

Jewel Junk

[Halong Bay](#) in north Vietnam is home to the largest collection of karst limestone islets in the world. The name Ha Long translates as 'descending dragon' - referring to an ancient legend explaining how the bay came to be formed. It is believed that a dragon descended from the heavens and, as it came crashing down to earth, its tail thrashed the ground and cut the bay from the rocks.

Until recently Halong Bay was a haven for pirates and tourists were discouraged from spending the night out in the Bay.

Now there are several boats plying the waters between Halong City (Hong Gai & Bay Chai) and Cat Ba Island, offering a range of options depending on your time and your budget.

The Jewel of the Bay & Jewel of the Bay II are for those looking for a little bit of indulgence. With a capacity of 10 on Jewel of the Bay 1 and 16 on Jewel of the bay II, both boats provide a high level of service and comfort in a relaxed, fresh environment.

Guests can choose to stay on either boat for 1 or 2 nights or longer upon request.

Cruise Facts

Guest cabins are located on the lower level. The Jewel of the Bay has 5 twin bed cabins each with tastefully decorated wooden interiors and en suite tiled bathroom. The stylish rattan beds and mattresses are specially designed for added comfort. All cabins have air-conditioning and the bathrooms have wall-mounted showers with hot and cold water. The Jewel of the Bay II has 7 cabins - 2 triples and 5 twins.

Accommodation

The Dining Area

The Jewel prides itself on its fine dining, offering both Western and Vietnamese cuisine. Being on the water, there is a wide choice of fresh seafood delicacies such as crabs, king prawns, squid and fish. To accompany your meals there is an extensive wine list comprising both European and New World wines.

The Bar

The fully licensed bar has a comprehensive range of beers, wine and spirits as well as a selection of non-alcoholic beverages too. Tea and coffee is also available throughout the

day. The ice is made either from boiled filtered water or bottled mineral water. The bar is open throughout the day and until the last guest retires for the evening.

The Games Area

The Games area provides comfortable beanbags around a coffee table with various games to play including chess, Chinese checkers, dominoes and playing cards. There is also a selection of books and magazines to read.

The Sun Deck

The open-air top deck contains 8 tanning chairs for those who want to soak up the sun or to simply relax. The chairs can be altered to either sitting or horizontal positions as required

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