

Gemmological Excursion Vietnam 05 – 12 October 2026

The gemological excursion begins on October 5th in Hanoi and ends there on October 12th, 2016. It leads to various mines in northern Vietnam. The trip also includes a cultural component (including a visit to Hanoi's Old Town with water puppet theater, UNESCO World Natural Heritage site Halong Bay and a visit to a cultured pearl farm). Planned excursion itinerary (overview):

Day 1: Arrival in Hanoi (Pick-up from the airport; check-in at the hotel). Depending on the arrival time, afternoon at leisure – acclimatization, or a tour in Hanoi's Old Quarter.



Hoan Kiem Lake in the center of Hanoi at night

Day 2: Departure (around 8:30 AM): Hanoi - Halong Bay (UNESCO World Natural Heritage), embarkation

and boat tour in Halong Bay with a visit to a saltwater Akoya cultured pearl farm (overnight stay on a boat in Halong Bay).



Itinerary of the gemmological excursion from 5-12 October, 2026



Room view on the boat (example image)

This part of the excursion includes a geological background lecture in the evening.



Akoya cultured pearl from Halong Bay

Day 3: Visit of a karst cave on an island in Halong Bay and disembarkation (around noon). Return to Hanoi (about 2 hours) and check-in at the hotel.

Afternoon: Visit the gemstone dealers in Hanoi.

Evening event: Visit the water puppet theater in Hanoi.



Water puppet theater in Hanoi

Day 4: Check out and drive from Hanoi to Luc Yen (about 4-5 hours including a lunch break on the way). After checking-in at the hotel, free time until dinner.



A scene at the gemstone market in Luc Yen

Day 5: Breakfast and visit of the local gemstone market (until around 11:00 a.m.), followed by a visit to a primary ruby mine in marble, or spinel in marble.



A primary mine in Luc Yen: Marble rock – formerly limestone from the Cambrian



Rubies in Marble, with a length of up to 8 cm

Dinner in a local restaurant, followed, if desired, by lectures and discussions on gemmological and geological topics as well as information on mining and trade in the country.



Gemstone sorting at a secondary mine in Luc Yen

Day 6: Breakfast and subsequently a visit to the local gemstone market, followed by a visit to a secondary deposit site (alluvial deposits) and the opportunity to search for gemstones by yourself. Dinner at a local restaurant.



Searching for gemstones by oneself

Day 7: Breakfast and opportunity to visit the gemstone market once more (9:00 AM to around 12:00 AM). Return trip from Luc Yen to Hanoi. Afternoon: Further visits to the gemstone dealers in Hanoi (optional).

Day 8: Breakfast and farewell. Transfer of participants to the airport. Alternatively (depending on departure time): free time in Hanoi and opportunity for shopping.

Registration forms and further information about the excursion can be found on our website: www.gemmolgin.de or upon request (e-mail: info@gemmolgin.de)

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