

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



Trip information:

- Guest's name: []
- Nationality: []
- Travel Period: []
- Group size: []
- Trip highlights:

Discover the beauty of central Vietnam by 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 Mountain and Son Tra Peninsula's breathtaking views.



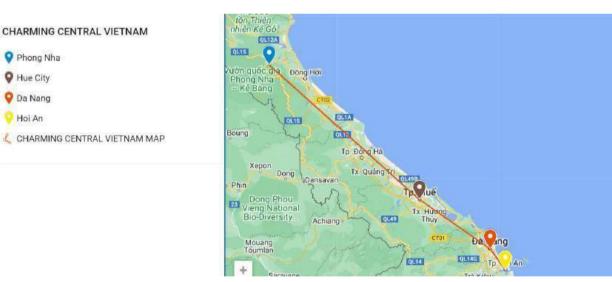
- ★ Participate in basket boat rides and crab catching in **Cam Thanh Coconut Forest.**
- ★ Wander through the ancient streets of **Hoi An**, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ★ Delve into My Son Sanctuary, a UNESCO site that houses ancient Hindu temples of the Champa civilization.
- Duration: 07 days
- Travel styles: Classic, Family, Active & Nature
- Start: Phong Nha Finish: Da Nang
- Physical: Easy
- 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:

Phong Nha

Q Hue City

Q Da Nang Hoi An

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Price:



Price USD/person	Group 2-3 pax	Group 4-5 pax	Group 6-7pax	Group 8-9pax	Group 10-11pax	Group 12-14pax
4-star	USD 952 /person	USD 741 /person	USD 649 /person	USD 634 /person	USD 603 /person	USD 580 /person
5-star	USD 1102 /person	USD 893 /person	USD 801 /person	USD 786 /person	USD 755 /person	USD 732 /person
Exclude holiday surcharge from 10% to 20%						
	4-star accommodation		5-star accommodation			
Phong Nha	Chay Lap Farmstay 4*					
	https://chaylapfarmstay.com/room/mountain-double/ (mountain room					
Hue	White lotus 4*: https://whitelotus.com.vn/rooms-		Pilgrimage Village 5*:			
			https://www.pilgrimagevillage.com			
	and-suites/deluxe-river-view/			<pre>/room-bungalows/superior/</pre>		
	(Deluxe river)			(Superior)		
Da Nang	Maximilian Beach hotel or similar			DLG hotel or similar		
	https://maximilan.com.vn/			https://dlghoteldanang.com/		
	(Beachfront premier deluxe)			(Deluxe OceanView)		
Hoi An	An Moodhoian Resort (10' from the		Palm Garden Resort & Spa or			
	old town) <u>https://moodhoian.vn/</u>			similar (15' from old town)		
	(Studio mood room)		https://palmgardenresort.com.vn/			
	(Superior Garden View)					

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

Day	Activities	Accommodations	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



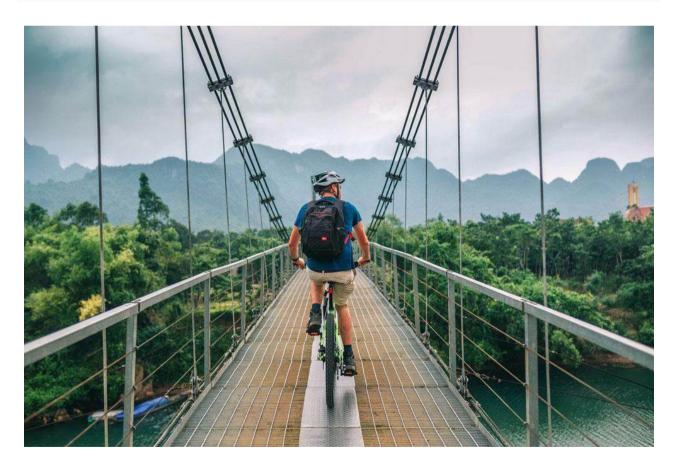
Day 6	Hoi An – My Son Sanctuary (ESG)	Hoi An	B/L/-
Day 7	Hoi An - Da Nang – Departure		B/-/-



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 to a local restaurant for your lunch.
- **14:00:** Check in at Chay Lap Farmstay or similar accommodation. Take a short rest.
- **15:30:** An afternoon boat exploration of Phong Nha Cave is 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. Navigating deeper reveals stunning stalactites and stalagmites, unveiling nature's mesmerizing artistry at every turn.
- **17:00:** Return to Chay Lap Farmstay. Overnight stay in Phong Nha.



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

 After breakfast at Chay Lap, you have some free time to discover the surrounding area or enjoy the exciting complimentary activities offered at Chay Lap.



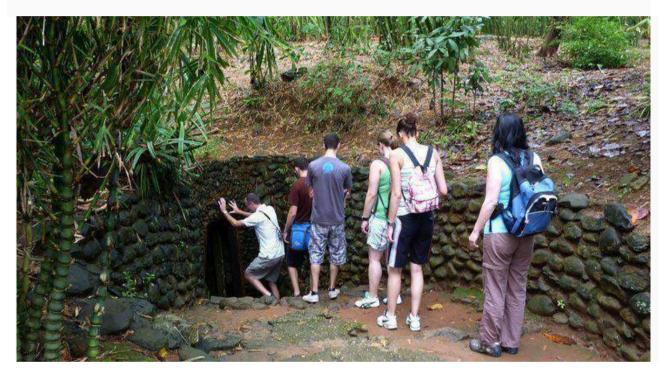
- Chay Lap Farmstay, situated near Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park in Vietnam, is an idyllic retreat surrounded by stunning landscapes. This eco-friendly stay offers a rustic yet comfortable experience, featuring charming accommodations amidst rice fields and karst mountains. Guests can enjoy activities 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 a taste of authentic Vietnamese living.
- Complimentary activities in Chay Lap:
 - + 02 complimentary hours of biking/pax/day
 - + 01 complimentary hour of kayaking/pax/day
 - + Use of the swimming pool with pool towels
 - + On-site fishing



 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, which served as a refuge during the war, providing shelter for villagers and soldiers from bombings. Stretching over 2.8 kilometers in length, these tunnels housed homes, schools, and medical facilities, showcasing the resilience and ingenuity of the Vietnamese people during challenging times.



- **18:00:** Arrive in Hue, and check in to 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 stay 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. Visitors will experience a gentle and nostalgic feeling while exploring this place. Here, visitors will also discover many unique architectural works.





- 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 alight to protest against the treatment of Buddhists by the South Vietnamese regime.
- After lunch, visit **Tu Duc Tomb** A great tomb from the Nguyen dynasty, Tự Đức Tomb blends traditional Vietnamese architecture with tranquil gardens and ponds. This serene complex reflects Emperor Tự Đức'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.





- 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 against the backdrop of ancient imperial structures, these mesmerizing melodies evoke the essence of Vietnam's royal history.
- Overnight stay in Hue.





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 Lang Sinh Village, showcasing the unique cultural heritage of Hue. These experiences will provide your visitors with 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 the most amazing ocean road in Vietnam Hai Van Pass, enjoy coffee time with a panoramic view of the ocean.





- **15:30**: Arrive in Da Nang city, check in to your hotel. Have a short rest.
- 16:30: Visit Son Tra Peninsula named Monkey Mountain will not be missed on the trip. You have a chance to enjoy a view of Danang City from a 500m high spot. Visit Linh Ung Pagoda, where the highest Lady Buddha in Vietnam exists.
- In the evening and enjoy a **seafood dinner**.
- **20:30:** Enjoy a **night cruise** trip along Han River to watch a fireshow from Dragon Bridge, an iconic bridge of Da Nang. Return to the hotel, overnight stay in Danang.





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

- 09:00: After breakfast, check out, and then we start our visit to Marble Mountain A masterpiece of nature presented to Da Nang. Challenge yourself to climb up to over 120 steps to get to the Marble of Water (Thuy Son). From here, amazing and fabulous fairylands appear in front of your eyes.
- Move to Cam Thanh forest, have a brief introduction to the history there. Take on the basket boat along the water coconut river. Fishermen will teach you how to catch the crabs (02 paxes/ boat). Enjoy basket boat dancing and catching crabs. Then, have lunch with local specialities made by yourself and the 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 by walking to visit some places such as: Chinese Communal House, Hoi Kien temple, ancient Tan Ki Merchants' houses, 400-year old Japanese bridge...
- In Hoi An's old town, vibrant alleys burst with color, with lanterns casting a magical glow.
 Among these alleys, tailor shops beckon with skilled artisans crafting traditional garments. The town's rich tradition of craftsmanship shines through in every meticulously created piece, showcasing Hoi An's unparalleled skill and dedication to its heritage arts. Strolling through these alleys offers a delightful shopping experience, where every corner reveals unique artistic treasures waiting to be discovered.





- Have dinner with Hoi An local food and enjoy colorful nightlife and lanterns in Hoi An.
- **19:00:** Start to visit Hoi An Impression Park serves as an immersive cultural experience, allowing visitors to explore various attractions, art installations, and live performances, offering a deeper understanding of the region's heritage and folklore.
- **20:00-21:00:** We have a chance to watch **Hoi An Memories Show**, a grand spectacle featuring vibrant performances that showcase the history and traditions of Hoi An through dance, music, and visual storytelling. Overnight in Hoi An.



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

09:00: After breakfast in your hotel/resort, depart for **My Son Sanctuary**, a UNESCO site 40 minutes from Hoi An, Vietnam, which houses ancient Hindu temples of the Champa civilization. These centuries-old ruins, nestled in greenery, preserve remarkable architectural remnants and offer a glimpse into Vietnam's rich cultural history.



Visitors to My Son Sanctuary often have the chance to enjoy traditional Apsara dance performances allowing guests to immerse themselves in the spiritual and artistic heritage of the Champa civilization.

11:00: Return to Hoi An old town, you'll have **lunch** at **a local restaurant near a rice field** and then have free time to leisurely explore in the afternoon and evening. **(Dinner is on your expense)**



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

- After breakfast, enjoy your leisure time, check out.
- Upon your departure flight time, **our driver only** will pick up and transfer you to the airport for your next destination.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US & HAVE A NICE TRIP!

Inclusion:

Good air-conditioned private 7-seat car (2-3 pax) / 16-seat minivan (4-7 pax) / 29-seat coach (8-14 pax) as per the above itinerary.



- 02 bottles of water (500ml) per person per visiting day.
- English-speaking local guides (04 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 25/day/group);
- → Spanish-speaking local guide (USD 45/day/group).
- Accommodation (R.O.H) including breakfast with free bicycles at Chay Lap Farmstay, Hoi An.
- Phong Nha boat trip.
- All entrance fees for sightseeing: 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 Mountain, Cam Thanh Coconut Forest, Hoi An Old Town, My Son Sanctuary.
- Ticket for traditional music show on the Huong River.
- Coffee at Hai Van Pass.
- Night cruise ticket on the Han River (Da Nang).
- Night boat in Hoi An with floating lanterns.
- Boat trip in Cam Thanh Coconut Forest.
- Hoi An Memory Show
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner): 06 lunches on days 1,2,3,4,5,6 (USD 9/pax/lunch) + 04 dinners on days 1,2,3,5, (USD 10/pax/dinner)
- Seafood dinner on day 4: USD 20/pax.

Exclusion:

- Bank transfer fees
- Early check-in and late check-out at hotels
- Surcharge for peak seasons and mandatory dinners at hotels (if applicable)
- Travel insurance
- Vietnam visa (passport must be valid for over 6 months with 3 blank pages)
- Personal expenses
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary, and beverages during meals
- Entrance fees for Debay Wine Cellar and Wax Museum in Ba Na Hills
- 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 rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults.
- For infants (<04 years old): FOC except domestic ticket cost.
- 04 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate.
- 04 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate.
- 04 11 years old in twin share: 90% 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 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 has 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 refunds or exchanges will be issued. Additionally, no compensation will be provided for any services that remain unused during the tour.

Tours (from 4 days above)

- More than 90 days before arrival date: FREE of charge.
- From 60 to 89 days before arrival date: 20% of total rate.
- From 30 to 59 days before arrival date: 30% of total rate.
- From 15 to 29 days before arrival date: 50% of total rate.
- From 7 to 14 days before arrival date: 70% of total rate.
- Less than 7 days before arrival date or No show: 100% of the total rate.

Short Tours (1 - 3 days)

- More than 7 days prior: 50% of total rates.
- From 4 to 7 days prior: 70% of total rates.
- Less than 3 days prior or no show: 100% of total rates.



Important notes:

Immigration process:

- For visa-on-arrival: Present a valid passport and an entry letter (if any) 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 heat 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 ...).
- 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. Yet, you should also bring a little cash to pay for services, shopping activities, dining demands,... 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 ask for your tour guide experiences.
- 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 ~ 24,000 25,000 VND (change cash in jewelry shop, the exchange rates are often better than in a bank or at the airport)
- QR code transfer: accepted in Vietnam
- Are credit cards accepted widely in Vietnam?

USD and Major credit cards are widely accepted by large shops, hotels and restaurants in Vietnam. However, they may not be accepted by smaller vendors such as small family restaurants, market stalls or in remote towns and rural areas. Make sure you carry



enough cash for purchases, since credit cards aren't always an option everywhere in Vietnam.

Dining: Please inform the tour operator or tour guide in advance if you have any dietary requirements and/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 from about 14.00 to 15.00 (can be later in the weekend day, peak season or at 5-star accommodation) and check-out before from about 11.00 to 12.00.
- Early check-in & late check-out will be confirmed according to room availability at that time and the hotel charges.
- Amenities: toothbrush, towel, hair comb, iron, etc., are available in all hotels.

Laundry: You may get better rates outside the hotels, but be careful with expensive clothes, as outside services can sometimes harm the quality of your clothes.

Shopping: At local markets, you can bargain for 10-30% off when buying local goods.

<u>Safety</u>: For safety, keep your pocket/purse in front of you in crowded places.

Time schedule:

- Normal office working time or opening time in Vietnam: 8am-5pm (Mon to Fri); Sat: most offices close
- Shops/restaurants/theaters are mostly opening: 8am-10pm everyday.

Is tipping compulsory in Vietnam?



Tipping isn't mandatory or customary in Vietnam, but a small tip is appreciated by restaurant staff, drivers, and other service workers, especially if the service was particularly good.

Destinations:

Phong Nha:

Phong Nha is renowned for its breathtaking landscapes, extraordinary caves, and vibrant local culture. Situated in central Vietnam, this charming area draws visitors from around the globe. Phong Nha's prime location near the stunning Phong Nha-Ke Bàng National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, provides unparalleled opportunities for adventure and natural exploration. With its striking scenery and rich cultural heritage, Phong Nha offers a truly unique and unforgettable experience.

Hue:

Hue is a city chock-full of stories. The Kings of the Nguyen Dynasty built their feudal capital along Hue's fertile riverbanks and atop its forested hills, but their imperial legacy is just one of many reasons to visit. Hue's refined cuisine is the stuff of legend, and its leafy streets are lined with mossy pagodas, art déco mansions, and eye-popping markets. Through the whole scene flows the Perfume River, setting a languid pace the rest of the city is happy to follow.

Da Nang:

Da Nang is a must-visit destination in Vietnam, celebrated for its picturesque coastline, stunning beaches, and rich cultural and historical significance. Located in central Vietnam, this vibrant city attracts both local and international visitors. With its prime location near three UNESCO World Heritage Sites—Hoi An Ancient Town, My Son Sanctuary, and the Hue Imperial City—and its well-developed infrastructure, Da Nang offers a unique blend of natural beauty and cultural depth, making it an exceptional place to explore.