

CENTRAL DISCOVERY

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS



I. HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the majestic citadels, palaces, and royal tombs of Vietnam's former feudal capital, Hue, renowned for its harmonious blend of architectural wonders set against the picturesque backdrop of the Perfume River.
- Wander through the charming streets of Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where centuries-old wooden-fronted houses, the iconic Japanese Covered Bridge, and vibrant markets offer a glimpse into the town's rich history and cultural heritage.
- Embark on a serene boat ride along the Perfume River to the Thien Mu Pagoda in Hue, a symbol of Buddhism in central Vietnam, and delve into the spiritual significance of ancient Hindu-like towers and temples at My Son Sanctuary, a testament to Vietnam's diverse religious heritage.
- Traverse the breathtaking Hai Van Pass from Hue to Hoi An, soaking in panoramic views of coastal landscapes, and discover the world's finest collection of Cham sculpture at the Cham Museum in Danang, offering insights into Vietnam's ancient civilization.

II. ITINERARY

DAY 1

Arrival in Hue, UNESCO World Heritage City

Upon landing at Hue airport, you'll be whisked away to your hotel for check-in (please note, early check-in is not included). Hue, once the feudal capital of Vietnam under the Nguyen dynasty from 1802 to 1945, boasts a rich tapestry of architectural marvels including citadels, palaces, royal tombs, pagodas, and temples. Set against the serene backdrop of the Perfume River, Hue's monuments are harmoniously integrated with nature, adhering to the principles of geomancy (Feng Shui). Declared Vietnam's first World Cultural Heritage site by UNESCO in 1993, Hue is a treasure trove of history and culture. The remainder of the day is yours to explore at your leisure.

DAY 2

Exploring Hue's Treasures

Begin your day with a tranquil 40-minute boat ride along the Perfume River to the iconic Thien Mu Pagoda, revered as the center of Buddhism in central Vietnam. Marvel at the seven-story octagonal Phuoc Duyen tower, a symbol of Hue's spiritual heritage. Continue to the imposing Citadel at the Imperial Palace, where emperors of the Nguyen Dynasty once held court. Delve into the palace's history as you explore its opulent halls and picturesque surroundings. Later, journey to the exquisite tombs of Tu Duc and Khai Dinh, each a masterpiece of royal architecture nestled amidst lush landscapes. En route back to your hotel, visit a local village renowned for its incense stick and conical hat production.

DAY 3

Journey to Hoi An via Danang

After breakfast, traverse the scenic Hai Van Pass on your way to Hoi An, making a stop at the Cham Museum in Danang. Housed in a beautiful French colonial building, the museum boasts the world's finest collection of Cham sculpture, offering insights into Vietnam's ancient civilization. Arrive in Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famed for its well-preserved architecture and vibrant culture. Take a stroll through the town's enchanting streets, exploring its wooden-fronted houses, the iconic Japanese Covered Bridge, and bustling markets brimming with souvenirs and local delights.

DAY 4

My Son Sanctuary

Embark on a half-day excursion to My Son, the former capital of the ancient Cham civilization. Marvel at the Hindu-like towers and temples dating back to the 2nd to 13th centuries, offering a glimpse into Vietnam's rich architectural and cultural heritage. My Son Sanctuary is a must-see for history enthusiasts and is recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

DAY 5

Departure from Hoi An

Check out from your hotel in Hoi An and transfer to Danang airport for your onward journey.

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Tour extensions: pre-tour or post-tour extensions are available, which would include accommodation and private transfers, please speak to Focus Asia travel consultant for further details.
