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PARADISE PEAK

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The Superior Suite comes with balcony and dining area for romantic privacy



Paradise Cruises is the foremost name in luxury cruising in Ha Long Bay

“ 2015 HAS SHAPED UP TO BE ANOTHER GREAT YEAR FOR PARADISE VIETNAM, AS WE HAVE WORKED HARDER THAN EVER ON ENSURING THAT WE OFFER THE BEST LUXURY HALONG BAY CRUISES. PARADISE CRUISES HALONG BAY COULD NOT HAVE COME THIS FAR WITHOUT OUR EXPERT TEAM, WHICH GROWS MORE INTERNATIONAL EACH YEAR. ”

Mr. Nguyen Cao Son Chief Operating Officer of Paradise Vietnam

Profile

Paradise Vietnam is an award-winning Vietnamese-owned company headquartered on Tuan Chau Island, the gateway to Ha Long Bay, and one of the foremost names in luxury cruises in the country. Founded in 2008, the company has earned a reputation for spectacular experiences and impeccable service.

Paradise Vietnam currently operates a fleet of 9 vessels offering a variety of cruising experiences and itineraries, ranging from short day trips to extended 3D2N cruises. The Paradise Peak is the only one of its kind in the Paradise Cruises collection, and is the largest and utmost luxury vessel boasting spa, gym, and library on board, as well as one private butler per cabin to cater to your any need.

Check-in

From boarding to disembarkation, the entire experience felt exceptionally personalised and exclusive; guests of Paradise Cruises are given access to the new and luxurious Café & Lounge area while awaiting the private shuttle service back to Hanoi, and the private marina allows passengers direct and hassle-free access to their vessel. Staff were

ready to give us a warm reception the moment we stepped off our shuttle, which was arranged to pick us up directly from our hotel, the Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi.

Room Review

Despite its massive size, the Paradise Peak is extremely intimate with only 8 suites and a maximum of 16 passengers. The Superior Suite is expansive, complete with a spacious private balcony that offers unobstructed views of the bay, perfect for watching the sunset paint ochre streaks across the sky with a glass of bubbly in hand. With non-existent WiFi this far off the coast, I was forced to unplug and found myself discovering the simple joy of reclining on the deck, cruising past the thousands of majestic limestone monoliths sprinkled across the bay. Before long and without even realising it, I had dozed off, rocked by the gentle lull of the ship.

The suite also comes with a private dining area for romantic privacy, with a la carte dining that is available 24 hours all day. And the food is exceptional – traditional Northern Vietnamese flavours are subtler than their Southern counterparts, and ingredients used

DECKS Four

CAPACITY 16 passengers

RATING Five-star

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Enjoy a leisurely meal as you watch the karsts float by

were beautifully fresh and delicately balanced. Bay Oysters and Ha Long scallops were some of the highlights from the menu, and great significance was given to local and regional produce. A particular treat was the traditional Vietnamese drip coffee, which was exceptionally robust and especially enjoyable when accompanied with the spectacular view from my private balcony.

While it is possible to tailor-make your itineraries with an a la carte program, Paradise Peak also offers a packaged 3D2N itinerary that will bring you from the UNESCO World Heritage Ha Long Bay to the beautiful Vung Ha Island, with a private sparkling cave dinner amidst the illuminated Dong Tien grotto. Entire vessels are even available for charter for special events or group retreats.

Summary

From food, to service, to décor, every moment on board the Paradise Peak was, indeed, a glimpse into paradise. Staff were able to tread that fine balance of being attentivene without coming off as intrusive, while the wide variety of original activities offered an unparalleled opportunity for exploration.