



# ***Vietnam 10-Day Itinerary***



# Map of Vietnam

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Fansipan  
(Day 5 – 7)**

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(Day 4)**

**Bana Hills & Da Nang  
(Day 8 – 9)**

**Hoi An  
(Day 10)**



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# Vietnam

Vietnam is one of the best holiday destinations, with a fascinating diversity of culture and landscapes.

On this itinerary, travel through traditional Northern Vietnam, from the storied streets of Hanoi to Sapa's scenic mountains.

Then explore quirky Central Vietnam, filled with surreal sights straight out of a fairytale. Follow this 10-day itinerary or split it up into weekend trips — either way, this enchanting country is always a whole lot of fun.





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Hanoi

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# Northern Vietnam

The Northern region is packed with unique adventures. In the next six days, you'll feast on local delicacies in Hanoi, ride a bike and a boat in Ninh Binh, cruise along scenic Ha Long Bay, and scale Vietnam's highest peak!



# Hanoi's Historic Streets

## Day 1

Vietnam's charming capital is filled with tradition and culture from thousands of years of history. Wander around the ancient streets, then catch a stunning sunset at an intricate pagoda.





## ***Grab a Cup of Egg Coffee at Giang Cafe***

***It's your morning cuppa, done the Northern Vietnamese way — freshly-brewed and blended with egg yolk, condensed milk, butter, and cheese. There's no better place to try one than at the cafe which created this iconic drink.***

**Cost:** ~25,000đ

**Opening hours:** 7AM – 10:30PM

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# ACTIVITY 1



## ***Stroll Around Hanoi's Old Quarter***

***There's so much to do in this historic district, from street food to souvenir-shopping, and of course, trying to cross the chaotic streets!***

**Cost:** Varies

**Opening hours:** Varies; most shops open around 9:30AM and close around 7PM



# FOOD



## ***Have Lunch at Banh Mi 25***

***These cheap and tasty sandwiches pack juicy fillings in a warm, crisp baguette. Try the bestseller, sauteed beef with cheese.***

**Cost:** ~15,000đ – 35,000đ

**Opening hours:** Varies

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**BANH MI 25**  
Ice & chill  
06 Lo Ren St.  
Hoàn Kiếm  
Hà Nội  
30 Hang Ca St.



# ACTIVITY 2

## ***Catch the Sunset at Tran Quoc Pagoda***

***Hanoi's oldest Buddhist temple is known for its unique architecture, and is still a place of worship today. When the weather is clear, this 6th-century pagoda makes an excellent place to see the sunset.***

**Entrance Fee:** Free

**Opening hours:** 7:30AM – 11:30AM, 1:30PM – 6:30PM

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## ***Feast on Rice Noodles and Muscovy Duck at Hanh Ngan De***

***This popular restaurant uses large muscovy ducks, which have leaner and more tender meat — a perfect complement to the savoury glass noodles. Bigger eaters can opt for soupy rice noodles, which also come with a chunk of coagulated duck blood.***

**Cost:** From ~40,000đ – 320,000đ

**Opening hours:** 7AM – 9:30PM

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## ***Enjoy Icy Treats At Minci Chè Xoài***

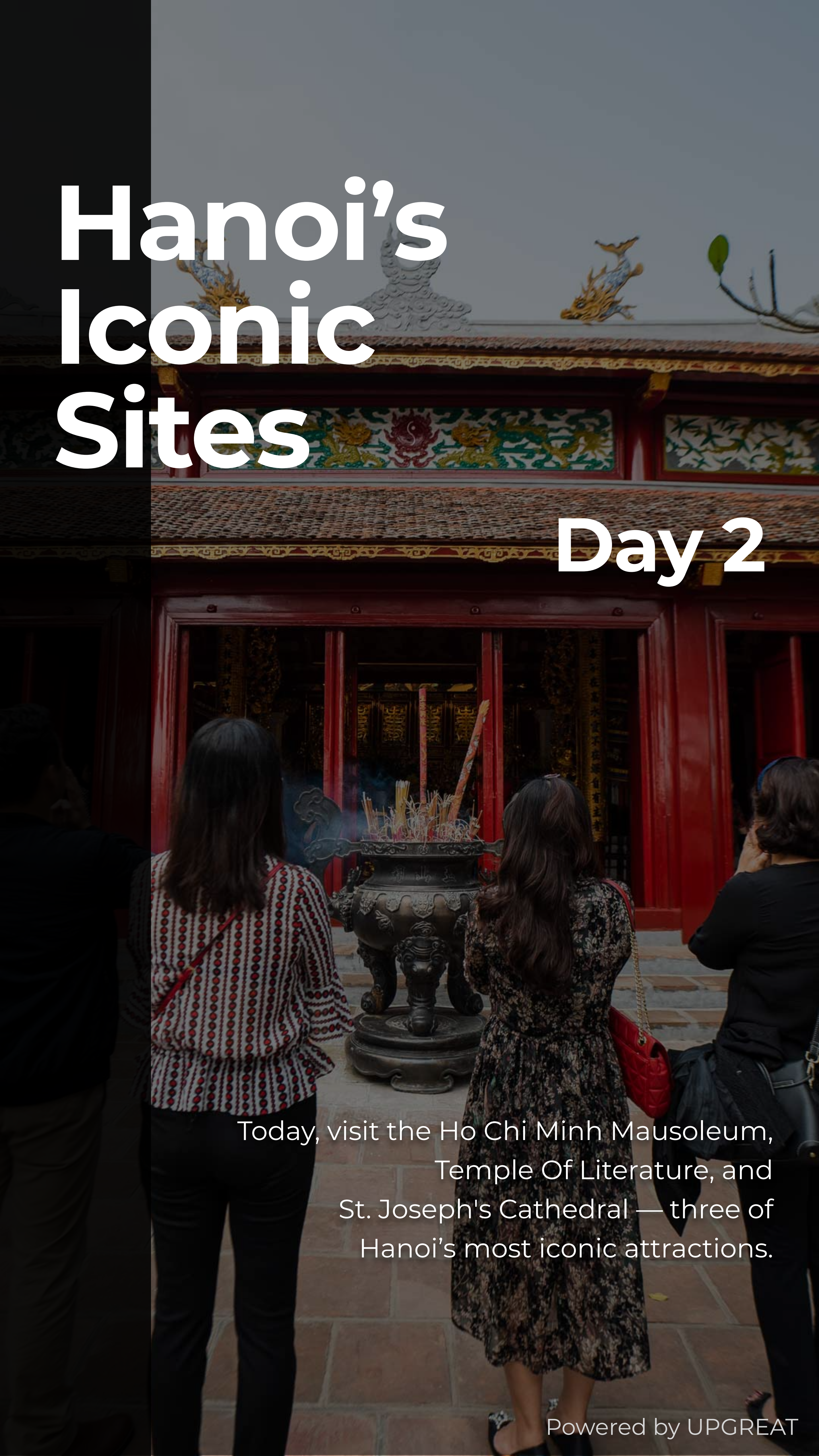
***Cool down with refreshing desserts at this local store. There's no English menu, but you can't go wrong with bestsellers like the che xoi tran chau (mango pudding with sago), caramen tra xanh thach (matcha caramel flan), and kem trai dua (coconut ice cream).***

**Cost:** ~15,000đ – 70,000đ

**Opening hours:** 10AM – 11PM

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# Hanoi's Iconic Sites

## Day 2

Today, visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum,  
Temple Of Literature, and  
St. Joseph's Cathedral — three of  
Hanoi's most iconic attractions.



# ACTIVITY 1

CHỦ TỊCH  
HỒ - CHÍ - MINH

## *Visit Vietnam's Revolutionary Leader at the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum*

*This grand building houses the embalmed body of Vietnam's beloved leader, Ho Chi Minh. Visiting hours are only in the morning so try to arrive early.*

**Entrance fee:** Free

**Opening hours:** Varies; closed on Mon and Fri

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## ***Have Steamed Rice Rolls at Banh Cuon Nong Ho Tay***

***These light, chewy dumplings are stuffed with meat and mushrooms, and served with chilli, lime, fish sauce and parsley.***

**Cost:** ~30,000đ

**Opening hours:** 7AM – 2PM

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**OR**

## ***Fill up on Meat Dumplings at Bánh Giò Miss Béó***

***For a more hearty meal, try these triangle-shaped rice dumplings. They're bursting with seasoned mince meat, and topped with cucumbers and sausages.***

**Entrance fee:** ~27,000đ

**Opening hours:** 6AM – 8:30PM

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# ACTIVITY 2

## ***Wish for Wisdom at the Temple of Literature***

***Built way back in 1076, the Temple of Literature was Vietnam's first university, and is now a popular place to pray for good grades. Even if you're no longer studying, you'll enjoy the magnificent architecture and beautiful courtyards.***

**Entrance fee:** ~30,000đ

**Opening hours:** Varies

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# ACTIVITY 3

## ***Admire Hanoi's Iconic St Joseph's Cathedral***

***This historic landmark is known for its striking French Neo-Gothic design and gorgeous interior decor — a throwback to Vietnam's colonial past.***

**Entrance fee:** Free

**Opening hours:** 8AM – 11AM and 2PM – 5PM (Mon – Sat); 7AM – 11AM and 3PM – 9PM (Sun)

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# FOOD



## ***Slurp up Some Herbal Chicken Noodles at My Ga Tan***

***Try this insanely popular local dish — tender chicken and springy instant noodles, served in a delicious herbal broth.***

**Cost:** ~40,000đ – 60,000đ

**Opening hours:** 10AM – 11PM

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## ***Try Local Desserts at Hoa Beo***

***Indulge yourself with some sweet treats at this dessert stall! The bestseller is hoa qua kem, a simple fruit salad served with ice cream, condensed milk, and shaved ice — a light, refreshing treat at any time of the day. Or try their more unique desserts, like jackfruit caramel or sticky rice yogurt.***

**Cost:** ~20,000đ – 60,000đ

**Opening hours:** 9:30AM – 10:30PM

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# Day Trip to Ninh Binh

## Day 3

Ninh Binh is known as the 'Halong Bay on land' thanks to its vast paddy fields and towering limestone hills. Explore this rustic district on this underrated day trip, just a two-hour drive from Hanoi!



# ACTIVITY 1



## ***Stroll Around Ancient Hoa Lu***

***This timeworn citadel dates back to the 10th century, when Hoa Lu was the capital of Vietnam. Be sure to visit its most popular monuments —two temples dedicated to emperors Dinh Tien Hoang and Dai Hanh.***

**Entrance Fee:** ~20,000đ

**Opening hours:** 7AM – 5PM



# ACTIVITY 2



## ***Cycle Around the Tam Coc Countryside***

***From Hoa Lu, grab a bike at cycle to scenic Tam Coc. You'll enjoy unique sights like rice paddy fields and small villages.***

**Cost:** Varies

**Opening hours:** Varies; you can find bicycles for rent at most hotels and guesthouses



# ACTIVITY 3

## *See Unbelievable Sights on a Tam Coc Boat Ride*

*Cruise through hollow limestone karsts along this idyllic river. The scenery isn't the only thing that's impressive — watch the boatmen lean back and use their feet to row the boat!*

**Cost:** ~150,000đ per pax for entry; ~120,000đ for a boat (fits two people plus a guide)

**Opening hours:** 8AM – 6PM



# Halong Bay

## Day 4

Just three hours away from Hanoi, you can't go to Northern Vietnam without visiting Halong Bay! This UNESCO World Heritage Site features majestic limestone islands, rising from sparkling emerald waters.



# ACTIVITY 1

## ***Boat Tour Around Halong Bay***

***Cruise through the famous bay, and see the limestone karsts up close with some kayaking! If you're on a day trip, head straight to the Tuan Chau Jetty, where you'll find boat tours featuring the standard itinerary — a quick hike to Titop Summit, a kayaking activity, and a visit to a limestone cave.***

***To explore at a more relaxed pace, opt for an all-inclusive overnight cruise.***

**Entrance fee:** ~1,400,000đ

**Opening hours:** Varies

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# Mount Fansipan

## Day 5 – 6

The massive Mount Fansipan stands 3,143 metres above sea level, making it the tallest mountain in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia combined!

Get adventurous with a 2D1N hike, or take it easy with a quick cable car ride to the peak.

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# ACTIVITY 1



## ***Ascend Mount Fansipan, the 'Roof of Indochina'***

***For adventure, exercise, and spectacular views, challenge yourself on an overnight hike! On the first day, it's a seven-hour climb to base camp, where you'll rest for the night. The next morning, leave well before sunrise for the last two-hour stretch to the peak.***

***If you're pressed for time, another option is to ride a cable car to the top — the entire ascent takes only 15 minutes! After a few hours on the mountain, you can spend the rest of the day exploring Sapa town.***

### 2D1N Mount Fansipan Hike

**Cost:** ~1,600,000đ

**Opening hours:** Varies

### Cable Car Ride to the Peak

**Cost:** ~700,000đ

**Opening hours:** 8AM – 5PM (weekdays); 8AM – 6:30PM (weekends)



# Sapa's Waterfalls

Day 7

Visit Sapa's beautiful natural attractions,  
nestled in majestic forests.

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# ACTIVITY 1

## ***Step Into a Fairytale at the Love Waterfall***

***Legend has it that a fairy fell in love with a boy playing his flute by this waterfall. With such a magical setting, it's not that hard to believe!***

**Entrance Fee:** ~70,000₱

**Opening hours:** 8AM – 6PM



# ACTIVITY 2

## ***Admire the Silver Waterfall***

***Walk along the bridge for stunning views of the Silver Waterfall, gushing down over 100 metres.***

**Entrance Fee:** ~20,000₱

**Opening hours:** 7AM – 5PM



# Central Vietnam

If there's one word to describe Central Vietnam, it's 'magic'. Continue the adventure in Da Nang and Hoi An, with natural beauties and manmade wonders that must be seen to be believed.



# Bana Hills

## Day 8

Ba Na Hills is just 45 minutes away from central Da Nang, but it might as well be a whole other world. This crazy theme park is perched way up in the mountains, with all sorts of surreal sights.



# ACTIVITY 2

## ***Bana Hills***

***Start by riding the cable car up to the iconic Golden Bridge, shaped like two gigantic hands holding a golden thread. You can stroll through the quaint French Village and romantic gardens, or get your heart racing on the Alpine Coaster. And you can't miss the Fantasy Park — a massive three-storey arcade tucked inside a cave!***

**Entrance Fee:** ~750,000đ

**Opening hours:** 7AM – 10PM

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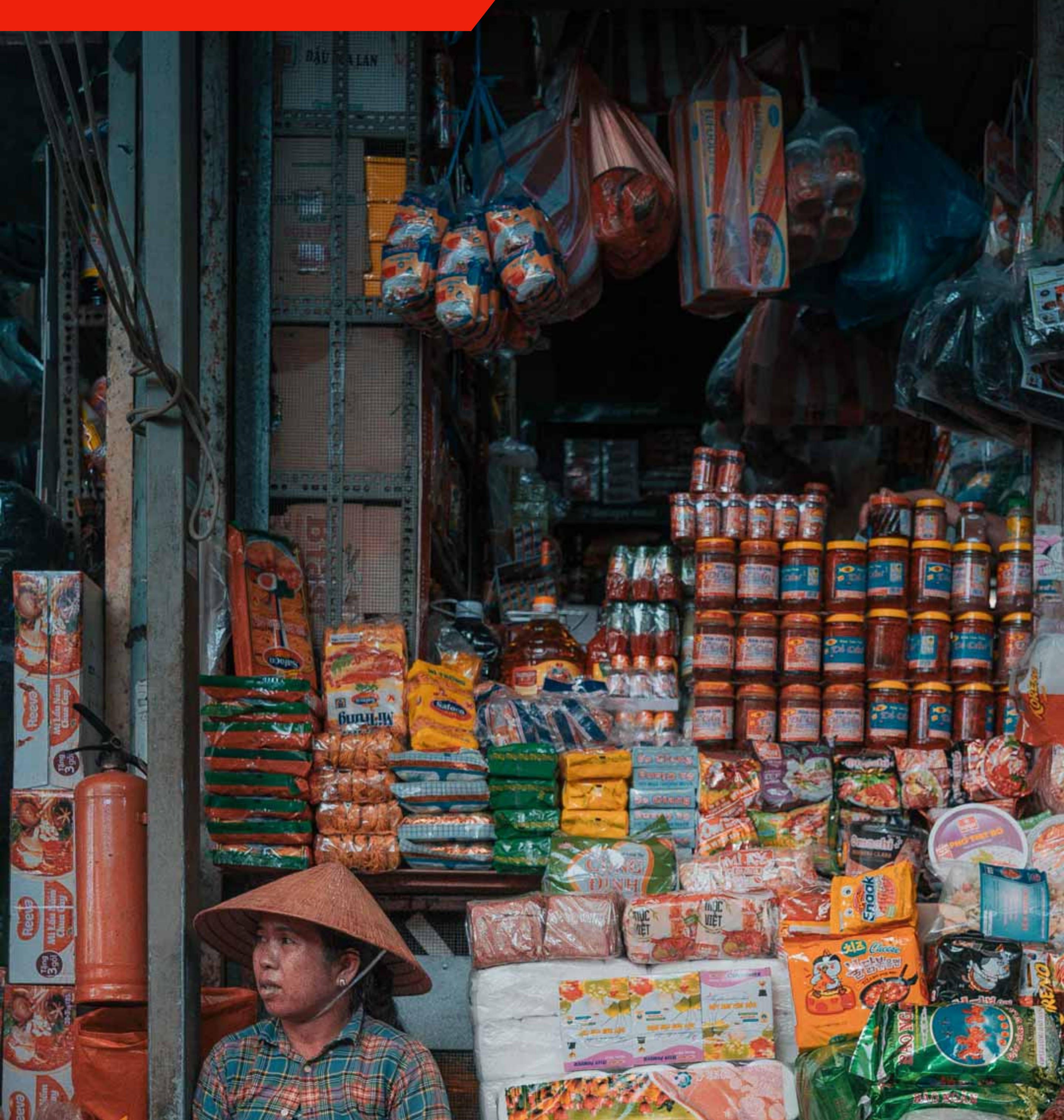
# Da Nang and Surrounds

Day 9

Visit a bustling local market, before escaping the city for a wilderness adventure.



# ACTIVITY 1



## ***Immerse Yourself in Local Life at Con Market***

***Here you'll witness locals doing their daily shopping (and maybe do some of your own)! Head to the food street for a Vietnamese breakfast of grilled meats and other snacks.***

**Cost:** Varies

**Opening hours:** 6AM – 8PM



# ACTIVITY 2



## ***Go Hiking at Bach Ma National Park***

***Put on some comfy shoes and explore this lush national park. Highlights include Hai Vong Dai, a pavilion with panoramic views, and the Do Quyen Fall, standing 300 metres above sea level.***

**Entrance Fee:** ~60,000đ

**Opening hours:** 7:30AM – 5PM

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**OR**

## ***Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Paradise Cave***

***This spectacular cave has karst limestone formations which are said to resemble gnomes and other magical creatures.***

**Entrance fee:** ~250,000đ

**Opening hours:** 7AM – 4:30PM

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# Hoi An

## Day 10

Round off the trip in Hoi An, with an ancient town lined with quaint cafes, colourful lanterns, and old shophouses in architectural styles from the Chinese, French, Japanese, and Vietnamese. At night, the river lights up with glowing lanterns, like a scene straight out of a Disney movie.



# ACTIVITY 2

## ***Ride a Basket Boat at the Coconut Village***

***At this fascinating village, you can try everything from net fishing to buffalo riding, and of course, take a scenic ride on the unique round boats. The fishermen will even whirl you around, if you've got the stomach for it!***

**Cost:** ~30,000đ for entrance; from ~150,000đ for a boat ride

**Opening hours:** Varies; most operators open from 9AM – 5PM



# ACTIVITY 2



## ***Cycling Around Hoi An's Streets***

***Hop on a bike and explore the ancient alleys of Hoi An. If you're not sure where to start, drop by the White Rose Restaurant, known for its family-secret rice paper dumplings. Then cycle out to the Tra Que Vegetable Village to experience a more peaceful way of life. Keep your eyes out for other surprises along the way!***

White Rose Restaurant

**Cost:** From ~70,000đ

**Opening hours:** 7:30AM – 8:30PM

Tra Que Vegetable Village

**Cost:** Free

**Opening hours:** 7:30AM – 5:30PM

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# ACTIVITY 3



## ***Watch the River Light up in Hoi An's Ancient Town***

***Just before sunset, walk to the river at the centre of the Ancient Town to see a beautiful rainbow glow. Make a wish on your own little lantern, then set it afloat!***

**Cost:** ~20,000đ per lantern

**Opening hours:** From sunset to around 9PM

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