

VIETNAM

Vietnam is known for its stunning landscapes, rich history, and vibrant culture. From the bustling streets of Ho Chi Minh City and the ancient charm of Hanoi to the serene beauty of Ha Long Bay and the lush Mekong Delta, Vietnam offers diverse experiences. Visitors can explore ancient temples, savour delicious cuisine, and enjoy the warm hospitality of the Vietnamese people. Whether you seek adventure, relaxation, or cultural immersion, Vietnam promises an unforgettable journey through its dynamic cities and tranquil countryside.



The red background of the Vietnamese flag represents revolution and the sacrifices made during the struggle. The golden star symbolizes the nation's spirit, with its five points representing the key classes in Vietnamese society: intellectuals, farmers, workers, entrepreneurs, and soldiers.

EVENTS & FESTIVALS

TET NGUYEN DAN (LUNAR NEW YEAR):

Tet Nguyen Dan, commonly known as Tet, is Vietnam's most important holiday, celebrating the Lunar New Year and the

arrival of spring. During this time, families come together to honour their ancestors, share special meals, and engage in various traditional customs and activities. The streets are beautifully decorated, and fireworks illuminate the sky. Most shops close for days, and the country, while filled with celebratory spirit, seems to come to a standstill, creating a unique and inspiring sense of unity and joy.

MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL (TET TRUNG THU):

Celebrated on the 15th day of the eighth lunar month, the Mid-Autumn Festival is a joyful time for families to come together and enjoy mooncakes, lantern processions, and lion dances. This festive occasion is especially delightful for children, who revel in the vibrant lanterns and the lively atmosphere.

HÙNG KINGS TEMPLE FESTIVAL:

The Hùng Kings Temple Festival commemorates the first king of Vietnam, King Vương. He is a legendary figure, and his origin story is celebrated every year in either April or May as a testament to Vietnam's epic history. To join the festival, travel to the Hùng Temple in Việt Trì City, where you can witness hundreds of lanterns set aloft into the sky on the eve of the festival. On the day of the festival, watch as processions of pilgrims make their way up the mountain.



FAST FACTS



Hanoi



Vietnamese

English is commonly spoken in city areas and tourist locations.



100.3 million (2023)



Vietnamese đồng (VND)



+84



110 / 220 Volts, 50 Hertz



331,344.82 km²



UTC/GMT +7

DID YOU KNOW?

- **COFFEE CULTURE:** Vietnam is the world's second-largest coffee exporter after Brazil, renowned for its distinctive coffee culture. The country is especially famous for its robust and flavorful Vietnamese iced coffee (cà phê sữa đá), a true delight for coffee lovers.
- **LONGEST BEACHES:** Vietnam is home to one of the world's longest beaches, Non Nuoc Beach in Da Nang, which stretches over an impressive 30 kilometers (18.6 miles).
- **VENDORS ON MOTORBIKES:** In Vietnam, the bustling streets are filled with the lively sights and sounds of street vendors selling various goods, from fragrant flowers to delicious food and even functional furniture strapped to the backs of their motorbikes. These mobile vendors infuse the Vietnamese street life with energy and vibrancy, creating a dynamic and bustling, quintessentially Vietnamese atmosphere.
- **WATER PUPPETRY:** Water puppetry (múa rối nước) is a traditional Vietnamese art form with a history spanning over a thousand years. This enchanting performance features puppets dancing on water, brought to life by live music and captivating storytelling.
- **VIETNAMESE ZODIAC:** The Vietnamese zodiac has notable similarities to the Chinese zodiac but with two distinctive variances. Instead of the rabbit, the Vietnamese zodiac includes the cat, and it replaces the ox with the water buffalo.
- **HIDDEN CAVES:** Vietnam is home to some of the world's most awe-inspiring and largest caves, including Son Doong Cave, the largest cave on Earth. Discovered in 1991, Son Doong Cave boasts its own river, jungle, and unique climate, creating a breathtaking subterranean world.

1 CAN THO	✓	✓	✗	✓
2 DA NANG	✓	✓	✓	✓
3 DALAT	✓	✓	✓	✗
4 HAI PHONG	✓	✓	✓	✓
5 HANOI	✓	✓	✓	✗
6 HO CHI MINH CITY	✓	✓	✓	✓

7 HOI AN	✗	✓	✗	✓
8 HUE	✓	✓	✓	✓
9 NHA TRANG	✓	✓	✓	✓
10 PHAN THIET	✗	✓	✓	✓
11 QUY NHON	✓	✓	✓	✓
12 VUNG TAU	✗	✓	✗	✓



TRANSPORTATION

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS

- SGN Tan Son Nhat International Airport
- HAN Noi Bai International Airport
- DAD Da Nang International Airport
- CXR Cam Ranh International Airport
- HUI Phu Bai International Airport
- PQC Phu Quoc International Airport

COUNTRY COMBINATIONS

A trip to Vietnam provides a seamless blend with neighboring countries such as Cambodia, Laos, and Thailand. From Vietnam's bustling cities to Cambodia's historical wonders in Siem Reap, Laos' serene landscapes, and Thailand's vibrant culture, travelers can explore diverse experiences in a single journey. Vietnam serves as a gateway to Southeast Asia, offering a rich tapestry of cultural heritage, scenic beauty, and exciting adventures that effortlessly connect with the charms of its neighbouring nations.



HANOI

Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam, is a city with over 1,000 years of history, captivating visitors with its enchanting Old Quarter, where streets date back to the 19th century. The name Hanoi combines "Ha" (river) and "Noi" (inner, inside), meaning "the city located within the river," aptly describing its location on the banks of the Red River. Discover stunning impressionist artworks at the Fine Arts Museum, or explore contemporary masterpieces at Manzi and the Vietnam Art Gallery. Hoan Kiem Lake, the vibrant heart of Hanoi, buzzes with activity as locals enjoy morning walks and serene sunsets. This dynamic blend of history, art, and daily life creates an unforgettable experience for all who visit.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Hanoi is famous for its "tube houses," which are narrow but extend far back. This unique architectural style emerged due to high land taxes that were based on the width of the street-facing facade. As a result, residents built narrow, multi-story houses to minimize tax costs while maximizing living space.

FOOD

BÚN CHÁ: Bún chả, a dish closely associated with Hanoi, is a delightful combination of flavours and textures. It features grilled pork meatballs served in a bowl of cold, tangy broth and a plate of rice noodles. This savoury meal is completed with fresh greens, including perilla leaves, lettuce, coriander, and morning glory, making it a quintessential taste of Hanoi's vibrant culinary scene.

BÁNH CUỐN: Bánh cuốn is a beloved Vietnamese street food featuring delicate, steamed rice rolls filled with pork, mushrooms, or both. Typically enjoyed for breakfast, these rolls are served with fried shallots, sweet and sour fish sauce, fresh herbs, and a tangy lime-based sauce. Crafting these ultra-thin, translucent rolls requires exceptional skill. The combination of flavours and textures in bánh cuốn makes it a delightful culinary experience, reflecting the artistry of Vietnamese cuisine.

BÁNH TRÔI: Bánh trôi is a delightful Vietnamese dessert from glutinous rice balls filled with sweet dark palm sugar. The sticky dough, a blend of plain and glutinous rice flour mixed with water, is shaped into small balls and cooked until they float. Typically associated with northern Vietnam and Hanoi, these treats are served fresh, sprinkled with roasted sesame seeds or grated coconut.



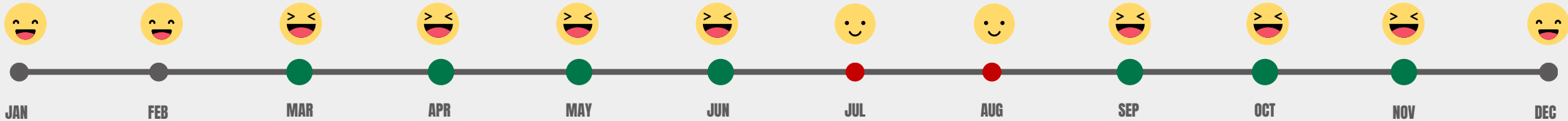
ACTIVITIES

VISIT HA LONG: A day cruise in Ha Long Bay is delightful, but an overnight cruise

truly lets you savour this stunning region. Spend your days kayaking, swimming, and exploring limestone caves and floating villages. As night falls, relax on deck under a canopy of stars, experiencing the serene beauty of Ha Long Bay like never before.

WATER PUPPETRY: Experience the enchanting art of water puppetry in Hanoi! Begin your adventure at a workshop brimming with wooden puppet parts. Delight in a traditional theatre performance before crafting your own dragon puppet and painting it with a rainbow of colours.

WALK AROUND HOAN KIEM LAKE: Take a leisurely stroll around Hoan Kiem Lake, a peaceful oasis in the city's heart. Explore Ngoc Son Temple, located on a small island that can be reached via the iconic red Huc Bridge. The lake and temple are ideal for relaxation and quiet contemplation amid the urban bustle.



BEST TIME

From March to early June or September to November, you can expect sunny skies, pleasant temperatures, and ideal exploration and outdoor activities conditions. These periods are perfect for cruising in Ha Long Bay, exploring the bustling streets of Hanoi, or trekking through the scenic landscapes of Sapa.

PROMOTIONAL SEASON

Late June to August brings diverse weather to Northern Vietnam. Hanoi experiences hot and humid conditions, with temperatures reaching up to 40°C and frequent heavy rains. In Halong Bay, expect regular downpours and occasional cruise cancellations due to tropical storms.

SHOULDER SEASON

Ha Long Bay is often shrouded in heavy mist from December to February. In Hanoi, December ushers in cool, misty weather, with temperatures dipping to 10°C from late December through March.

1 OLD QUARTER (HOAN KIEM)

The heart of Hanoi is known for its bustling streets, historic charm, and vibrant atmosphere. This area is packed with street vendors, cafes, and shops, making it a lively place to stay. Its central location offers easy access to key attractions like Hoan Kiem Lake, Ngoc Son Temple, and numerous markets and eateries.

2 FRENCH QUARTER

The French Quarter is characterized by its elegant boulevards, colonial architecture, and upscale ambience. This area is home to the Hanoi Opera House, luxury hotels, high-end restaurants, and embassies. It's a quieter and more refined alternative to the Old Quarter, ideal for those looking for a sophisticated stay.

3 WEST LAKE (TAY HO)

Tay Ho, or West Lake, is a scenic area famous for its picturesque views, trendy cafes, and serene atmosphere. This district offers a mix of luxury and boutique hotels, making it perfect for those seeking a more relaxed stay. The area also has significant landmarks like the Tran Quoc Pagoda and several international restaurants and bars.

4 BA DINH DISTRICT

Ba Dinh District is rich in history and home to landmarks such as the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, the Presidential Palace, and the One Pillar Pagoda. This area offers a more residential feel with several mid-range hotels and guesthouses. Staying here provides a quieter environment while being close to many of Hanoi's key historical sites.

5 HAI BA TRUNG

Hai Ba Trung is a bustling district known for its shopping centers, nightlife, and modern conveniences. It's slightly less touristy than the Old Quarter but offers plenty of dining, entertainment, and accommodation options. This area is ideal for those looking to experience a blend of local life and urban vibrancy.

6 DONG DA DISTRICT

Dong Da is a diverse district that combines residential charm with cultural attractions such as the Temple of Literature and the Imperial Citadel of Thang Long. It offers a range of accommodations from budget hostels to mid-range hotels. This less crowded area provides a more laid-back experience while being close to major tourist sites.



LANDMARKS



THE OLD QUARTER

The Old Quarter of Hanoi is a lively network of narrow streets historically associated with a particular trade or craft. This vibrant area features a mix of colonial buildings, ancient temples, and local markets. Tourists can explore the bustling streets, try tasty street food, and purchase one-of-a-kind souvenirs while enjoying Hanoi's genuine appeal.

HO CHI MINH MAUSOLEUM

The Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum is a monumental site where visitors can pay their respects to Vietnam's revered leader, Ho Chi Minh. This grand structure is in Ba Dinh Square, where Ho Chi Minh declared Vietnam's independence in 1945. The lush gardens and impressive architecture complement the mausoleum's solemn atmosphere.

TEMPLE OF LITERATURE

The Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university, dates back to 1070 and is dedicated to Confucius. This well-preserved temple complex features traditional Vietnamese architecture, lush gardens, and tranquil courtyards. Visitors can explore the Stelae of Doctors, stone tablets inscribed with the names of scholars, and soak in the historical and cultural significance of this revered site.

HOI AN

Discover Hoi An, a unique UNESCO World Heritage site where history, culture, and beauty intertwine. Situated on the banks of the Thu Bon River, this ancient town is a living testament to the past, with its well-preserved architecture that spans from traditional wooden Chinese shophouses to vibrant French colonial buildings. The streets come alive with the glow of colourful lanterns, casting a magical spell, especially after sunset. Visitors can enjoy the rich cultural heritage, vibrant markets, and tantalizing cuisine.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Hoi An is mainly situated less than two meters above sea level, making it susceptible to rising ocean levels and climate change. In recent years, the town has faced considerable flooding, including the most severe on record in November 2017. Consequently, UNESCO has identified Hoi An as a location at risk due to climate change impacts.
- Parts of Hoi An Ancient Town are designated as pedestrian-only zones during certain times of the day, making it one of the best car-free towns in the world. This allows visitors to explore the town's charming streets without the hustle of motor traffic

FOOD

CAO LẦU: Cao Lau is a signature noodle dish of Hoi An. It features thick, chewy noodles made from rice soaked in water from the ancient Bá Lễ well. The dish is topped with slices of savoury roast pork, fresh herbs, bean sprouts, and crispy rice crackers, all enhanced with a flavorful broth. The unique texture and taste of the noodles set Cao Lau apart from other Vietnamese noodle dishes.

BÁNH BAO BÁNH VẠC: White Rose Dumplings, or Banh Bao Banh Vac, are delicate, translucent dumplings shaped like roses, made from a special rice flour dough. They are filled with a mixture of shrimp or pork, with a hint of garlic and shallots, and steamed to perfection. These dumplings are served with a sweet and tangy dipping sauce made from shrimp broth, lemon, sugar, and chillies. The name "White Rose" comes from the dumplings' appearance, which resembles a blossoming flower.

COM GA HOI AN: Com Ga Hoi An is a flavorful chicken rice dish that showcases the region's culinary simplicity and depth of flavour. It consists of shredded poached chicken served over turmeric-infused rice, cooked in rich chicken broth. Fresh herbs, pickled vegetables, and a flavorful chicken broth accompany the dish. The combination of tender chicken, aromatic rice, and vibrant accompaniments makes Com Ga Hoi An a beloved local favourite.

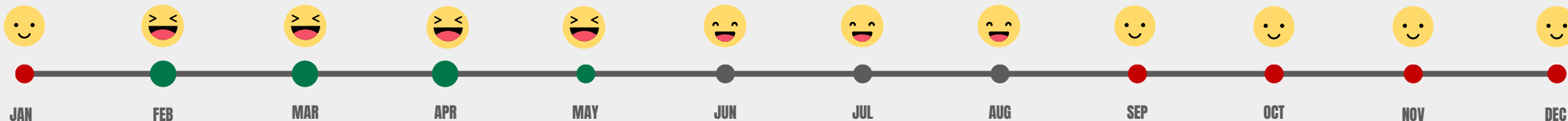


ACTIVITIES

A BASKET BOAT TOUR: Cam Thanh Coconut Village offers unique basket boat tours through scenic waterways and coconut groves. This fun and interactive experience includes learning traditional fishing techniques and enjoying the area's natural beauty.

VISIT TRA QUE VEGETABLE VILLAGE: Explore Tra Que Vegetable Village, known for its organic farming practices. Here, you can participate in traditional gardening activities, learn about local herbs and vegetables, and enjoy a farm-to-table culinary experience.

VISIT THE MY SON SANCTUARY: Take a day trip to My Son Sanctuary, an ancient complex of Hindu temples built by the Champa Kingdom. These impressive ruins in a lush valley offer a fascinating insight into Vietnam's ancient history and religious heritage.



BEST TIME

The best time to visit Hoi An is from February to May. The weather is warm and pleasant, with low humidity and minimal rainfall, perfect for exploring the ancient town, beaches, and outdoor activities. Average temperatures range from 24°C to 33°C.

PROMOTIONAL SEASON

The least favourable time to visit Hoi An is from September to January due to the rainy season. This period's unpredictable weather and high humidity can disrupt travel plans and limit outdoor activities, making it challenging to enjoy the city's attractions fully.

SHOULDER SEASON

May to August can be scorching, but ocean breezes and low-rise buildings keep Hoi An pleasant. You can still enjoy beaches and outdoor activities despite higher temperatures and humidity. However, this period attracts more tourists, leading to crowded attractions and higher accommodation prices.



1 HOI AN ANCIENT TOWN

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2 TRA QUE VEGETABLE VILLAGE

Tra Que Vegetable Village, located just outside Hoi An, is famous for its organic farming practices. Visitors can enjoy a hands-on experience in traditional gardening methods, learn about the local herbs and vegetables, and savor a farm-to-table culinary experience.

3 JAPANESE COVERED BRIDGE

The Japanese Covered Bridge, an iconic symbol of Hoi An, was constructed in the 16th century by Japanese merchants. This beautifully preserved bridge, with its intricate carvings and serene atmosphere, connects the Japanese and Chinese quarters of the ancient town.

4 CHAM ISLAND (CU LAO CHAM)

Cham Island, or Cu Lao Cham, is a stunning archipelago off the coast of Hoi An, known for its pristine beaches, vibrant coral reefs, and lush tropical landscapes. It's a haven for snorkeling, diving, and experiencing the tranquil beauty of nature.

5 CAM THANH COCONUT VILLAGE

Cam Thanh Coconut Village is a picturesque area where lush coconut groves meet tranquil waterways. Visitors can explore the scenic beauty by taking a basket boat ride through the water coconut forests, witnessing traditional fishing techniques and local craftsmanship.



LANDMARKS



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HO CHI MINH CITY

Ho Chi Minh City, the vibrant heart of Vietnam, is bursting with energy and history. It is known for its dynamic street life and rich cultural tapestry, seamlessly blending the old and the new. Visitors can wander through the bustling Ben Thanh Market, explore the poignant War Remnants Museum, or admire the French colonial architecture of Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica. HCMC offers tantalizing cuisine, welcoming locals, and a thriving arts scene, providing an unforgettable experience and inviting visitors to discover its unique charm and boundless vitality.

DID YOU KNOW?

- With over 9 million residents, Ho Chi Minh City is the largest and most populous city in Vietnam, serving as the country's economic and cultural hub.
- Tourists beware: Although the traffic light rules in Vietnam are no different from the rest of the world, in Ho Chi Minh City, as well as in other parts of Vietnam, a yellow traffic light often means "speed up" to many local drivers. While the official rule is to slow down and prepare to stop, the common practice is to accelerate to pass through the intersection before the light turns red.

FOOD

PHO: Pho is a renowned Vietnamese dish celebrated worldwide for its delicious and comforting flavours. It is served as a main dish, with each bowl unique, crafted with either chicken or beef broth that's simmered for hours. The broth contains flavorful herbs, spices, chewy noodles, tender beef slices, and crunchy sprouts.

CHÁ GIÒ: Chả giò, also known as nem rán, are beloved Vietnamese fried spring rolls. Filled with a savory mixture of pork and shrimp, they can be enjoyed as appetizers or main dishes. Often paired with fresh vegetables and flavorful dips, these rolls showcase the delectable nature of Vietnamese cuisine with their crispy exterior and deliciously rich filling.

BÚN THỊT NƯỚNG: Bún thịt nướng, a beloved Vietnamese dish, combines marinated grilled pork, rice vermicelli noodles, and fresh vegetables and herbs in a harmonious bowl. It's crowned with nước chấm, a tangy fish sauce blend of lime or lemon juice and sugar, adding a perfect zing. While especially popular in Southern Vietnam, it shares similarities with Hanoi's bún chả. Beyond its traditional form, there are delightful regional variations featuring tofu, other meats, and seafood, showcasing the dish's versatility and widespread appeal.

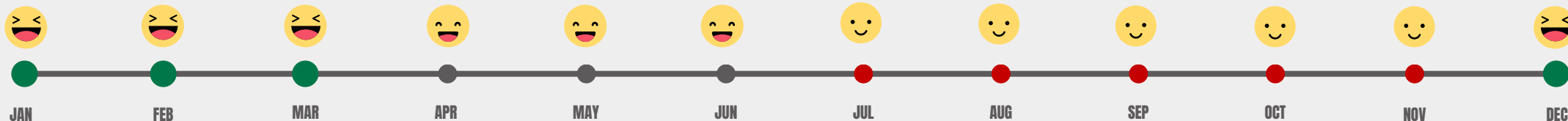
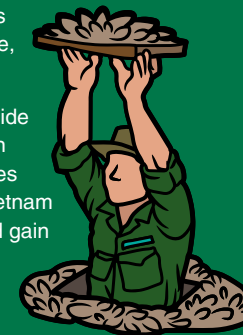


ACTIVITIES

VISIT BEN THANH MARKET: This bustling marketplace is a symbol of Ho Chi Minh City. It offers a variety of goods, from fresh produce to souvenirs, and is a great place to experience local cuisine.

ENJOY A VESPA TOUR: A Vespa tour in Saigon is a must-do for its unique blend of excitement and cultural immersion. Riding a vintage Vespa offers an authentic way to explore the city's bustling streets, iconic landmarks, and hidden gems. Local guides provide fascinating insights, and the tour includes stops at vibrant markets, historic sites, and delicious street food spots. The thrill of riding through Saigon's lively traffic adds to the fun and adventure, making it an unforgettable experience.

VISIT THE CU CHI TUNNELS: Just outside the city, you'll find the Cu Chi Tunnels, an intricate network of underground passages used by Viet Cong soldiers during the Vietnam War. Visitors can explore the tunnels and gain insight into their historical importance.



BEST TIME

December to March, since the weather is cooler and less humid, with temperatures ranging from 21°C to 34°C. Rainfall is minimal, making it perfect for exploring the city and enjoying outdoor activities.

PROMOTIONAL SEASON

The rainy season is from July to November, during which the city experiences heavy rainfall and occasional storms. Although the lush scenery may appeal to some tourists and the city is less crowded, frequent downpours can disrupt travel plans and make outdoor activities less enjoyable.

SHOULDER SEASON

The weather gets hotter and more humid from April to June, with temperatures often exceeding 35°C. While still manageable for travel, the heat can be intense, and occasional rain showers may occur. However, it's less crowded than peak season, which can be a plus.

1 DISTRICT 1

District 1 is the heart of Ho Chi Minh City, bustling with activity and home to many of the city's top attractions, including Ben Thanh Market, Notre-Dame Cathedral, and the Saigon Opera House. It's a convenient area with a wide range of accommodations, from luxury hotels to budget hostels, and many restaurants, bars, and shops.

2 DISTRICT 3

District 3 is renowned for its charming colonial architecture and tree-lined streets. It offers a relaxed atmosphere while still being close to the city center. The area features cultural sites such as the War Remnants Museum and the Jade Emperor Pagoda, and offers a mix of mid-range hotels and boutique accommodations.

3 PHAM NGU LAO STREET

Pham Ngu Lao Street, situated in District 1, is renowned for its lively backpacker scene. The area is vibrant, offering affordable hostels, budget hotels, and a wide variety of bars and street food vendors. It's an excellent place to socialize and connect with other travelers.

4 DISTRICT 2 (THAO DIEN)

Thao Dien, located in District 2, is a fashionable and expat-friendly neighbourhood renowned for its upscale atmosphere, contemporary apartments, and riverside views. The area features a variety of international restaurants, stylish cafes, and boutique shops, making it ideal for individuals looking for a quieter, more residential environment.

5 CHINA TOWN (DISTRICT 5)

Also known as Cholon, Chinatown is a fascinating area with a rich cultural heritage. Visitors can explore traditional Chinese temples, bustling markets, and enjoy authentic Chinese-Vietnamese cuisine. The area offers a mix of budget and mid-range accommodations.

6 DISTRICT 7 (PHU MY HUNG)

Phu My Hung is a contemporary, high-end district renowned for its pristine, lush environment and extensive open areas. It is host to numerous international schools, shopping centers, and various dining choices. The accommodations here are generally more luxurious, designed to cater to business travelers and families.

7 DONG KHOI STREET

Dong Khoi Street is one of the most famous streets in District 1, lined with high-end shops, fine dining restaurants, and luxury hotels. It's a central and convenient location, perfect for those looking to stay in a more sophisticated and elegant area.

8 TAN BINH DISTRICT

For convenience, Tan Binh District is most suited, for it is located near Tan Son Nhat International Airport. It's perfect for short stays or for travelers with early flights. The area offers a variety of hotels and is also home to local markets and eateries.



LANDMARKS

NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAIGON

Built by French settlers, this famous cathedral showcases stunning neo-Romanesque architecture and twin bell towers, attracting tourists and locals alike.

SAIGON CENTRAL POST OFFICE

Designed by Gustave Eiffel, this beautiful colonial-era building still functions as a post office. It is admired for its architecture, including a large portrait of Ho Chi Minh.

BITEXO FINANCIAL TOWER

This modern skyscraper has an observation deck offering panoramic views of the city, perfect for observing Ho Chi Minh City's skyline above.



DA NANG

Da Nang, a coastal city in central Vietnam, offers a perfect blend of natural beauty, modernity, and cultural richness. Known for its stunning beaches like My Khe and Non-Nuoc, it also features impressive landmarks such as the Marble Mountains and the Dragon Bridge. Visitors can explore the ancient town of Hoi An nearby or venture into the breathtaking Ba Na Hills. With its vibrant street life, delicious cuisine, and warm hospitality, Da Nang is an enchanting destination for travellers seeking a memorable experience.



- **THE LONGEST CABLE CAR RIDE:** Da Nang is home to a record-holding cable car. The Ba Na Hills Cable Car made it into the Guinness Book of World Records for being the longest one-wire sling with a length of 5,777.61m. It also holds the record for the longest distance between stations at 1,368.93m, the longest unpatched wire in the world at 11,587m, and the heaviest cable roll at 141.24 tons.

FOOD BANH NAM & BANH BOT LOC: These are two popular rice dumpling cakes in Da Nang. They are filled with shrimp and pork, and the outer layers are made of rice flour. Once shaped, the raw cakes are placed on banana leaves and steamed until cooked. Many people enjoy the chewy texture of these cakes, which feels like it is melting in your mouth. A drop of fish sauce would be a perfect addition to enhance the flavour and make the cakes more savoury.

BANH TRANG CUAN THIT HEO: Da Nang's sliced pork rolled with rice paper, or banh trang cuon thit heo, is a must-try. The dish features tender pork wrapped in softened rice paper along with herbs, vegetables, and sweet and sour fish sauce.

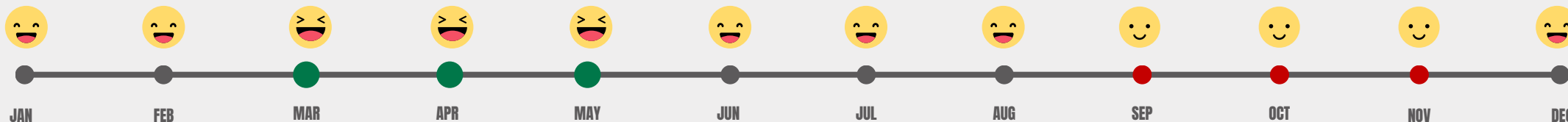
BANH MI: In Da Nang, traditional Banh Mi is just as good as the one in Saigon. It's roasted over a coal stove until crispy and then customized with ingredients like jambon, meat, fried egg, grilled fish cake, homemade pate, cilantro, and vegetable pickles. You can find these delicious Banh Mi at long-standing food stalls in Da Nang, making great photo opportunities.



ACTIVITIES EXPLORE THE BA NA HILLS: Take a cable car ride to the Ba Na Hills, a mountain resort with stunning views, French colonial architecture, and the famous Golden Bridge. The area offers attractions like the Fantasy Park amusement center and beautiful gardens. The cool mountain air and panoramic vistas provide a refreshing escape.

DISCOVER THE SON TRA PENINSULA: When visiting the Son Tra Peninsula or Monkey Mountain, you can enjoy lush forests, scenic views, and wildlife, including the rare red-shanked douc langur. Take some time to visit the Linh Ung Pagoda, home to a towering Lady Buddha statue which offers a peaceful retreat and breathtaking coastal views. This location is excellent for hiking, wildlife watching, and relaxation.

CRUISE THE HAN RIVER: Enjoy a leisurely cruise on the Han River to take in the city's skyline and illuminated bridges at night. The cruise provides a unique perspective of Da Nang's landmarks and offers a relaxing way to experience the city's charm.



BEST TIME

March to May: This period offers pleasant weather with moderate temperatures and low humidity, which is ideal for outdoor activities and beach visits. The skies are clear, and rainfall is minimal, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable experience.

PROMOTIONAL SEASON

From September to November, Da Nang experiences the rainy season, which brings frequent heavy rains and occasional typhoons. The weather during this time can be unpredictable, often disrupting outdoor activities. Flooding can also occur, making travel and sightseeing challenging and less enjoyable.

SHOULDER SEASON

December to February: During these months, the weather is cooler and drier, making it a decent time to visit. While it might not be ideal for swimming due to the cooler temperatures, it's still suitable for sightseeing and exploring the city.

1 MY KHE BEACH AREA

This area is famous for its pristine white sand beach and clear blue waters. It's perfect for relaxing by the beach and enjoying water activities. The area has luxury resorts, hotels, and various restaurants and bars, offering a vibrant and lively atmosphere.

2 AN THUONG AREA

An Thuong is known as the expat and backpacker district. It features budget-friendly accommodations, cosy cafes, and international restaurants. Its relaxed vibe and proximity to the beach make it a popular choice for young travelers and digital nomads.

3 HAN RIVER AREA

Situated along the banks of the Han River, this area provides breathtaking views of the river and the iconic Dragon Bridge. It is a perfect location for individuals who appreciate riverside strolls, nightly markets, and lively nightlife. The area boasts a combination of upscale hotels and budget-friendly guesthouses.

4 CITY CENTER (HAI CHAU DISTRICT)

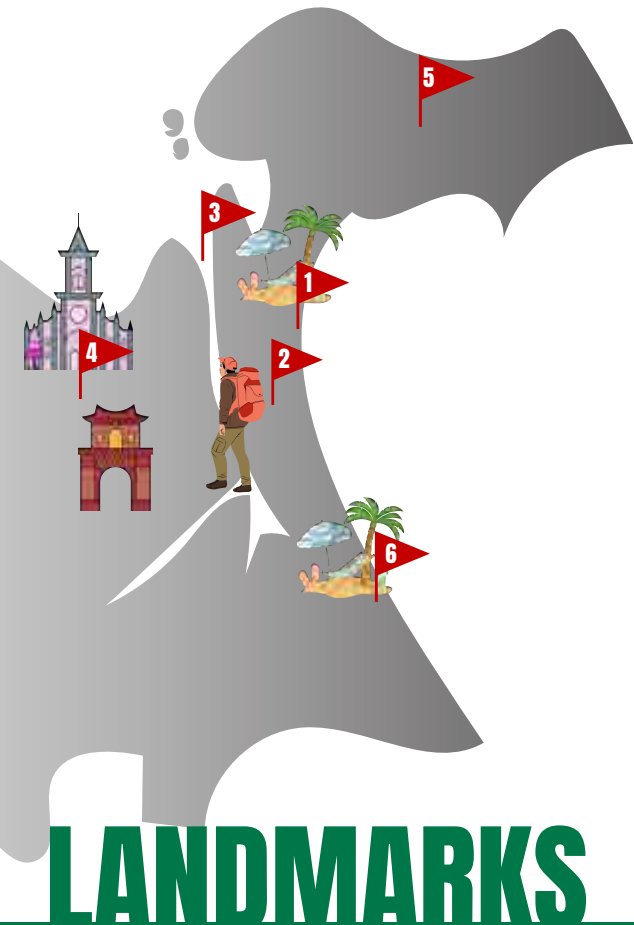
Staying in the city centre offers convenient access to several of Da Nang's attractions, including the Han Market, the Cham Museum, and the Da Nang Cathedral. This lively area is perfect for those who wish to be in the city, with numerous dining, shopping, and entertainment options available.

5 SON TRA PENINSULA

For nature lovers and those seeking a peaceful retreat, the Son Tra Peninsula offers beautiful coastal scenery and lush forests. Accommodations here range from luxury resorts to eco-lodges. It's a perfect base for exploring the Linh Ung Pagoda, hiking trails, and wildlife watching.

6 NON-NUOC BEACH AREA

Non-Nuoc Beach is situated south of My Khe Beach. It is a quieter and less crowded beach known for its long stretch of sandy shores and proximity to the Marble Mountains. This area is perfect for anyone seeking a more tranquil beach experience, with upscale resorts and golf courses nearby.



LANDMARKS

MY KHE BEACH

Known for its soft white sand and clear blue waters, My Khe Beach is perfect for swimming, sunbathing, and water sports. The beach stretches for 9 kilometers and is often listed among the most beautiful beaches in the world. It offers a serene escape with a backdrop of palm trees and picturesque views.

THE DRAGON BRIDGE

This architectural marvel spans the Han River and is shaped like a dragon, a symbol of power and prosperity in Vietnamese culture. At night, it comes alive with vibrant LED lights, and on weekends, it breathes fire and water, creating a spectacular display for visitors.

THE DA NANG CATHEDRAL

The Da Nang Cathedral, the Pink Church, is a stunning neo-Gothic structure constructed in 1923 by French colonialists. It is famous for its pastel pink facade and distinctive architectural design, standing out in the cityscape. The cathedral boasts beautiful stained glass windows and religious iconography, creating a serene atmosphere for worshippers and visitors alike. Its captivating appearance and historical importance solidify its status as a prominent landmark in Da Nang.

