

VIETNAM CENTRE (5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS)



ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1: Hue, Heritage and people

Day 2: Hue – Tam Giang – Hoi An

Day 3: Hoi An, at leisure with optional half-day module

Day 4: Hoi An, at leisure

Day 5: Hoi An – Danang's airport



ITINERARY IN DETAILS

Day 1: Hue, Heritage and people (-/L/-)

The tour starts from the hotel's lobby at 8am. We visit the beautiful **Tu Hieu pagoda** and the **Emperor Tu Duc's tomb**. We then veer off the common path and go for an easy cycling ride around the village of the Mandarins. We discover their centuries-old houses set in beautiful orchard-gardens. We meet the Mandarins' descendants and have lunch at one local house. In the afternoon we cross the Perfume River on a boat and dive into the scene of ancient feudality, the **imperial citadel**. We exit the citadel and visit nearby the workshop and gallery of Truc Chi artist. A contemporary artist who created his own art based on bamboo paper carving. We are back at the hotel in the late afternoon. End of the day at leisure.



Day 2: Hue – Tam Giang – Hoi An (B/L/-)

In the morning, we are picked up by our driver and guide. Let's depart for a fun ride starting with the *road of tombs* that leads us to the Northern edge of the longest lagoon of the country. We get to a small fishermen village, a little gem that very few know about. We embark on a local boat for a short escape on the lagoon to discover the ancestral fishing techniques. Lunch will be served at the house of our boatman, fresh seafood from the morning. We then hit the road again, drive on the coastal strip to the South until we reach the Lang Co bay. Then, highlight of the day, we drive up the Hai Van pass and its breathtaking vistas over the sea. We pass Danang and arrive at the hotel in Hoi An in the late afternoon. Evening at leisure.



Day 3: Hoi An, at leisure with optional half-day module (B/-/-)

A day at leisure to discover the old town and eventually spend some time on a sandy beach of the area.

Option #2: Waterways and mangrove of Hoi An, half-day with lunch included

The guide picks you up at the hotel for a short drive to the old town (if your hotel is right in the old town, we will walk from it). As we stroll across the narrow lanes of the ancient port town, the guide gives you a quick orientation tour until we reach the little pier of An Hoi Island. Here we hop on our private long tail boat and venture on the Thu Bon River. The cruise offers us to witness the life of fishermen and riverside residents, before we reach the mangrove area of Cam Thanh. A Mekong delta-like waterscape made of bushes of freshwater coconut trees and narrow canals. We explore it before we get back on land. We continue with the visit of a bamboo handicraft workshop. The craftsman we meet there is very probably the best artist working on bamboo in the entire region, making all sorts of objects and even bicycles. We end the morning with a home-hosted lunch together with our boatman. Afterwards, we drop you at the hotel or at the beach upon your preference.



Day 4: Hoi An, at leisure with optional cooking class (B/-/-)

A day at leisure to discover the old town and eventually spend some time on a sandy beach of the area.

Option #3: Cooking class and gastronomy discovery, half-day with lunch included (joined-in)

The day starts with a tour at the central market of Hoi An. The chef points out the different spices and ingredients that serve as a base of Hoi An cuisine. We then head back to the restaurant and start our cookery session. Some demonstration and some hands-on cooking will allow you to fully immerse into local techniques and flavors. Dine on the freshly-made delicacies. End of the program.

Day 5: Hoi An – Danang (B/-/-)

Day at leisure until we pick you up to drive you to Danang's airport to catch a flight to your following destination.