

Ancient Hoi An & Beach



Approximately 4¾ Hours



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4.5 out of 5

Value



3.5 out of 5

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This half-day excursion is ideal for guests wishing to explore the charming merchant town of **Hoi An** in more detail and to spend time at the beach. The pretty riverside town of Hoi An has remained unchanged for centuries. Initially an important trading port, Hoi An boasts some of Vietnam's most **historic architecture** as well as temples and community houses. Your bus will park at 92 Phan Chu Trinh Street and you will set out on foot for a fascinating **walking tour** of this charming town. You will visit the **Hoi An Museum** and the interior of a **traditional merchant house** built to withstand the floods that plague Hoi An in the rainy season. Step inside the **Phuc Kien Temple**, built in honor of Thien Hau, the Goddess of the Sea, and the nearby **Japanese covered bridge**. However, the real key to discovering Hoi An is to keep your eye on the skyline where you will see in the architecture evidence of the Japanese, Indians, Chinese and Portuguese merchants that once inhabited these shores. After a thorough exploration of the town, journey along charming rural roads to a local **beach in Da Nang**. Enjoy the chance to wander along the shoreline prior to re-boarding your coach for the overland journey to the port.

Notes:

Minimum height is 2 feet.

Artisans of Da Nang



Approximately 5 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.5 out of 5

Value



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The Marble Mountain area has long inspired Vietnam’s artisans because it combines the natural harmony of the Vietnamese countryside with unique architectural influences. Your exposure to artistic Vietnam begins as you meander along Da Nang’s tree-lined streets on the way to the **Cham Museum**. This ethnographic facility opened in 1939, under the umbrella of the French Ecole Française d’Extrême Orient. Its collection of **original sculpture works** is displayed in four sections, according to each piece’s origin. Your coach will then head seven miles from the center of town to the grand spectacle of the **Marble Mountains**. Step off the coach for a 45-minute **walk** around this historic area, whose five peaks correspond to the five basic elements of feng shui. During the Cham period, this marble ridge was a Hindu sanctuary. Later, Vietnamese Buddhists built pagodas on its slopes dedicated to Buddha or Confucius. Nowadays, Buddhist shrines occupy several mountain caves which were bombed during the war. Enjoy a photo stop at My Khe Beach—once a wartime recreational hangout for American GIs—and Continue to Linh Ung Pagoda before returning to the ship.

Notes:

Minimum height is 2 feet.

Best of Ancient Hoi An



Approximately 7¼ Hours



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The presence of Eastern and Western merchants in **Hoi An** during the first half of the 19th century significantly influenced the architecture, culture and customs of this lovely community. Many remaining wooden buildings lend the town a distinctive charm. Take a step back in time during your guided **walk** through its narrow streets. Your visit to a traditional merchant's house will reveal a unique mix of European, Japanese and Chinese styles. Enjoy some **free time** for exploring and **shopping** in the town. Lunch is served at a local restaurant with exquisitely subtle Vietnamese flavors. Before returning to the ship, you will pause at **My Khe Beach**. This was a favorite military recreation spot during the war and became world famous through the television series in the USA. It is also a great chance to see the beauty the Marble Mountains and a marble workshop operating right on the roadside.

Da Nang by Rickshaw & the Cham Museum



Approximately 4 Hours



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See **Da Nang** as the local people do, aboard a **pedal cab**. An air-conditioned motor coach or minibus will whisk you to the **Cham Museum**, where your pedal cab awaits. Aboard this simple

and somewhat noisy conveyance you take a **whirlwind tour** through the city streets to see such landmarks as the Han Market, the Da Nang Cathedral and the TV Broadcasting Station en route to the Cham Museum. Leave the pedal cab there as you step inside for a 30-minute museum sojourn. View an extraordinary collection of sandstone-sculpted items, which provide insight into the history and culture of the fascinating Cham minority people. Your motor coach or minibus waits for the continuation of this excursion to **My Khe Beach**. You'll pause for photos at the idyllic spot—a wartime recreational hangout for American GIs—that was immortalized in a television series before returning to the port.

Notes:

Minimum height is 2 feet.

Da Nang Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person. See additional NOTES below.



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Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. The Signature Collection is recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations. Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private cars are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

Da Nang Private Touring - Full Day (Minibus)



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Da Nang Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan)



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Enjoyed it?



5 out of 5

Value



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Hoi An Highlights



Approximately 4½ Hours



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Explore this fascinating part of Vietnam, starting out by motor coach through central **Da Nang**, where colonial-style buildings border shady, tree-lined streets. You will continue your journey to **Hoi An**, where the presence of Eastern and Western merchants has influenced the architecture, culture and customs of this community. Many of the wooden buildings dated from the first half of the 19th century, so the town retains a distinctive charm. Step back in time on a guided **walk through the narrow streets**. A visit to a **traditional merchant's house** will reveal a unique mix of European, Japanese and Chinese styles, and you will see a short handicraft production demonstration. Before returning to the ship, pause at **Non Nuoc Beach**. This was a favorite military R&R spot during the war and a recreational hangout for American GIs.

Hue Overnight Tour (Double)



2 days/1 night



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Day 1 (L/D)

Drive by motor coach approximately 2½ hours to Hue. The route to the Imperial City of the Nguyen Emperors takes you through the Hai Van tunnels. Upon arrival in **Hue**, you will visit the **Imperial Citadel**—the place where Hue’s glory was embodied from 1802 to 1945. Passing through the impressive Mon gate, you will reach the main pavilion—the **Palace of Supreme Harmony**. It was here that important ceremonies took place. Recent reconstruction has seen this building restored to its former splendor with regal red and gold columns and ornate furnishings. Much of the grounds beyond the Palace suffered damage in the Tet Offensive of 1968, and beyond the walls, entrepreneurial farmers work the fertile land. You will see the immense Dynastic Urns, each depicting a different Vietnamese region, and the **Pavilion of Benevolence**. A buffet Imperial Feast **lunch** is served at a local hotel. Your meal features Asian specialties including some specific to Hue, where Vietnamese cuisine is more extensive than anywhere else in the country. After lunch, drive through **pine forests** and **orchards** to visit one of the numerous **imperial tombs** which dot the surrounding countryside. Built by the Nguyen Dynasty Emperors, each tomb served as a place of recreation before being used as a final resting place. The **Tu Duc Tomb** resembles a miniature royal palace with an attractive pavilion overlooking a tranquil lake, ornate buildings, fragrant gardens and hunting grounds. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Hue.

Day 2 (B/L)

After breakfast, board your motor coach for morning tour to Dong Ba Market. Many aspects of this market are typically Vietnamese and it is closely aligned with the city’s cultural identity as it showcases traditional delicacies and crafts. The drive back to Da Nang is approximately 2 ½ hours. In the city, visit the Cham Museum, returning to the ship with a photo stop en route at My Khe Beach—a wartime recreational hangout for American GIs, immortalized in a popular television series.

Notes:

Due to this tour’s popularity, exclusivity, and strict booking conditions, tour bookings must be confirmed 60 days prior to the actual call at Da Nang, with no cancellations allowed thereafter. **Important:** It is each guest’s sole responsibility to obtain (before traveling) any visas, vaccinations and/or tourist cards that are required for participating in overland adventures or overnight tours, unless noted otherwise in the description. Please be aware that you may need a visa for any and/or all countries that you will depart from and travel through as part of your overland adventure or overnight tour, and for the country in which you will re-join the ship.

Hue Overnight Tour (Single)



2 days/1 night



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Imperial Hue



Approximately 8¼ Hours



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Enjoyed it?



4.9 out of 5

Value



4.8 out of 5

7 out of 7(100%)reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Hue was the Imperial City of the Nguyen Emperors, rising to glory during their reign from 1802 to 1945. Drive through the Hai Van tunnels from Da Nang, to arrive in **Hue**. Your visit will be to the **Imperial Citadel**. Passing through the impressive Mon gate, you will reach the main pavilion—the **Palace of Supreme Harmony**. It was here that important ceremonies took place. Recent reconstruction has seen this building restored to its former splendor with regal red and gold columns and ornate furnishings. Much of the ground beyond the Palace suffered damage in the Tet Offensive of 1968, and beyond the walls, entrepreneurial farmers work the fertile land. You will see the immense Dynastic Urns, each depicting a different Vietnamese region, and the **Pavilion of Benevolence**. A buffet **Imperial Feast lunch** is served at a local hotel. Enjoy your meal featuring Asian specialties including those of Hue, where Vietnamese cuisine is more extensive than anywhere else in the country. After lunch, drive through **pine forests** and **orchards** to visit one of the numerous **imperial tombs** which dot the surrounding

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Notes:

Travel time to Hue is approximately 2½ hours each way.

My Son Heritage & Cham Art



Approximately 8 Hours



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Enjoyed it?



5 out of 5

Value



5 out of 5

1 out of 1(100%) reviewers would recommend this product to a friend.

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Approximately two hours' drive by motor coach from Da Nang, via the undulating countryside of Central Vietnam, you will discover the beautiful My Son Mountains—the holy land of the lost Champa kingdom. Upon arrival, you will switch to a local van or jeep for five minutes to gain access to the exquisite spiritual architecture of the **My Son UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Historically, this land was ruled by the Champa civilization from the early 7th century through the 14th century. More than 70 brick temples were built to worship the Hindu gods. When French explorers came upon the temples at the end of the 19th century, most were intact. Unfortunately, many were later destroyed in 1969 by bombing raids during the Vietnam War.

Today, however, visitors like you can still appreciate their historical value and gain an insight into the lost kingdom. Returning to Da Nang city, you will stop at a local restaurant for **lunch**. Clamber into a **rickshaw** afterwards for a fun pedal around the main city streets. Your rickshaw driver will drop you off at the Cham Museum for 30-minute museum sojourn. The **Cham Museum** was founded by a group of French scholars in 1915 and this old sandstone building now houses the best collection of Cham art in the world. On display are more than 300 sandstone and terra cotta sculptures. During your guided visit, you will see a sampling of Cham artifacts, sculptures and sandstone carvings, many of which were excavated from the My Son site.

Transfer to Hoi An



Approximately 7 Hours



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This **transfer** may suit you if you would like to **explore on your own**. It consists of a motor coach ride from the ship to Hoi An. The coach escort will advise you of the pick-up time and location for the return journey. You must be at the pick-up point 15 minutes prior to departure, as the coach is not allowed to wait.

Notes:

Guide service, taxi transfers, entrance fees and lunch are not included in the transfer price. Only the entrance to Hoi An is included. It will be your responsibility to be at the drop-off point at the given return time. An English-speaking escort will be aboard the transfer motor coach to answer questions en route. Wear comfortable shoes. Bring a hat, sunscreen and water. Modest attire is required to enter religious monuments; knees, shoulders and midriffs must be covered. Lunch is not included.