

# HALONG BAY

## QUANG NINH CITY (VIET NAM)

**Hạ Long Bay** or **Halong Bay** (Vietnamese: Vịnh Hạ Long) is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and popular travel destination in Quảng Ninh Province, Vietnam and that has been ranked third among the six beaches around the world that naturally glow, according to a list released by Reader's Digest.

Stretching over approx. 1,553 square kilometers, **Halong Bay** is a vast expanse of emerald green water with 1,969 islands and islets scattered around the area.

Nature lovers are drawn to Vietnam by the bay's legendary landscapes and captivating wildlife, but **Ha Long Bay** is equally bursting at the seams with attractions for adventure-seekers. It's best to explore them while touring the bay on a cruise boat, hopping on and off the ship to go snorkeling, kayaking, cave spelunking or trekking in the jungle. You can also go parasailing above the bay, try your hand at squid fishing, feast on fresh seafood and pay a visit to a floating village, among great many other attractions.

The easiest and most exciting way to experience all this is to visit Ha Long's top attractions, including Cat Ba Island and its splendid 18-km route leading towards a mountain peak, the small but exceedingly pretty Titop Island, Sung Sot Cave (dubbed "the Cave of Surprises" for a good reason) as well as a number of other caves and laid-back beaches spread across the greater Halong Bay area.

Halong Bay is a great destination for foodies – there's a whole range of mouth-watering local dishes for you to try, and you can actually have them in one of Ha Long's delightful floating restaurants. Ha Long Bay is as attractive and beautiful throughout the four seasons: spring, summer, autumn, and winter. With its breathtaking beauty, Ha Long Bay deserves to be one of the 7 wonders of the world and is a great place to visit, to immerse yourself in the magnificent scenery that nature has used its best to support.