



Junior Achievement
VIETNAM CHARITY TREK
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Vietnam - Pu Luong Trek

Join Junior Achievement for this amazing adventure.

Isolated from the world for years, Vietnam is slowly laying its war torn past to rest and emerging as one of the most interesting and diverse destinations in Asia. Our trekking challenge begins in the charming city of Hanoi before heading to the beautiful Hoa Binh Province located in the mountainous area of southeast Hanoi. This trek gives us an opportunity to see a country of traditional charm and rare beauty taking steps into the modern world.

We pass through some of the most untouched and lush scenery in Asia. This mountainous area is home to many distinct hill tribes such as the Black and White H'Mong tribes, some still living as they have for generations. At night we will be guests in village homes and spend time learning about the local culture.



Detailed itinerary

Day 1 - Depart UK to Hanoi 10th October

We depart Manchester for Hanoi, Vietnam.

Day 2 & Day 3 - Arrive Hanoi

On arrival we will meet our local guides and be transferred to our hotel. The following day is free to explore Hanoi, the charming capital of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. In the evening, we will have dinner in a local restaurant and a full trek briefing about the challenge ahead.

Day 4 - Hanoi - Mai Chau - Hang village 3 - 4hrs trekking

After breakfast we transfer 4hrs, by coach to the beautiful Mai Chau, located in the mountainous area of southeast Hanoi: a region dotted with lime karsts and home to the Thai, Hmong, Muong and Dao ethnic people. We stop for a traditional lunch enroute served by our host family. Our trekking challenge starts in the afternoon at Pieng Ve. We will hike on a mixture of small roads and dirt tracks, passing many picturesque villages and lush paddy fields to the quaint Thai village of Hang. Our guides will be on-hand to explain about the rice harvesting and all the local fauna and flora. Overnight in shared dormitory style Thai homestays on stilts.

Day 5 - Hang village - Kho Muong - Bang village 7- 9hrs trekking

Today we trek on village paths, and on an old, disused unpaved French roads. There are some steep climbs throughout the day, as well as some stream crossings. The trekking becomes tougher and more remote but the stunning scenery and welcoming local villagers tending to their fields or walking back from the early morning market makes for a wonderful day's hike!

Our overnight hotel is past Kho Muong, in Bang village, nestled between the steep karst mountains.

Day 6 - Bang to Hieu village 7- 9hrs trekking

Early breakfast at the hotel before we continue our hike. Today we pass the immense Pu Luong terraced heritage, and the bamboo and fern forest to Ương, with incredible views. We follow the trail through the emerald terrace rice fields and jungle to Hieu Waterfall. Arrival in Hieu village is always special as the setting of the village is perhaps the most beautiful in Vietnam, all viewed from the top of the waterfall

We enjoy a delicious dinner at the homestay with local rice wine and enjoy the company of the locals to understand more about their culture and customs.

Overnight in shared dormitory style homestays



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Day 7 - Hieu village to Pho Doan 3 - 4hrs trekking Transfer to Hanoi

As the local farmers bustle around doing their pre-dawn chores, there is a chance to enjoy sunrise over the mountains and soak in this stunning country. Breakfast will be prepared by our local Thai host family, followed by a short transfer to a suspension bridge over the Cham River, where we begin our final day's trek in search of stunning water wheels. There is a chance to get up close to each wheel and discover how water is moved from river to handmade bamboo aqueducts via simple constructions of all sizes.

Weather permitting, there is an option to enjoy an exciting bamboo rafting experience along the Cham stream.

Floating along the calm river you will enjoy the views, in between learning how to paddle and steer your handcrafted rafts!

After lunch we say goodbye to our incredible trekking team and cooks and make the journey back to Hanoi. Tonight, we will celebrate our incredible achievements with a special dinner. Overnight hotel.

Day 8 - Hanoi to Manchester

Morning at leisure until our transfer to the airport for our overnight flight back to Manchester.

Day 9 - Arrive UK

Arrive Manchester early morning.

About the Challenge Company

Junior Achievement has used Ultimate Challenges for all our previous charity treks. You are safe in the knowledge that they are ABTA and ATOL protected.

They have been organising treks since 1996 and are a small dedicated team whose aim is to inspire people to do something extraordinary and make a difference to an incredible cause.

**This trek is to raise funds for
Junior Achievement Isle of Man
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Breakdown of Costs

The following is included in your trek

- International flights from Manchester to Hanoi (including airport taxes/fuel surcharges and luggage)
- Early check in on the day of arrival
- All ground transfers on arrival and local transfers to your accommodation
- Park fee
- All of your meals (except lunch and dinner on the day of departure)
- Celebratory dinner on the last day
- Professional qualified local guides
- Shared accommodation (hotel in Hanoi, dorm style in local village houses on trek)
- UK Expedition Doctor
- UK Trek Leader in addition to the local guides
- Your luggage transferred daily by the ground team

What's not included

- Flights from IOM to Manchester
- Travel insurance
- Any vaccinations you might need
- Personal expenses
- Tips
- Single room supplement
- Tourist visa may be required if you do not have a British passport

Cost

£300 registration fee to secure your place (non refundable).

The cost after your registration

By signing up to this trek you are agreeing to raise a minimum of £700 for Junior Achievement.

Option 1: SELF FUNDING

You pay £1,800 for the trek yourself and then agree to raise £700 on top excluding the registration fee

Option 2: SPONSORSHIP

Fundraise the whole amount of £2,500 excluding the registration fee

Junior Achievement will help you with fundraising ideas.

**To secure your place contact
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