

Deep in Central Vietnam Phong Nha – Hue – Da Nang – Hoi An – My Son (7D6N)



(Image: Phong Nha Cave – Quang Binh – Vietnam)

Trip information:

- Guest's name: []
- Nationality: []
- Travel Period: []
- Number of guets: []
- Destinations: Phong Nha, Hue, Hoi An
- Trip highlights: Discover the beauty of central Vietnam in many exciting ways:
 - Explore Phong Nha Cave, a UNESCO World Heritage Site within Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park, renowned for its stunning natural formations and rich biodiversity.
 - Discover Vietnam's history at the Hien Luong Bridge and Vinh Moc Tunnels, which symbolize the country's reunification era with their poignant reminders of the past.
 - Visit Hue's Imperial City, Thien Mu Pagoda, and Khai Dinh Tomb, experiencing the grandeur of Vietnam's imperial history.
 - Marvel at Marble Mountains and Son Tra Peninsula's breathtaking views.
 - Participate in basket boat rides and try your hand at crab-catching in Cam Thanh Coconut Forest.
 - Wander through the ancient streets of **Hoi An**, a UNESCO World Heritage site.



Delve into My Son Sanctuary, a UNESCO site that houses ancient Hindu temples of the Champa civilization.

- Duration: 07 days
- Travel styles: Classic, Family, Active & Nature
- Start: Phong Nha Finish: Da Nang
- Physical: Moderate
- Code: CEN0701
- Ages: 5 70 years old
- **Group size:** 2-14 (*Please contact us for more support if you are a solo traveler or your group has more than 14 people*).
- Map link:

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• Price:

USDper pax	Group 2-3 pax	Group 4-5 pax	Group 6-7 pax	Group 8-9pax	Group 10-11 pax	Group 12-14 pax	
4-star	USD 1066	USD 773	USD 664	USD 638	USD 600	USD 574	
	per pax	per pax	per pax	per pax	per pax	per pax	
5-star	USD 1172	USD 905	USD 796	USD 769	USD 731	USD 706	
	per pax	per pax	per pax	per pax	per pax	per pax	
The above prices are valid from 2025 to 2026, except on public holidays, festivals and major							
events in Vietnam, during which a surcharge of 10% to 20% may apply.							
	4-star accommodation			5-star accommodation			
Phong Nha	Chay Lap Farmstay 4*						
	https://chaylapfarmstay.com/room/mountain-double/ (garden view room)						
Hue	White	lotus	4*:	Melia Hue Hotel or similar			
	https://whitelotus.com.vn/rooms-			https://www.melia.com/en/hotels/viet			
	and-suites/deluxe-river-view/			nam/hue-city/melia-vinpearl-hue			
	(Deluxe river)			(Deluxe City)			
Da Nang	Maximilian Beach hotel or similar Radisson Da Nang Hotel or similar				similar		
	https://maximilan.com.vn/			https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-			
	(Beach front premier deluxe)			us/hotels/radisson-da-nang			
	(Premium Ocean View)						
Hoi An	Mulberry Collection Silk Eco or			Palm Garden Resort & Spa or similar (15'			
	similar:			from	old	town)	
	https://silkeco.mulberrycollectionv https://palmgardenresort.com.vn/				om.vn/		
	n.com/ (Delu	uxe city view)		(Superior Garden View)			

• Trip Plan: (B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner; ESG: English-speaking local guide)

Day	Activities	Accommodation	Meals
Day 1	Arrival Dong Hoi – Phong Nha (ESG)	Phong Nha	-/L/D
Day 2	Phong Nha – Quang Tri - Hue (ESG)	Hue	B/L/D
Day 3	Hue sightseeing (ESG)	Hue	B/L/D
Day 4	Hue – Hai Van Pass – Da Nang – Son Tra (ESG)	Da Nang	B/L/D
Day 5	Marble Mountain - Cam Thanh - Hoi An Memory Show (ESG)	Hoi An	B/L/D
Day 6	Hoi An – My Son Sanctuary (ESG)	Hoi An	B/L/-
Day 7	Hoi An - Da Nang – Departure	N/A	В/-/-



Itinerary:

DAY 1: Arrival in Dong Hoi – Phong Nha (ESG/-/L/D)

- Arriving at Dong Hoi Airport. Depending on your arrival time, our **English-speaking local guide (ESG)** and driver will welcome you at the airport, then transfer you to a local restaurant for lunch.
- **14:00:** Check in at Chay Lap Farmstay or similar accommodation. Take a short rest.
- **15:30:** Enjoy an afternoon boat exploration of Phong Nha Cave, a captivating journey through Vietnam's natural beauty. Drifting along the Son River, surrounded by limestone karsts, you will enter the cave's darkness. Inside, illuminated by soft lights, intricate rock formations create a breathtaking spectacle. As you navigate deeper showcasing, you will witness stunning stalactites and stalagmites, unveiling nature's mesmerizing artistry at every turn.
- 17:00: Return to Chay Lap Farmstay. Overnight in Phong Nha.



(Image: Chay Lap Farmstay – Phong Nha – Vietnam)



DAY 2: Phong Nha – Quang Tri - Hue (ESG/B/L/D)

- After breakfast at **Chay Lap**, you have some free time to explore the surrounding area or enjoy the exciting complimentary activities offered at the farmstay.
- Chay Lap Farmstay, situated near Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park, is an idyllic retreat surrounded by stunning landscapes. This eco-friendly stay offers a rustic yet comfortable experience, featuring charming accommodations amidst rice fields and karst mountains. Guests can enjoy activities like cycling, cave exploration, and farm-totable dining, immersing themselves in the region's natural beauty and local culture. It's a perfect escape for those seeking tranquility and an authentic Vietnamese living.
- Complimentary activities in Chay Lap:
 - + 2 complimentary hours of biking per pax per day
 - + 1 complimentary hour of kayakingper pax per day
 - + Use of the swimming pool with complimentary pool towels
 - + On-site fishing



(Image: Chay Lap Farmstay – Phong Nha – Vietnam)

• **12:00:** Check out, then have lunch before heading to Quang Tri. Visit **Hien Luong Bridge**, a historic symbol of reunification in Vietnam, spanning the Ben Hai River and marking the former border between North and South Vietnam. This iconic bridge holds immense



significance, representing the unity and reconciliation of the nation after years of division.

• **15:00:** Visit the **Vinh Moc Tunnels** - an underground network in Vietnam, that served as a refuge during the war, providing shelter for villagers and soldiers from bombings. Stretching over 2.8 kilometers, these tunnels housed homes, schools, and medical facilities, showcasing the resilience and ingenuity of the Vietnamese people during challenging times.



(Image: Vinh Moc tunnels – Quang Tri – Vietnam)

- **18:00:** Arrive in Hue, check in at your hotel before heading out for **dinner with Hue specialties**.
- **20:00:** Delight in Hue's traditional music aboard a Huong River cruise. The soothing melodies amidst historic settings offer a serene cultural experience, immersing visitors in Vietnam's royal heritage. Overnight in Hue.



DAY 3: Hue sightseeing (ESG/B/L/D)

• **08:00**: After breakfast at your hotel, visit the **Imperial City**—a must-see for anyone traveling to Hue. This is the Royal Palace of the 13 kings of the Nguyen Dynasty, the last feudal dynasty of Vietnam. You'll feel a gentle sense of nostalgia as you explore its courtyards and halls. Here, you can also admire many unique architectural works.



(Image: Imperial City – Hue – Vietnam)

- Then, visit **Thien Mu Pagoda**, an iconic seven-story temple perched on the banks of the Perfume River, which stands as a symbol of spiritual significance in Hue. One of the most poignant displays at the pagoda is a car belonging to a former monk who, in 1963, drove to Saigon and set himself on fire to protest against the treatment of Buddhists by the South Vietnamese regime.
- After lunch, visit **Tu Duc Tomb**—one of the most impressive tombs from the Nguyen Dynasty. Blending traditional Vietnamese architecture with tranquil gardens and ponds. This serene complex reflects Emperor Tu Duc's refined taste and poetic soul, making it a must-see for visitors to Hue.
- **Thuy Xuan Incense Village**, situated near Tu Duc Tomb, is renowned for its centuriesold tradition of crafting high-quality incense. This village showcases the meticulous artistry behind the production of these aromatic sticks, offering visitors an immersive experience into the delicate and time-honored craft of incense-making.
- The next attraction is **Khai Dinh Tomb**, a fusion of Western and Eastern architectural styles, which stands as a testament to the opulence of Vietnamese imperial tombs. This ornate mausoleum showcases intricate designs, stunning mosaics, and a grandiose aesthetic that reflects the luxurious tastes of the Nguyen Dynasty's final emperor, Khai Dinh.





(Image: Thuy Xuan Incense Village – Hue – Vietnam)

- Have dinner at a local restaurant.
- 20:00: Immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of Hue by experiencing traditional music performances while cruising along the tranquil Huong River. Set to the backdrop of ancient imperial structures, these mesmerizing melodies evoke the essence of Vietnam's royal history.
- Overnight in Hue.



(Image: Hue traditional singing on the Perfume River – Hue – Vietnam)



DAY 4: Hue – Hai Van Pass – Da Nang – Son Tra (ESG/B/L/D)

- **09:00:** After breakfast, our tour guide will take you to the two most famous traditional villages near the center of Hue. Visiting Thanh Tien Village and Sinh Village will offer visitors a comprehensive and enriching experience. You'll have the opportunity to witness firsthand the art of crafting paper flowers in Thanh Tien Village and appreciate the intricate folk paintings in Sinh Village, showcasing the unique cultural heritage of Hue. These experiences will offer a diverse and immersive insight into the artistic traditions and craftsmanship preserved in these vibrant communities.
- Have lunch in Hue, then move to Lap An lagoon for photo-taking.
- On the way to Da Nang, take time to admire **Vietnam's most scenic Ocean Road Hai Van Pass,** enjoy a cup of coffee time while taking in a panoramic view of the ocean.



(Image: Hai Van Pass – Hue – Vietnam)

- 15:30: Arrive in Da Nang city, check in to your hotel. Take a short rest.
- **16:30:** Visit **Son Tra Peninsula** also knowned as **Monkey Mountain** that a must-see on your trip. You have a chance to enjoy a view of Da Nang City from a 500m high spot. Visit Linh Ung Pagoda, where the tallest Lady Buddha in Vietnam stands.
- In the evening, enjoy a **seafood dinner.**
- **20:30:** Enjoy a **night cruise** trip along the Han River to watch the fire show from the Dragon Bridge, an iconic bridge of Da Nang. Return to the hotel, overnight in Da Nang.





(Image: Dragon Bridge – Da Nang – Vietnam)

DAY 5: Marble Mountain - Cam Thanh - Hoi An Memory Show (ESG/B/L/D)

- 09:00: After breakfast, check out, and begin your visit to Marble Mountains A masterpiece gifted to Da Nang. Challenge yourself by climbing over 120 steps to reach The Water Hill (Thuy Son). From here, stunning and enchanting landscapes unfold before your eyes.
- Move to Cam Thanh Coconut Forest, have a brief introduction to its history. Take the basket boat along the water coconut river. Fishermen will show you how to catch crabs (02 guests per boat). Enjoy basket boat dancing performance and hands-on crab-catching. Then, savor a lunch of local specialties prepared by you and a local chef.
- Check-in at your hotel/resort, then free to relax.
- 15:00: Discover Hoi An ancient town a major Asian trading port in the 17th and 18th centuries with guided walking tour. Visit landmarks such as: Chinese Communal House, Phuc Kien temple, ancient Tan Ki Merchants' houses, and the 400-year-old Japanese bridge.
- In **Hoi An's old town**, vibrant alleys come alive with lanterns casting a magical glow. Tailor shops invite you to witness skilled artisans crafting traditional garments. The town's deep-rooted culture of craftsmanship is evident in every handmade piece, offering a unique and enriching shopping experience filled with artistic treasures.





(Image: Pagoda Bridge, Cam Thanh Coconut Forest, Hoi An Ancient Town – Hoi An – Vietnam)

- Enjoy a dinner of Hoi An's signature **local dishes and** soak up the **lantern-lit** atmostphere and lively night vibe.
- **19:00:** Visit **Hoi An Impression Theme Park** an immersive cultural complex featuring themed attractions, artistic displays, and live performances that bring to life the region's heritage and folklore.
- 20:00 21:00: Watch the Hoi An Memories Show, a breathtaking open-air performance blending music, dance, and visual storytelling to portray the rich history and traditions of Hoi An. Overnight in Hoi An.



(Image: Hoi An Memories Show, Hoi An Ancient Town – Hoi An – Vietnam)



DAY 6: Hoi An – My Son Sanctuary (ESG/B/L/-)

• **09:00**: After breakfast at your hotel or resort, depart for **My Son Sanctuary**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site located about 40 minutes from Hoi An. This sacred site preserves the ancient Hindu temples of the Champa civilization. Nestled in lush greenery, the ruins offer a fascinating glimpse into Vietnam's cultural and religious past.

At **My Son Sanctuary**, visitors often have the chance to enjoy traditional Apsara dance performances, allowing them to experience the spiritual and artistic essence of Cham culture.

• **11:00:** Return to Hoi An Ancient Town, **enjoy lunch at a local restaurant overlooking a rice field**, and spend the afternoon and evening exploring at your own pace. (Dinner on your own arrangement).



(Image: My Son Sanctuary – Quang Nam – Vietnam)

DAY 7: Hoi An - Da Nang – Departure (B/-/-)

- After breakfast, enjoy some free time before checking out.
- Depending on your departure flight time, our driver will pick you up and transfer you to the airport for your onward journey.

Thank you for joining us and have a nice trip!



Inclusion:

- Good air-conditioned private 7-seat car (for 2-3 pax)/ 16-seat minivan (for 4-7 pax)/ 29-seat coach (for 8-14 pax) as mentioned in the above itinerary.
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- English-speaking local guides (4 days) as mentioned in the above itinerary.
 ***Surcharge (if any):
 - → Thailand/French-speaking local guide: USD 6/day/group
 - → German/Mandarin-Chinese/Korean-speaking local guide: USD 20/day/group;
 - → Spanish-speaking local guide: USD 40/day/group.
- Accommodation (R.O.H) including breakfast with free bicycle use at Chay Lap Farmstay and Hoi An.
- Phong Nha boat trip.
- All entrance fees for all listed sightseeing sites: Phong Nha Cave, Hien Luong Bridge, Vinh Moc Tunnels, Hue Citadel, King Tu Duc's Tomb, King Khai Dinh's Tomb, Thanh Tien & Sinh Villages, Marble Mountains, Cam Thanh Coconut Forest, Hoi An Old Town, My Son Sanctuary.
- Solution Ticket for traditional music performance on the Huong River.
- Coffee break at Hai Van Pass.
- Solution Night cruise ticket on the Han River (Da Nang).
- Solution Night boat ride in Hoi An with floating lanterns.
- Basket boat trip in Cam Thanh Coconut Forest.
- Hoi An Memory Show ticket (economy class).
- Meals as specified in the itinerary (B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner):
 - o 6 lunches on days 1,2,3,4,5,6
 - 4 dinners on days 1,2,3,5.
- Seafood dinner on day 4.

Exclusion:

- Bank transfer fees
- Early check-in or late check-out at hotels
- Surcharge for peak seasons or compulsory dinners at hotels (if applicable)
- Travel insurance
- Sietnam visa (The passport must be valid for over 6 months and have 3 blank pages)
- Personal expenses
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary, and beverages during meals
- Somestic or internation airfare (if applicable)
- Tips for guides and drivers (suggested amount: \$3-5 per person per day). Tipping is optional and should reflect the quality of service received.



Children Policy:

- The child rate applies to one child sharing a twin or double room with two adults.
- For infants (<04 years old): free of charge, except domestic ticket cost.
- 04 11 years old without bed: 50% of the adult rate.
- 04 11 years old with extra bed: 75% of the adult rate.
- 04 11 years old in twin share: 90% of the adult rate.

Payment & Deposit Terms:

To ensure that all parties meet their respective obligations, we outline our standard payment terms below:

Deposit: A confirmation and invoice will be sent to the customer within 24 hours of receiving the booking. A deposit of 50% of the total tour cost or full payment is required, depending on the specific tour arrangements and the terms outlined in the invoice. Payment can be made through any of our online payment methods.

Final Payment: The deadline for the remaining balance will depend on the services booked and will be communicated by our travel consultant and via the invoice during the booking process.

Cancellations & Refund Policy:

Each local supplier and partner have its own specific cancellation terms, which will determine the applicable cancellation fees. Detailed information about these policies can be found on the individual service pages, particularly under the Rate & Availability section. If a customer decides to discontinue the tour midway, no refund or exchange will be issued. Additionally, no compensation will be provided for any services that remain unused during the tour.

Tours (from 4 days and above)

- More than 90 days before arrival date: FREE of charge.
- From 60 to 90 days before arrival date: 20% of the total rate.
- From 30 to 59 days before arrival date: 30% of the total rate.
- From 15 to 29 days before arrival date: 50% of the total rate.
- From 7 to 14 days before arrival date: 70% of the total rate.
- Less than 7 days before arrival date or no-show: 100% of the total rate.

<u>Short Tours (1 – 3 days)</u>

- More than 4 days prior: 50% of the total rate.
- From 1 to 4 days prior: 70% of the total rate.
- Less than 1 day prior or no-show: 100% of the total rate.



Important notes:

Immigration process:

For visa-on-arrival: Present a valid passport and, if applicable, an entry letter to the customs officer for visa stamping.

For e-visa holders: Present your valid passport and e-visa (or a printed copy) at the immigration checkpoint. No stamp is required.

Weather:

- Best time to visit: With long periods of sunshine, clear blue skies, and many attractive festivals, the best time to visit Central Vietnam—Hue, Da Nang, and Hoi An—is during the dry season, which runs from February to June. From July to early October is also a good time to visit, as service costs are slightly lower than during the peak season, and the chance of rain or storms is relatively low. However, be prepared for hot and humid weather during this summer period. Late October to January is the rainy and stormy season, so if you're traveling during this time, be prepared for potential weather-related disruptions to your itinerary.
- **Pack Accordingly**: Pack lightweight clothing for hot weather and a raincoat or umbrella for the rainy season.

Note when checking in for domestic flights in Vietnam:

- When checking in, please bring: Passport (valid for more than 06 months). For expatriates and foreigners entering with a separate visa, please bring your passport, visa, and customs declaration when traveling
- You should be at the airport 90 minutes before departure time and carry light luggage, not too bulky.
- Please bear the incurred costs and responsibility if you have a request to change the itinerary, flight date and time, or if there is incorrect information according to the regulations of the airlines.
- Do not leave sharp objects, knives, scissors, etc. or liquids in your hand luggage. All power banks should be placed in hand luggage.
- Self-consciously preserve your luggage during the trip (at hotels and attractions). Keep all important documents related to immigration procedures, such as airline tickets, passports, cash, and valuable personal items, in the safety box provided at your hotel. Avoid leaving them in your room or locking them in your suitcase in case of theft. *Consider taking photos of all identification and important information to save on your phone for easy access if needed.*
- Vietnam Lovely Travel will not be responsible if the carrier and aviation security refuse to transport due to error in the above information.
- Some order and details in the program may change to suit the objective situation (weather, traffic, etc...).
- You should bring special medicine (according to a doctor's prescription) if you are being treated for a chronic illness.



Do I need to purchase travel insurance before traveling in Vietnam?

Absolutely. All passengers traveling with Vietnam Lovely Travel are required to purchase travel insurance before the start of their trip. Your travel insurance details will be recorded by your tour guide on the first day of the trip. Due to the varying nature, availability and cost of health care around the world, travel insurance is very much an essential and necessary part of every journey.

Money matters:

When it comes to spending money on the trip, every traveler is a little different. You know your spending habits better than we do, so please budget an appropriate amount for optional meals, drinks, shopping, optional activities, and laundry. Make sure you have read the itinerary and inclusions thoroughly so you know what is included in the trip price and what you may need to pay for while traveling.

- Vietnamese Dong (VND) is the currency of Vietnam.
- ATMs: Check if your card is compatible with local ATMs before traveling to Vietnam. Using an ATM card will help ensure safety during your travel. However, you should also bring a small amount of cash for services, shopping, meals, etc., when needed.
- Scam alert: Be careful of street vendors and local markets using similar colors of 500,000 VND and 20,000 VND bills to scam visitors.
- **Counterfeit money**: There are some counterfeit banknotes in circulation in Vietnam, particularly for the 500,000 VND, the biggest Vietnam currency note, so you should only exchange money at reputable places or consult your tour guide for advice.
- *Keep small bills on hand:* Many vendors and small businesses may not have change for larger denominations, so it's helpful to keep smaller bills on hand.
- **Notify your bank**: If you plan to use your credit or debit card in Vietnam, notify your bank beforehand to avoid any issues with your account being flagged for suspicious activity.
- USD to VND current exchange rate: 1 USD ~ 25,000 26,000 VND (change cash in jewelry shops, the exchange rates are often better than in a bank or at the airport).
- QR code payment: widely accepted in many urban areas in Vietnam.
- Are credit cards accepted widely in Vietnam? USD and Major credit cards are widely accepted at large shops, hotels and restaurants in Vietnam. However, smaller vendors, family-run eateries, markets, and rural areas may only accept cash. Carry enough cash for as a backup, especially outside cities.

Dining: Please inform your operator or guide in advance if you have any **dietary restrictions** or food allergies.



Phone and internet access:

- With the modern world you may want to bring along tablets or smartphones for the children to document their adventure there are a wide variety of apps out there which we suggest downloading before you depart. There will be opportunities to charge (just make sure you bring the correct adapter) and there will be wi-fi available in most of the hotels/restaurants on the tour, although it will probably not be at the speeds you are used to at home and it won't be available everywhere.
- E-sim can be a good option for you (less than 10 USD/sim card)

<u>Electricity and adapter</u>: 220V - 50Hz. If you are using different ones, our local guide can help you buy an adapter for not more than 1 USD.

Accommodation:

- Check-in: Usually between 14:00–15:00 (can be later on weekends, in peak seasons, or at 5-star hotels).
- Check-out: Typically before 11:00–12:00.
- Early check-in & late check-out: Subject to room availability and hotel policy; charges may apply.
- Amenities: Basic amenities like a toothbrush, towel, comb, hairdryer, and iron are provided in all hotels.

Laundry: Local laundry services outside the hotel may offer better rates. However, for expensive clothing, it's safer to use hotel laundry to avoid any risk of damage.

Shopping: At local markets, bargaining is common and expected. You can often negotiate 10–30% off the initial price for local goods.

<u>Safety</u>: To protect your belongings, always keep your bag or purse in front of you, especially in crowded areas.

Business Hours:

- Offices: 8:00 AM 5:00 PM (Monday to Friday). Most are closed on Saturdays.
- Shops, restaurants, and entertainment venues: Typically open from 8:00 AM 10:00 PM daily.

Is tipping compulsory in Vietnam?

Tipping is not mandatory or a common custom in Vietnam. However, it is greatly appreciated by service staff—such as waiters, hotel porters, drivers, and tour guides—especially when they provide exceptional service. Even a small tip can make a big difference and is considered a gesture of kindness and respect.