

# Sapa

A note from the bride: I can tell you from my own personal experience that traveling to Sapa was **my favorite part** of my 1-week stay in northern Vietnam when I went in 2022, and I honestly wish I had more time to spend, as well as time to check out [Mù Cang Chải](#), where you can find even more similar villages.

Sapa is a famous destination for its breathtaking scenery, cultural diversity, and unique traditions.

## How to Get to Sapa?

Sapa is a small town located in the Hoàng Liên Sơn Mountains, approximately a **5-6 hour bus ride** northwest of Hanoi.

That being said, traveling to Sapa is actually very easy once you land in Hanoi. I say this because it seems that on almost every block in the city, there is some sort of tourism agency or hotel trying to sell bus tickets and tours to Sapa.

However, to make things even easier so that you don't overpay as a visitor, I recommend booking prior. Typically speaking, bus transports to Sapa are on a sleeper bus, meaning that **your ticket on the bus is actually a bunk bed** where you can sleep as the bus makes the long journey to Sapa through the night. Or you can also book a private van (with reclining seats).

## Places to Stay

I stayed at **Sapa Cat Cat Hills Resort** in 2022 and it was **my absolute favorite!** Affordable, majestic views, great food/drinks, and infinity pool!

My other recommendation goes out to **HostelWorld** when looking for a place to stay. The reviews, the photos, and the amenities on the app were almost always accurate, making it one of the most trustworthy ways to look for accommodations in Southeast Asia.

All said, drinking coffee every morning from their balcony with this moody view had to be **one of my favorite things about Sapa!**

## Things to do

1. Fansipan: Climb the highest peak in Indochina by hiking or taking the cable car.
2. Muong Hoa Valley: Hike through terraced rice fields and villages, and meet local tribes.
3. O Quy Ho Pass: Conquer one of the most challenging mountain passes in Northern Vietnam.
4. Rong May Glass Bridge: (literally means Dragon in the Clouds Glass Bridge), is located at O Quy Ho pass, about 17 kilometers from Sapa town center. This beautiful bridge was constructed at a height of over 500 meters over the Hoang Lien Son Mountain cliff at the top of O Quy Ho Pass.

5. Tinh Yeu (Love) Waterfall hike: Located about 14 km to the Southwest of Sapa town, Love Waterfall lies in San Sa Ho Commune, Sapa district, Lao Cai province. The waterfall itself is also the starting point of climbing travel to Fansipan peak. Therefore, on your trip to the peak, you will have a chance to drop in the waterfall to relax and get your money back to be ready for another journey.

6. Cat Cat Village: Among the many villages in Sapa, Cat Cat Village stands out as one of the most beautiful in the region. Nestled in a valley surrounded by lush green mountains, **Cat Cat Village** is home to the H'mong ethnic group, who have lived here for generations. Coming here, you can explore the traditional stilt houses, experience the local culture, and marvel at the stunning scenery. The charm of this village will surely leave you with unforgettable memories.