



# TOUR

**PROGRAMS**





# Hanoi

## DAY TRIPS



## HA NOI HALF-DAY

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Next, after a short excursion, is Quan Thanh Temple. This traditional Taoist temple was dedicated to Hanoi's divine protector, Huyen Thien Tran Vu. Inside the temple on the main altar sits a huge bronze statue of Huyen Thien Tran Vu, measuring an imposing 4 meters high and weighing a spectacular 4 tons. The size and the fine details and owing to the expert craftsmanship of the bronze working from the 17th century has made this statue officially a national treasure. After the temple, as you continue along the lake side, you will walk past the memorial of John McCain, former Senator of the US and former US Navy pilot who was famously (infamously?) shot down as in Hanoi during wartime in 1967.



Around Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum, which is situated in the back of the square, gives ample opportunities for photos. Following that, it would behoove you to take a leisurely stroll through the adjoining Presidential Palace. While sauntering through the garden you will catch a glimpse of some quaint scenes like a large, picturesque fish pond, the wooden house-on-stilts where Ho Chi Minh lived during his last years and the sturdy concrete house where he took his last breath. As you continue on your way out, be sure to visit the famous One-Pillar Pagoda made in the likeness of Guanyin, a goddess in Chinese mythology who is the goddess of mercy and compassion.

After hopping back on your vehicle, the tour continues around the illustrious Sword Lake. On a little island within the lake sits Ngoc Son Temple and is connected to the bank by the The Huc Bridge conspicuously painted in red. Ngoc Son Temple was built in honor of the eminent military leader and tactician, Tran Hung Dao. After that, why not mosey on over to the Old Quarter nearby and explore the buzzing sights and sounds and smells of the shophouses, food stalls and friendly pubs to wet your whistle and celebrate a happy ending to your tour!

#### Included:

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Entrance fees: President Palace, Quan Thanh temple, Ngoc Son temple.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

#### Not included:

- Breakfast/Lunch
- Tips for driver and guide.



Pax	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
USD/pax	57	30	22	17	15	11	9



A photograph of a traditional multi-tiered pagoda in Hanoi, Vietnam, surrounded by lush green trees and a body of water. The image is partially obscured by white, torn-paper-like edges at the bottom.

## HA NOI FULL-DAY

### *City Tour*

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After lunch the tour continues. Next stop is the Temple of Literature and the attached Noble Academy replete with beautifully restored architecture meant to preserve the history of Vietnam's imperial education. A highlight in the complex is the collection of stone stelae bearing names of the successful mandarin examinees throughout many, many centuries. Tour continues around the illustrious Sword Lake. On a little island within the lake sits Ngoc Son Temple and is connected to the bank by the The Huc Bridge conspicuously painted in red. Ngoc Son Temple was built in honor of the eminent military leader and tactician, Tran Hung Dao. After that, why not mosey on over to the Old Quarter nearby and explore the buzzing sights and sounds and smells of the shophouses, food stalls and friendly pubs to wet your whistle!

Finally in the late afternoon, you'll enter the water puppet theater to see the scintillating yet quaint performance of this ancient and uniquely Vietnamese art form that's been performed since the 11th century.

### Included:

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Entrance fees: Presidential Palace, Quan Thanh Temple, Museum of Ethnology, Temple of Literature, Ngoc Son temple, water puppet show at Thang Long theater.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

### Not included:

- Breakfast/Lunch
- Tips for driver and guide.

<b>Pax</b>	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
<b>USD/pax</b>	84	48	37	29	27	21	19





# *Day Trip to* **HA LONG BAY**

Both your local guide and your driver will meet you at your hotel and set out for a full day excursion to Ha Long Bay for a fun-filled and fascinating cruise experience. You'll head out of the city center and the first stop is the luxurious and modern Tuan Chau harbor where your cruise vessel awaits to whisk you away.

At close to noon time, the cruise ship slowly departs and briefly moors off shore while lunch is served. While having a hearty meal aboard you'll be able to leisurely take in the surrounding natural beauty of the bay. After lunch, the ship will be underway and you will find yourself at the gaping maws of two adjacent caves, Thien Cung and Dau Go (the latter of which being the biggest cave in Ha Long Bay). Have your camera at the ready as these caves contain stunning natural beauty like the curious stalagmites and stalactites in the shapes of animals as well as numerous types of fauna flying, climbing and slithering around. When you've had your fill of caves for the day, the ship will take you back to shore where your driver will then take you back to your hotel.



### Included:

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Bay visit ticket, including entrance fees for caves.
- Cruise vessel ticket.
- Lunch on board.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

### Not included:

- Kayak rent.
- Tips for boat staff.
- Tips for driver and guide.

### Preferred cruise ships:

- Shared vessels: Ha Long Sail, Bai Tho, La Casta, Alova.
- Charter option for smaller capacity: Water Bay 25pax.

Pax	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
USD/pax	57	30	22	17	15	11	9





## *Half-day Trip to* **BAT TRANG**

First, your local guide and driver will take you across the Red River toward the southern bank of Duong River where But Thap Pagoda is located. The pagoda is among the most famous and valuable Buddhist monuments around Ha Noi and has undergone multiple renovations since the 17th century. Visit the pagoda to contemplate the well-built timber frame architecture along with numerous multi-century old wood statues and sculptures. The most notable vestige in the pagoda is the stone stupa which dates back to the Tran period around the 13-14th century. According to history, King Tu Duc came to the pagoda in 1876 and saw the Bao Nghiem tower and likened it to a huge pen pointing to the sky and subsequently called it “But Thap” (Pen Tower).

Next on the list is a drive to nearby Dong Ho village, renowned as the birthplace of the wood block painting art from centuries ago. The trade is now vanishing but you will visit the preservation center where you can study the meticulous working processes and behold the finished products of this now-rare artform. The paintings are of various subjects; some paintings are of traditional scenes and some are infused with modern life elements.



Following that is yet another brief drive to reach Bat Trang village, the most famous and among the oldest pottery villages in the Red River Delta. Once in this breezy and tranquil village you are at liberty to meander up and down the charming country roads and take photos until your heart's content! After that, don't forget to casually saunter to the marketplace in the center of the village. Here you can find an almost innumerable multitude of shops selling fine Bat Trang produced wares. You can also visit an old kiln or play with the potter's wheel and pretend you're either Patrick Swayze or Demi Moore from that one movie... After all the fun and games, your driver will return you to your hotel.

### Included:

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Entrance fees: old kiln, potter's wheel in Bat Trang.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

### Not included:

- Breakfast/Lunch.
- Tips for driver and guide.



Pax	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
USD/pax	50	26	18	14	12	8	6







# Half-day Trip to DUONG LAM VILLAGE

The tour begins with you with your driver and local guide ushering you out of the city center and west to the countryside of the former Ha Tay province. First stop, Tay Phuong Pagoda. In addition to being one of the oldest pagodas in the entire country, the first bricks were laid around the 7th or 8th centuries, it has been designated as a Special National Vestige thanks to its magnificent traditional architecture and well preserved artworks, particularly the life-like sculptures of the 18 Buddhist Arhats.

The tour marches on with a short drive to the old village of Duong Lam. This once forgotten rural village is now a breathtaking complex and boasts being a UNESCO Heritage Site thanks to its ancient, traditional architecture used for both everyday routines and religious functions. The village is a superb place to saunter around to take in the scenes of an ancient, bygone era like the ornamental rooflines and worn brick lanes. If you're not much for ambling around, well then have a nice sit on a stool and order your favorite drink at a local cafe while you mingle with the grinning local yokels. When you've finished your refreshments, your driver is waiting to whisk you away and back to your hotel.

## Included:

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Entrance fees: Tay Phuong pagoda, Duong Lam village.
- Lunch at a local restaurant.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

## Not included:

- Breakfast/Lunch.
- Tips for the old house staff.
- Tips for driver and guide.

Pax	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
USD/pax	50	26	18	14	12	8	6



## *Day Trip to* **NINH BINH**

Your local guide and driver first whisk you away from Hanoi to take the expressway for Ninh Binh, a land characterized by the beauty of rolling hills and submerged grasslands. At Trang An tourist complex you'll trade your seat in a car for a spot on a hand paddle boat to explore the gorgeous habitat around the UNESCO protected area. The boat trip goes through waterways filled abundantly with karst formations jutting out of the ground, lagoons and sprawling, gently wavering verdant fields of rice.

At some point you'll disembark from your paddle boat and visit the temples of King Dinh Tien Hoang and King Le Dai Hanh located on the site of their capital named Hoa Lu dating back to the 10th century. The temples were constructed much later in the Le Dynasty around the 15th century and additionally you can find, in the Nhat Tru Pagoda nearby, a sutra pillar made of stone which dates back to the time of the ancient kings.



Your lunch will consist of a delectable local specialty, goat! Enjoy your delightful meal as you take in your breezy, tranquil surroundings. After the glorious goat lunch, you'll continue the tour with a short scenic drive to Bich Dong pagoda. The dreamy, fairy-tale-like pagoda was built into a karst hill and the main shrine is located safely at the base while the middle and the upper shrines were erected in small grottoes above in the karst rock. Take time to stop at the terrace in front of the upper shrine to absorb a stunning view of the surrounding paddy fields. Around mid-afternoon, your driver will whisk you away and back to your hotel.



#### Included:

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Entrance fees: Trang An complex with boat trip, king's temples complex.
- Lunch at a local restaurant.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

#### Not included:

- Breakfast.
- Tips for boat rower in Trang An.
- Tips for driver and guide.

#### Preferred hotels:

- Ninh Binh: Ninh Binh Hidden Charm Hotel & Resort, Ninh Binh Legend.

Pax	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
USD/pax	143	85	68	57	54	44	42





# MULTI-DAY

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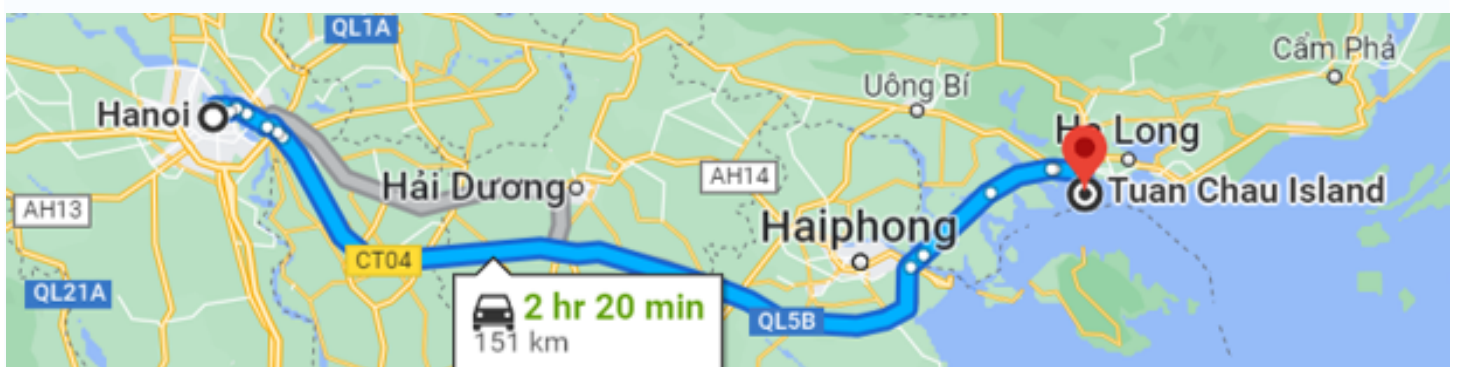


# HA LONG BAY

(2 Days 1 Night)

## *With Overnight Cruise*

Your lunch will consist of a delectable local specialty, goat! Enjoy your delightful meal as you take in your breezy, tranquil surroundings. After the glorious goat lunch, you'll continue the tour with a short scenic drive to Bich Dong pagoda. The dreamy, fairy-tale-like pagoda was built into a karst hill and the main shrine is located safely at the base while the middle and the upper shrines were erected in small grottoes above in the karst rock. Take time to stop at the terrace in front of the upper shrine to absorb a stunning view of the surrounding paddy fields. Around mid-afternoon, your driver will whisk you away and back to your hotel.



### **D1: Ha Noi - Ha Long (L/D)**

The tour begins when you meet both your local guide and your driver at your hotel and immediately following that you'll set out to Ha Long Bay for a fun-filled and fascinating cruise experience. You'll head out of the city center and the first stop is the luxurious and modern Tuan Chau harbor where your cruise vessel awaits to whisk you away.

At close to noon time, the cruise ship slowly departs and briefly moors off shore while lunch is served. While having a hearty meal aboard you'll be able to leisurely take in the surrounding natural beauty of the bay. After lunch, the ship will be underway and you will soon find yourself at the gaping maws of Sung Sot cave, the largest of its kind within the bay area. The cave features a huge interior adorned with magnificent stalactites and other speleothems. Once you've had your fill of spelunking, board the ship once again for a quick stop at little Titov (or Titop) island for some much deserved relaxation time on the beach. At the end of the day, the ship will anchor in a tranquil lagoon at a distance from the other ships in the area in order to facilitate peace and quiet. Later, there will be spectacular on-board entertainment and refreshments to mark the close of the first day of the tour.

## **D2: Ha Long - Ha Noi (B/L)**

The second day begins with a scrumptious breakfast and strong morning coffee among the otherworldly sights all around you. After that The vessel will continue its carefree and breezy passage throughout the karst formations and azure waters back to shore. At or shortly before noon you'll be back with your faithful driver who'll then whisk you away and back to your hotel.

### **Included:**

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Bay visit ticket, including entrance fees for caves.
- Cruise vessel ticket with overnight cabin (twin shared)
- Meals: 1 breakfast, 2 lunches, 1 dinner on board.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

### **Not included:**

- Kayak rent.
- Beach service at Titov Beach.
- Tips for the cruise staff.
- Tips for driver and guide.



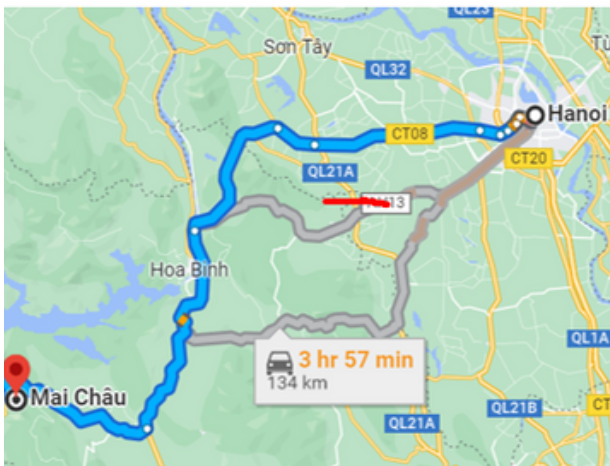
<b>Pax</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3-4</b>	<b>5-6</b>	<b>7-9</b>	<b>10-12</b>	<b>13+</b>
<b>USD/pax</b>	292	252	225	216	191	189



# HA NOI - MAI CHAU

(2 Days 1 Night)

## D1: Ha Noi - Mai Chau (L/D)



The tour begins with you leaving Ha Noi on National Route #6 toward Hoa Binh. You'll visit the Museum of Muong Culture, a private museum in which the dedicated owner strives to reproduce the living spaces in a village of the ethnic Muong people. While strolling around the fecund garden, you can see a curious collection of traditional wooden houses-on-stilts loaded with farming implements and art objects.

Next is a brief transfer to the boat dock nearby where you'll then embark on a motorboat for a scenic trip to the diminutive yet charming mountain commune of Thung Nai. You'll visit a colorful temple where the locals pay homage to a Goddess who patronizes the fishermen in Thung Nai.

Leaving Thung Nai you'll take the road toward Mai Chau valley and all the while stop briefly at certain vista points on the hill side to experience sensational panoramic views of the flat green valley below. The tour continues the remaining distance to one of the ethnic Thai minority villages in the valley for a rustic and warm homestay experience. You are advised to make yourself at home and say hello to your new neighbors! After dinner, you are free to stroll around in the village at your leisure.



## D2: Mai Chau - Ha Noi (B/L)

The next morning is for you to explore the surrounding areas in Mai Chau Valley. Hop on a rented bicycle and you can pedal about down the scenic back lanes which lead through a number of neighboring villages. Enjoy yourself and the splendid views of the valley and make as many stops as you like to take pictures or make friends with the local Thai. Electric cars are also available as an alternative to bicycles. After lunch, you'll say farewell to Mai Chau and be driven back to Ha Noi by your driver.

### Included:

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Entrance fees: Museum of Muong Culture, boat trip in Thung Nai, bicycle/electric car in Mai Chau.
- Meals: 1 breakfast, 2 lunches, 1 dinner.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

### Not included:

- Thai dance show (if available).
- Tips for sampan paddler in Trang An.
- Tips for driver and guide.

Pax	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
USD/pax	308	22	17	15	11	9



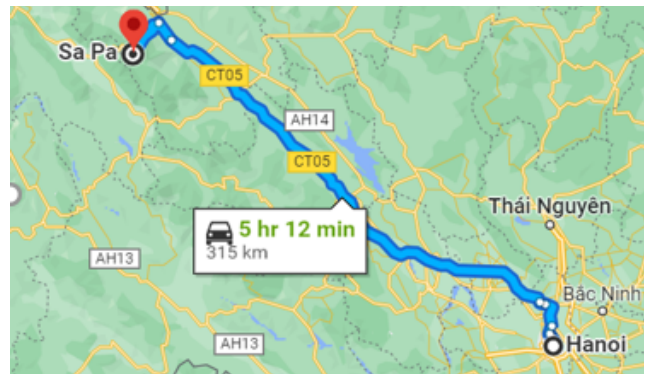


# HA NOI - SAPA

(3 Days 2 Night)

## D1: Ha Noi - Sapa (L/D)

The tour begins as you depart Ha Noi and follow the expressway for Lao Cai, the eponymous capital city of the province. From Lao Cai you'll then take the 35km mountain road up to the town of Sapa which lies at 1,500 meters above sea level.



After lunch you'll visit the misty Ham Rong (Dragon Jaws) peak located in town. For the adventurer in you, you should hike up the steps to the top of the peak for a fantastic photo opportunity. The hike goes through artificial flower gardens and interesting natural rock formations. And at the peak platform, you can take in a scenic view of the town and of the mysterious 3,143 meter Fansipan mountain peak far in the distance across Muong Hoa valley.

Finally you'll check into your hotel. In the evening, you are free to explore your new surroundings in the town.



## D2: Sapa (B/L)

The whole day is for you to explore the beautiful landscape of Sapa and to gain an intimate insight of the minority lifestyle. First, you'll go to the train station and take a scenic train ride that goes across the breathtaking landscape of Muong Hoa valley. The train stops at the terminal which also happens to be the starting point of the Fansipan mountain cable car.

You'll take the cable ride up to reach the peak complex where you may witness some of the most spectacular views in all directions provided the views are not blocked by the thickness of the clouds. There are pagodas, stupas, Buddha statues on the peak complex, all connected by step trails. If you're up to the task, you can hike and ultimately reach the 3,143 meter point marking the peak of Fansipan. Go for it!

Once you've had enough of hiking in the clouds you'll hop on the cable car again and come back down the mountain. The exploration continues with a visit to the Silver Falls and Tram Ton Pass. At the Silver Falls, follow the pretty steps up to see the mighty falls. At Tram Ton Pass, you'll surely have some thrills with the eye-popping glass floor on the sky walkway! And after all that excitement you'll transfer back to town where you'll be free for the rest of the day.

### **D3: Sapa - Ha Noi (B/L)**

After a short transfer you'll be walking down to the bottom of Muong Hoa valley to visit Cat Cat village, home to the Black H'mong people. There are plentiful opportunities for fantastic photos and also many inviting souvenir shops along the stepway throughout the village. Everywhere you'll be able to see colorful brocades and costumes of the H'mong women. Take some time to indulge yourself in sights like the giant waterwheels and the terraced rice fields nearby. After that, you'll be taken back to town to check out the hotel and have lunch before being driven back to Hanoi. You will arrive in Hanoi by the end of the afternoon.

#### **Included:**

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Entrance fees: Ham Rong mountain, train across Muong Hoa valley, cable car to Fansipan peak, Silver Falls, glass walkway, Cat Cat village.
- Meals: 2 breakfast, 3 lunches, 1 dinner.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

#### **Not included:**

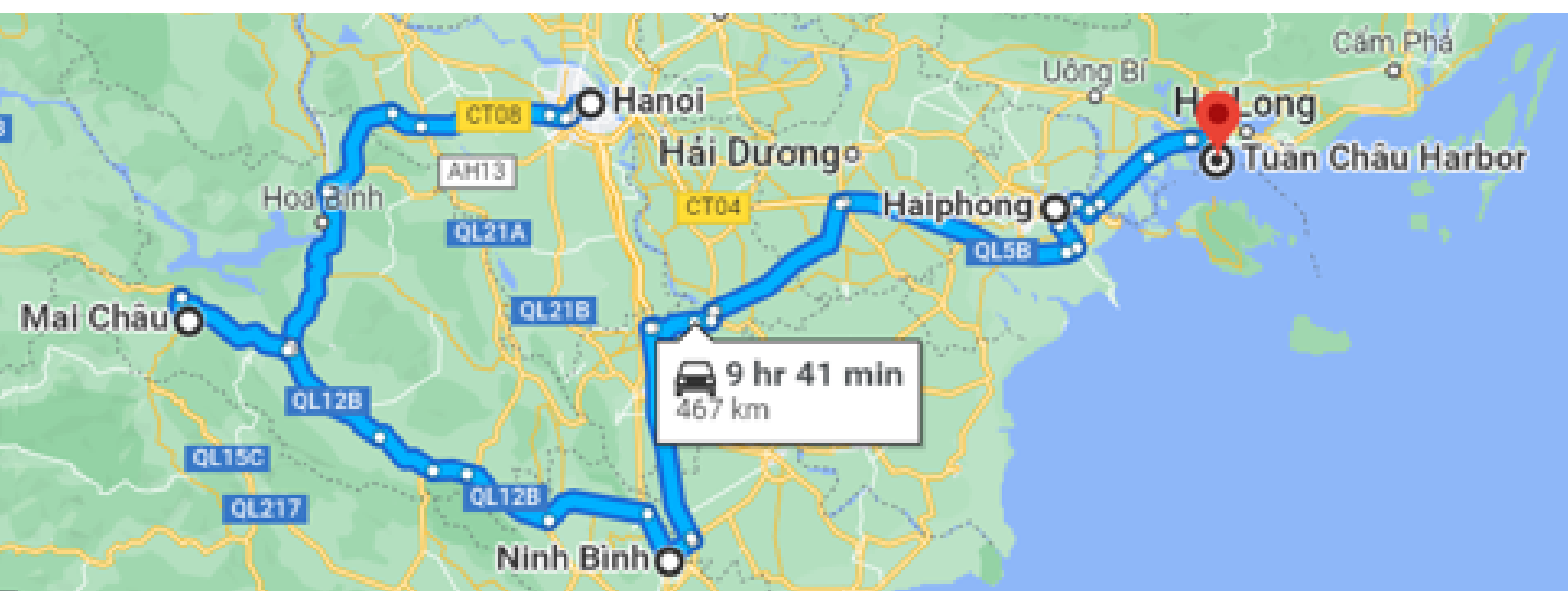
- Tips for driver and guide.

<b>Pax</b>	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
<b>USD/pax</b>	447	374	329	314	269	263



# HA NOI - MAI CHAU - NINH BINH - HA LONG

(6 Days 5 Night)



## **D1: Arrive in Ha Noi (D)**

You'll arrive in Ha Noi at Noi Bai Airport and meet your local guide and driver then transfer to the city center. Soon you'll be in front of the illustrious Sword Lake. On a little island within the lake sits Ngoc Son Temple and is connected to the bank by the The Huc Bridge conspicuously painted in red. Ngoc Son Temple was built in honor of the eminent military leader and tactician, Tran Hung Dao. After that, why not mosey on over to the Old Quarter nearby and explore the buzzing sights and sounds and smells of the shophouses, food stalls and friendly pubs. After that you'll arrive at the water puppet theater to see the scintillating yet quaint performance of this ancient and uniquely Vietnamese art form that's been performed since the 11th century. After this, you'll spend one night in Ha Noi.

## **D2: Ha Noi (B/L)**

The first day out will be a sightseeing tour of Ha Noi which includes the most significant attractions. Visit Ba Dinh Square, a revered and historically significant site where Ho Chi Minh declared Vietnam an independent nation after centuries of being a monarchy. Around Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum, which is situated in the back of the square, gives ample opportunities for photos. Following that, it would behoove you to take a leisurely stroll through the adjoining Presidential Palace. While sauntering through the garden you will catch a glimpse of some quaint scenes like a large, picturesque fish pond, the wooden house-on-stilts where Ho Chi Minh lived during his last years and the sturdy concrete house where he took his last breath. As you continue on your way out, be sure to visit the famous One-Pillar Pagoda made in the likeness of Guanyin, a goddess in Chinese mythology who is the goddess of mercy and compassion.

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## **D3: Ha Noi - Mai Chau (B/L)**

You'll leave Ha Noi and be taken on National Route #6 toward Hoa Binh. You'll visit the Museum of Muong Culture, a private museum in which the dedicated owner strives to reproduce the living spaces in a village of the ethnic Muong people. While strolling around the garden, you can see a collection of wooden houses-on-stilts loaded with curious farming implements and art objects.



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#### **D4: Mai Chau - Ninh Binh (B/L)**

Leave Mai Chau and take a scenic road trip for Ninh Binh, a land characterized by the beauty of rolling hills, submerged grasslands and a giant monkey called King Kong. Seriously, look it up. Anyway, At Trang An tourist complex you'll trade your seat in a car for a spot on a hand paddle boat to explore the gorgeous habitat around the UNESCO protected area. The boat trip goes through waterways filled abundantly with karst formations jutting out of the ground, lagoons and sprawling, gently wavering verdant fields of rice.

At some point you'll disembark from your fancy paddle boat and visit the temples of King Dinh Tien Hoang and King Le Dai Hanh located on the site of their capital named Hoa Lu dating back to the 10th century. The temples were constructed much later in the Le Dynasty around the 15th century and additionally you can find, in the Nhat Tru Pagoda nearby, a sutra pillar made of stone which dates back to the time of the ancient kings.

#### **Day 5: Ninh Binh - Ha Long (B/L/D)**

By road from Ninh Binh to Ha Long. After your arrival the first stop is the luxurious and modern Tuan Chau harbor where your cruise vessel awaits to whisk you away.

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After lunch, the ship will be underway and you will soon find yourself at the gaping maws of Sung Sot cave, the largest of its kind within the bay area. The cave features a huge interior adorned with magnificent stalactites and other speleothems. Once you've had your fill of spelunking, board the ship once again for a quick stop at little Titov (or Titop) island for some much deserved relaxation time on the beach.

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#### **Included:**

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- All entrance fees, bicycle/electric car in Mai Chau, boat trip in Trang An, bay cruise package in Ha Long including meals and twin-shared cabin.
- Meals: 5 breakfast, 5 lunches, 2 dinner.
- Daily wet tissue and drinking water.

#### **Not included:**

- Thai dance show in Mai Chau (if available)
- Kayak and beach services during Ha Long bay cruise.
- Tips for boat rower in Trang An.
- Tips for driver and guide.



<b>Pax</b>	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
<b>USD/pax</b>	808	698	625	515	469	467

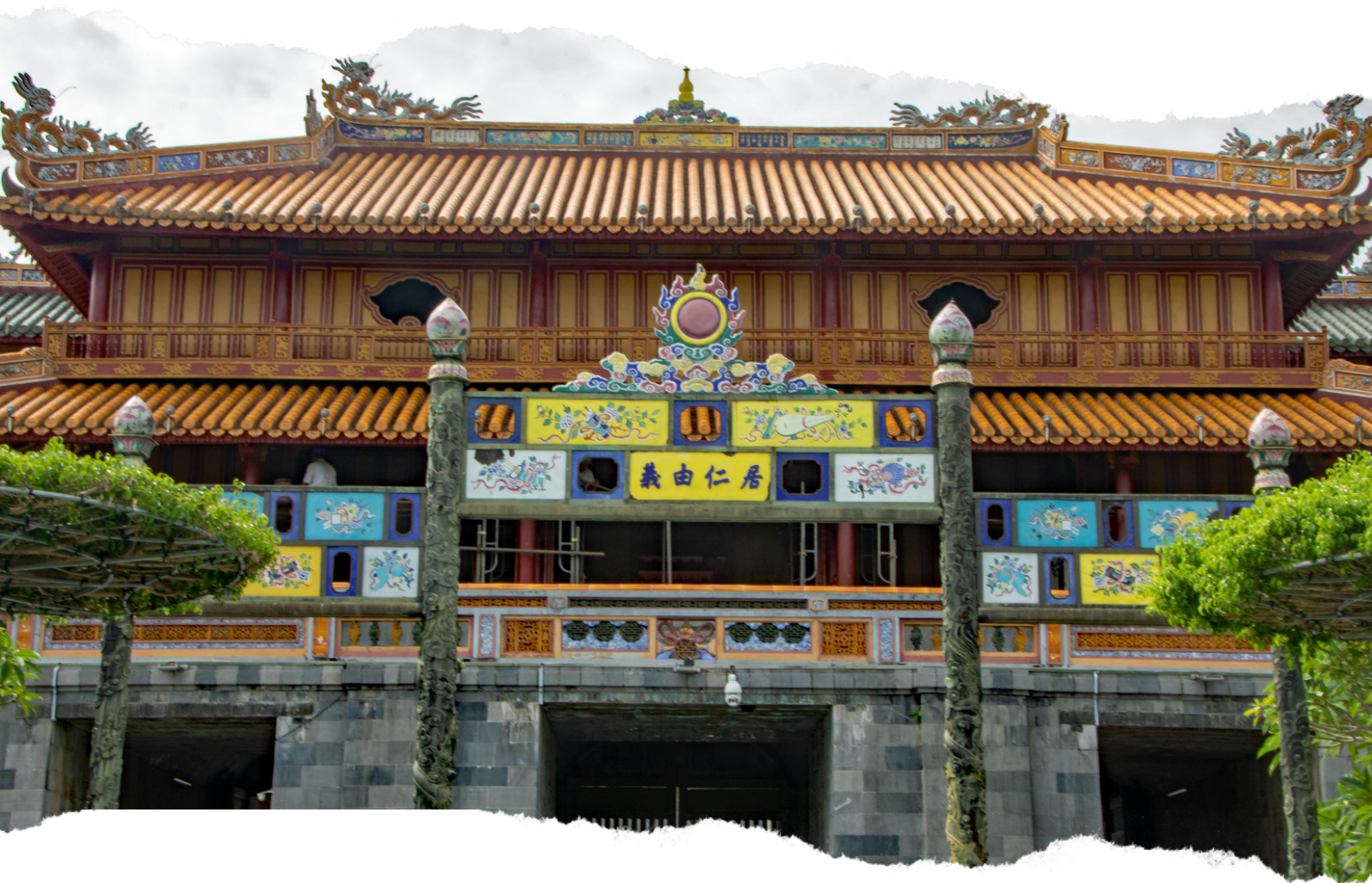


*Hue*

# DAY TRIPS







## HUE FULL-DAY

### *City Tour*

You'll begin the tour by setting out from your hotel in Hue with your local guide and faithful driver. The exploration of Hue starts with the walking tour in the Imperial City, the seat of the Nguyen monarchs throughout the dynastic reign from 1802 to 1945. You'll see the most compelling parts of the complex including the Flag Tower, the Holy Cannons, the Gate of Ngo Mon, the Throne Hall and the Dynastic Urns. Outside the imperial walls, you will visit Dong Ba market which is situated right on the bank of Huong (Perfume) River and is the largest and busiest market in Hue. Here you are encouraged to browse through the arrays of shops and take in all the sights and sounds of daily local life.



After lunch you'll continue the tour with a relaxing boat trip. The motorized dragon boat cruises along the Huong River until it reaches the waterfront steps of Thien Mu Pagoda. Here the boat trip ends and you'll disembark to explore the pagoda. In addition to the impressive view of the river and the Phuoc Duyen Tower, the pagoda keeps on display the old Austin car used by bonze (Buddhist monk) Thich Quang Duc whose self-immolation in Saigon 1963 shocked the world even long after wartime. The exploration of the city's heritage continues with a visit to the mausoleum of Emperor Minh Mang, the powerful monarch who ruled from 1820-1840. His mausoleum is a stunning complex which gives acute insight into the skill and craftsmanship of Vietnamese art and architecture. That's all for today; It's now time to return to your driver and return to your hotel.

#### Included:

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Entrance fees: Imperial City, King Minh Mang's Tomb
- Boat trip.
- Lunch at a local restaurant.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

#### Not included:

- Breakfast.
- Tips for boat staff.
- Tips for driver and guide.

Pax	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
USD/pax	114	73	61	55	53	48	46





# FULL-DAY HUE ART & Architecture Discovery

You'll begin the tour by setting out from your hotel in Hue with your local guide and driver. The exploration of Hue starts with the walking tour in the Imperial City, the seat of the Nguyen monarchs throughout the dynastic reign from 1802 to 1945. You'll see the most compelling parts of the complex including the Flag Tower, the Holy Cannons, the Gate of Ngo Mon, the Throne Hall and the Dynastic Urns. The next attraction is the Imperial Art Museum where priceless collections of antiques and artifacts are kept on display. The museum building itself is an excellent example of traditional Vietnamese timber frame architecture. This is indeed a must-see for all art lovers.

Next is a short drive to the beautiful An Dinh Palace located to the south of the city center. An Dinh Cung is a fascinating combination of French Rococo style architecture with local decorative ornamentation and was the private residence of multiple emperors dating back to the very early 20th century.

Your lunch that day will be booked at a beautiful garden home which offers an opportunity to understand the prestigious lifestyle once led by the mandarins of the Nguyen court. The mandarin homes, now kept by the descendants, are usually a little museum of furniture and household objects.



After lunch, you'll continue exploring the city's heritage by visiting the two mausoleums of King Tu Duc and King Khai Dinh. The tombs are different in style but are both stunning architectural works that showcase priceless imperial artifacts. After viewing the king's mausoleums it's that time again to return to your driver where he will take you back to your hotel.

### **Included:**

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Entrance fees: Imperial City, Imperial Art Museum, An Dinh Palace, King Tu Duc's Tomb, King Khai Dinh's Tomb.
- Lunch at a mandarin garden home.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

### **Excluded:**

- Breakfast.
- Tips for driver and guide.

### **Preferred mandarin home:**

- Tinh Gia Vien.
- Y Thao.



<b>Pax</b>	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
<b>USD/pax</b>	109	76	66	63	61	54	52

## *Full-day Trek at*

# **BACH MA NATIONAL PARK**

The trek at Bach Ma National Park is a fascinating experience for nature lovers with a decent degree of fitness (spoiler alert: you'll be walking for a while). You'll begin the tour by leaving Hue and being driven south toward Bach Ma mountain approximately 41 km south. You'll enter the National Park and take the 15km scenic drive uphill toward the station where, in 1932, the Morin family company (Société en nom collectif Morin Frère) built a hill resort for recreation. Today the old villas are still in use to provide basic accommodation and also serve as the base for the treks.



Up next is the arduous trek that follows Ngu Ho Trail and takes roughly 3 hours to loop back. The trail guides you through lush, green primeval jungles and winds along a creek which gently flows through a series of five cascades until you reach Do Quyen Falls. The waterfall boasts a stunning height of 300 meters which gives quite a thrill when standing atop the falls facing towards the vast opening in front. You'll continue the hike and eventually loop back around to the station.

After lunch you'll take a short walk up to the peak platform which marks the 1,444 meter elevation above sea level and offers spectacular views of the verdant coastal lowlands. Lastly, you'll hike back to the Morin station where you'll begin your journey back to Hue.



### Included:

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Entrance fees: National Park entrance ticket with local guide.
- Lunch at a local restaurant.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

### Excluded:

- Breakfast.
- Tips for National Park's guide.
- Tips for driver and guide.

Pax	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
USD/pax	199	123	101	82	51	49	47



# MULTI-DAY

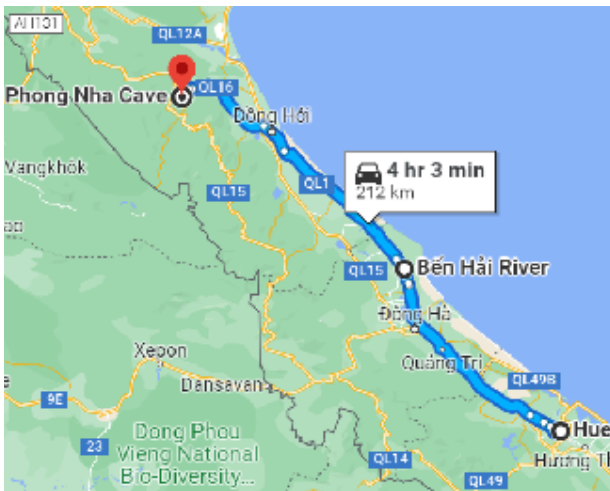
*Trips*





# HUE - PHONG NHA - HUE

(2 Days 1 Night)



## D1: Hue to Phong Nha (L/D)

The tour begins with a drive north along Route 1A (210km/4.5hrs) through coastal plains, passing country towns, rice fields, rivers and mountains. You'll arrive at the Phong Nha tourist center and, being that the Phong Nha Cave is indeed a half submerged tunnel which can be visited by boat, you'll hop on a boat and ride between lush green banks

of Son River to reach the cave system located upstream. After an exhilarating boat trip you'll enter the cave to enjoy the impressive natural beauty of a series of chambers with beautiful stalactites and stalagmites. You'll later disembark from the boat and then hike up to Tien Son Cave which is an imposing chamber sitting on top of the watery Phong Nha Cave. You'll later be taken back to your vehicle and driven to your lodging place for the evening.

## D2: Phong Nha - Hue (B/L)

This day you will continue the exploration of the karst wonderland starting with a visit to Thien Duong Cave. Suggested by the name which means "paradise" or "heavenly" this cave boasts a gigantic interior space and a magnificent speleothem system including spectacular stalactites. After the visit and experiencing the otherworldly splendor of Phong Nha, you'll begin the journey back to Hue city.

The monotony of the road trip will be broken up by a stop at Ben Hai River and the DMZ memorial (120km), both of which marked the 17th Parallel or the war-time demilitarized zone between the opposing North and South Vietnam. Today the old steel bridge is kept as a monument, with each half painted in a different color.

You may take your time to take pictures of this landmark before continuing the drive toward Hue.

Before entering Hue, you'll have yet another stop but this time to the pottery village of Phuoc Tich. You'll be invited to stroll around this peaceful, 500 year old village where the authentic rural atmosphere has been well preserved and is replete with quiet lanes and old, cozy houses. You may visit a local house and the display hall where the villagers proudly exhibit their fine traditions of pottery making which have been taught to each generation by the elders throughout hundreds of years. Lastly, you'll travel the remaining 40km distance to reach Hue (100km) and this marks the end of the Hue - Phong Nha - Hue tour.

#### Included:

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Entrance fees: Phong Nha cave, Tien Son cave, Thien Duong cave, Phuoc Tich village.
- Boat trip.
- Meals: 1 breakfast, 2 lunches, 1 dinner.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

#### Not included:

- Tips for boat staff.
- Tips for driver and guide.

Preferred hotel: Chay Lap Farmstay.

Pax	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
USD/pax	277	214	170	168	136	131



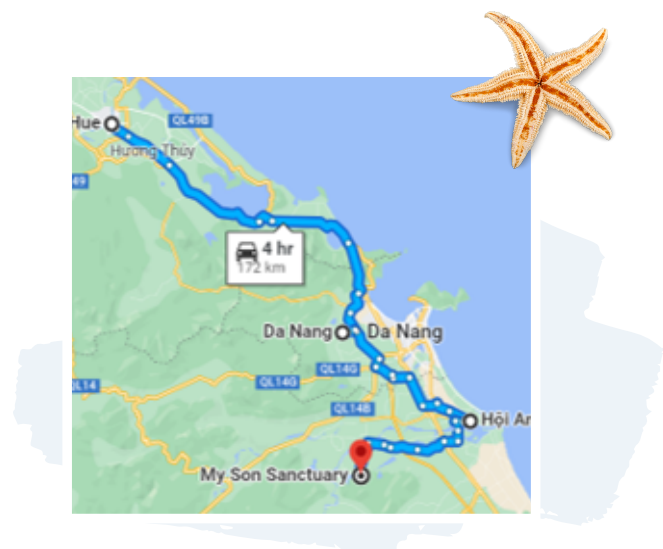


# HUE - HOI AN - MY SON - DA NANG

**(3 Days 2 Night)**

## **D1: Hue - Da Nang (L)**

The tour begins with a 3-hour scenic journey from Hue to Hoi An that features breathtaking views of Lang Co Lagoon and Hai Van Pass. In Danang, you're free to amble about and explore the Marble Mountains, beautiful karst hills with mysterious caves, revered temples, shrines, pagodas and a fantastic perspective of the surroundings.



You'll be invited to check out the village of marble carvers at the base of the limestone hills in which a large number of families work tirelessly and diligently on marble carvings. Behold the skillfulness of the workers who help keep this trade alive today! After meeting the marble carvers, you'll check in at your resort. The afternoon is for you to relax and enjoy the beach and spend one night in Da Nang.

## **D2: Hoi An - My Son - Da Nang (B/L)**

Hoi An still exudes the feeling of an anachronistic yet alluring and thriving medieval trading port in Southeast Asia complete with numerous historic buildings, lantern-lit alleyways, bustling markets, expert tailors, artisan shops, old residences and dazzling temples. You'll discover its beauty by taking a leisurely stroll through the quaint streets and diminutive alleys with your local, knowledgeable guide. You'll also visit the famed Japanese Bridge, the Fujian Congregation Hall, a UNESCO - protected shophouse and the handicraft center.

That afternoon you'll start the journey to My Son to contemplate the relics of the Hindu Cham, a remote civilization who ruled over Central Vietnam in the Middle Ages. Upon arrival, you'll visit the museum to understand why these pre-Angkorian ruins of My Son were recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site. You'll then take a short transfer by electric car from the museum toward the ruin site where you'll be free to look around and discover the artistry made by the Cham people. Lastly, you'll hop back in your vehicle and head back to Da Nang.

### **D3: Da Nang - Departure (B)**

Leisure until meeting time. Transfer to Da Nang airport.

\* Extended stay is possible.

#### **Included:**

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Entrance fees: Marble mountains with 1-way elevator, Hoi An old town, My Son UNESCO site.
- Meals: 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

#### **Not included:**

- Dinner.
- Tips for boat staff.
- Tips for driver and guide.

Preferred hotels:



<b>Pax</b>	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
<b>USD/pax</b>	247	199	161	148	130	128





# DA NANG

## Day Trips

# HALF-DAY DA NANG

## *City Tour*

You'll be picked up at your hotel and commence the sightseeing tour. You'll visit the Cham Sculpture Museum, an elegant building that houses a vast collection of sandstone sculptures created by the ancient, Hinduist Cham civilization. Among all artifacts, the altar pedestal of Tra Kieu stands out to be the most stunning work, elaborately depicting scenes of the Ramayana Epic in Indian culture.

Next you'll embark on a short drive to the beach of Bai But and visit the beautiful Linh Ung Pagoda. While the huge Guanyin statue is the centerpiece of the pagoda, the front terrace and the tall tower offer a superb view of the city's skyline.

After that you'll visit the village of marble carvers at the base of the limestone hills, in which a large number of families still work on marble diligently and tirelessly. Behold the skillfulness of the workers who help keep this trade alive today! Finally, your driver will take you back to your hotel. This marks the end of the half-day Da Nang city tour.

### Included:

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Entrance fees: Cham Sculpture Museum, Marble Mountains with 1-way elevator.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

### Not included:

- Breakfast/Lunch.
- Tips for driver and guide.

Pax	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
USD/pax	55	30	23	19	17	13	11





# Full-day Excursion to HOI AN

You'll start by leaving Da Nang and take a short transfer to Hoi An. Hoi An still exudes the feeling of an anachronistic yet alluring and thriving medieval trading port in Southeast Asia complete with numerous historic buildings, lantern-lit alleyways, bustling markets, expert tailors, artisan shops, old residences and dazzling temples. You'll discover its beauty by taking a leisurely stroll through the quaint streets and diminutive alleys with your local, knowledgeable guide. You'll also visit the famed Japanese Bridge, the Fujian Congregation Hall, a UNESCO - protected shophouse and the handicraft center.

You'll then transfer to Cam Thanh village to enjoy the scenic settings of the nypa forest and enjoy the experience of paddling in a cute basket boat and watch the boatmen skillfully perform their famed basket dance. The tour continues with the visit to Tra Que herb village to get a brief insight into the rustic lifestyle of the gardeners. Lastly is a relaxing drive back to Da Nang by your driver.

## Included:

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Entrance fees: Hoi An old town, Cam Thanh village, Tra Que village.
- Lunch at a local restaurant.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

## Excluded:

- Breakfast.
- Tips for driver and guide.

Pax	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
USD/pax	126	74	59	48	46	36	33



# *Full-day Excursion to* **MY SON AND HOI AN**

You'll start the journey to My Son to contemplate the relics of the Hindu Cham, a remote civilization who ruled over Central Vietnam in the Middle Ages. Upon arrival, you'll visit the museum to understand why these pre-Angkorian ruins of My Son were recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site. You'll then take a short transfer by electric car from the museum toward the ruin site where you'll be free to look around and discover the artistry made by the Cham people.

After that you'll make your way to Hoi An. Hoi An still exudes the feeling of an anachronistic yet alluring and thriving medieval trading port in Southeast Asia complete with numerous historic buildings, lantern-lit alleyways, bustling markets, expert tailors, artisan shops, old residences and dazzling temples. You'll discover its beauty by taking a leisurely stroll through the quaint streets and diminutive alleys with your local, knowledgeable guide. You'll also visit the famed Japanese Bridge, the Fujian Congregation Hall, a UNESCO-protected shophouse and the handicraft center.

## **Included:**

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Entrance fees: Hoi An old town, My Son UNESCO site.
- Lunch at a local restaurant.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

## **Excluded:**

- Breakfast.
- Tips for driver and guide.

<b>Pax</b>	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
<b>USD/pax</b>	139	84	69	59	57	46	44





# Full-day Excursion to **BA NA**

The tour begins with you setting out from Da Nang for an exciting and colorful excursion to the peak complex of Ba Na Mountain. While the replica of a French Village is by far the biggest draw for local tourists, the Disney style Fantasy Park and Jurassic Park can make an extremely fun day for any kid. On the quiet side, the peak trail is more attractive to nature lovers. It leads through worship shrines, vista points and eventually the 1,487 meter peak.

To start with, you'll take the cable car to Marseille Station and visit the Golden Bridge, described by The Guardian as "the world's most impressive pedestrians' bridge". Hike toward Ba Na Station to visit the giant iconic Buddha statue. Continue to Morin Station to reach the 1.487m peak at Linh Chua Linh Tu. Other than that, you are free to have fun at the theme parks or indulge in the many culinary delights available. Your service base is at the French Village around the Morin Station. In the late afternoon, you'll descend to the base station and take the drive back to Da Nang.

## Included:

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Entrance fees: Standard admission of Ba Na Hills complex with 2-way cable car.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

## Excluded:

- Breakfast/Lunch.
- Attractions not included in the standard admission of Ba Na Hills complex.

Pax	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
USD/pax	123	83	70	62	60	53	51

# MULTI-DAY

## *Trips*





# DA NANG - PHONG NHA - HUE

(4 Days 3 Night)

## **D1: Da Nang - Hue (L)**

The tour begins with you departing Danang and taking a scenic drive northbound toward Hue in a private vehicle with your reliable, local guide. The journey crosses over Bach Ma Mountain by the winding road of Hai Van Pass, or the Pass of Cloud. The vehicle stops briefly at the top of the pass where you can take the steps up to the ruin of the Hai Van Gate and to take in the impressive views around both sides of the pass.

The drive will continue through the spectacular vistas of Lang Co beach and Lap An lagoon.



The exploration of the city's heritage starts with a visit to the mausoleum of Emperor Ming Mang, the powerful monarch who ruled from 1820-1840. His mausoleum is a stunning complex which gives acute insight into the skill and craftsmanship of Vietnamese art and architecture.

In addition to the impressiveness of Ming Mang's mausoleum, you'll be able to view the old Austin car used by bonze (Buddhist monk) Thich Quang Duc whose self-immolation in Saigon 1963 shocked the world even long after wartime.

After that, follow your guide on a walking tour in the Imperial City, the seat of the Nguyen monarchs throughout the dynastic reign from 1802 to 1945. You will see the most important highlights of the complex including the Flag Tower, the Holy Cannons, the Gate of Ngo Mon, the Throne Hall and the Dynastic Urns.

Outside the imperial walls, you will visit Dong Ba market which is situated right on the bank of Huong (Perfume) River and is the largest and busiest market in Hue.

Here you are encouraged to browse through the arrays of shops and take in all the sights and sounds of daily local life. Lastly, you will be whisked away back to your hotel by your friendly driver. You'll stay 1 night in Hue.

### **D2: Hue - Phong Nha (B/L/D)**

The tour begins with a drive north along Route 1A (210km/4.5hrs) through coastal plains, passing country towns, rice fields, rivers and mountains. You'll arrive at the Phong Nha tourist center and, being that the Phong Nha Cave is indeed a half submerged tunnel which can be visited by boat, you'll hop on a boat and ride between lush green banks of Son River to reach the cave system located upstream. After an exhilarating boat trip you'll enter the cave to enjoy the impressive natural beauty of a series of chambers with beautiful stalactites and stalagmites. You'll later disembark from the boat and then hike up to Tien Son Cave which is an imposing chamber sitting on top of the watery Phong Nha Cave. You'll later be taken back to your vehicle and driven to your lodging place for the evening.

### **D3: Phong Nha - Hue (B/L)**

This day you will continue the exploration of the karst wonderland starting with a visit to Thien Duong Cave. Suggested by the name which means “paradise” or “heavenly” this cave boasts a gigantic interior space and a magnificent speleothem system including spectacular stalactites. After the visit and experiencing the otherworldly splendor of Phong Nha, you'll begin the journey back to Hue city.

The monotony of the road trip will be broken up by a stop at Ben Hai River and the DMZ memorial (120km), both of which marked the 17th Parallel or the war-time demilitarized zone between the opposing North and South Vietnam. Today the old steel bridge is kept as a monument, with each half painted in a different color. You may take your time to take pictures of this landmark before continuing the drive toward Hue.

Before entering Hue, you'll have yet another stop but this time to the pottery village of Phuoc Tich. You'll be invited to stroll around this peaceful, 500 year old village where the authentic rural atmosphere has been well preserved and is replete with quiet lanes and old, cozy houses. You may visit a local house and the display hall where the villagers proudly exhibit their fine traditions of pottery making which have been taught to each generation by the elders throughout hundreds of years. Lastly, you'll travel the remaining 40km distance to reach Hue (100km).



## D4: Departure (B)

After breakfast, you are at leisure until the meeting time. You'll then be transferred to Hue airport for your departure.

### Included:

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Entrance fees: King Minh Mang's Tomb, Imperial City, Phong Nha cave, Tien Son cave, Thien Duong cave, Phuoc Tich village.
- Boat trip on Hue River.
- Boat trip in Phong Nha.
- Meals: 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

### Excluded:

- Tips for boat staff.
- Tips for driver and guide.

Preferred hotel: Chay Lap Farmstay.

Pax	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
USD/pax	289	287	284	259	219	217



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# Ho Chi Minh City

## DAY TRIPS



## FULL-DAY

### *City Tour*

Ho Chi Minh City is the nation's largest city and commercial hub. With its bustling streets, innumerable street sellers, cyclos, food booths, stores, and markets it's a truly dynamic city with tremendous, overflowing energy. You'll start from your hotel with your private guide and vehicle and you'll begin the tour with a visit to the city's well-known and historic sites including the War Museum. The museum boasts a variety of leftover tanks, airplanes, artillery and small arms on showcase making the War Museum an interesting start to your tour..

After a short transfer to a nearby street you'll soon find yourself in front of the Reunification Hall, an important landmark of Vietnam's modern history. You'll get to walk through the different floors to see the building highlights including the main hall where a conference took place in 1976 to reunify the country, the underground tunnels and the emergency commanding quarters.

Next is a short walk through a local park to reach the Cathedral Square where you'll see two significant pieces of French architecture built around the end of the 19th century: the Notre Dame Basilica and the Central Post Office building. Today both buildings have become a favorite backdrop for wedding photography.

The rest of the afternoon is to discover the local arts and crafts. You'll visit the Fine Art Museum to gain an insight into the development of Vietnamese painting and sculpture. You'll also visit Thien Hau Temple, a meeting hall of a Chinese immigrant congregation, which showcases elaborate ceramic works on the roof ridges. To continue, visit the lacquerware center where you can see the entire process of lacquer working to make a piece of art.



### Included:

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Entrance fees: Reunification Hall, Fine Art Museum.
- Lunch.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

### Not included:

- Breakfast.
- Tips for driver and guide.

Pax	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
USD/pax	104	65	63	40	35	28	26





# FULL-DAY CU CHI AND

## *City Tour*

The tour starts with a drive out of the city center towards Cu Chi. You'll visit the legendary underground tunnels and get an insight into the brutal nature of the guerrilla warfare during the two Indochina wars by having a guided walking tour in the tunnel site. Along the way you may access certain parts of the tunnels to crawl around inside in the enveloping darkness to get a feel for what the word "claustrophobia" really means. Once you've had enough tunnels for one day, it's time to head back to the city.

Next is a short walk through a local park to reach the Cathedral Square where you'll see two significant pieces of French architecture built around the end of the 19th century: the Notre Dame Basilica and the Central Post Office building. Today both buildings have become a favorite backdrop for wedding photography. To continue, visit the lacquerware center where you can see the entire process of lacquer working to make a piece of art.

### Included:

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Entrance fees: Cu Chi Tunnels, Fine Art Museum.
- Lunch.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

### Not included:

- Tips for driver and guide.

Pax	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
USD/pax	123	73	56	44	40	32	30

# Full-day Excursion to **MY THO**

The Mekong Delta, often known as "the rice bowl of Vietnam", is the country's most fertile area and the primary producer of both rice and tropical fruit. You'll begin by joining your guide and private vehicle to drive south to the riverfront town of My Tho. Once there you'll visit Vinh Trang Pagoda, the most famous Buddhist monument in town, with many beautiful statues and sculptures decorating the interior. The outside garden is dominated by imposing yet delightful statues of the Happy Buddha, Guanyin and the Reclining Sakyamuni.

After a short transfer, you'll find yourself at the tourist wharf on the bank of the My Tho River, one of the nine branches of the Mekong River in the Delta. You'll board the motorboat crossing over to Thoi Son island where you'll disembark for a walking tour through the lush, green orchards and the thriving cottage industries there. There's ample opportunity to see and experience for yourself how the locals live there and you'll even be privy to a traditional musical performance at the end. Next, you'll hop on a wooden sampan to have a pleasant, scenic ride through the endless, narrow palm-shaded canals in the hazy afternoon sun. At the bank you'll be picked up and then transported back to the city.

## Included:

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Boat tour in My Tho.
- Lunch.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

## Not included:

- Tips for boat staff and the music performance.
- Tips for driver and guide.

Pax	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
USD/pax	159	86	62	48	44	30	28





# MULTI-DAY

*Trips*

# HCM CITY - CAI BE - CAN THO

(2 Days )

## **D1: HCM City - Can Tho (L)**

Get ready for your expedition into the Mekong Delta! Often called the "the rice bowl of Vietnam", it is the country's most fertile area and the primary producer of both rice and tropical fruits.

You'll join your guide and private vehicle to drive south to the riverfront town of Cai Be. There you'll board the motorboat to visit a beautiful traditional home and indulge in the local delicacies and see the thriving cottage industries there. You'll get an intimate understanding of how the locals there live day to day.. Next you'll take a motorboat across the river, going through canals with villages on both sides. You'll arrive later in Vinh Long and finally take a road trip to Can Tho where you'll spend the night.

## **D2: Can Tho - HCM City (B/L)**

You'll be roused early for the exciting boat trip to the renowned Cai Rang floating market. In the market, you'll get to cruise through a veritable labyrinth of hundreds of merchant boats. Your boat will snake around other vessels overloaded with produce from the farms and the orchards from all over the neighboring community. This casually chaotic area is the perfect scene for photos with the locals!

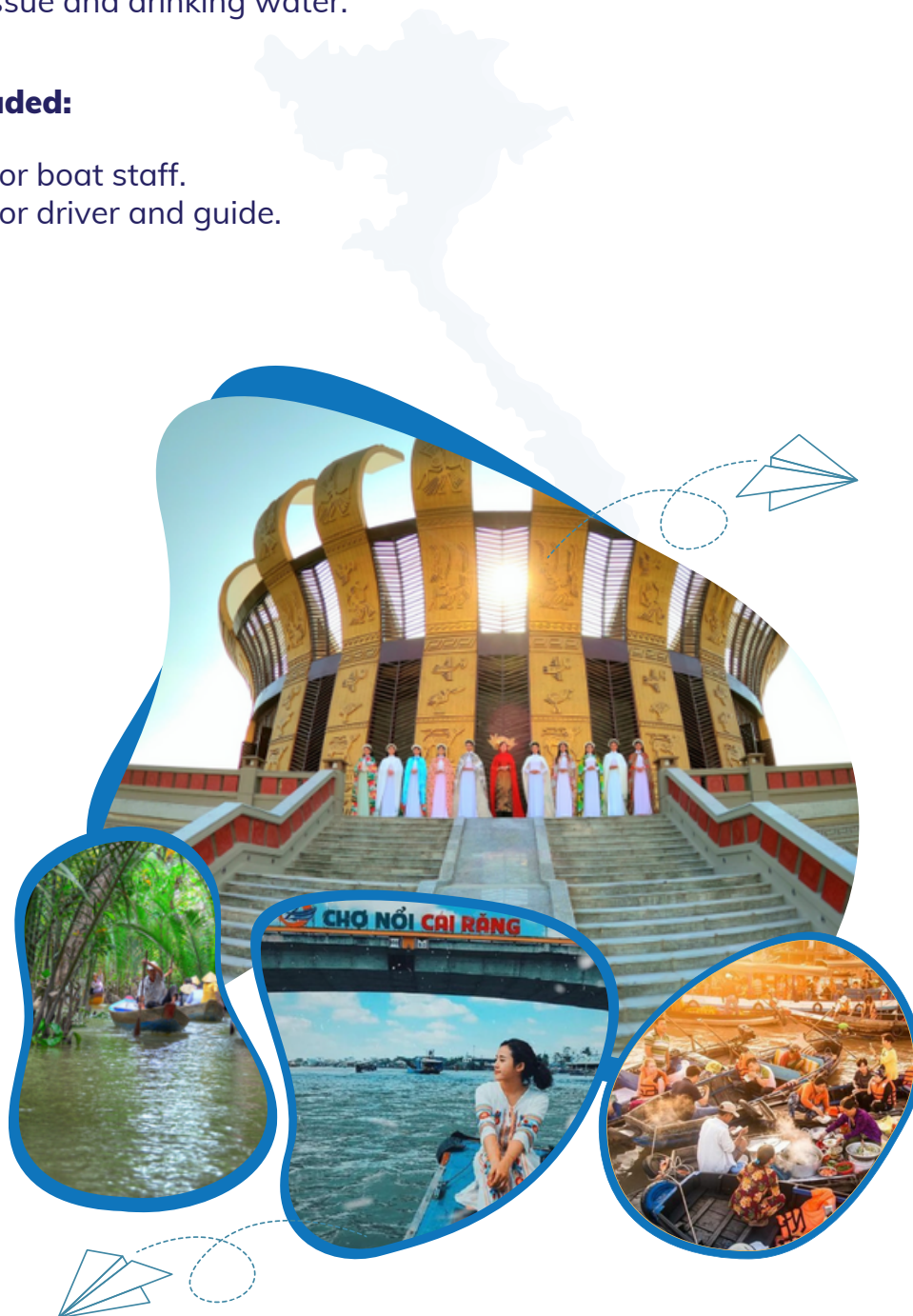
Later you'll disembark from the boat and take a short drive to visit a magnificent local home in Binh Thuy. The home features an interesting fusion of Baroque elements with traditional Vietnamese home. After the visit, you'll once again take a road trip though this time it's back to Ho Chi Minh City.

**Included:**

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Boat tour in Cai Be, boat tour in Can Tho.
- Entrance fee: old house in Cai Be, old house in Can Tho.
- Meals: 1 breakfast, 2 lunch.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

**Not included:**

- Tips for boat staff.
- Tips for driver and guide.





# HCM CITY - CAI BE - CAN THO - CHAU DOC

(3 Days )

## D1: HCM City - Can Tho (L)

Get ready for your expedition into the Mekong Delta! Often called the "the rice bowl of Vietnam", it is the country's most fertile area and the primary producer of both rice and tropical fruits.



You'll join your guide and private vehicle to drive south to the riverfront town of Cai Be. There you'll board the motorboat to visit a beautiful traditional home and indulge in the local delicacies and see the thriving cottage industries there. You'll get an intimate understanding of how the locals there live day to day. Next you'll take a motorboat across the river, going through canals with villages on both sides. You'll arrive later in Vinh Long and finally take a road trip to Can Tho where you'll spend the night.

## D2: Can Tho - HCM City (B/L)

You'll be roused early for the exciting boat trip to the renowned Cai Rang floating market. In the market, you'll get to cruise through a veritable labyrinth of hundreds of merchant boats. Your boat will snake around other vessels overloaded with produce from the farms and the orchards from all over the neighboring community. This casually chaotic area is the perfect scene for photos with the locals!

You'll continue onward to the border town of Chau Doc that is perched on the bank of the large branch of the mighty Mekong River. After a tasty lunch in Chau Doc, you'll visit the colorful Tay An Pagoda, the burial place of the much venerated Buddhist master Doan Minh Huyen who founded the sect of Buu Son Ky Huong and made a profound influence on the locals. The pagoda also boasts a large collection of priceless statues and figurines.

The sightseeing experience in Chau Doc continues! You'll be driven out of town to Tra Su flooded forest. In Tra Su, you'll be treated to a very scenic boat ride to explore the protected nature and for bird encounters. Watch swarms of birds flying back to the natural park by sunset. Finally you will be driven back to town to spend the night .

### **D3: Chau Doc - HCM City (B/L)**

You'll leave Chau Doc in the morning and head back toward Ho Chi Minh City. En route, you'll stop at Sa Dec to visit the flower village. Sa Dec has long been famous with the trade of growing flowers, bonsais and ornamental plants. You may saunter along the main road or happily meander about with an electric car as an alternative. You can drop into any garden you like to see the plants or to take pictures as the locals are extremely friendly and welcoming. There are a couple of gardens which require a fee for entrance and use of their facilities such as a watchtower, the photo corners, or for the fish feeding show. After the visit, you'll continue the journey toward Ho Chi Minh City.

#### **Included:**

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Boat tour in Cai Be, boat tour in Can Tho.
- Entrance fee: old house in Cai Be, old house in Can Tho, Tra Su forest with boat, Sa Dec flower village.
- Meals: 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

#### **Not included:**

- Tips for boat staff.
- Tips for driver and guide.

<b>Pax</b>	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
<b>USD/pax</b>	396	301	233	217	165	160

# HCM CITY - VUNG TAU - HO TRAM

(3 Days )



## **D1: HCM City - Vung Tau - Ho Tram (L)**

First you'll depart HCM City and take the expressway toward the beach city of Vung Tau. Once there you'll be invited to hop on a vehicle to drive along the beach front road to visit Villa Blanche, a property formerly owned by King Bao Dai. The villa was built on a hillside looking over the bay. It's an elegant specimen of colonial architecture with the interior converted into a small museum displaying a collection of unique antiques.

The sightseeing tour in Vung Tau continues. You won't be able to help but take in the great sight of the giant Christ the Redeemer statue prominently standing on a hilltop. The statue resembles that of another Christ statue located in Corcovado, Rio de Janeiro. If you have time and feel fit enough, you're more than welcome to hike up 700 plus stone steps to the hilltop. Next to the feet of Christ and flanking on both sides are two imposing cannons pointing toward the bay, giving an odd juxtaposition of the Prince of Peace flanked by two weapons of war.

After the visit to Vung Tau, you'll take the next 50 km drive on the scenic coastal road to Ho Tram by going along a series of sand strips. Once in Ho Tram you'll then check into one of the luxury resorts.



## D2: Ho Tram (B)

Your free day to enjoy the beach and the comforts of the resort.

## D3: Ho Tram - HCM City (B)

The morning is free until check-out time. After lunch you'll leave the resort and drive back to Ho Chi Minh City. En route, there'll be a stop to take some nice photos of a local market. The tour ends when you arrive back at the let-off point.

### Included:

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Entrance fee: Villa Blanche.
- Meals: 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

### Not included:

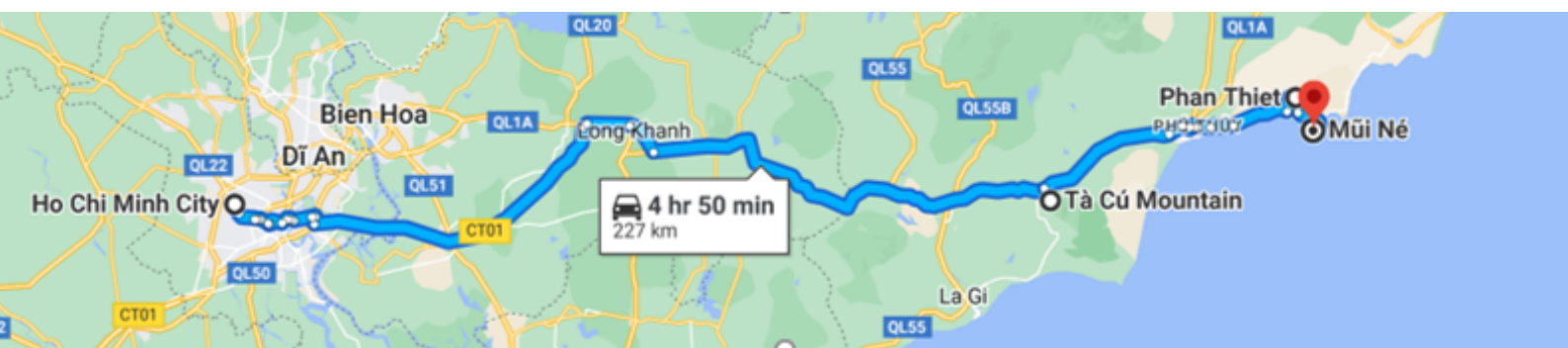
- Tips for driver and guide.

Pax	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
USD/pax	315	253	213	208	174	168



# HCM CITY - PHAN THIET - MUI NE

(4 Days )



## **D1: HCM City - Mui Ne (L)**

The tour begins with you departing Ho Chi Minh City and driving out towards Phan Thiet. There'll be a stop at Ta Cu mountain, where you'll take the cable car up to the pagoda near the top. From there, take a short hike up to contemplate the 49m long statue of the Reclining Buddha. Get back to the vehicle and enjoy the remaining ride to reach the windy yet charming resort town of Mui Ne. Check in one of the superb resorts here and enjoy the relaxing time.

## **D2 & D3: Mui Ne (B)**

The beach in Mui Ne is a long ribbon of glorious sand, turquoise water, and thick groves of coco palms. If you fancy a short drive to the north you'll find continuous stretches of immense picturesque sand dunes best enjoyed at either dawn or sunset. You're at your leisure to enjoy your time either indulging in a spa, relaxing on the beach or whatever it is you fancy; a number of optional activities can be arranged upon request as well.

## **D4: Mui Ne - HCM City (B)**

At leisure till check-out time. After lunch, you'll be driven back to HCM City.

### Included:

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Entrance fee: Ta Cu mountain with roundtrip cable car.
- Meals: 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

### Not included:

- Tips for driver and guide.

Pax	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
USD/pax	330	268	229	224	190	184





# Phu Quoc





# HALF-DAY City tour



You'll begin by setting out from your hotel for a half-day sightseeing trip in Phu Quoc. You'll visit Coi Nguon Museum, one of Vietnam's greatest private collections conveying the history, culture, and natural beauty of Phu Quoc Island. The next visit is Phu Quoc prison. This detention compound is said to have held more than 40,000 Vietnamese soldiers and political officials in its dank, somber dungeons during the Indochina War. Presently it has been converted into a war museum with reenacted scenes of grisly torture.

You'll continue the tour by having a look into Phu Quoc's traditional productions including a pepper farm, a fish sauce factory and a rose myrtle winemaker. Before noon time, you'll make a visit to a pearl center where farmed pearls are made into beautiful jewelry and arts. The tour ends when you return to your hotel.

## Included:

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Entrance fee: Coi Nguon museum, Phu Quoc prison, pepper farm, fish sauce factory.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

## Excluded:

- Tips for driver and guide.

Pax	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
USD/pax	91	46	32	21	17	13	12

# *Speedboat Tour 4 island in* **AN THOI**

You'll begin the tour by transferring from your hotel to An Thoi port at the southern end of the island. You'll pay the paltry entrance fee and go to the jetty where you'll then hop on a speedboat for a fascinating, white-knuckle kind of morning at sea exploring the pristine waters and unspoiled reefs. The speedboat will take off toward the southern water bypassing Hon Thom island which has become a huge theme park and tourist resort.



The boat will stop at Gam Ghi island, Buom island and the adjacent Rong Ngang Rock where you'll have an opportunity to snorkel and experience the stunning beauty of the coral reefs. The exhilarating boat trip continues toward May Rut island where you will have some relaxation time at the sandy, virtually uninhabited beaches there. There's also ample opportunity to have a sea walking experience on one of the adjacent islands.



The speedboat will return to shore at around 16:00 and you'll be whisked away back to your hotel by your faithful driver.

#### Included:

- Private vehicle pick up/ drop up at the central.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Speed boat tour in An Thoi including snorkel.
- Entrance fee: An Thoi port.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.
- Lunch

#### Not included:

- Extra activities including (sea walking, scuba diving, ect).
- Tips for boat staff, driver and guide.

Pax	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
USD/pax	350	185	129	86	69	63	61



# *Full-day Boat Tour in* **AN THOI**

The tour begins with you transferring from your hotel to An Thoi port. Then, by a wooden motorboat, you'll be transported from An Thoi to the islands southward. The boat will stop at Gam Ghi islet and Rong Ngang rock for some merry snorkeling adventures at the beautiful coral reefs.

After snorkeling you'll then be transported to the southern end of the island. You'll pay the paltry entrance fee and go to the jetty where you'll then hop on a speedboat for a fascinating, white-knuckle kind of morning at sea exploring the pristine waters and unspoiled reefs. The speedboat will take off toward the southern water bypassing Hon Thom island which has become a huge theme park and tourist resort.



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You'll have lunch at the beach front restaurant and enjoy as many fresh seafood dishes as you can handle. The next hours are to relax and enjoy your time on the beach. In the late afternoon the boat will deliver you to shore and you'll be picked up by your faithful driver and delivered back to your hotel.

### Included:

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Motorboat tour in An Thoi including snorkel.
- Entrance fee: An Thoi port.
- Lunch.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

### Not included:

- Extra activities including (sea walking, scuba diving, ect).
- Beach services.
- Tips for boat staff, driver and guide.

Pax	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
USD/pax	30	30	30	30	30	30	30





# Nha Trang



## FULL-DAY

### *City Tour*

The tour begins when you meet your local guide at your hotel and then hop in the vehicle for the half day sightseeing tour. You'll visit the Institute of Oceanography, a museum of marine life where a huge collection of marine specimens is on display. The institute was established by the French colonial government in 1922.

You'll next visit Long Son pagoda, the headquarters of the provincial Buddhism Association. This pagoda also happens to be quite a famous one thanks to the prominent white Buddha statue sitting atop a hill behind it. The tour continues with a trip to Po Nagar Temple, a stunning monument of the former Champa civilization. You'll also visit the Hon Chong Rock, a picturesque sight of a promontory of huge boulders jutting out into the sea. The tour ends upon returning to your hotel.

#### Included:

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Entrance fee: Oceanography Institute, PoNagar Temple, Hon Chong Rock.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

#### Not included:

- Tips for boat staff, driver and guide.



Pax	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
USD/pax	68	37	27	25	23	16	14

# FULL-DAY

## Island Tour

Nha Trang is a rewarding destination for any travel because of its warm sun, fine sand beaches, and stunning islands. You'll begin your tour at the tourist port in Cau Da. There you'll soon depart on a wooden motorboat and set sail toward the islands in the bay. The boat will stop for a visit at Tri Nguyen Aquarium in Hon Mieu, which is intriguingly camouflaged as a shipwreck. the tour continues on with a trip to the fisherman village on the far side of the island. Here you can have some pleasant experiences such as hand-paddling a basket boat and or taking a carefree saunter around the village. There is also an opportunity to try out parasailing from a nearby pontoon.



Next, you'll leave Hon Mieu for another ride on the motorboat to reach Hon Tam island. Here you should relax and take some time to enjoy the beach and the beautiful view of Nha Trang bay. You also have the chance to snorkel to explore the beautiful coral reefs in the crystal clear water. Additional watersports are available upon request. Around late afternoon, you'll take the motorboat back to the port where you'll be picked up by your faithful driver and transported back to your hotel.



### Included:

- Private vehicle.
- English speaking tour guide.
- Full day boat service.
- Entrance fee: Tri Nguyen Aquarium, Hon Tam Resort.
- Wet tissue and drinking water.

### Not included:

- Extra activities (including parasailing, jetski v.v.)
- Tips for boat staff, driver and guide.

Pax	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	13+
USD/pax	265	153	123	121	91	85	83





