



Sapa is charming in the clouds

In the rest stop on the way of my travelling, there are places that when I leave I still now regret by the spellbinding charm of it. Sapa is a place like that. Though I have come here several times, but each time back I had new some feelings. Sapa always has a source of endless emotions for me to paint the beautiful photos for life. At any time of the year, Sapa is both beautiful and romantic. Her beauty and charm of the peaceful town high in the drifting clouds, it helps wash away all tiredness and anxiety. That is the reason, it has been viewed as “natural resort paradise”.

It is situated quite high above the sea level, it's cold during the year in Sapa, but it's coldest in the winter with the temperature low 10 to -5°C. With the cold like that, many visitors do not choose this place to visit to at this cold time. However, if you think again, thanks to the cold, can see the grass wet in dew, on the tree lawn in the early morning. Besides, the number of tourists coming here in this season are less than usual, you will feel its life with the inherent rhythm of it.

Some tips for you when travelling to Sapa

You're excited for the trip to Sapa but you do not know what preparation you need when traveling? the weather? and how to go shopping here...?

- Sapa is about 370km from Hanoi capital. It takes 8 hours to get there by train.
- Trains just go at night: the earliest train at 19:40 pm and the last train at 21:55 pm.
- To Sapa, you should stay in the mountain [hotels in Sapa](#) like Royal Hotel, Chau Long Hotel or Apatit overlooking valleys and mountains.

You should:

- The luggage: warm clothes for the temperature between 10-20°C or lower, sport shoes because you have to walk much.
- Going to Sapa in winter, you should only wear shoes Brown or black. It will be cold in the evening so you should bring a thin jacket. You should bring, gloves, wool caps...
- You should bring a few small water bottles, or you can buy on the way.
- Carry bag, rain jacket in case the weather changes.
- Bring candy or old clothes, books, old books to give ethnic kids in Cat Cat village, Sapa town, should not give children money because that will damage the children. Visit the Ham Rong mountain, eat barbecue at the night market – opposite to the Church of Sapa, buy souvenirs, sweet tea in Sapa, enjoy fresh salmon soup.
- Asking price before using any service
- Vehicles: Motorbike taxis (Xe Om in Vietnam language)-remember to remind motorists to be careful before running up the bike, the small town had no taxis.

Should not:

- Buy pills or root, mushroom along the way to Ham Rong because Chinese mostly bring these to Ham Rong. It is not as good as advertisement and the price is high.

- But you can buy souvenirs at the night market near the Stone Church however remember to bargain carefully: types of brocaded clothes that are eye-catching or colorful is that of China.

Time to travel to Sapa

- The best time to go to Sapa is from September to November or from March to May. At this time the weather is quite stable, dry and sunny during day time and cold at night.
- On April or May, Sapa is full with flowers blossoming and beautiful green fields.
- In the winter season from December to February, it is becoming very cold, especially in the Northeast at night. But in return you will be able to contemplate the dawn on the high Valley in the early morning. Especially in recent years on the Sapa often present ice and snowfall. If you come to Sapa on this occasion. I make sure that sure you will be enjoying the romantic spectacle. However, at this time, A lot of tourists visit Sapa. So, if you do not like a loud, crowded place, you should not take adventure tours at this time.

More about Vehicles

- From Hanoi to Sapa (370 km) you can go by train tickets for seats/ 150.000 VND (about 7,5 dollar US) for one person, tickets for beds is 250.000 VND (about 12 dollar US)
- In Sapa, you can rent a motorbike for 100.000 VN dong (5 dollar /day include gas filled) or 75.000 VND (3,5 dollar)/day (petrol) travel to any location you prefer.

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