



H Y N A T R A V E L



DETAILED ITINERARY

9-Day Northern & Central Vietnam Tour

Hanoi – Ninh Binh – Ha Long – Da Nang – Hoi An – Hue



YOUR JOURNEY

Trip at a Glance

DURATION

9 days / 8 nights

ROUTE

Hanoi – Ninh Binh – Ha Long – Da Nang – Hoi An – Hue

TOUR STYLE

Private tour · English-speaking guide on sightseeing days

GETTING AROUND

Private car & driver · domestic flights (not included)

MEALS INCLUDED

8 breakfasts · 6 lunches · 1 dinner

PERFECT FOR

Travellers who want the north's landscapes and central Vietnam's heritage

Tour highlights

- ✓ **Hanoi street food** – an evening food tour on arrival.
- ✓ **Ninh Binh & Ha Long** – two day trips to Vietnam's karst landscapes.
- ✓ **Hanoi city tour** – Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Train Street, the Temple of Literature and a water puppet show.
- ✓ **Marble Mountains & Hoi An** – caves, pagodas, basket boats and lanterns.
- ✓ **Ba Na Hills** – the Golden Bridge.
- ✓ **Hue** – a full day in the imperial city.



YOUR ROUTE

Route Map





DAY BY DAY

Itinerary at a Glance

Day	Itinerary	Guide	Overnight	Meals
Day 1	Hanoi Arrival & Evening Street Food Tour	Guide pickup	Tirant Hotel Hanoi	D
Day 2	Ninh Binh Day Trip: Trang An Boat Ride & Mua Cave	Full day guide	Tirant Hotel Hanoi	B, L
Day 3	Ha Long Bay Day Cruise: Sung Sot Cave, Luon Cave & Ti Top	Full day guide	Tirant Hotel Hanoi	B, L
Day 4	Hanoi Full-Day City Tour & Water Puppet Show	Full day guide	Tirant Hotel Hanoi	B, L
Day 5	Flight to Da Nang	Guide for airport transfers	Radisson Hotel Danang Da Nang	B
Day 6	Linh Ung Pagoda, Marble Mountains, Coconut Boat & Hoi An Lanterns	Full day guide	Radisson Hotel Danang Da Nang	B, L
Day 7	Ba Na Hills Full-Day Tour: Golden Bridge & French Village	Full day guide	Radisson Hotel Danang Da Nang	B, L
Day 8	Hue Full-Day Tour: Khai Dinh Tomb, Imperial Citadel & Thien Mu	Full day guide	Radisson Hotel Danang Da Nang	B, L
Day 9	Da Nang Departure	Guide dropoff	—	B

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner



DAY 1 HANOI

Hanoi Arrival & Evening Street Food Tour

Overnight: Tirant Hotel, Hanoi | Meals: Dinner · Lunch on your own | Guide: Guide pickup



On arrival

Welcome to Vietnam. Your HYNA guide and driver wait for you in the arrival hall at Noi Bai International Airport with a name sign, then take you to your hotel in the **Old Quarter**. Check in, rest after the flight and let the hum of scooters outside tell you that you have arrived.

Evening

Your guide meets you at the hotel around 6:00 PM for a food walk through the Old Quarter, just as charcoal smoke drifts from the grills and families settle onto low plastic stools along the pavement. Begin with a steaming bowl of **pho**, then a crackling **banh mi**, **grilled pork with rice noodles** and a basket of fresh herbs, and a sweet **sticky-rice dessert**. Between bites, your guide explains how Hanoians eat, trade and live on these narrow streets. The walk ends over a cup of **egg coffee**, rich and velvety, the city's signature drink. Tonight's street food is your dinner, and vegetarian dishes can be arranged. You are back at your hotel by about 8:30 PM.



DAY 2 HANOI – NINH BINH

Ninh Binh Day Trip: Trang An Boat Ride & Mua Cave

Overnight: Tirant Hotel, Hanoi | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch · Dinner on your own | Guide: Full day guide



Morning

Your guide and driver meet you at your hotel around 7:30 AM, and after a drive of about two hours south the city gives way to Ninh Binh, a land of limestone karsts and rice fields often called "**Ha Long Bay** on land".

At **Trang An**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, you step into a traditional sampan and a local rower takes the oars. The boat slips between sheer green peaks and through low cave tunnels, where you duck your head and hear only dripping water and the steady stroke of the oars. Back in the daylight, rice paddies and quiet temples line the banks.

Midday

Lunch around 12:30 PM is at a local restaurant in Ninh Binh, a welcome pause before the climb.

Afternoon

In the afternoon, take the stone steps of **Mua Cave** up to the summit.

The effort pays off at the top: the whole **Tam Coc** and Trang An landscape lies below, rivers curling through the paddy fields and karst peaks fading row after row into the haze. The small dragon statue on the peak makes a classic photo. Then settle in for the drive back to Hanoi, reaching your hotel by about 6:30 PM.

**DAY 3 HANOI – HA LONG BAY****Ha Long Bay Day Cruise: Sung Sot Cave, Luon Cave & Ti Top****Overnight:** Tirant Hotel, Hanoi | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch · **Dinner on your own** | **Guide:** Full day guide**Morning**

Your guide and driver meet you at your hotel around 8:00 AM for the drive of about two and a half hours along the expressway to **Tuan Chau Harbour**.

There you board your day cruise and sail out into **Ha Long Bay**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where close to 2,000 limestone islands and islets rise straight out of jade-green water.

Midday

Lunch is served on board around midday while the boat threads its way between the islets, each cliff face a different shade of grey and green.

Afternoon

Step ashore to walk through **Sung Sot Cave**, one of the largest in the bay, where vast chambers are hung with stalactites and stalagmites.

At **Luon Cave**, paddle a kayak or sit back in a bamboo boat rowed by a local, gliding under a low stone arch into a still lagoon walled by green cliffs, where the loudest sound is the dip of the paddle.

The last stop is **Ti Top Island**: climb the steps to the viewpoint for a wide sweep over the bay, or swim at the small beach below.

Evening

The cruise returns to the harbour and you drive back to Hanoi, arriving at your hotel by about 8:30 PM.



DAY 4 HANOI

Hanoi Full-Day City Tour & Water Puppet Show

Overnight: Tirant Hotel, Hanoi | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch · Dinner on your own | Guide: Full day guide



Morning

Your guide meets you at your hotel around 8:00 AM, and the day opens at **Ba Dinh Square** and the **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum**, where President Ho Chi Minh lies in state.

Walk past the yellow **Presidential Palace**, his simple stilt house and the **One Pillar Pagoda**, rising from its pond like a lotus. The mausoleum opens in the morning and closes on Mondays, Fridays and during its yearly maintenance; on those days you see it from the square.

Next comes **Tran Quoc Pagoda**, the city's oldest, its red brick tower rising from a small peninsula on **West Lake**.

At **Train Street**, the railway runs a few steps from front doors and tiny cafés.

Midday

Lunch around midday is at a local restaurant.

Afternoon

The **Temple of Literature**, Vietnam's first university, founded in 1070, is a world of shaded courtyards, a lotus pond and stone stelae carved with the names of doctoral laureates.

Then wander the **Old Quarter**, each lane once home to its own craft, and watch daily life flow around **Hoan Kiem Lake**.

Evening

Around 5:00 PM, take your seat for a water puppet show, where lacquered wooden figures dance across a pool stage to live folk music. You are back at your hotel by about 6:30 PM; dinner is at your own choice.



DAY 5 HANOI – DA NANG

Flight to Da Nang

Overnight: Radisson Hotel Danang, Da Nang
Guide for airport transfers

Meals: Breakfast · Lunch and dinner on your own

Guide:



Morning

After breakfast, your guide accompanies you to Noi Bai International Airport for your domestic flight to Da Nang, the coastal city at the heart of central Vietnam.

On arrival

Your HYNA guide and driver meet you at Da Nang International Airport and take you to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours: walk barefoot along the long sand of **My Khe Beach**, or stroll beside the **Han River** as the city lights come on.



DAY 6 DA NANG – HOI AN

Linh Ung Pagoda, Marble Mountains, Coconut Boat & Hoi An Lanterns

Overnight: Radisson Hotel Danang, Da Nang

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch • **Dinner on your own**

Guide: Full day guide



Morning

Your guide and driver meet you at your hotel around 8:00 AM and follow the winding road up the **Son Tra** Peninsula to **Linh Ung Pagoda**.

Its white **Lady Buddha** statue towers over Da Nang Bay, and the breeze carries incense and sea salt together.

Heading south, you reach the **Marble Mountains**, a cluster of marble and limestone hills hollowed with cave temples and pagodas; climb to a viewpoint where the city and coastline spread out below.

Midday

Lunch around midday is at a local restaurant near Hoi An.

Afternoon

In the water-coconut forest of **Cam Thanh**, climb into a round basket boat and watch the boatmen spin it in dizzy circles, then try your hand at casting a fishing net.

Later, walk the lanes of **Hoi An Ancient Town**, a UNESCO-listed trading port of mustard-yellow merchant houses, the **Japanese Covered Bridge** and ornate assembly halls.

Evening

As dusk falls and silk lanterns glow along the streets, dinner is yours to choose among the town's many restaurants. Afterwards, set a flower lantern afloat on the **Hoai River** and make a wish before the drive back to Da Nang, reaching your hotel by about 8:30 PM.

**DAY 7 DA NANG****Ba Na Hills Full-Day Tour: Golden Bridge & French Village****Overnight:** Radisson Hotel Danang, Da Nang
guide**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch · **Dinner on your own****Guide:** Full day**Morning**

Your guide and driver meet you at your hotel around 8:00 AM for the drive of about 45 minutes to **Ba Na Hills**. The cable car lifts you high over the forest canopy, and the air turns cooler as Da Nang shrinks behind you.

At the top, walk out onto the **Golden Bridge**, held up by a pair of giant weathered stone hands and one of Vietnam's most photographed landmarks.

Continue into the cool vaults of the old **Debay Wine Cellar** and the flower beds of **Le Jardin D'Amour**.

Midday

A buffet lunch around midday is served at a restaurant in Ba Na Hills.

Afternoon

In the afternoon, wander the **French Village**, where cobblestone streets lead to a town square and a stone cathedral, often softened by drifting mountain mist.

Then let loose among the rides and games of **Fantasy Park**, one of the largest indoor amusement parks in Vietnam, before the cable car carries you back down in the late afternoon. You are back at your hotel by about 5:00 PM.



DAY 8 DA NANG – HUE

Hue Full-Day Tour: Khai Dinh Tomb, Imperial Citadel & Thien Mu

Overnight: Radisson Hotel Danang, Da Nang | **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch · **Dinner on your own** | **Guide:** Full day guide



Morning

Your guide and driver meet you at your hotel around 7:00 AM for the drive north over the **Hai Van Pass**, where the coastal road climbs between green mountains and the sea.

Stop at the top for photos, then look down on the silver sweep of **Lap An Lagoon** near **Lang Co**. Arriving in Hue, visit the tomb of Emperor Khai Dinh, a striking blend of Eastern and Western styles whose halls glitter with mosaics of porcelain and glass.

Midday

Lunch around midday is a feast of Hue specialties, from a city whose cooking was shaped by the royal court.

Afternoon

Pass through the massive gates of the **Imperial Citadel**, seat of the Nguyen emperors, as your guide brings their stories to life among the courtyards and palaces of the former royal capital.

End at **Thien Mu Pagoda**, its seven-storey tower standing on the bank of the **Perfume River**, the calm, slow-moving river that runs through the heart of Hue.

Evening

The drive back to Da Nang takes about two and a half hours, and you are back at your hotel by about 6:30 PM.



DAY 9 DEPARTURE

Da Nang Departure

Overnight: — | Meals: Breakfast · Lunch and dinner on your own | Guide: Guide dropoff



Morning

Enjoy a last breakfast at your hotel and a slow final morning in Da Nang.

Departure

Depending on your flight time, your guide accompanies you on the private transfer to Da Nang International Airport for your flight home. Thank you for travelling with HYNA. We hope the taste of pho, the glow of Hoi An's lanterns and the quiet of Hue stay with you long after you leave.



YOUR TOUR

What's Included

PRICE ON REQUEST

The price of this itinerary depends on your travel dates, group size and hotel class.

See the last page to request your personal quote.

Included	Not included
✓ Private English-speaking guide on sightseeing days (see the Guide column) ✓ Airport pick-up and drop-off with your English-speaking guide ✓ Transportation as described in the itinerary ✓ Accommodation as described in the itinerary (hotel class of your choice) ✓ Daily breakfast at the hotel ✓ Meals as listed in the itinerary (B, L, D) ✓ Drinking water on tour days ✓ Entrance fees for the attractions listed ✓ Activities listed in the itinerary (boat trips, cable cars, workshops, performances) ✓ Travel insurance ✓ VAT and service charges	✗ International flights ✗ Domestic flights (unless otherwise stated) ✗ Vietnam visa fee (if applicable) ✗ Personal expenses – laundry, minibar, phone calls, etc. ✗ Tips for guide and driver: USD 3 per person per day ✗ Optional tours and activities not in the itinerary ✗ Meals and drinks not listed in the itinerary ✗ Early check-in and late check-out ✗ Public holiday, peak season and special event surcharges (if applicable) ✗ Any service not listed under “Included”

Accommodation

Destination	Nights	Hotel / Cruise
Hanoi	4	Tirant Hotel or similar
Da Nang	4	Radisson Hotel Danang or similar

Check-in from 2:00 PM, check-out by 12:00 PM.



Children policy

Age	Policy
Under 5 years	• Free of charge for land services (transport, meals, accommodation, entrance fees) • Shares bed with parents; no extra bed • Maximum 1 free child per 2 paying adults (unless otherwise specified) • Additional young children may be charged according to supplier policy • Airfare, visa, travel insurance and personal expenses are charged separately
5 – 9 years	• With extra bed: 75% of the adult price • Without extra bed: 65% of the adult price • Child airfare varies by airline and will be advised separately
10 years and over	• 100% of the adult price

A child's age is based on the tour start date, not the booking date.



BOOKING

How to Book

1

Confirm your trip

We confirm the services and itinerary by email, then both parties sign the travel contract.

2

Pay the deposit

A 50% deposit secures all services for your trip.

3

Pay the balance

The remaining 50% is due at least 7 days before departure.

4

Get ready to travel

Once payment is received, we email your booking confirmation and open a WhatsApp group with our operations team. There you will receive travel updates, send us the documents we need, and reach us any time before and during your trip.

Payment terms

Deposit	50% upon confirmation
Balance	50% no later than 7 days before arrival
Payment methods	Wise, OnePay payment link, Western Union, bank transfer
Bank details	Provided on your invoice
Card fees	Visa / Mastercard 3.8%; American Express 3.85%
Invoices	Sent to your email within 48 hours of booking confirmation

Cancellation policy

Cancellation notice	Charge
31 days or more before departure	30% of the tour price
8 – 30 days before departure	50% of the tour price
7 days or less before departure	100% of the tour price
Any time	Airfares booked by HYNA are non-refundable. Refunds exclude international transaction fees.

Different cancellation terms may apply during peak season (Christmas and New Year) and public holidays; we will advise these case by case.



BEFORE YOU GO

Good to Know

Vietnam public holidays

Holiday	Date
New Year's Day	1 January
Lunar New Year (Tet)	1st day of the 1st lunar month – 17 February 2026; 6 February 2027. The official multi-day holiday is announced by the government each year.
Hung Kings Commemoration	10th day of the 3rd lunar month (usually April)
Reunification Day	30 April
International Labour Day	1 May
National Day	2 September (plus one adjacent day)

Surcharges may apply on public holidays and during the Christmas – New Year peak season.

Practical notes

- **Itinerary changes:** the schedule may be adjusted for weather, road conditions or flight times.
- **Closed attractions:** if a site is closed for maintenance or a holiday, we will arrange a similar alternative.
- **Meals:** Vietnamese cuisine is served; vegetarian options are available. Please tell us about allergies or dietary needs in advance.
- **Dress code:** shoulders and knees must be covered at pagodas, temples and mausoleums. Visitors in shorts or tank tops may be refused entry.
- **Flights:** full passport names are required for bookings. Airfares can change without notice until tickets are issued.
- **Tipping:** a gratuity of USD 3 per person per day for your guide and driver is required and collected at the end of the tour, in USD or VND.



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