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Living the Rhythm of Hue - The old Capital



(Image: Royal afternoon tea on Moon River Cruise - Hue – Vietnam)

Trip information:

- **Guest's name:** []
- **Nationality:** []
- **Travel Period:** []
- **Number of group:** []
- **Destinations:** Hue
- **Trip highlights:** *Immerse in a full-day journey of Hue's culture, flavors, and riverside charm*
 - ✦ Wander through **Dong Ba Market**, take in the colors, scents, and bustle of Hue daily local life.
 - ✦ Create your own pottery and share meaningful moments with inspiring local artisans at the **Hope Center** — people with disabilities, disadvantaged children, and ethnic minorities turning clay into hope.
 - ✦ Travel to **Thuy Bieu Village**, explore quiet garden paths, and discover the craft of traditional sesame candy-making. Enjoy a soothing herbal foot bath, then savor a Hue-style lunch in a peaceful local old house.
 - ✦ Board the Moon River Cruise (**joining with others**) along the Perfume River, sip **Royal afternoon tea** as traditional music fills the air and tales of the Perfume River unfold.



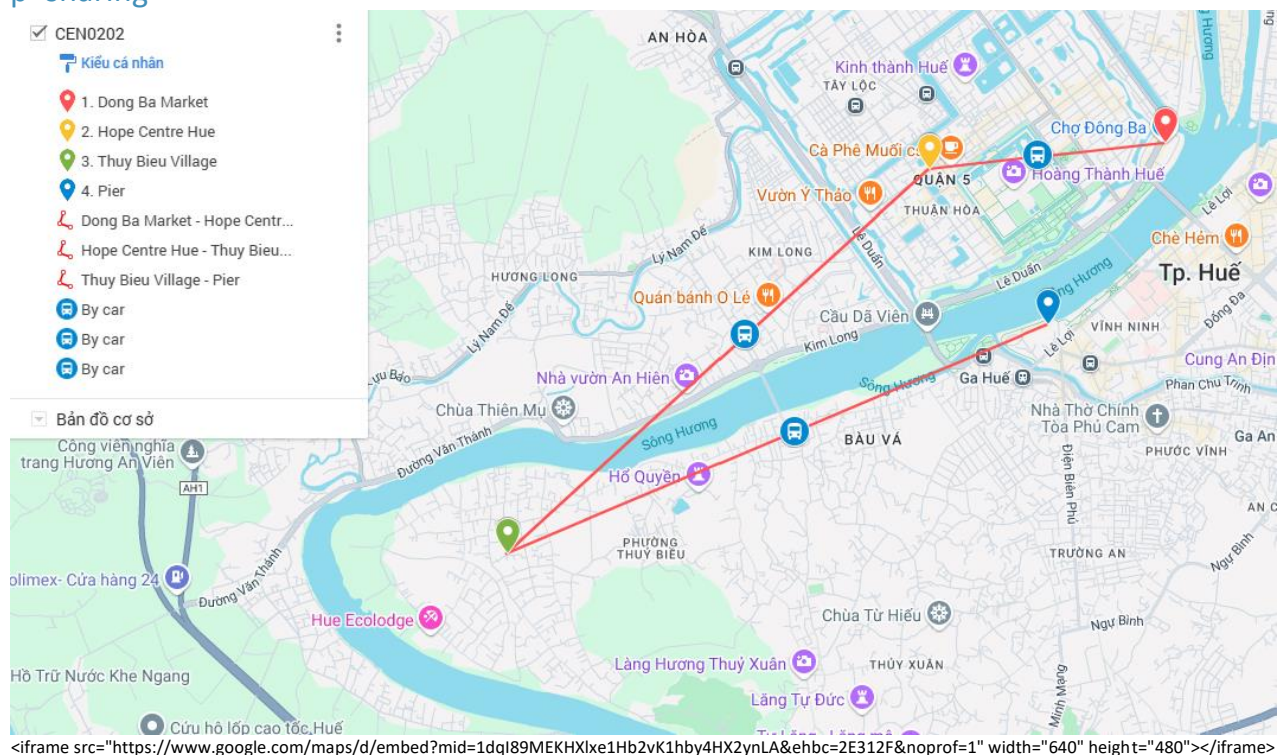
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- Ride a cyclo through the streets of Hue, sample iconic dishes like “banh beo”, “banh nam”, “banh loc”, “bun bo Hue”, ... and end with a 20-flavor Vietnamese sweet soup.

- **Duration:** 1 day
- **Travel styles:** Local life, Family, Nature & Active, Tailor-made
- **Start:** Hue - **Finish:** Hue
- **Physical:** Easy
- **Code:** CEN0105
- **Ages:** 2 - 70
- **Group size:** 2-14 (Please contact us for more support if you are a solo traveler or if your group has more than 14 people).

- **Map:**

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1dqI89MEKHxIxe1Hb2vK1hby4HX2ynLA&usp=sharing>



- **Price:**

Price USD/pax	Group 2-3 pax	Group 4-5 pax	Group 6-7 pax	Group 8-9 pax	Group 10-11 pax	Group 12-14 pax
	USD 142 per pax	USD 117 per pax	USD 107 per pax	USD 102 per pax	USD 100 per pax	USD 98 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.

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



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Activities	Accommodation	Meals
Day 1: Hue – Dong Ba Market – Pottery workshop at Hope Center Hue – Moon River Cruise (joining with others) – cyclo street food dinner (ESG)	N/A	-/L/D

Itinerary:

Day 1: Hue – Dong Ba Market – Hope Center Hue (ESG/-/L/D)

- **08:00:** Our driver and English-speaking local guide will pick you up in central Hue, then transfer to **Dong Ba Market** - the oldest and most bustling market in Hue. Stroll through colorful stalls brimming with local produce, spices, snacks, and traditional goods. This is the perfect place to witness local life and maybe pick up a few authentic souvenirs.



(Image: Dong Ba market – Hue – Vietnam)



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- **09:30:** Continue to the **Hope Center Hue**, a social enterprise supporting people with disabilities through craft-making. Here, you'll join a hands-on pottery workshop, guided by local artisans. Try shaping your own ceramic piece and gain insight into traditional Vietnamese craftsmanship with a meaningful social purpose.



(Image: Hope Center Hue – Hue – Vietnam)

- **11:30 – 14:00:** After pottery workshop, transfer to **Thuy Bieu Village** - a charming countryside escape just a few kilometers from central Hue. Famous for its lush gardens, ancient houses, and fragrant pomelo orchards, this peaceful village offers a glimpse into traditional rural life in Vietnam.
- Meet locals, and learn about traditional **sesame candy-making**. Enjoy a **foot bath with organic herbs** and a **Hue-style lunch** in a local house.



(Image: Sesame candy making – Hue – Vietnam)

- **15:30:** Transfer to **Pier No. 5, Le Loi Street** to board a shared - traditional wooden boat for a 90-minute journey along the Perfume River.
- **16:00 – 17:30:** Settle in with a refined tea set featuring local cakes and preserved fruits as you drift past the poetic riverscapes of Hue. On board, enjoy a duet performance of “**Vietnamese moon-shaped lute**” and “**Vietnamese monochord**”, two iconic Vietnamese instruments known for their delicate, emotional sounds.
- To complete the experience, a local storyteller will share evocative tales of the Perfume River — from royal legends to everyday lives along its banks — bringing Hue’s cultural depth to life through words, music, and serene scenery.



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(Image: Cruise along Perfume River – Hue – Vietnam)



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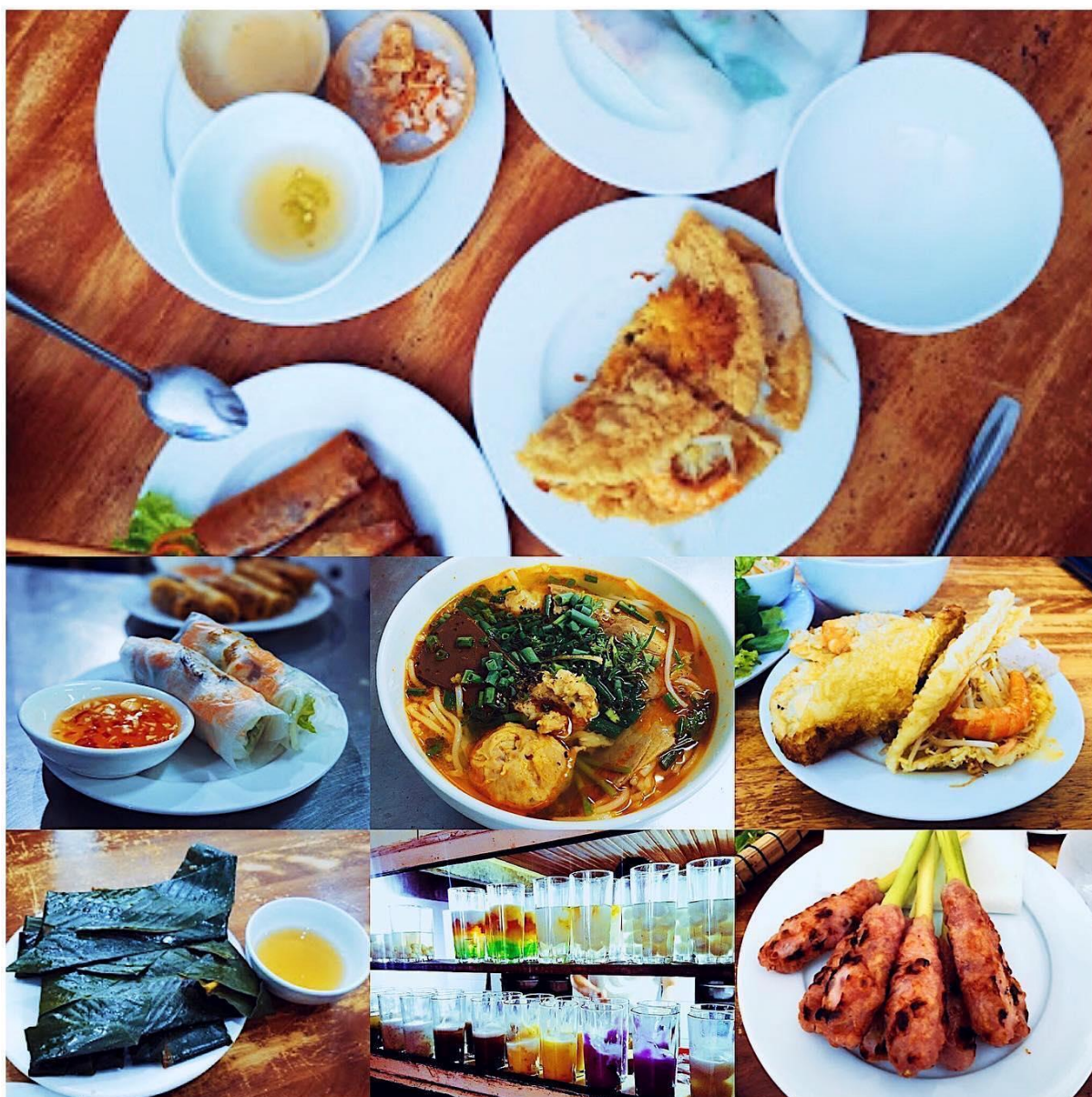
- **17:45:** After the Perfume River cruise, your cyclo drivers will be waiting at the pier to begin your Hue-streetfood adventure. Sit back and enjoy the slow rhythm of the city as you're pedaled through charming colonial streets, local alleys, and riverside paths.



- Along the way, your guide will lead you to some of Hue's most beloved street food stalls, where you'll taste iconic dishes like **Banh beo**, **Banh nam**, **Banh loc** — each with unique flavors that reflect Hue's imperial culinary heritage.
- You'll also have a chance to try **Bun Bo Hue**, the city's famed spicy beef noodle soup, and sip on local drinks. This tour isn't just about food — it's about the stories behind it. Each dish tells its own tale, and your guide will share the cultural roots and fascinating history that make them special.
- **20:00:** End the tour with a sweet treat — Hue's famous 20-flavor Vietnamese sweet dessert, a colorful and refreshing medley of jellies, beans, fruits, and coconut milk — before returning to your hotel. A deliciously immersive evening through Hue's flavors and soul.



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- Return to your hotel. End of the tour.

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 4-8 pax)/ 29-seat coach (for 9-14 pax) as per the above itinerary
- ✓ Water in the car: 2 bottles of 500ml per pax/visiting day
- ✓ English-speaking local guides as mentioned in the above itinerary

*Surcharge (if any):



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- 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)

- ✓ Pottery-making class at Hope Centre Hue.
- ✓ Bike in Thuy Bieu Village
- ✓ Entrance fee for Thuy Bieu Village with a local lunch, sesame candy making and footbath included.
- ✓ Royal afternoon tea on Moon River Cruise with a local – storyteller and a duet performance of “Vietnamese moon-shaped lute” and “Vietnamese monochord”
- ✓ 2-hours Hue’s dinner street food cyclo tour.

Exclusion:

- ✗ Bank transfer fees
- ✗ Surcharge for peak seasons and mandatory dinners at hotels (if applicable)
- ✗ Travel insurance
- ✗ Vietnam 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.
- ✗ Costs for coloring and glazing ceramic products (optional, upon request)
- ✗ 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:

- 04 - 07 years old: 50% of the adult rate.
- 08 – 12 years old: 70% of the adult rate.
- 12 years-and-over: 100% 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



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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.


Short Tours (1 – 3 days)

- 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:

Weather:

Vietnam's unique geography creates a range of weather patterns, with both tropical and temperate zones. The best weather nationwide is from **March to May**, so if you're planning a trip to Vietnam, consider visiting during this time for the most enjoyable weather.

 **Central Vietnam:** This area has only two seasons: dry and rainy. The weather varies due to the Truong Son Mountain range, which strongly influences local climates.

For example, crossing Hai Van Pass between Hue and Da Nang brings a noticeable shift in temperature and weather.

- **Hue:**
 - September-February: Cool to cold; rainy, stormy to cloudy
 - March-August: Warm to hot, sunny, clear skies
- **Best time to visit** the region Recommended travel time: February – Early of May
- **Pack Accordingly:** Pack lightweight clothing for hot weather and bring a raincoat or umbrella for the rainy season.

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.



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- **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)

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

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

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



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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.