

# HANOI TRAVEL GUIDE

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# ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

## *The Beloved Hanoi*

Step into Hanoi, Vietnam's captivating capital, where ancient heritage and modern vibrancy collide in a sensory symphony. Nestled by the banks of the Red River, its name literally translating to "inside the river" - beautifully captures the essence of its location. Here, centuries-old pagodas stand as silent guardians amidst bustling streets, while the irresistible aroma of sizzling street food beckons at every turn.

With Vietravel – Vietnam's Largest Aviation & Tourism Corporation as your guide, plunge into the city's rich tapestry of culture, history, and flavors, uncovering hidden gems and iconic landmarks alike. Are you ready to embark on an unforgettable journey through this legendary city, where every step reveals a new story waiting to be told?

### GEOGRAPHICAL SETTING

Situated in the northern part of Vietnam, Hanoi is located in the heart of Red River Delta, approximately 85 miles (140 kilometers) inland from the Vietnam's Dong Sea. The city covers an area of 3,358 square kilometers, making it one of the largest cities in Vietnam. Hanoi's strategic location has historically made it a key economic and cultural hub.

### HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Hanoi has a rich history that dates back over a thousand years. It was established as the capital of Vietnam in 1010 by Emperor Ly Thai To, who named it Thang Long, meaning "Ascending Dragon." Throughout its history, Hanoi has witnessed numerous changes in its name and governance, reflecting the city's resilience and enduring significance. It served as the capital of French Indochina from 1902 to 1954 and played a pivotal role during the Vietnam War era. Today, Hanoi stands as a symbol of Vietnam's historical depth and cultural heritage.

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Whether you are drawn to its historical legacy, cultural richness, or modern vitality, Hanoi offers a unique & enriching experience that reflects the essence of Vietnam.

*When to travel  
to Hanoi?*



Hanoi experiences a humid subtropical climate, characterized by four distinct seasons. The winters (from November to January) are relatively cool and dry, with temperatures averaging between 15°C to 20°C (59°F to 68°F). The summers (from May to August) are hot and humid, with temperatures often exceeding 30°C (86°F) and frequent heavy rain showers. For the most optimal travel conditions, plan your visit to Hanoi during one of these two periods: The spring (February to April) and autumn (September to October) seasons are generally mild and pleasant, making them ideal times to visit.



### SPRING (FEBRUARY-APRIL)

This is one of the best times to explore Hanoi. Temperatures are mild, ranging from 15-20°C (59-68°F), creating comfortable conditions for sightseeing. February and March offer clear skies, while April may bring occasional light drizzles. When you stroll through Hanoi in spring, the world seems to awaken from its slumber. The air is thick with the sweet scent of blooming flowers, and every corner bursts with new life.

### FALL (OCTOBER-NOVEMBER)

Another ideal time to visit, is fall in Hanoi offers mild temperatures and lower humidity. You will be wrapped in the golden glow of autumn. The streets are a canvas of reds and oranges as leaves pirouettes from their branches, creating a mesmerizing dance of color. Clear skies and comfortable weather make it perfect for outdoor activities and exploring the city's many attractions.

Hanoi is a city of timeless allure, offering different experiences in each season. Whether you're strolling through flower-filled parks in spring, savoring street food in the vibrant summer, basking in the golden hues of autumn, or cozying up with a bowl of pho in winter, Hanoi promises a memorable journey. Plan your visit according to your preferences, and embrace the unique vibes that each season brings to this enchanting city.

### SPECIAL NOTE

If planning a spring visit, be aware that Tet (Vietnamese New Year, occurring in late January or early February) may affect your trip, as many businesses close during this important cultural celebration.

However, for those with fixed travel dates that coincide with Tet, they can still enjoy a memorable Vietnam holiday with some smart advanced planning.



# FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS

Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam, is a city rich in culture and tradition, with a calendar full of vibrant festivals and celebrations. These events offer a unique insight into the city's heritage, showcasing everything from traditional rituals to contemporary festivities. Here's a guide to some of Hanoi's most exciting and culturally significant festivals and celebrations.

## TET HOLIDAY (LUNAR NEW YEAR)

*When: Late January to mid-February (based on the lunar calendar)*

Also known as the Lunar New Year, Tet marks the arrival of spring based on the lunar calendar. Officially, the holiday lasts for three days, but festivities extend up to a week or more, with unofficial celebrations starting even earlier as families prepare for the occasion.

Tet is a time for family reunions, paying respects to ancestors, and welcoming the Lunar New Year with hope and happiness. It is a period filled with various customs, traditional foods, and rituals that hold deep cultural significance.

## GIONG FESTIVAL

*When: 6th - 8th days of January (Lunar calendar)*

*Location: Soc Son Temple, Ve Linh Mountain, Soc Son District*

The Giong Festival is one of Hanoi's oldest and most revered celebrations. Recognized by UNESCO as an intangible cultural heritage, it commemorates Saint Giong, a legendary hero. The festival features a series of sacred ceremonies, including processions, statue cleaning, and incense offerings. Visitors can also enjoy traditional folk games and performances, providing a deep cultural experience and a glimpse into Vietnam's rich heritage.

## PERFUME PAGODA FESTIVAL

*When: 6th day of January - March (Lunar calendar)*

*Location: Perfume Pagoda, My Duc District*

Set amidst breathtaking landscapes, the Perfume Pagoda Festival is a spiritual journey that lasts from January to March. Visitors travel through scenic mountains, rice fields, and limestone caves to reach the pagoda. The festival itself is marked by vibrant decorations, flickering candles, and spiritual ceremonies. This celebration offers a blend of natural beauty and deep-rooted cultural traditions, making it a unique experience for attendees.



*Vibrant  
Hanoi*



## CO LOA CITADEL FESTIVAL

*When: 6th - 16th days of January (Lunar calendar)*  
*Location: An Duong Vuong Pagoda, Dong Anh District*

The Co Loa Citadel Festival honors King An Duong Vuong, the founder of the ancient Vietnamese kingdom of Au Lac. Held from the 6th to the 16th of January, it features traditional Quan Ho folk singing and water puppetry. These performances, along with other cultural activities, celebrate the king's legacy and the historical significance of the Co Loa Citadel, drawing visitors into a rich tapestry of Vietnamese history and culture.

## DONG DA FESTIVAL

*When: 5th day of January (Lunar calendar)*  
*Location: Dong Da Mound, Dong Da District*

Celebrating the historic Ngoc Hoi-Dong Da victory, the Dong Da Festival is held on the 5th day of January at Dong Da Mound. This festival commemorates the heroic exploits of Emperor Quang Trung. The highlight is a grand procession from Khuong Thuong communal house to Dong Da Mound, featuring elaborate palanquins and vibrant dragon dances. Traditional games and cultural performances also bring the past to life for festival-goers.

## THAY PAGODA FESTIVAL

*When: 5th - 7th days of March (Lunar calendar)*  
*Location: Thay Pagoda, Sai Son Commune, Quoc Oai District*

Honoring the Buddhist monk Tu Dao Hanh, the Thay Pagoda Festival is held in early March at the Thay Pagoda. The festival includes sacred ceremonies and folk performances that depict ancient worship rituals and rural life. These activities transport visitors back in time, offering a unique opportunity to witness traditional Vietnamese culture and spirituality in an authentic setting.

## BAT TRANG POTTERY VILLAGE FESTIVAL

*When: 14th - 16th days of February (Lunar calendar)*  
*Location: Bat Trang Pottery Village, Gia Lam District*

The Bat Trang Pottery Village Festival, celebrated in February, honors the village's rich pottery-making tradition. Visitors can watch pottery demonstrations, participate in cultural performances, and join the community in prayers for peace and prosperity. This festival showcases the craftsmanship of Bat Trang artisans and offers a glimpse into the village's cultural heritage.

## VONG LA FESTIVAL

*When: 13th - 15th days of January (Lunar calendar)*  
*Location: Dai Do Temple, Dong Anh District*

Held at Dai Do Temple in mid-January, the Vong La Festival is a vibrant celebration adorned with colorful banners and decorations. Visitors are treated to captivating Quan Ho singing and mesmerizing lion dances, creating a festive and picturesque atmosphere. The festival provides a unique cultural experience, highlighting the beauty and traditions of Hanoi.

## HAI BA TRUNG TEMPLE FESTIVAL

*When: 6th day of January (Lunar calendar)*  
*Location: Ha Loi Village, Me Linh District*

The Hai Ba Trung Temple Festival, held in January, celebrates the legendary Trung Sisters who led a rebellion against Chinese rule. The festival includes traditional folk games, vibrant parades, and local cuisine. It is a grand tribute to the heroines' bravery and an opportunity for visitors to connect with Vietnam's storied past through engaging and lively festivities.

## TRUNG THU (MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL)

*When: 15th day of the 8th lunar month*

Trung Thu is a time for family reunions and is particularly special for children. It celebrates the harvest, family unity, and the legends of the Moon Lady (Hang Nga) and the Moon Boy (Cuoi). In the weeks leading up to Trung Thu, Hanoi transforms into a festive wonderland. Streets and markets are filled with vibrant lanterns, mooncakes, and toys. Families prepare for the festival by making or buying traditional foods and decorating their homes with lanterns and moon-themed motifs.

The Trung Thu Festival in Hanoi is a joyful celebration that brings families and communities together under the light of the full moon. It's a time of magical lanterns, delicious mooncakes, and cultural festivities that highlight the warmth and unity of Vietnamese traditions.



*Where to visit  
in Hanoi?*

# Historical Sites



## 1. HANOI OLD QUARTER

Firstly, take a stroll through the winding alleys and explore the vibrant street markets to experience the authentic Hanoi lifestyle. The Old Quarter of Hanoi is a special highlight of the ancient capital, showcasing the distinctive cultural and architectural beauty of this thousand-year-old city. It harmonizes historical charm with bustling, contemporary activities. When you visit the Old Quarter, be sure to stroll through the following streets:

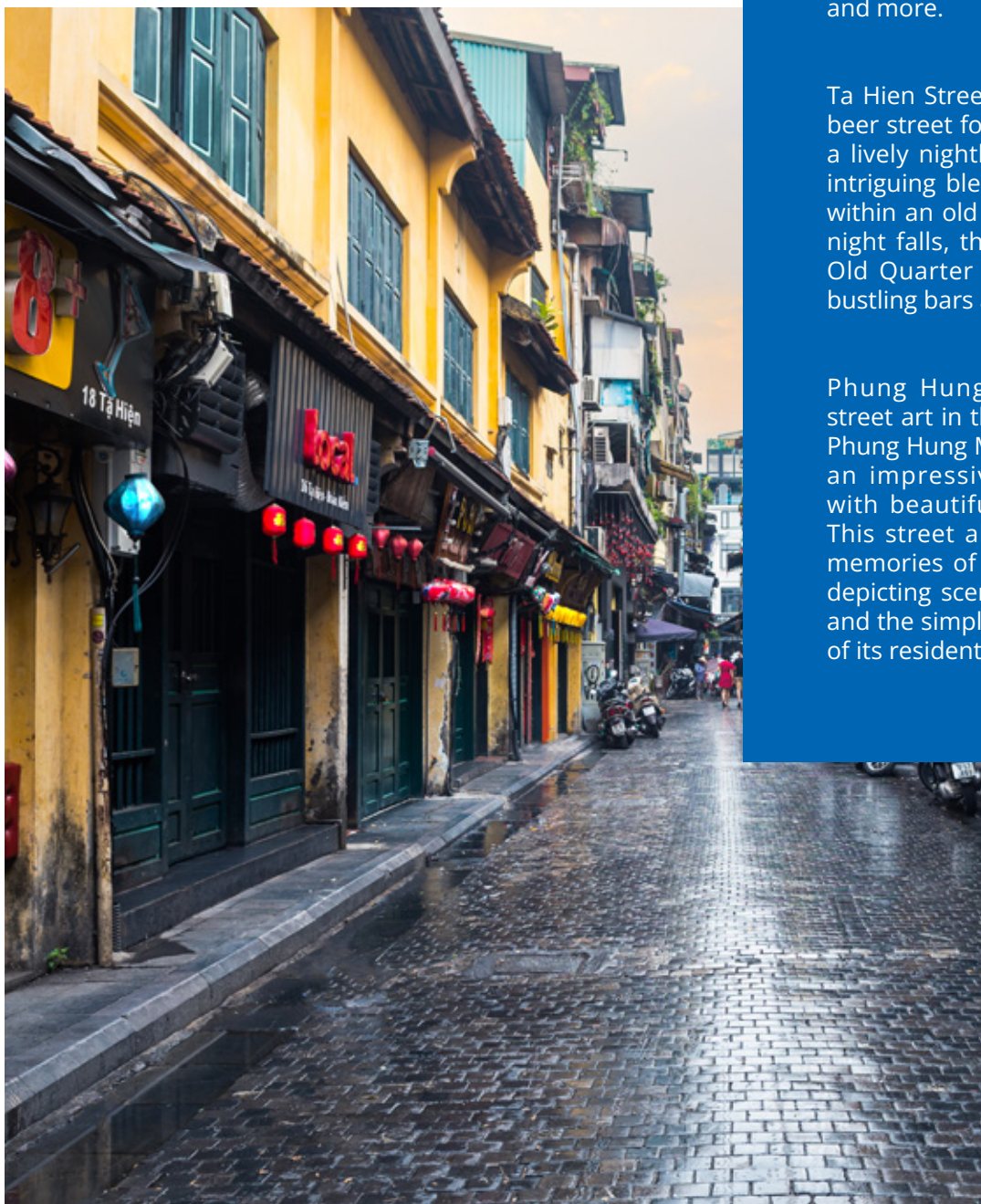
### 36 Streets

*The heart & soul of Vietnam capital*

Hang Ma Street – a vibrant and colorful street: Hang Ma has long been famous for the production and sale of paper offerings and votive paper. Today, the street is even more attractive with stalls displaying a variety of handicrafts, not just limited to votive paper but also lanterns, traditional toys, masks, drums, and more.

Ta Hien Street – the “sleepless” beer street for those who enjoy a lively nightlife: Ta Hien is an intriguing blend of modern life within an old cultural space. As night falls, this part of Hanoi’s Old Quarter comes alive with bustling bars and pubs.

Phung Hung Mural Street – street art in the heart of Hanoi: Phung Hung Mural Street offers an impressive artistic space with beautiful wall paintings. This street also preserves the memories of old Hanoi, vividly depicting scenes from the past and the simple, familiar lifestyle of its residents.



## 2. HOAN KIEM LAKE NGOC SON TEMPLE

- Address: Center of Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi.
- Opening hours: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM daily (Ngoc Son Temple)
- No entrance fee.

### MAGICAL & LEGENDARY

*These special places are like the beating heart of Hanoi, full of history and wonder.*

Long ago, Hoan Kiem Lake was two lakes! But as time passed, one lake disappeared, leaving us with the sparkling Hoan Kiem Lake we see today. The lake's name means "returned sword," and it comes from an old, enchanting story. Legend says that a brave king named Le Loi once used a magical sword to fight off enemies. After winning, he gave the sword back to a giant turtle god who lived in the lake. That's why you'll see a tall, mysterious tower in the middle of the lake – it's there to remember this magical turtle!

Right next to the lake, you'll find the charming Ngoc Son Temple. This special place is like a colorful mix of different beliefs all coming together. As you walk across the bright red The Huc Bridge, you'll feel like you're entering another world. Inside the temple, you can explore its unique buildings. There's a tower that looks like a giant pen and another that's shaped like an ink pot for writing. The main temple rooms are filled with beautiful decorations and have a calm, peaceful feeling. Ngoc Son Temple isn't just pretty to look at – it's also an important place that tells us about Hanoi's rich past and the deep traditions of its people.



When you visit Hoan Kiem Lake and Ngoc Son Temple, you're not just seeing famous sights. You're stepping into living stories, where Hanoi's exciting history comes to life all around you!



### 3. TEMPLE OF LITERATURE

- Address: 58 Quoc Tu Giam Street, Van Mieu Ward, Dong Da District, Hanoi
- Opening hours: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM daily
- An entrance fee is required.

Explore the Temple of Literature – Quoc Tu Giam, Vietnam’s first university, stands as a guardian of the cultural and historical legacy of Hanoi, the thousand-year-old capital. It serves as a reflection of Vietnam’s enduring dedication to learning, talent appreciation, and scholarly tradition.

As a celebrated Confucian landmark, the Temple of Literature boasts immense artistic, aesthetic, and architectural significance. Visitors are treated to a treasure trove of valuable documents and artifacts, most notably the 82 doctoral steles, honored by UNESCO as a “World Documentary Heritage.” It is not just a testament to Vietnam’s rich educational heritage but also an intriguing cultural tourism spot.



## 4. IMPERIAL CITADEL OF THANG LONG

- Address: 19C Hoang Dieu Street, Ba Dinh District, Hanoi
- Opening hours: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, daily
- An entrance fee is required.

Now, imagine stepping through a portal where time stands still, and the echoes of a thousand years of history whisper in your ear. This is the Imperial Citadel of Thang Long, a majestic tapestry of Vietnam's past woven into the very stones beneath your feet.

As you wander through this awe-inspiring complex, you'll find yourself walking in the footsteps of kings and warriors. Each weathered wall and ancient archway tells a story of power, struggle, and triumph. From the glorious reign of the Ly dynasty to the fierce resistance against French colonizers, the Citadel has witnessed it all.

Every corner of the Imperial Citadel holds a piece of Vietnam's soul. It's not just a collection of old buildings – it's a living, breathing monument to the unbreakable spirit of a people who have faced countless challenges and emerged stronger each time.

So come, let the Imperial Citadel of Thang Long transport you on an unforgettable journey through time. Here, among these ancient stones, you'll discover the heart of Vietnam – resilient, proud, and endlessly fascinating.





## 5. HO CHI MINH COMPLEX

- Address: 2 Hung Vuong Street, Dien Bien Ward, Ba Dinh District, Hanoi.

- Opening hours:

*Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum: 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM weekday (depending on the time of year, the mausoleum may close 30 minutes earlier or later).*

- An entrance fee is required.

As you approach the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, a hush falls over you. The air itself seems to hold its breath in reverence. Before you stand a majestic structure, its solemn beauty etched against the azure sky - a fitting tribute to the man who shaped modern Vietnam. Here, in a room that feels both intimate and vast, lies Uncle Ho himself. His body, carefully preserved, rests in a glass coffin atop a stone pedestal. It's a moment that will stay with you long after you leave, a brush with history that sends shivers down your spine.

But the mausoleum is just the beginning of your journey through Vietnam's past. Around you spreads a complex filled with echoes of Uncle Ho's life including the Presidential Palace, Ho Chi Minh's Silt, One Pillar Pagoda, and Ho Chi Minh Museum.

*Note: Although the mausoleum is closed for maintenance on Mondays and Fridays, it remains open on public holidays such as September 2nd, Lunar New Year, and Ho Chi Minh's birthday on May 19th.*

## 6. HOA LO PRISON MUSEUM

- Address: 1 Hoa Lo Street, Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi
- Opening hours: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM daily, including holidays and special occasions.
  - An entrance fee is required.

Step into the shadows of history at Hoa Lo Prison, where the echoes of courage still resonate through cold stone walls. This isn't just a museum - it's a portal to a time of struggle and unyielding spirit. As you walk through the iron gates, feel the weight of countless stories pressing in around you. These walls, built by French colonizers, were meant to crush the souls of Vietnamese patriots. But instead, they became a crucible of resistance.

Every corner of Hoa Lo holds a tale of defiance. You'll see recreated scenes that bring the past to a vivid, sometimes chilling life. As you explore, prepare to gain a deep understanding of the true cost of war and the incredible sacrifices made for Vietnam's independence.



# Cultural & Religious Heritages





## 7. THANG LONG WATER PUPPET SHOW

- Address: 57B Dinh Tien Hoang Street, Hang Bac Ward, Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi
- Opening hours: 03:00 PM, 04:10 PM, 05:20 PM, 06:30 PM and 08:00 PM
- An entrance fee is required.

Next, step into the enchanting world of Thang Long Water Puppet Theater, where ancient tales come to life on a shimmering aquatic stage. As the only venue in Hanoi offering year-round performances, this magical theater invites you to witness a spectacle unlike any other.


Imagine wooden puppets dancing gracefully across the water's surface, their movements so lifelike you'll forget they're not real. These colorful characters weave intricate stories of Vietnam's rich history and vibrant culture, their silent voices speaking volumes through skilled puppeteers hidden behind a bamboo screen.

As you watch, you'll be transported to a world where legends breathe, heroes triumph, and mythical creatures roam. Each splash, each graceful turn of a puppet, carries with it the weight of centuries-old traditions. This isn't just a show; it's a journey through time, a celebration of Vietnam's artistic spirit.

So come, let the gentle lapping of water and the whispered stories of wooden performers sweep you away into a realm where imagination knows no bounds. At Thang Long Water Puppet Theater, every performance is a gateway to wonder, waiting for you to step through.

## 8. TRAN QUOC PAGODA

- Address: Thanh Nien Road, Yen Phu Ward, Tay Ho District, Hanoi, Vietnam
- Opening hours: 07:30 AM to 06:00 AM daily.
- No entrance fee.



Tran Quoc Pagoda, the oldest Buddhist temple in Hanoi, stands majestically on the serene shores of West Lake. Built in the 6th century during the reign of Emperor Ly Nam De, it embodies the rich history and spiritual essence of Vietnam. The pagoda's tranquil ambiance, lush gardens, and iconic red tower create a captivating haven for both locals and tourists. As a symbol of Vietnam's enduring Buddhist heritage, Tran Quoc Pagoda offers a profound glimpse into the country's cultural and religious traditions, making it a must-visit destination in Hanoi.

## 9. QUAN THANH TEMPLE

- Address: 190 Quan Thanh Street, Ba Dinh District, Hanoi.
- Opening hours: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM daily.
- An entrance fee is required.

Quan Thanh Temple was built in 1010 during the Early Ly Dynasty and dedicated to Huyen Thien Tran Vu, a deity that is a mix of Vietnamese mythological figure An Duong Vuong and Chinese mythical figure Chan Vo Tinh Quan.

The temple worships Taoism and also Buddhism. It was renovated seven times from 1618 to 1941. In 1962, this Hanoi temple was first recognized as a national historical and cultural relic.

The temple has a majestic three-door entrance, which was built on large stones with a bell tower on its top. Inside the temple, you can find a 4-meter tall black bronze statue of Saint Tran Vu holding a snake and a turtle. In Vietnamese

animal symbolism, the snake stands for wealth and the turtle represents protection. The statue is well-known as a true masterpiece because of a refined bronze casting technique of Vietnamese people used in the 17th century.

Most locals come here during Tet festival to pray for a new year of good luck, health and excellent academic results. They also come on the first and 15th day of the month (according to the lunar calendar) to worship and devote offerings.

In the courtyard a brick oven was built for people to burn fake paper money. It is widely believed in Vietnam that the burned money will go to their ancestors.



St Joseph's Cathedral, or "The Big Church" familiarly called by the locals, is one of the first structures constructed by French colonists during their expansion in Indochina and still intact in Hanoi after two fierce wars.

In spite of fierce fights destroying almost parts of Hanoi, St Joseph's Cathedral is still in good condition. Today, it becomes a historical attraction in Hanoi which remains the image of the beauty of the old Hanoi and makes an impression on travelers by its ancient beauty inside the bustling capital.



## 10. HANOI ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL

- Address: 40 Nha Chung street, Hang Trong ward, Hoan Kiem district, Hanoi
- Opening hours: All time (Outside)
- No entrance fee.

## 11.BAT TRANG CERAMIC VILLAGE

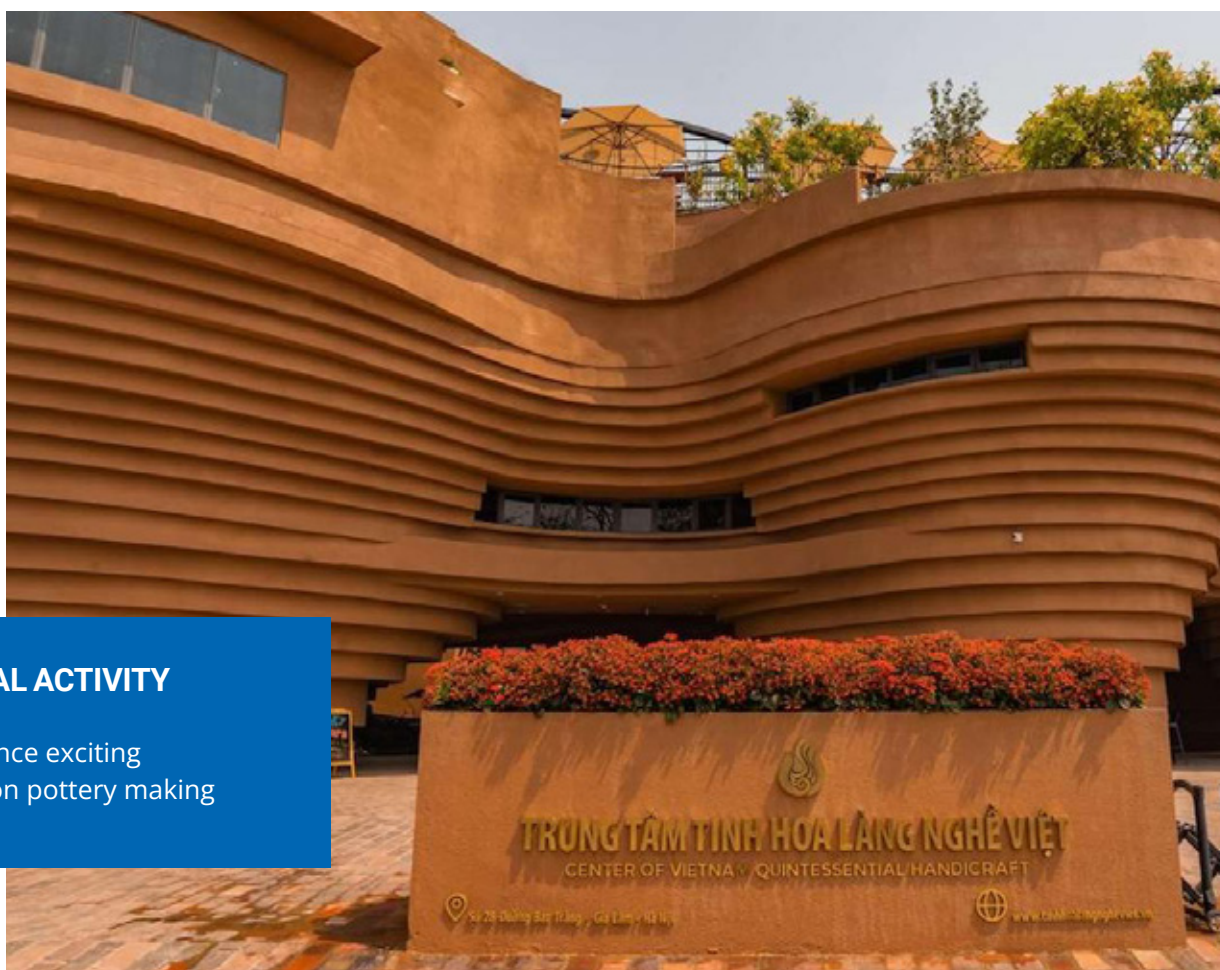
- Address: 204 Giang Cao, Bat Trang, Gia Lam, Hanoi
- Opening hours: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM, daily.
- No entrance fee.

Picture a village where time seems to stand still, where the gentle hum of pottery wheels has echoed for over 500 years. Welcome to Bat Trang, the beating heart of Vietnam's ceramic artistry. The exquisite ceramic and porcelain products, crafted from special white clay by skilled artisans, will inspire anyone interested in this intricate traditional craft. Each piece tells a story - of Vietnam's rich history, of dynasties long past, and of a cultural legacy that refuses to fade.

But Bat Trang isn't just about observing. It's about immersing yourself in the creative process. Feel the cool, smooth clay between your fingers as you try your hand at the potter's wheel, guided by artisans whose expertise has been passed down through centuries. Every corner of this village bursts with unique creations you won't find anywhere else. From intricately painted vases to whimsical figurines, each item carries a piece of Bat Trang's soul.

### SPECIAL ACTIVITY

Experience exciting  
hands-on pottery making





## 12. VAN PHUC SILK VILLAGE

- Address: Van Phuc Ward, Ha Dong District, Hanoi.
- Opening hours: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM daily
- No entrance.

Finally, dive into a world where time has woven its beautiful tapestry. This is Van Phuc, a village where the gentle hum of looms has been the soundtrack for generations.

Let's walk down narrow lanes, where every house holds a secret - the art of creating the most beautiful silk in all of Indochina. That's not just a boast - even the French, with their fine tastes, fell in love with Van Phuc silk long ago.

As you wander, you'll see colorful silks dancing in the breeze. Each piece tells a story, with patterns that are both soft as a whisper and bold as a shout. And speaking of hands, look around you. In almost every home, you'll find families keeping this ancient art alive. 800 households, all working together to create something magical. It's like the whole village is one big, buzzing loom!

But Van Phuc isn't just about silk. Take a deep breath - smell that? It's the fresh, clean air of the countryside. Look up and around - see those old buildings? They're like storybooks made of wood and stone, each one whispering tales of long-ago times.





### 13. HANG BE MARKET

- Address: Hang Be, Gia Ngu, and Cau Go streets, Hanoi Old Quarter
- Opening hours: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM daily.
- No entrance fee.

Located in the heart of the Old Quarter, Hang Be Market is one of the oldest shopping markets in Hanoi Vietnam. The market offers a wide variety of products, from fresh produce to household items and souvenirs.

One of the highlights of Hang Be Market is its food section, where you can find a variety of local delicacies like banh mi, pho, and bun cha. It is also a great place for shopping in Hanoi Old Quarter for fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs.

Aside from food, Hang Be Market offers a range of other products, including clothing, shoes, and accessories, as well as household items like kitchenware and utensils. The market is particularly popular with locals, who come to shop for daily necessities.

The market's narrow alleys and colorful stalls offer a glimpse into the daily lives of Hanoians, and it is a great place to soak up the city's unique culture and atmosphere.

## 15. DONG XUAN MARKET

- Address: No. 15, Cau Dong Street, Dong Xuan Ward, Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi
- Opening hours: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM daily.
- No entrance fee.

The market was built in the 1889s with a blend of both ancient and modern French architecture style. The market has since become a famous attraction for traders in the old days and tourists in the modern time. The place is not only a busy trade center for daily necessity, but also a witness to the national defense history of Vietnamese soldiers, and a pride of Hanoi residents.

As one of the largest wholesale markets in the North, Dong Xuan Market gathers a full range of commodities from appearance, types to prices. The essential items at an abundance of kiosks and stores are spread across three floors. Each floor offers separate types of items, which is quite convenient for visitors to find and choose your own favorite items.

You can find a wide variety of foodstuffs such as seafood, meat, vegetables and possessed food as well as home appliances and electrical equipment on the market's first floor. Conveniently, this floor has a fountain available in the central position for you to rest before continuing to "sweep" the other floors.



# *Fascinating Museums*





## 16. VIETNAMESE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF HISTORY

- Address: No. 1, Trang Tien Street, Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi
- Opening hours: 8 AM - 12 PM | 1:30 PM - 5 PM (closed on Monday)
- An entrance fee is required.

Among the museums in Hanoi, Vietnam National Museum of History stands out with its impressive architecture and extensive collection of artifacts. The museum was established by merging the Vietnam Museum of History and the Vietnam Museum of Revolution. This museum currently preserves approximately 200,000 artifacts, with many rare collections such as ancient ceramics, bronze items, and stone sculptures. Alongside these are artifacts related to the Vietnamese revolution, the Communist Party of Vietnam, and President Ho Chi Minh.

## 17. VIETNAM MUSEUM OF ETHNOLOGY

- Address: Nguyen Van Huyen street, Cau Giay district, Hanoi
- Opening hours: 8.30 AM - 5.30 PM daily.
- An entrance fee is required.



The Museum Of Ethnology comes out of the recognition that Vietnam is a multi-ethnic country and that more attention should be paid to promote socio-cultural diversity. Despite being out of the way compared with other museums in Hanoi, Vietnam Museum of Ethnology is worth a thorough visit, for those who are keen to learn about the multiculturalism of Vietnam and for those who would appreciate some green space.

You will be blown away by the elaboration of these architectures, at the same time being thoroughly engaged in traditional games and activities such as water puppet show, calligraphy, stone game (O An Quan). The museum is especially a great choice for those who cannot find time to visit all remote areas where live the majority of Vietnam ethnic minorities.

*What to eat  
in Hanoi?*





## Pho

The most famous dish of Vietnam, Pho is a hearty bowl of rice noodles, fragrant broth, and tender slices of beef or chicken. A steaming bowl of Pho is the perfect comfort food on a chilly day.



## Bun Cha

This dish is a true Hanoi specialty, consisting of grilled pork, vermicelli noodles, and fresh herbs. All of them are served with a sweet and savory dipping sauce. Certainly, it's the perfect choice for those who crave a balanced mix of flavors and textures.



## Banh Mi

Thirdly, the Vietnamese-style baguette is an excellent on-the-go snack or a light meal. Packed with various fillings such as grilled pork, pate, cucumber, fresh herbs,... Banh Mi is an explosion of flavors in your mouth.



# Egg Coffee

Finally, don't let the name fool you – this drink is not just a regular cup of coffee with eggs. It's a unique Hanoi creation that features a creamy, meringue-like egg foam atop a rich and strong cup of coffee. Indeed, it's an absolute must-try for coffee lovers.

These mentioned above are just a few of the many delicious dishes that Hanoi has to offer. Take a food tour or explore the city's street food scene to discover even more mouth-watering options. Book your trip to Hanoi today and experience the culinary adventure of a lifetime with Vietravel [here](#).

*Where to eat in  
Hanoi?*



Hanoi is a city that tantalizes the taste buds with its rich culinary tapestry. From bustling street markets to hidden alleyway eateries, every corner offers a new gastronomic adventure. Whether you're a food enthusiast or simply seeking authentic Vietnamese flavors, here's a curated guide to some of the best places to eat in Hanoi:

### 1. Mother's Kitchen

12A Hang Than, Nguyen Trung Truc, Ba Dinh, Hanoi

### 2. Home Moc

75 Nguyen Dinh Chieu, Le Dai Hanh, Hai Ba Trung, Hanoi

### 3. Cai Mam

07 Luong Van Can, Hoan Kiem, Ha Noi

23 Dao Duy Tu, Hoan Kiem, Ha Noi

03 Luong Van Can, Hoan Kiem, Ha Noi

### 4. May DE Cuisine

107 Ma May, Hang Buom, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi

### 5. De Nhat

89 Le Duc Tho, My Dinh, Tu Liem, Hanoi

### 6. Crystal Palace

50 Nguyen Chi Thanh, Dong Da, Lang Thuong, Hanoi

### 7. Maison Vie

28 Tang Bat Ho, Dinh Ho, Hai Ba Trung, Hanoi

### 8. The East

5B Tong Duy Tan, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi

### 9. Benaras

15 Trang Tien, Alley, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi

### 10. Dalcheeni

100 Xuan Dieu, Tu Lien, Tay Ho, Hanoi

### 11. Maazi

57 Duong Thanh, Hang Bong, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi

### 12. Batavia

116 Ngoc Ha, Ngoc Ho, Ba Dinh, Hanoi

### 13. Marina Van Chai

15 Ngo Thi Nham, Hai Ba Trung, Hanoi



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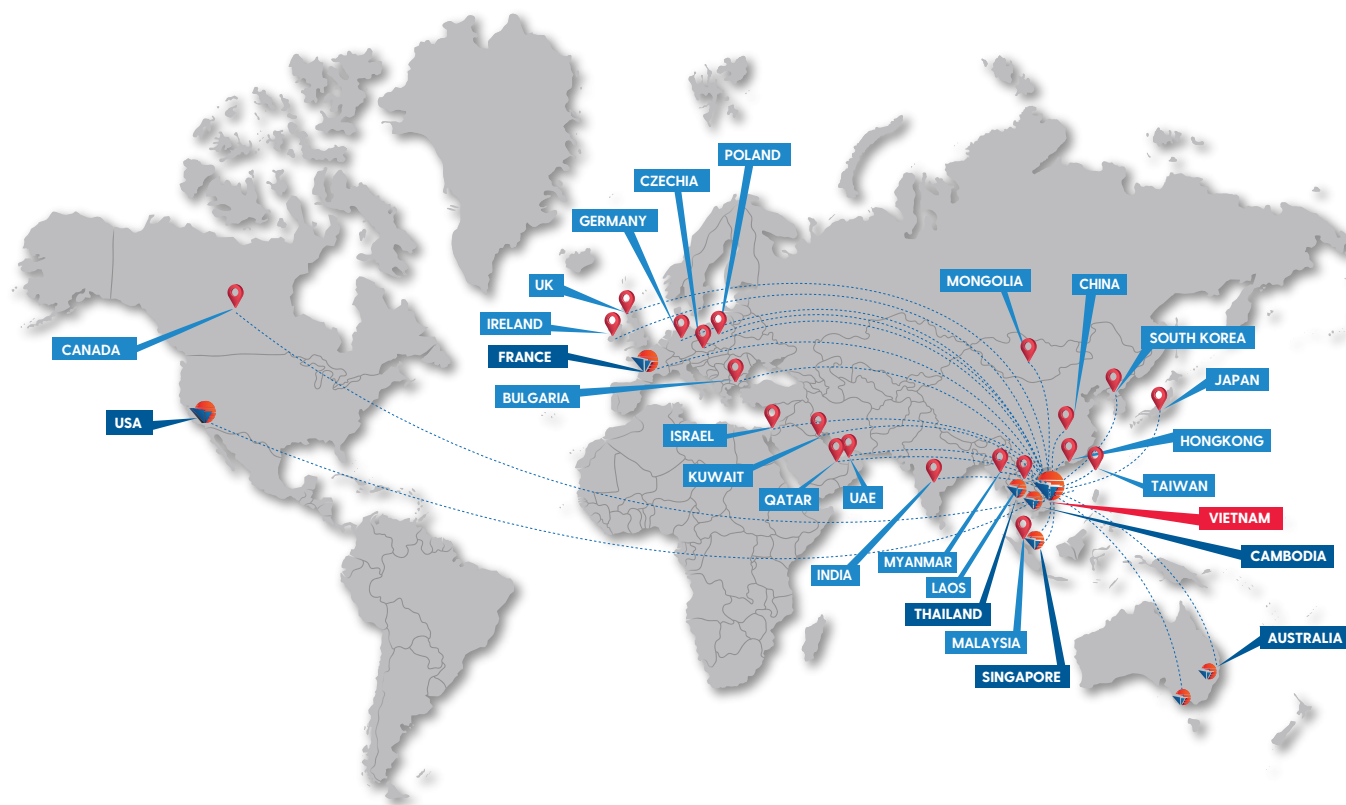
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Vietravel has been shaped by vision and courage to create ground-breaking adventures that could transcend the norm and ensure travelers could genuinely connect with their destinations. Offering adventures of a lifetime to discerning travelers is at the core of all we do. The perseverance, passion, and commitment of all our employees have taken our company to the next level – Vietravel is now the largest aviation and tourism corporation in Vietnam and one of the Leading Tour Operators in Asia.



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Since 1995, Vietravel has been committed to offering travelers the best value and highest quality travel arrangements. Our aim is simple: to turn your vacation into a remarkable experience. We are constantly expanding our services to include an ever-growing array of journeys, from all-inclusive package deals to one-of-a-kind travel adventures.

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**Choice, Flexibility and Freedom - the new way to travel.**

*Your itinerary is aligned with your interests which assuredly makes your travel more fulfilling.*

Get the most out of your journey: trust local experts with a genuine passion for travel.



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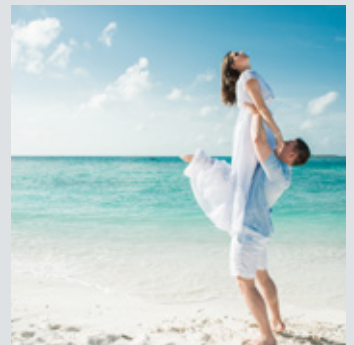
### Free & Easy Services

- Accommodation
- Flights
- Transportation
- Tour guides



### MICE

- Meetings
- Incentives
- Conventions
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- Beach
- Cruise
- Hotel
- Landscape

# 1. LONG BIEN GOLF EXPERIENCE

*Nestled in the bustling city of Hanoi, Long Bien Golf Course is a premier golfing destination with 27-hole layout and stunning natural beauty. Challenge yourself with the course's diverse terrain, water hazards, and strategic bunkers, all while enjoying breathtaking views of the surrounding cityscape.*



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## 2. NINH BINH: TRANG AN MUA CAVE FULL DAY

*This journey takes you through a land where majestic mountains rise from emerald rice paddies and mystical caves pierce limestone cliffs. Discover the ancient secrets and natural wonders of Trang An and Mua Cave, where every moment promises to captivate your heart and soul.*



formations and hidden chambers. The tranquility of Trang An, coupled with its breathtaking scenery, makes it a UNESCO World Heritage site and a highlight of any visit to Ninh Binh.

Our final destination is the awe-inspiring **Mua Cave**. Prepare for a short but rewarding hike up to the peak, where you'll be greeted with panoramic views of the Tam Coc valley. The climb is adorned with statues and a majestic dragon sculpture, adding a touch of mystique to your ascent. At the summit, the view is nothing short of spectacular, with vast rice fields and winding rivers stretching out beneath you. This is a perfect spot to reflect on your journey and capture stunning photos that will forever remind you of this magical place.

Our adventure begins at the **Ancient Citadel of Hoa Lu**, the former capital of Vietnam in the 10th and 11th centuries. Walk in the footsteps of emperors and warriors as you explore this historical site. Learn about the rich history and legends that shaped this region, and marvel at the well-preserved temples dedicated to King Dinh and King Le. Hoa Lu's scenic landscape and cultural significance offer a perfect introduction to your Ninh Binh experience.

Next, we journey to the stunning **Trang An Complex**, often referred to as the "Halong Bay on land." Board a traditional sampan boat and glide through a labyrinth of limestone karsts and lush valleys. As you navigate the serene waterways, you'll pass through a series of grottoes and caves, each revealing unique rock



Group size	2 people	4 people	6 people	8 people	10 people	14 people
Price	144 USD/pax	99 USD/pax	82 USD/pax	81 USD/pax	74 USD/pax	68 USD/pax

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### 3. HALONG BAY DAY CRUISE

*Set sail on an unforgettable adventure with Vietravel's Ha Long Bay Day Cruise, where the mesmerizing beauty of this UNESCO World Heritage Site awaits. Imagine towering limestone pillars rising from emerald waters, their sculpted forms whispering tales of ancient dragons. This journey offers a perfect blend of natural splendor, cultural insight, and leisurely exploration. Let Vietravel guide you through the enchanting seascape of Ha Long Bay, creating memories that will linger long after the voyage ends.*



Begin your day by a tranquil road trip to Halong and then boarding a traditional wooden boat, specially designed for a comfortable and immersive cruising experience. As you set sail, be captivated by the stunning panorama of thousands of islands jutting out of the sea, each with its unique shape and story. The serene beauty of Ha Long Bay is sure to take your breath away.

Our first stop is the magnificent **Thien Cung Cave**, also known as the Heavenly Palace Cave. Explore the vast caverns adorned with stalactites and stalagmites, each formation resembling mythical creatures and ethereal landscapes. The natural light filtering through

Next, we visit the historic **Dau Go Cave**, where you can delve into the ancient legends that surround this mysterious grotto. The cave's impressive chambers and intricate rock formations tell a story of resilience and wonder, inviting you to imagine the tales of warriors and dragons that have been passed down through generations.

Cruise towards one of Ha Long Bay's iconic **floating villages**, where you'll get a glimpse into the unique lifestyle of the local fishermen. Observe the daily activities of the villagers, their homes bobbing gently on the water, and understand the harmony in which they live with nature. This visit offers a rare and authentic cultural experience.

For those seeking a bit of adventure, grab a kayak and paddle through the calm, emerald waters of the bay. Navigate close to the towering limestone cliffs and explore hidden lagoons and secluded beaches. This intimate encounter with Ha Long Bay's natural wonders will leave you feeling both exhilarated and at peace.

Return to the boat for a sumptuous **seafood lunch** onboard. Savor a variety of freshly prepared dishes, featuring the best of Ha Long Bay's culinary delights.

Continue your cruise to admire some of Ha Long Bay's most famous islets, such as the **Stone Dog** and **Fighting Cock Islets**. These naturally sculpted rock formations have become symbols of Ha Long Bay, each with its own folklore and charm. Capture these iconic sights as a lasting memory of your journey.

As your day cruise comes to an end, sail back to the harbor with a heart full of wonder and a camera full of stunning photos. Transfer back to Hanoi.



Group size	2 people	4 people	6 people	8 people	10 people	14 people
Price	301 USD/pax	178 USD/pax	132USD/pax	120 USD/pax	104 USD/pax	88 USD/pax

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## 4. HALONG BAY OVERNIGHT CRUISE 2D1N

*Let yourself be swept away by the enchanting allure of this journey as you traverse the breathtaking landscape adorned with enigmatic caves and picturesque islets. Treat your taste buds to a lavish seafood extravaganza served fresh onboard, complemented by the serene backdrop of Quang Ninh's UNESCO World Heritage Site, Ha Long Bay. your spot today!*



Depart from Hanoi and check in at your cruise ship. Enjoy a welcome drink and a short briefing while admiring the breathtaking seascape of rocky islands and serene emerald water.

Savor an authentic Vietnamese lunch as the cruise passes the famous **Fighting Cocks Islet**, **Dau Go**, and **Thien Cung Caves**. Visit **Tung Sau Pearl Farm** to learn about the pearl cultivation process using Kokichi Mikimoto's technique. Optionally, experience kayaking to explore hidden spots in Ha Long Bay. Stop at **Titov Island**, named after Russian cosmonaut Gherman Titov.

Relax on the crescent moon-shaped beach, swim in the tranquil waters, or hike the mountain for a panoramic view of Ha Long Bay. As the day ends, anchor overnight and watch the sunset. Enjoy a **BBQ buffet dinner** prepared by our talented chef. Relax on the sundeck with a cocktail, listening to the sounds of the ocean.

Start the next day with an early morning **Tai Chi session**, combining deep breathing and slow movements for relaxation and health benefits. Enjoy a light breakfast with freshly baked pastries, coffee, and tea as the cruise sails among rugged islands and lush cliffs. Explore **Sung Sot Cave**, famous for its stalactites and stalagmites, and enjoy a panoramic view from the cave's end.

Settle your bills and return room keys, then spend your remaining moments on the sundeck, admiring Ha Long Bay's magnificent landscape. Return to Tuan Chau Marina to disembark and conclude your unforgettable cruise journey.



Group size	2 people	4 people	6 people	8 people	10 people	14 people
Price	346 USD/pax	277 USD/pax	250 USD/pax	247 USD/pax	237 USD/pax	227 USD/pax

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# 5. NINH BINH & HALONG BAY 3D2N

*Embark on an enchanting adventure with Vitravel, combining the awe-inspiring beauty of Ha Long Bay and the serene landscapes of Ninh Binh. This meticulously curated tour offers a perfect blend of natural wonders, cultural experiences, and leisurely exploration, promising an unforgettable journey filled with breathtaking sights and enriching moments. Join Vitravel on this exceptional journey and create lasting memories in two of Vietnam's most iconic destinations.*

Depart from Hanoi in the early morning and embark on a scenic journey to Ninh Binh, a province celebrated for its stunning landscapes and historical significance. As you arrive in the lush countryside, your adventure begins at the **Trang An Complex**, famously known as the “Halong Bay on land.” Here, you will board a traditional sampan boat, gliding through a serene network of waterways. Marvel at the towering limestone karsts and verdant valleys as you navigate through hidden grottoes and ancient caves.

After a delightful Vietnamese lunch at a local restaurant, your next destination is the awe-inspiring **Mua Cave**. Begin a short but rewarding hike, ascending steps adorned with statues and a majestic dragon sculpture. At the summit, you will be rewarded with a breathtaking panoramic view of the **Tam Coc valley**, where emerald rice fields and winding rivers create a picture-perfect landscape. As the day comes to a close, check in at your comfortable hotel in Ninh Binh, unwind, and enjoy a delicious dinner at a local restaurant, reflecting on the day's captivating experiences.



Start your day with a hearty breakfast at the hotel before setting off for the next leg of your journey to **Ha Long Bay**. As the cruise sets sail, indulge in a delectable Vietnamese lunch while you drift through Ha Long Bay's spectacular seascape. Pass by iconic landmarks like the **Fighting Cocks Islet** and immerse yourself in the bay's enchanting beauty.

The afternoon brings more adventure as you explore the magnificent **Thien Cung Cave**, with its intricate stalactites and stalagmites. Visit a traditional floating village to gain insights into the unique lifestyle of the local fishermen. For the adventurous, optional activities like kayaking or swimming in the emerald waters offer a closer encounter with Ha Long Bay's natural splendor. As the sun sets, gather on the sundeck with a cocktail, savoring the view of the sun dipping into the green sea, followed by a sumptuous **BBQ buffet dinner**.

Greet the new day with a rejuvenating **Tai Chi session** on the sundeck, embracing the tranquility of Ha Long Bay. Enjoy a light breakfast with freshly baked pastries, coffee, and tea as the cruise sails quietly among the rugged islands. The morning adventure continues with a visit to **Sung Sot Cave**, also known as the Surprise Cave. Explore its vast chambers and intricate formations, letting your imagination wander amidst the stalactites and stalagmites.

As you return to the cruise ship, take in the final views of Ha Long Bay while enjoying a delightful brunch. Disembark at Tuan Chau Marina and board the coach back to Hanoi, bringing your journey to a close.



Group size	2 people	4 people	6 people	8 people	10 people	14 people
Price	592 USD/pax	465 USD/pax	414 USD/pax	408 USD/pax	389 USD/pax	371 USD/pax

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## TOUR INCLUSION

- Accommodation in twin/double sharing room with daily breakfast
- Meals as mentioned
- 02 bottled mineral water/pax/day
- Private A/C vehicle as program
- Licensed English speaking guide
- Entrance fee as program listed

## TOUR EXCLUSION

- Beverage & other meals
- Hotel early check-in & late check-out
- International airfares with airport tax
- Personal expenses
- Expenses surcharge at the time of confirmation
- Other services unspecified in the including list.



# How to get around Hanoi?



Getting around Hanoi is an adventure in itself, with bustling streets and colorful sights to behold at every turn. Here are some tips to help you navigate this vibrant city with ease:

## 1. WALKING

The best way to truly experience the charm of Hanoi is on foot. Stroll through the winding streets of the Old Quarter and soak up the atmosphere.

## 2. MOTORBIKE

For the more adventurous traveler, renting a motorbike is a thrilling way to explore Hanoi's many hidden gems. Just be sure to have your driver's license, wear your helmet, and drive safely.

## 3. VIETRAVEL'S PRIVATE CAR/BUS

The service will be one of your best options. From hassle-free airport transfers to chauffeured car rentals, we provide you with the best-in-class transportation options to make your trip an unforgettable one.

## 4. TAXIS

Taxis are readily available throughout Hanoi. Look for reputable companies and make sure the driver uses the meter. However, please note that communication with taxi drivers in Hanoi can be a challenge if you don't speak Vietnamese.

## 5. CYCLO

A traditional cyclo ride is a unique and leisurely way to see the city's ancient streets. Negotiate the price beforehand and enjoy the slow pace.

## 6. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Hanoi has a range of public transportation options, including buses and the metro. Check schedules and routes ahead of time to avoid confusion.



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