yourself with attentive protective equipment. Those who are silk drivers, know how to calculate and have adventurous blood, surely this trip will be one of the most worthwhile journeys to explore and explore in life!

So, before experiencing the adventures of a long journey to discover thrilling things and new knowledge in life, be well prepared and make sure you are ready in any situation. !

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