



ANANTARA

HOI AN • RESORT

DISCOVERY GUIDE



WELCOME

Venture into the real Vietnam with immersive journeys and laidback cruises from our door step.

Anantara Hoi An Resort occupies a prime riverfront location minutes from the UNESCO World Heritage Site of ancient Hoi An.

Delve beneath the surface. Discover a diverse array of experiences that uncover the hidden treasures of this wonderful region.

Embrace signature Anantara experiences that introduce you to tradition and charm through adventurous tours, whether they be on land or river or through the exceptional culinary culture.

We invite you to peruse our carefully selected range of excursions to help stimulate your sense of curiosity and adventure. From these inspirational possibilities, we look forward to helping you curate adventures that nurture your passions and create unforgettable memories.

With best wishes,

Anantara Hoi An Resort





ABOUT HOI AN.

From the 2nd to the 10th centuries, Hoi An was the busiest seaport of the Champa kingdom. Persian and Arab documents from the latter part of the period mention Hoi An as a provisions stop. The area was annexed by the Tran Dynasty in the 14th century after a long war between Dai Viet and Champa.

By the 15th century, peace had been restored, allowing normal commerce to resume. Chinese, Japanese, Dutch, Portuguese, Spanish, Indian, Filipino, Indonesian, Thai, French, British and American ships came to Hoi An to purchase high-grade silk fabrics, paper, porcelain, tea, sugar, molasses, areca nuts, pepper, Chinese medicines, elephant tusks, beeswax, mother of pearl, lacquer, sulphur and lead.

The Chinese and Japanese traders sailed south in the spring, driven by winds from the northeast. They would stay in Hoi An until the summer, when southerly winds would blow them home. During their four month sojourn in Hoi An, the merchants rented waterfront houses for use as warehouses and living quarters. Some traders began leaving full-time agents in Hoi An to take care of off season business affairs. This is how foreign colonies got started, although the Japanese ceased coming to Hoi An after 1637, when the Japanese government forbade all contact with the outside world.

In 1999, the old town was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO as a well preserved example of a Southeast Asian trading port of the 15th to 19th centuries, with buildings that display a unique blend of local and foreign influences.



CULINARY

Whether you'd like to learn the hidden secrets to Vietnamese cuisines or curate your own unique culinary adventure, Anantara Hoi An Resort has a range of creative ways to explore the distinctive global and local flavours.

SPICE SPOONS - ANANTARA COOKING SCHOOL

Uncover the exotic culinary culture of this diverse country in an interactive cooking class. A blend of influences, the ingredients and traditions from China, Asia and France combine to create this wonderful cuisine.

Learn the theory behind each dish as our expert chef leads you through the steps to create the perfect meal. Share tips with other class members as you enjoy the fruits of your labour for lunch. Receive your certificate along with a Spice Spoons bag, apron and recipes to take home.





DINING BY DESIGN

Dine at an elegantly decorated table in a private pavilion with a signature Anantara experience, Dining by Design.

Under the stars by the river with lanterns floating by and traditional Vietnamese décor, treat yourself and someone special to a unique celebration. Your personal chef will prepare an exquisite meal with aromatic special flavours to delight the palate. Precious moments are shared with your loved one, as a private butler caters to your every whim.

Savour the ultimate romantic evening with exquisite views of the Thu Bon River. Soak up the ambience of this beautiful tropical setting as you celebrate your love, or simply a spectacular holiday.

CULTURE



WET RICE CULTURE

Venture behind the agricultural scenes with this hands-on farm experience. Gain a deep appreciation for the hard work of Vietnam's rice farmers and try the cultivation techniques yourself.

Departure: 8.30 am or 2.00 pm

Duration: 5 hours



FISHING VILLAGE AND BASKET BOAT EXPERIENCE

Offering social and cultural insights into the Vietnamese way of life, this enriching experience is a real hands-on adventure. Visit Cua Dai fishing village to learn traditional round net and cast net angling techniques with local fishermen. Master the oars as you paddle a bamboo basket and join in a fun race. Explore the coconut mangroves. Enjoy a local style fisherman's meal, cooked and served by your captain.

Departure: 8.00 am or 1.30 pm

Duration: 4 hours



ANANTARA RIVER CRUISE

See Hoi An and the surrounding countryside from a new perspective as you sail down the Thu Bon River in a traditional style boat. Take in a beautiful sunset as you drift gently down the river.

Departure: 10.30 am or 2.30 pm or 4.30 pm
Duration: 1 hour

FARMING AND FISHING

Enjoy an in-depth insight into the local farming and fishing communities, some of Hoi An's most important industries. Spend a leisurely morning or afternoon by bicycle exploring the country roads and visiting a vegetable village where you get involved with the daily activities of planting and tending to the crops and taking a ride on a water buffalo.

Step aboard a boat for a cruise along the river to meet local fishermen and learn some techniques of traditional net fishing. There's also the chance to navigate the iconic Vietnamese bamboo basket boats.

Departure: 8.30 am

Duration: 6 hours

RICE PLANTING AND FISHING

Rice is one of the staple commodities in Vietnam and there are countless rice paddies in and around Hoi An. This tour takes you to Cam Thanh Ecological Village where you will jump on a bicycle for short ride and take part in the sowing, ploughing and grinding of the rice crops, as you experience all aspects of the process of rice growing, complete with riding a water buffalo.

The next part of this experience takes you to a traditional fishing village, where you board a boat and learn how to catch local fish, take a ride in basket boat and then get creative with some origami creations from coconut leaves. The boat's captain will prepare some delicious local treats for you to enjoy as you reflect on the day's experience.

Departure: 8.30 am

Duration: 6 hours



SUNRISE FISH MARKET

As the sun rises, the local Hoi An fishermen are returning home with their catch after a long and tiring night fishing in the Cua Dai Sea. With fishing skills handed down from father to son, their boats are laden with a wide variety of fish, crabs, shrimps and shellfish from the Cua Dai Sea. Meanwhile the fishermen's wives are waiting at the dock to receive the catch and quickly offer it fresh for sale at the nearby bustling Hoi An market.

This is a daily ritual in the life of the Hoi An fishing families. Jack Tran's sunrise Fish market will bring you into the daily life of the local Hoi An fishermen – a privileged experience.

Departure: 5.00 am

Duration: 2.5 hours

EXPLORATION



MARBLE MOUNTAINS AND CHAM MUSEUM

Set amongst marble cliffs overlooking Vietnam's East Sea, the Marble Mountains consists of five mounts, representing the five elements: Water, Wood, Fire, Metal, and Earth.

Walk up the stone steps to the top of Mount Water to admire the panoramas the country side and the expansive coast, with numerous caves and temples to explore en route. Visit Non Nuoc stone village where there more than 600 families chisel marble statues, stone jewelries and artworks.

Travel on to the Cham Museum to learn more about the Cham ethnic people's culture and lifestyle.

Departure: Upon request (Reservations required)

Duration: approximately 4 - 5 hours

Including: Entrance tickets, cold water and cold towels.

*PRIVATE TOUR

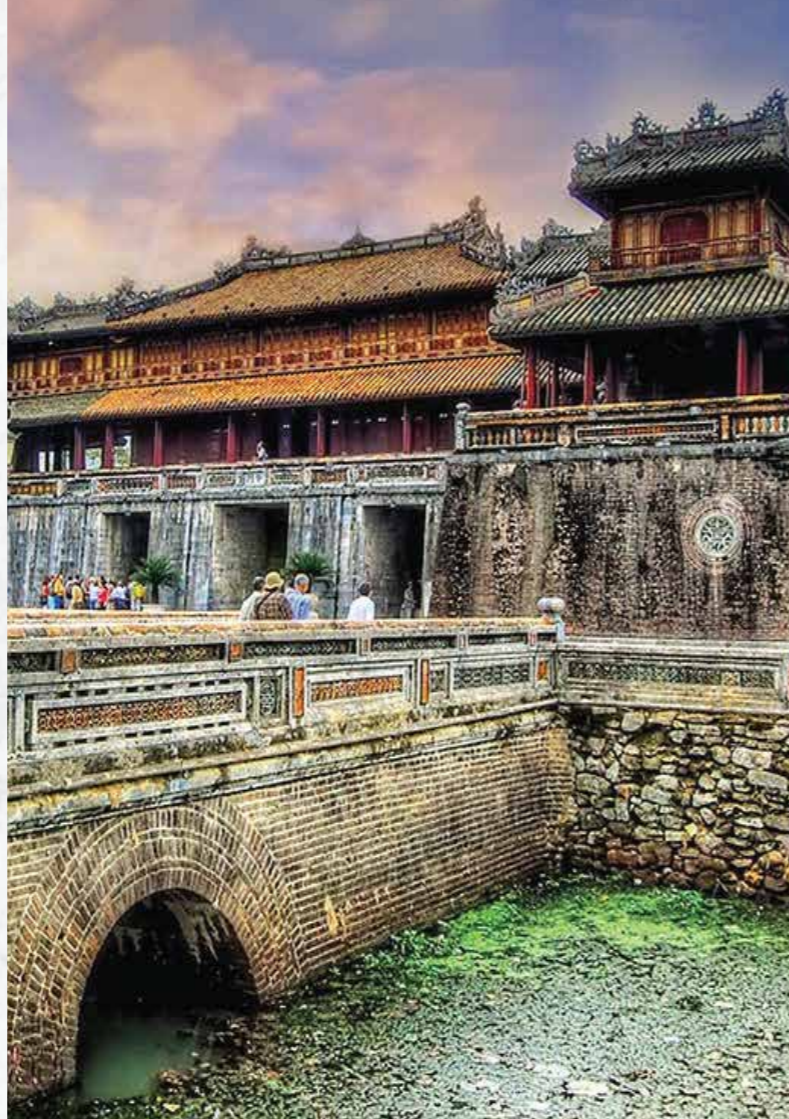


HUE IMPERIAL CITY

Hue is reknown for its historic monuments, which have earned it a place as a Unesco World Heritage Site. The seat of the Nguyen emperors was the Citadel, which occupies a large, walled area on the north side of the Perfume River. Inside the citadel was a forbidden city where only the emperors, concubines, and those close enough to them were granted access.

Departure: Upon request (Reservations required)
Duration: 10 – 12 hours
Includes: Vietnamese set menu lunch at Ancient Hue restaurant, entrance tickets, cold water and cold towels.

*FULL DAY PRIVATE TOUR



HAI VAN PASS AND LANG CO VILLAGE

Depart early in the morning and enjoy one of the most scenic drives in Vietnam over the Hai Van Pass. Meaning “The Ocean of Cloud”, this pass is famous for its misty vapors rising from the sea. At the crest, breathtaking views offer fantastic photo opportunities.

The journey will descend into a sequence of valleys and lagoons, and onto Lang Co. Enjoy a walk through this village, refreshments and a swim at the beach.

Departure: Upon request (Reservations required)
Duration: Half day

*PRIVATE TOUR

MY SON SANCTUARY

Discover the ancient Champa Kingdom capital of My Son. A 70-minute drive south of resort, this UNESCO World Heritage Site, was a religious and political capital during one of the most important historic periods of Southeast Asia. Admire impressive Hindu temples whilst their stories are brought to life by an expressive local tour guide. Traditional Champa dance shows showcase the colourful, decorative discipline of the ancient city.

Departure: Upon request (Reservations required)
Duration: Half day
Including: Entrance tickets, cold water and cold towels.

*PRIVATE TOUR



BA NA HILLS

Escape into the cool Ba Na Mountains, where four seasons of weather can often be experienced in one day. Discover unspoiled forest and spectacular views over the South Da Nang Sea and Laos mountain range, as well as an abundance of fauna and flora.

Ba Na has recently made it into the Guinness Book of Records for the world's longest one wire cable car, which also features the greatest gap between the lowest and the highest stations, with a length of over five kilometres and a height difference of almost 1,300 metres between its upper and lower stations.

Departure: 7.00 to 8.00 am
Duration: 5-6 hours

*PRIVATE TOUR



VESPA



HOI AN MORNING TOUR

Set off to Cam Kim Island. Ride along the river and stop at an Ancestral House and a traditional boat builders yard before venturing on to explore the sleepy island villages.

Zig-zag through breathtaking scenery of rice paddies and farmland, taking stops along the way to learn from friendly local families the art of mat weaving, farming and how to make (and eat) the perfect Banh Dap (rice cracker).

Make your way to the coast at the Thu Bon river mouth, along roads lined with Casuarina Pine & Cashew Nut Trees before stopping at a local café to fuel up on local drip-coffee and learn the art of coffee roasting. Then, it's up high and over the new bridge offering spectacular panoramic views of Hoi An that takes you to the water coconut palm fringed Cam Thanh.

Departure: 8.00 am
Duration: 5-6 hours



HOI AN AFTERNOON TOUR

Head out west along the banks of the Thu Bon River, first stopping at a bustling local fish market before heading into the rice paddy rich countryside and local villages, stopping to meet a local family producing the local rice crackers.

Take a break for some local food while surrounded by seasonal vegetables in the picturesque fields of corn, aubergine, sweet potato, cucumbers and herbs. As the sun starts to go down, set off through the rice paddies, passing duck farms, visit a local mat weaving family and then ride along by the prawn farms and over the river to visit a charming family home where they produce the local & potent favourite brew - rice wine.

It's then a short ride over the Cam Kim Bridge into Hoi An as the sun begins to set on this beautiful heritage town.

Departure: 1.30 pm

Duration: 4 hours



OPEN JEEP COUNTRYSIDE TOURS



Balancing riverside luxury and colonial charm with a rush of real adventure, Anantara Hoi An Resort has teamed up with Active Adventure Tours and invites guests to explore Vietnam's more off the beaten track sights with an exhilarating range of open jeep countryside tours.

Edging the Thu Bon River in the historic port town of Hoi An, Anantara Hoi An broadens its cultural appeal with close proximity to some of Vietnam's most iconic heritage sites and natural wonders. Inspiring savvy travellers to venture off the beaten track, the resort's Open Jeep Countryside Tours are completely different to the usual offering, focusing on the excitement of the journey and not just the destination. The freedom of original discovery covers remote terrain and hidden havens, unseen by the masses.

Open jeeps afford a closer personal connection to changing landscapes and local life, enhanced by the option of taking the roof off. Creative itineraries investigate beyond the confines of a guidebook, and whilst encompassing all the key landmarks, each excursion is unique. Passionate local guides are always on the lookout for fresh routes and secret finds, meaning that the map of each tour is constantly evolving, and typically no two trips are the same.





EARLY MORNING MY SON BY JEEP

Set off in the early morning with your guide through the local rice paddies to Cua Dai bridge for a stunning sunrise over the Thu Bon River (weather permitting).

Arrive at My Son by 7:00 am and start with a short climb along a jungle-lined track to the top where the fascination Sanctuary ruins appear. Spend some time to explore the religious site, which served as a burial place for the Cham monarchs many centuries ago.

Visit a local café before making the return journey taking in local villages on the way back to Hoi An.

STREET FOOD TOUR OF HOI AN

Stroll the streets and alleys of the Old Town and sample some of local delicacies from generations of family street food stalls and restaurants, all under the guidance of a foodie expert.

Departure: 15:45

Duration: 4 hours



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