

# THE AU CO ITINERARY

# 3-Day-2-Night Discovery of the Gulf of Tonkin.

# DAY 1: HALONG - LAN HA BAY (L/D)

- **11:45** Arrive at *Bhaya Cruise Center*, located within the Tuan Chau Marina. Relax in the private lounge that is exclusively accessible to The Au Co's passengers.
- **12:30** Board The Au Co and visit the cabin before heading to the Halong Restaurant for a safety briefing as well as to meet the Cruise Manager and the crew while enjoying a fresh welcome drink.
- **13:00** The journey begins with a *fusion lunch* while The Au Co cruises towards the southeast of Halong Bay, passing Trong Mai Islet.
- 14:45 Arrive at Cat Ba Island. Choose a bicycle and pedal to Viet Hai Village a small village nestled in the heart of Cat Ba National Park. Stop at Bhaya Café for a drink and learn about "Viet Hai Community Farm" & "Save the Langurs", two of Bhaya Cruises' corporate social responsibility projects.
- **16:15** Bid farewell to the Viet Hai village and return to where the ship anchors. Cool off with a *swim* in the emerald lagoon around Viet Hai pier.
- **17:00** Return to the boat to freshen up as the boat cruises toward the anchor point.
- **17:30** Participate in a *cooking or fruit carving demonstration* on the sundeck (*or in the restaurant, depending on the weather*). Admire the sunset over enchanting Halong Bay while enjoying the *Happy Hour* promotion on a selection of drinks.
- **19:15** Savor the beautiful **set-menu dinner** in the restaurant.
- **21:00** The evening is at leisure to sip cocktails on the sundeck or enjoy squid fishing after dinner on the main deck. *Retire to your cabin for a good night's sleep.*

#### DAY 2: HALONG BAY (B/L/D)

- **06:15** Rejuvenate the body and spirit with a refreshing *Tai Chi* lesson as the sun rises over the acclaimed UNESCO Heritage Site. Complimentary coffee and tea are served in the restaurant at this time for those who might need a pick-me-up.
- **07:30** A *breakfast* is served in the restaurant while The Au Co cruises towards the center the next destination.
- **09:00** Explore **Trinh Nu Area** where you could visit the cave and **swim/kayak** in the emerald water. **Trinh Nu Cave** is one of the finest sunlight-filled caves in Halong Bay covering an area of 2,000m2 with stunning stalactites and stalagmites. Take a **swim** or **sunbathe** on Trinh Nu Beach.
- **11:00** Return to The Au Co Cruise to refresh after the morning excursion.
- **11:15** Take a *bridge tour* by the Captain and an *engine room tour* by the Chief Mechanic to discover more about The Au Co cruise.
- **12:15** Enjoy *a lunch* in Halong Restaurant as the ship leisurely cruises past beautiful karst towers.
- **14:00** The ship starts cruising toward the heart of Halong Bay.
- **15:30** Sight-see around **Cua Van Floating Village** well-known for its location in the heart of Halong Bay, by **kayak or traditional rowing boat**. The area is





- considered one of the most beautiful destinations in the world by Travel & Leisure Magazine.
- **16:45** Return to The Au Co for some time at leisure to relax or try the Jacuzzi onboard. Then the ship returns to place anchors for the night.
- **17:00** Lan Ha bar opens again for *Happy Hour promotion* on a selection of drinks with complimentary snacks. Enjoy the sunset falls over the horizon.
- **19:15** Immerse in the beauty of Halong Bay at night during a *sumptuous dinner* in the restaurant.
- **21:00** Relax in your cabin or enjoy a drink and chat with new friends at the Lan Ha Bar. Or enjoy the squid fishing program after dinner on the first deck. *Retire to your cabin for a good night's sleep.*

## DAY 3: HALONG BAY - HANOI (B/Br)

- **06:15** Take advantage of a second chance to start the day with a *Tai Chi* lesson on the sundeck with complimentary tea and coffee.
- **07:00** A *light breakfast* is served in Ha Long restaurant.
- **07:45** Avoid the morning crowd and enjoy an early visit to **Sung Sot Cave**, the largest cave of the Bay with 10,000 square meters of space holding thousands of stalactites and stalagmites in fascinating shapes and sizes.
- **08:30** Return to The Au Co and prepare to check out.
- **09:30** Enjoy the *brunch* served in the restaurant while the ship cruises toward the harbor.
- **10:30** Disembark from The Au Co at Tuan Chau International Marina. *Goodbye & see you again! Hen Gặp Lại!*



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#### **INCLUSION**

- Welcome drink
- Air-conditioned en-suite cabin
- Excursions\* as indicated in the program
- Entrance and sightseeing fees
- Use of kayak
- Meals as indicated in the program
- Onboard insurance, tax, and service charge

#### **EXCLUSION**

- Visa, airfares, transportation to/from Halong Bay
- Beverages, spa, and personal expenses
- All other services not clearly mentioned in the inclusion list

### **IMPORTANT NOTES**

- Inclement weather, tide levels, and operating conditions at sea may force changes in the cruise itinerary and schedule at any time. Kayaking and swimming excursion, in particular, may be canceled or relocated to another area due to rough weather.
- The cruise offers fusion cuisine: international, seafood, and Vietnamese. Please advise Bhaya Cruises at least one (01) week before departure about any specific food preference, dietary, or food allergies.
- Port authority insists on advance registration including full name, gender, date of birth, nationality, and passport number. At check-in, a valid passport is required. Port authorities may deny boarding if these conditions are not met.
- Free Wifi available on the terrace deck, but note that the internet signal at sea suffers frequent interruption.
- Join us in protecting the environment and saying NO to plastic waste. Bhaya Cruises offers
  free filtered water in the restaurant area, where guests can refill their personal water
  bottles during the journey. Amenity kits (toothbrushes and cotton swabs) are available in
  the reception area. We encourage passengers to prepare their own personal belongings
  when traveling.



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<sup>\*</sup>Excursions are subject to change without prior notice due to weather and operating conditions at sea.