

Heritage Sites

Explore Vietnam's most impressive UNESCO-listed attractions, from emerald bays and ancient trading ports to imperial citadels and Cham temple ruins deep in the forest.

6 DAYS

5 DESTINATIONS

NORTH TO CENTRAL

ROUTE MAP



01 Ha Long Bay

Emerald water, dramatic karsts and hidden caves. Best explored on an overnight cruise.

02 Ninh Binh

The former northern capital, submerged rivers mirror jungle clad cliffs. Explore by paddleboat.

03 Hue

Feudal capital of the Nguyen Dynasty on the Perfume River, emperors' tombs and the imperial citadel.

04 Hoi An

Lantern-lined streets, rice paddies, beaches and rivers in a perfectly preserved ancient trading port.

05 My Son

Cham temples and towers built between the 4th and 13th centuries, buried deep in the forest.

DAY BY DAY

D1 Ninh Binh

Hit the highlights of Ninh Binh on a day trip from Hanoi. The area's surreal landscape of flooded limestone peaks is best experienced by paddleboat along the Ngo Dong River at Tam Coc.



D2 Ha Long Bay

Board an overnight cruise on Ha Long Bay and spend the day sailing between the iconic karsts. Kayak into hidden caves, swim in emerald water, and watch the sun set over the sea.



D3 Hue

Wake up on the bay, then fly to Hue in central Vietnam. Arrive in time to walk along the Perfume River at sunset and try Hue's distinct cuisine, the city is famous for its bold, complex flavours.



D4 Hue

A full day to explore Hue's historic landmarks. Visit the Imperial Citadel, cycle out to the royal tombs, and take a dragon boat ride on the river. End the day with a slow cyclo ride at dusk.



D5 Hoi An

Drive over the scenic Hai Van Pass to Hoi An. Spend the afternoon at the beach before exploring the lantern-lit Ancient Town on foot in the evening.



D6 My Son

Take a morning trip to My Son Sanctuary, where Cham tower ruins lie hidden among jungle and forest. Return to Hoi An in the afternoon for a final round of shopping and dining before heading home.



FULL ROUTE

Hanoi → Ninh Binh → Ha Long → Hue → Hoi An → My Son

LOCAL TIP

Enjoy the pace of Hue on a cyclo ride through the citadel streets at dusk.