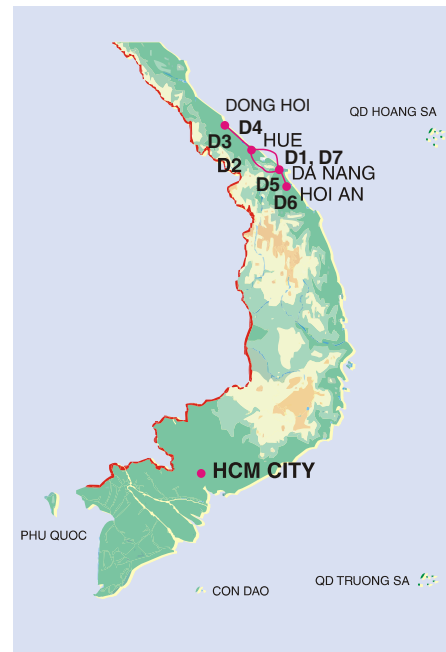


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**(7D/6N Program)**



**Danang - Hue - Dong Hoi - Phong Nha - Hue - Hoi An - Danang**

**Day 1: Danang - Hue (-, -, -)**

Saigontourist representative will greet and pick you up at Danang airport on arrival. Depart for Hue by a scenic drive via the Pass of Ocean Clouds and the scenic fishing village of Lang Co. Enjoy the beautiful landscapes and panoramic views of the clouds, the sea and the mountains during the journey. On arrival in Hue, the former imperial capital of Vietnam, have a panorama tour of Hue before driving to your hotel for check-in. Optional with surcharge: Enjoy a Hue folk show on a barge on the Perfume River in the evening. Stay overnight in Hue.



*Ancient citadel - Quang Tri*

**Day 2: Hue (B, -, -)**

Enjoy a full day tour of Hue, a former imperial city of Vietnam ruled by 13 Nguyen dynasties. Explore the Royal Citadel, built in 1804 on a site chosen in accordance with geomancy. The tour of Imperial City features Flag Tower, Noon Gate, Nine Dynastic Urns, Nine Holy Cannons, Thai Hoa Palace (Palace of Supreme Harmony), and Forbidden Purple City. The next stop is the lively Dong Ba market. In the afternoon pay visits to the elaborate mausoleums of King Tu Duc (ruled 1848 - 1883). Then, drop into Thien Mu Pagoda, one of the oldest ancient architectural structures for religious worship in Hue, and from here take a boat cruise along Perfume River returning to your hotel. Stay overnight in Hue.

**Day 3: Hue - DMZ - Dong Hoi (B, -, -)**

Drive for Quang Tri town where you can see some war remnants and the original ramparts and gates of former Quang Tri Citadel. Stop over at Ben Hai River, formerly known as a demarcation line between the North and the South of Vietnam. Then proceed to Vinh Moc with the amazing 2.8 km of underground tunnels, dug to accommodate an underground village safe from American air raids in the north of the DMZ. Continue driving through the sites of the former fierce battle fields of Dong Ha, Doc Mieu and Vinh Linh before arriving in Dong Hoi. Stay overnight in Dong Hoi.



*Palace of Supreme Harmony - Hue*



*Phong Nha Cavern*

# Central Highlights

**Day 4: Dong Hoi - Phong Nha - Hue (B, -, -)**

Before leaving for Phong Nha, wander about the Nhat Le Fish Market, with sellers and buyers invariably wearing the ubiquitous conical hat. Transfer to the Xuan Son river wharf (45km) and take a boat trip on the Son River to spectacular Phong Nha Cavern, formed about 250 million years ago and recognized as World Natural Heritage site. Climb about 400 steps to splendid Tien Son Cave (1km), the most magnificent limestone cave in Vietnam and just opened in 2000. Travel southwards to Hue (220km) along the Truong Son Road (former Ho Chi Minh trail). Some war vestiges can be visited en route to include Ben Tat Bridge, Truong Son Cemetery, etc. Stay overnight in Hue.

**Day 5: Hue - Danang - Hoi An (B, -, -)**

In the morning leave Hue by road for Danang via the 6,280-metre-long Hai Van Tunnel, the longest highway tunnel in Southeast Asia. On arrival in Danang, visit the Museum of Cham Sculpture (closed on Monday) with the World's finest collection of some 300 Cham sculpture exhibits dating from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> centuries, the Marble Mountains (or Ngu Hanh Son) of the five sacred elements (metal, wood, water, fire and soil) with numerous caves and

**NB: B: breakfast, L: lunch, D: dinner.**

Buddhist shrines and the stone-carving village of Non Nuoc. Then proceed to Hoi An ancient town, a major Asian trading port in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. Relax at one of the most beautiful beaches of Vietnam and enjoy the hotel/resort facilities or rest of the day. Stay overnight in Hoi An.



*Dong Hoi Beach*



*Hoi An Ancient Town*

**Day 6: Hoi An (B, -, -)**

In the morning, have a walking tour of the ancient town centre. Stroll around the Japanese and Chinese Quarters to visit a number of temples, pagodas, communal houses, traditional shops, local markets and other places of interest and watch local daily activities, handicraftsmen at work and a lively show of

traditional dancing and music. Afternoon relax on the beach or enjoy hotel facilities. Stay overnight in Hoi An.

**Day 7: Departure from Danang (B, -, -)**

Spend last minutes shopping before check-out. Transfer to Danang airport or Danang train station for departure.