



HISTORICAL HEART OF VIETNAM SHORTSTAY

Short Stay | 6 Days | Physical Level 1

Danang - Hoi An (3N) – Hue (2N)

Explore the historical heart of Vietnam with a visit to Central Vietnam. Admire the Marble Mountains, explore charming Hoi An and the Imperial Hue by both cyclo & cruise.

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Daily tours and entrance fees
- Transportation and transfers as stated
- English speaking guide

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Day 1: Arrive in Hoi An

Meals: None

Upon arrival at Danang airport you will be met and transferred by private car to the charming town of Hoi An, 30km south of Danang.

En route visit the Cham Museum and the spectacular Marble Mountains.

**Destination Information**

Hoi An – Perhaps more than any other place in Vietnam, Hoi An retains the feel of centuries past. Once known as Faifo, Hoi An was an influential port along the Silk Road. For over 500 years, merchants from China, Japan, France and Portugal settled in the prosperous town, resulting in a distinctive blend of culture.

Cham Museum – Witness the art and treasures of the indigenous people of Central Vietnam in this sculpture museum.

Marble Mountains - Marble Mountains is a group of five limestone peaks situated seven kilometers from downtown Danang. From here you will have a view of Danang Beach where the American Marines had a huge R&R base during the 1960s and 1970s.

Day 2: Explore Hoi An

Meals: B

Today you will enjoy a half-day walking tour of the narrow and ancient streets of this charming town.

Visit one of Hoi An's oldest homes, built over 200 years ago and still occupied by the descendants of the merchant family that originally built it. It is local belief that the ancient houses in Hoi An have a soul, which is displayed on the house as an eye, formed from the Chinese yin-yang symbol. Newly built houses are blind, since they do not have eyes.



Then continue to the traditional Hoi An Market, the Quan Cong Chinese Temple and pass the Japanese Covered Bridge.

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Japanese Covered Bridge – First constructed in the 1590s to link the Japanese and Chinese quarters of the town, this iconic pink hued bridge has been restored to its former splendour.

Day 3: Hoi An at leisure

Meals: B

Enjoy the day at your leisure to explore Hoi An at your own pace or simply relax.



Day 4: Travel to Hue

Meals: B, L

Today, drive along one of Vietnam's most beautiful stretches of road, the Hai Van Pass and on to the former imperial capital of Hue. The trip will take approximately 4 hours by private car.

After checking in to your hotel, you will visit the historic Royal Tombs of Tu Duc and Khai Dinh.



Destination Information

Hue – Having been the imperial capital from 1802 until 1945 after the last emperor abdicated, Hue is still regarded as the centre of Vietnam's culture and religion. The city is dominated by the Imperial Citadel, modelled on the Forbidden City in China. There are many wonderful pagodas and temples of high significance and it contains the Grand Tombs of the Nguyen Emperors.

Tomb of Tu Duc - Tu Duc was the 4th Emperor who was famed for his extravagance. He had 104 concubines, 50 dishes at every meal and a tomb that covered 10 hectares and took 4,000 men three years to build.

Day 5: Discover Hue

Meals: B, L

Today you will enjoy a cyclo ride to discover the Imperial Citadel and the Forbidden Purple City.

Afterwards, you will continue by private car to Thien Mu Pagoda. From the pagoda you will take a relaxing cruise on the Perfume River. *Please note: you will be required to boat unassisted.*

After lunch you will end your day with a visit to Dong Ba Market.

**Destination Information**

Imperial Citadel – A walled fortress accompanied by cannons, artilleries and surrounded by a moat for protection. Inside the Citadel are numerous gates, courtyards and the Forbidden Purple City.

Forbidden Purple City – Constructed for personal use by the Imperial family, their concubines and eunuchs. This royal structure is still being restored many years after the destruction caused by street fighting and bombing during the American war in Vietnam. Wander the grounds and foundations whilst viewing the remaining woodwork and architecture.

Thien Mu Pagoda – This seven-storey octagonal tower is built on a hillock overlooking the Perfume River. Dating back to 1601, it is Hue's oldest and most beautiful pagoda, and considered the unofficial symbol of the city. Wander the grounds where bonsai, ponds and the smell of incense set a peaceful backdrop

Day 6: Depart Hue

Meals: B

After check-out this morning, you will be transferred by private car to Hue airport for your onward flight.



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