

Hang Ba Deep Jungle Expedition

- *Tour code: HB4*
 - *Adventure level: Hard*
 - *Age 18-70 years old*
 - *Group size: 6 customers*
 - *Tour type: Join-in*
 - *Operation: Feb to June*
 - *Price: USD 1,458/pax*
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Conservation is the heartbeat of Oxalis Adventures. Born from extensive research into sustainable wildlife tourism, the Hang Ba Deep Jungle Expedition invites you into the strictly protected Core Zone of Phong Nha - Ke Bang National Park. This journey is designed for those truly passionate about nature, conservation, and the raw beauty of Vietnam's caves.

You will trek through a unique limestone massif draped in ancient tropical forests that have thrived for thousands of years. This ecosystem is a sanctuary for rare and protected flora and fauna, offering a rare glimpse into a world untouched by time.

This expedition is not just a tour; it is the culmination of Oxalis' decade of experience, developed in close consultation with UNESCO, the IUCN, and the National Park Management Board. Its excellence was recognized by Wanderlust Magazine (March 2025), which named it one of [Vietnam's top wildlife destinations](#), specifically highlighting the unique opportunity for guests to review camera trap footage of the jungle's elusive inhabitants.

The highlights include:

- ✓ **Explore 6 epic caves:** Embark on a true caving expedition to uncover a remarkable chain of 6 pristine and colossal caves in the area, including Dai Cao Cave, Maze Cave, Hang Ba Cave, Vinh Dai Cave, Light 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, secluded campsites under the Milky Way:** Enjoy an exhilarating camping experience at some of the most beautiful and isolated campsites in the tour system, often situated right at the mouth of vast caves (like Dai Cao cave and Light cave) or beside a cool jungle stream. These carefully chosen spots are far from wildlife habitats and free from light pollution, allowing you to gaze at the moon, stars, and even the Milky Way with incredible clarity.

☑️ **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 (Level 6), 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 6 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, where your guide will point out animal tracks on the cave floor. 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 settle in at the Dai Cao Campsite. Dinner is served at 18:00. Spend the evening relaxing, stargazing, and swapping stories before falling asleep to the sounds of the jungle.

Day 2: Hang Ba – Circle Lake – Light Cave Campsite

Wake up at 5:00 AM to enjoy tea and coffee by the stream. For early risers, this is the perfect time to observe animal tracks and listen to the morning chorus of birds and monkeys echoing through the mountains (this activity is optional). After breakfast at 8:00 AM, we pack up and head to Maze Cave. A 30-minute swim and trek leads to the first entrance, where you will discover stunning cave formations, ancient fossils, and shafts of sunlight piercing the darkness. Your guide will also point out diverse wildlife footprints along the way.

We return to the campsite for lunch before beginning 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.

Tonight's camp is set inside Light Cave, a unique site framed by two magnificent stone arches. Dinner is served at 18:00. Spend the evening relaxing in the cave or stargazing at the Milky Way through the arches—an unforgettable end to the day.

Day 3: Circle Lake Cave – Wildlife Tracking – Vinh Dai Cave

The day begins before dawn at 05:00 AM. We paddle out onto Circle Lake to enjoy tea and coffee while listening to a unique jungle concert—the sounds of the forest waking up. As the light grows, scan the sandy banks for fresh animal footprints left during the night. After breakfast at 08:00 AM, take time to relax at the Light Cave camp. The morning sun illuminating the twin cave entrances offers spectacular photography opportunities.

Leaving the camp briefly, we climb the steep hill above the lake to explore Circle Lake Cave. With a massive 90m-wide entrance, this cave is a haven for local wildlife. We will inspect the camera traps set up here, explore formations deep inside, and hopefully witness sunbeams cutting through the darkness. We return to the campsite for lunch.

The journey continues with a scramble over a rocky exit passage, followed by a swim (or trek) along the river to reach Vinh Dai Cave. After settling into the new campsite, we gather for a unique activity: collecting memory cards from local camera traps and reviewing the footage to see what wildlife has passed through recently. Afterward, explore the main passage of Vinh Dai Cave for more stunning photo ops.

Dinner is served at 18:00. For your final night, we move just outside the cave to relax under the open sky. Listen to the jungle nightlife, watch the stars, and reflect on the journey so far.

Day 4: Vinh Dai Campsite – The Final Ascent – Phong Nha

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and the tranquil mountain air before preparing to conquer the final towering peaks.

Important: As there are no water sources along the trail today, you must prepare and carry at least 2 liters of water before leaving camp.

The day begins with an intense, steep hike straight out of the campsite. For the first hour, you will navigate sharp, rocky terrain requiring scrambling and climbing. In the most difficult sections, our safety team will assist you using harnesses and ropes to ensure a safe ascent.

Once we clear the rocky section, the terrain becomes easier as we continue uphill. We stop for a light lunch on the trail before beginning the final descent. 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 with cold beverages will be waiting to welcome you back to civilization. Celebrate your achievement with a medal recognizing the completion of Oxalis' most challenging expedition before the bus transfers you back to Phong Nha around 16:00.

Suggested itinerary before and after the tour:

To ensure the best preparation before your journey or to unwind after the expedition, Oxalis suggests staying at Chay Lap Farmstay, featuring premium rooms, a swimming pool, spa, kayaking, cycling, and more. A special discounted rate for Oxalis customers is 1,000,000 VND/room for 2 people. Check availability here: chaylapfarmstay.com

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.

Adventure level on tour

After many years of adventure tourism activities, Oxalis Adventure has created a Level of Adventure scale to help guests to visualise and choose the adventure tour most suitable for their fitness and health. This scale is not to be applied to other companies or tours with different conditions and terrains. The easiest level (level 1) anyone can join, and the most difficult level - 6 requires regular exercise and some trekking experience.

Those who regularly practise sports or regularly participate in mountain climbing and trekking tours in the forest can complete this tour easily.

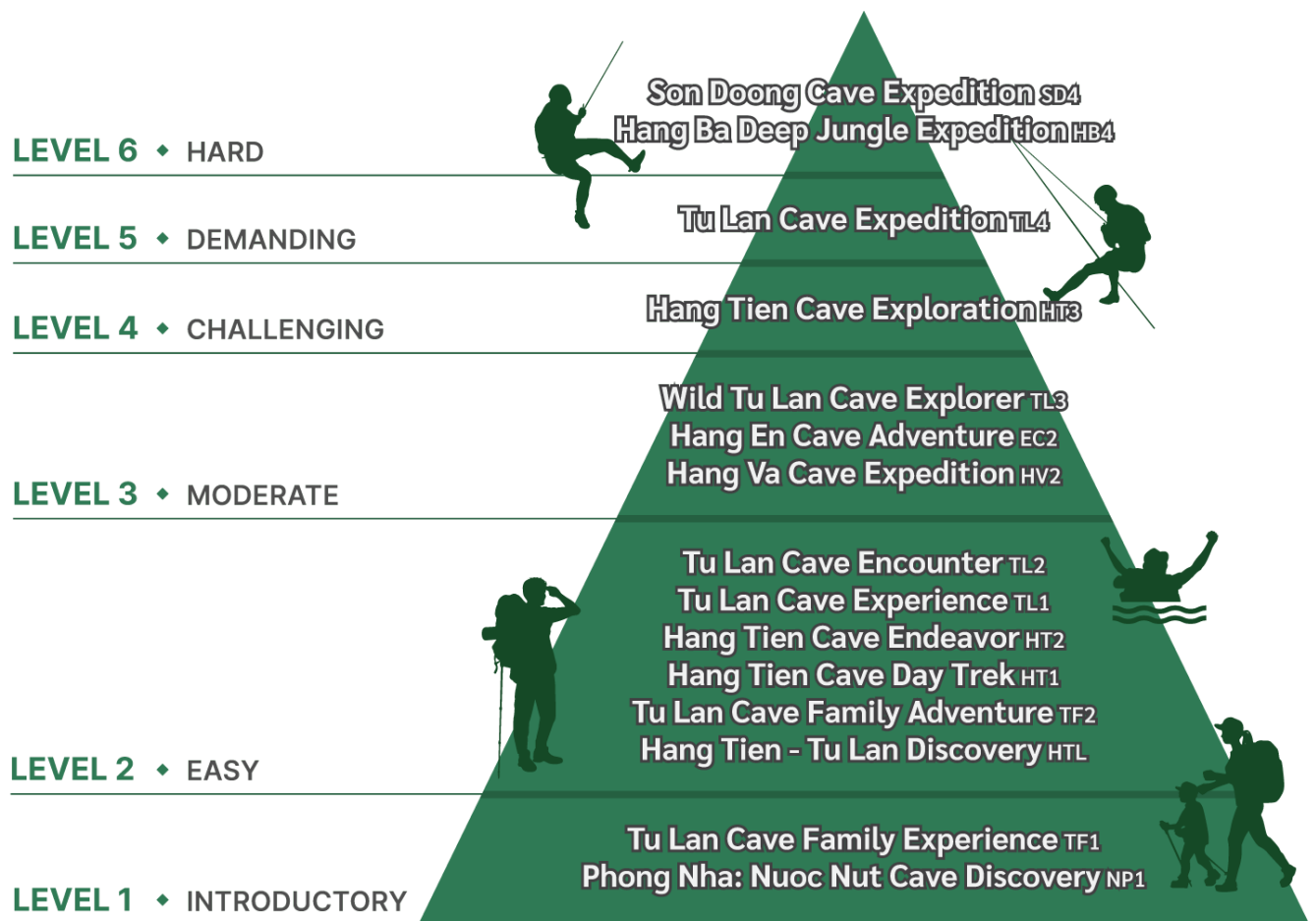
Adventure Level 6 · Hard

The Hang Ba Deep Jungle Expedition Tour is rated as the most challenging (Level 6) on the Oxalis adventure level system. The difficulty of the tour is based on the physical fitness and health of average active people, not runners, athletes, or intensely active individuals.

Activities: Extensive rocky terrain, and some technical sections, steep ascents and descents.

The number of guests per tour: Maximum 6 customers; Age 18-70 years old.

- ★ 23km deep jungle trekking
- ★ 6 caves
- ★ Swimming, SUP paddling (optional) in caves
- ★ 3km of rocky hill scrambling
- ★ Total elevation gain: 1.678m
- ★ 3 nights cave camping
- ★ Dark sky observations
- ★ Nature concerts: Bird and animal songs



Terrains

The tour takes place in remote areas with complex terrains. Customers must be physically fit. Please carefully read the tour itinerary and honestly fill out the booking information yourself, especially your experience and health condition.

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DISTANCE **23km** incl. **3km** ROCKY HILL | ELEVATION GAIN **1678m**

Percentage of Slope: 100% = 45°



Items to bring on Hang Ba Deep Jungle Expedition Tour

Hang Ba Deep Jungle Expedition Tour is a lengthy trekking tour in Quang Binh 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 4 days and 3 nights camping in the jungle and in the cave.

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 jungle boots (EU size 36–44); if using Oxalis shoes, bring thick, long socks and 2 insoles to ensure comfort.

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:

- 3-4 quick-dry, long-sleeved shirts (dark color)
- 2-3 pairs of, long trekking pants (quick-dry)
- 1 waterproof jacket (winter months February to March)

Campsite clothing sets:

- Warm clothes for winter from February to March
- Shorts and T-shirts for summer from April to August

1 pair of good gripping trekking/approach closed shoes. Heavyweight trekking boots are not necessary

4 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 August)
- ★ 1-2 medium towels
- ★ Underwear
- ★ Personal hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, nature-friendly shampoo & soap, ...)
- ★ Power banks
- ★ Personal medication
- ★ Antifungal foot powder
- ★ Passport

Optional items

- Arm cover if wearing short-sleeved T-shirts
- Camera & Tripod
- Ear plugs
- Bandana or headband
- 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.

Photos

