Hang Ba Deep Jungle Expedition

- ***Duration: 3 days 2 nights***
- ***Difficulty level: Challenging***
- ***Age 18-70 years old***
- ***Group size: 8 customers***
- ***Tour type: Join-in***
- ***Operation: December to June***
- ***Price: USD 1,132 - VND 30,000,000 /pax***

Drawing on 15 years of experience in adventure tourism, Oxalis' 3-day 2-night Hang Ba Deep Jungle Expedition offers a challenge comparable to the Son Doong Expedition. With a maximum of just 8 guests per departure, the journey promises an intimate and truly exclusive experience.

Trek through spectacular limestone mountains and thousands of years old primary forest, home to rare and diverse flora and fauna. Along the way, explore 5 magnificent caves that fewer than 1,000 people in the world have ever set foot in.

Safety is ensured by an experienced expedition team consisting of 1 guide, 3 safety assistants, and 8 porters from the Son Doong team, led by Ho Khanh. The expedition takes you deep into the strictly protected core zone of Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park, allowing you to experience the wilderness while supporting the preservation of its pristine natural environment.

Conservation has always been at the heart of every Oxalis Adventure expedition. Drawing on years of research and experience in ecotourism and wildlife conservation, the Hang Ba Deep Jungle Expedition has been carefully designed to take travelers deep into the strictly protected core zone of Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park. This is an invitation for those who have a genuine passion for nature, value conservation, and long to witness the untouched beauty of Vietnam's extraordinary cave systems.

The highlights include:

☑ ✅ **Explore 5 epic caves**: Embark on a true caving expedition to uncover a remarkable chain of 5 pristine and colossal caves in the area, including Dai Cao Cave, Hang Ba Cave, Vinh Dai Cave, Hang Sang Cave, and Vinh Tron Cave. Each cave presents its own distinct marvel, boasting a unique and breathtaking system of ancient stalactites and stalagmites.

☑ ✅ **Trekking under an ancient, primeval canopy**: Experience the unique thrill of having almost the entire trekking journey unfold beneath the dense, protective canopy of the thousands-of-years-old primary forest in the core zone of Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park. You will be immersed in a lush, vibrant ecosystem, shielded from direct sun, offering an unparalleled chance to fully explore the area's rich biodiversity and rare timber species.

☑ ✅ **Nature's symphony and immersive conservation**: Awaken to a rare natural concert in

the early morning, the resonant calls of gibbons and exotic birds echoing across the mountains, creating an atmosphere of unique serenity and grandeur. This tour is built upon a strong commitment to nature conservation, minimizing human impact, making it ideal for nature lovers seeking to deeply explore a rich and protected ecosystem.

☑ ✅ **Unveiling wildlife secrets via camera trap technology**: Engage in a pioneering conservation tourism experience by observing the footprints and traces of rare jungle animals (such as civets, wild cats, deer, and antelopes) at their resting or foraging spots. Crucially, you'll get exclusive access to photos and videos from the specialized camera trap system installed by Oxalis, providing an authentic and non-intrusive look into the wild, hidden life of the National Park's core zone.

☑ ✅ **Spectacular camping at cave entrances**: You'll camp at some of the most scenic campsites in the operator's expedition system, often located right at the entrances of large caves or along cool, refreshing streams, such as the Hang Dai Cao and Hang Vinh Dai campsites. The campsites at the cave entrances offer fresh air, staying cool in summer and warm in winter.

☑ ✅ **Ultimate digital detox and authentic challenge**: The entire journey is completely disconnected from phone signal and Wi-Fi, allowing for a full "Digital detox" to focus entirely on the wilderness experience. Rated at a high difficulty level, this is a genuine challenge that demands excellent fitness and trekking experience, featuring activities like steep climbs and demanding cave exploration, delivering the profound satisfaction of becoming a true adventurer.

☑ ✅ **Exclusive privilege**: With a small, elite group size of only 8 guests per group, this expedition offers a truly exclusive and personalized experience. The limited number of guests not only ensures the highest quality of service and absolute safety, but also directly and meaningfully contributes to the biodiversity conservation efforts within the World Natural Heritage Phong Nha - Ke Bang National Park. Guests are not only explorers but also companions in the conservation mission in the deep forest core.

Itinerary

Designed strictly for trekking enthusiasts, the Hang Ba Jungle Expedition requires high endurance and prior experience. Days are long and diverse, averaging 8-10 km of technical trekking, climbing, and cave swimming. Safety is paramount: life jackets are mandatory for swimming, and climbing sections utilize expert support and Oxalis gear. Please note that the itinerary may change due to weather or slippery terrain.

Download the itinerary

Day 1: Phong Nha – Deep Jungle Trek – Dai Cao Cave

Your journey begins between 07:30 and 08:00 with a pickup from your Phong Nha hotel. At the Oxalis office, you'll receive a safety briefing, sign release forms, and pack your gear. On the way to the trailhead, we stop at the Wildlife Rescue Center to see how the National Park rehabilitates rescued animals for release. The bus then drops you at KM 23 on Victory Road 20, deep within the park.

The expedition kicks off immediately with a steep uphill climb. The route covers 3 km of mostly uphill terrain before descending through dense primeval forest, home to ancient trees and rare wildlife. Be prepared for a challenge: the path includes steep rocky sections with gradients exceeding 45 degrees. We will stop for a jungle lunch surrounded by nature.

By mid-afternoon, we reach the exit of Dai Cao Cave. Equipped with life jackets, you will swim through the cave's tall main passage. Keep an eye out for unique white fish and shrimp adapted to life in total darkness. After exiting the cave, we settled in at the Dai Cao Campsite. Dinner is served at 18:00.

Day 2: Hang Ba Cave - Vinh Tron Cave - Hang Sang Cave - Vinh Dai Campsite

After breakfast, we pack up and begin a 2 km trek through the forest, passing ancient trees and scrambling over rocky terrain to reach Hang Ba. This massive cave features three distinct exits and a stunning emerald underground river-a photographer's dream. Exiting Hang Ba reveals the breathtaking Circle Lake, surrounded by sheer limestone cliffs. We cross the lake to reach our evening destination.

In the afternoon, we trek for around 25 minutes from Circle Lake to explore Vinh Tron Cave. With a massive 90m-wide entrance, the cave is a haven for local wildlife seeking food and shelter. We will inspect the camera traps set up here, look for signs of wildlife, and explore the stunning formations deep inside the cave. If we are lucky, we may also witness sunbeams filtering deep into the cave.

After exploring Vinh Tron Cave, we continue to Hang Sang Cave, a vast 200m-long passage with a turquoise pool inside. Its open passages allow natural light to reach deep into the cave, creating a spectacular setting. Take time to swim, relax, and enjoy the surroundings before following the stream for around 500m to reach the Day 2 campsite at the entrance of Vinh Dai Cave.

Inside the cave, temperatures remain naturally cool in summer and warm in winter. Dinner is served at 18:00. Spend the evening relaxing, chatting with fellow travelers, or stargazing at the Milky Way through the cave's natural openings.

Day 3: Vinh Dai Campsite - Km23 Victory Road 20 - Phong Nha

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and the tranquil mountain air before preparing to conquer the final towerin peaks. From the campsite, take in the stunning view of Vinh Dai Cave and its beautiful turquoise lak below. Afterward, explore the main passage of Vinh Dai Cave, where its vast chambers and passages offer spectacular photography opportunities.

After lunch at the campsite, the journey begins with an intense, steep hike straight out of the campsite. For the first hour, you will navigate sharp, rocky terrain requiring scrambling, climbing, and crawling over rocky outcrops. Afterward, visitors will be fully equipped with specialized gear such as harnesses, carabiners, and safety ropes to climb the ladder over 10 meters high like true conquerors.

Once we clear the rocky section, the terrain becomes easier as we continue uphill. A light lunch wil be served along the trail before continuing the journey. Depending on the group's pace, we expect to emerge from the jungle at KM 23 on Victory Road 20 between 14:30 and 15:00. An Oxalis bus wit cold beverages will be waiting to welcome you back to civilization. Celebrate your achievement wit a medal recognizing the completion of Oxalis' most challenging expedition before the bus transfers you back to Phong Nha around 16:00.

Important: As there are no water sources along the trail today, you must prepare and carry at least liters of water before leaving camp.

Suggested itinerary before and after the tour:
To ensure the best preparation before your journey or to relax after the expedition, Oxalis suggests staying at Chay Lap Farmstay if you wish to combine exploring Phong Nha with experiencing a peaceful countryside atmosphere, or Blue Diamond Retreat if you prefer to immerse yourself in nature and enjoy relaxing moments amidst the mountains and forests. Special discounted rates exclusively for Oxalis guests are 1,100,000 VND/room/night at Chay Lap Farmstay and 1,600,000 VND/room/night at Blue Diamond Retreat.

During your time in Phong Nha, the Phong Nha Caves Exploration Museum (open daily from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM, free admission) is a must-visit destination. Here, you can experience the Son Doon 5D VR technology for 500,000 VND per ticket. All proceeds from this activity are contributed to the Oxalis Foundation to support local community projects, making your journey even more meaningful

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Items to bring on Hang Ba Deep Jungle Expedition Tour

Hang Ba Deep Jungle Expedition Tour is a lengthy trekking tour in Quang Tri with many different terrains, so you must prepare for the trip properly. Customers will be asked to prepare suitable

clothing for safety and comfort. Clothing should be good for trekking in the jungle, river crossings, or exploring the cave as well as avoiding dangers and risks from sharp rocks, snakes, insects, or poison ivy. Trekking shoes are very important for Hang Ba tour, therefore, visitors need to choose a good and well-fitting pair of shoes for steep rocky terrain. Besides, they also need to prepare personal items for 3 days and 2 nights camping in the jungle and in the cave. The Oxalis tour consultant will give you helpful advice before joining the Hang Ba Deep Jungle Expedition Tour.

Oxalis provides

Camping equipment: tent, mattresses, pillow, sleeping bags
Caving and safety gears: helmet, headlight, gloves, ...
1 PVC backpack (25L) to carry helmet, dry box, water and things you need during the trek.
Basic trekking shoes are available to borrow from Oxalis (sizes 36-44). If you use Oxalis shoes, please bring thick socks and two pairs of insoles to help prevent blisters. A 50,000 VND cleaning fee applies.
Semi-dry bag (15L) for campsite clothing sets
Water bottle (1L)
Water purifier
Compost toilet, toilet paper, hand cleaner
Dry box for electric devices
First-aid kit and medical rescue equipment
Satellite phone
Secure storage at office

You need to prepare

Essential clothing

Trekking clothes:
- 3 quick-dry, long-sleeved shirts (dark color)
- 2-3 pairs of, long trekking pants (quick-dry)
- Arm cover if wearing short-sleeved T-shirts
- 1 waterproof jacket (winter months December to March)

Campsite clothing sets:
- Warm clothes for winter from December to March

- Shorts and T-shirts for summer from April to June
1 pair of good gripping trekking/approach closed shoes. Heavyweight trekking boots are not necessary
3 pairs of calf-length, thick socks
1 pair of sandals/slides for campsite
Swimwear using at campsites

Personal items

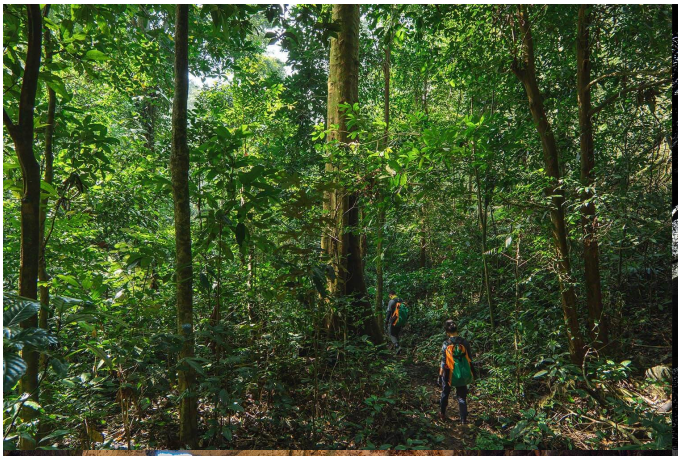
- Mosquito repellent
- Sunglasses, sun hat, sunscreen
- Hand fan for summer (April to June)
- 1-2 medium towels
- Underwear
- Personal hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, nature-friendly shampoo & soap, ...)
- Power banks
- Personal medication
- Antifungal foot powder
- Passport

Optional items

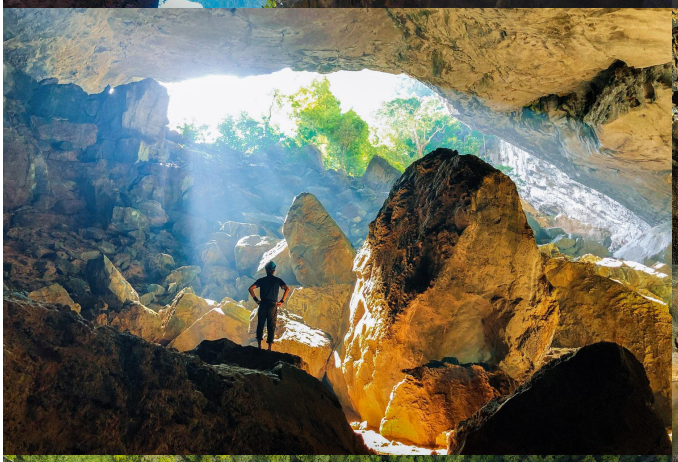
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Rehydration tablets
Blister prevention tape

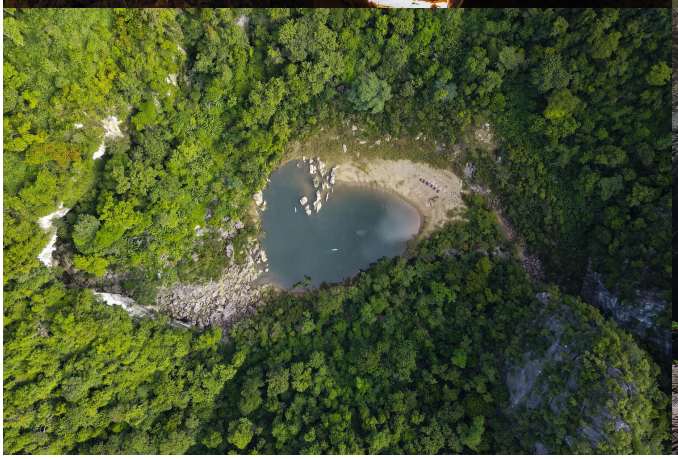
The Oxalis Adventure Consultant in charge of your tour will advise you carefully on the items you need to bring on the tour.

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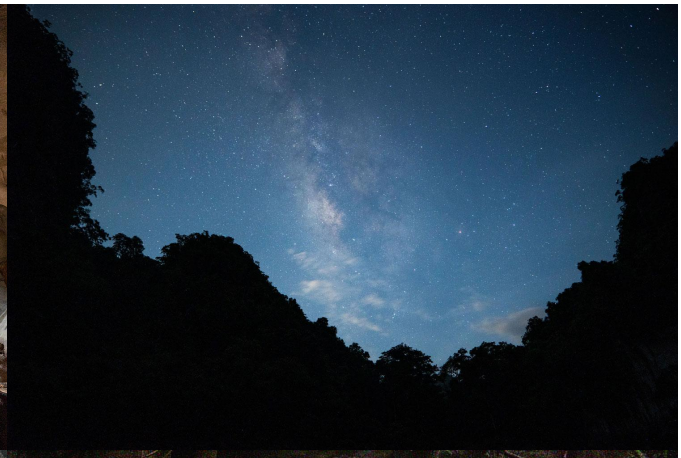


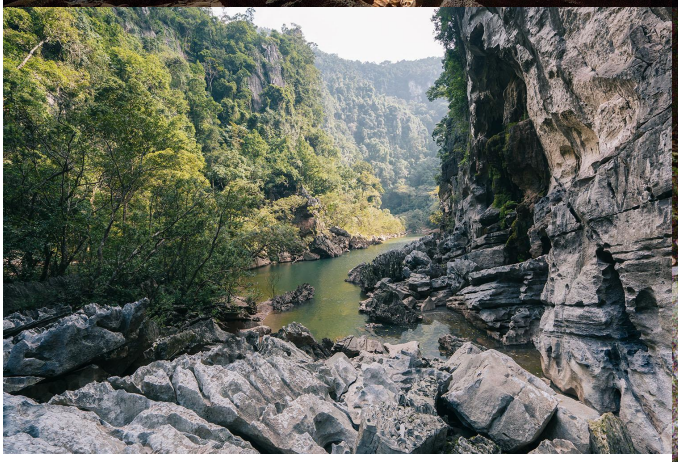











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