

HANOI CITY TOUR

Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum

The President Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum is a mausoleum which serves as the resting place of Vietnamese revolutionary leader and President Ho Chi Minh in Hanoi, Vietnam. It is a large building located in the center of Ba Dinh Square, where Ho, Chairman of the Workers' Party of Vietnam from 1951 until his death in 1969, read the Declaration of Independence on 2 September 1945, establishing the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. It is open to the public every morning except Monday.

Address: 8 Hung Vuong Street, Dien Bien, Ba Dinh, Hanoi



Temple of Literature & National University

Temple of Literature & National University built in 1070, is the first national university of Vietnam. It is one of several temples in Vietnam which is dedicated to Confucius, sages, and scholars. The various pavilions, halls, statues, and stelae of doctors are places where offering ceremonies, study sessions and the strict exams of the Dai Viet took place. The Temple of Literature nowadays is a place to visit for domestic and foreign tourists. This is also the place where today's students come "for good luck" before each important exam.

Address: 58 Quoc Tu Giam Street, Van Mieu, Dong Da, Hanoi

Hanoi Opera House



The Hanoi Opera House is one of three opera houses that the French built during their time in Indochina. It was modeled on the Palais Garnier, the older of Paris's two opera houses, and is considered to be one of the architectural landmarks of Hanoi. The main architectural style of the Opera House is Neoclassicism. The Opera House hosts cultural entertaining performances, bamboo cirque, contemporary dance, orchestra concerts and government events.

Address: 1 Trang Tien Street, Phan Chu Trinh, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi

Hanoi Old Quarter

Hanoi's lively Old Quarter comprises 36 streets packed with shops selling all kinds of goods, each street named for its primary good or service. It has gained its renown thanks to its numerous attractions, rich cuisine, vibrant nightlife, and unique handicrafts.



There are a great number of exciting activities to experience in Hanoi Old Quarter. Here are some of them:

Walk around Hoan Kiem Lake

Located in the city center, Hoan Kiem Lake is considered the heart of Hanoi. Not only attracting visitors with its airy landscape, but this is also a Hanoi tourist destination that shows the historical and spiritual tradition of the capital.

In the middle of the lake, there is an ancient Turtle Tower. Besides, you can see a small peninsula in which there are other famous relics such as Pen Tower, The Huc Bridge, Tran Ba Communal House, Ngoc Son Temple, etc. Also, visiting Hoan Kiem Lake, you can have a chance to enjoy Trang Tien ice cream - a famous specialty that has been popular for generations in Hanoi.



Visit St Joseph's Cathedral

St Joseph's Cathedral, or "The Big Church" familiarly called by the locals, is one of the first structures constructed by French colonists during their expansion in Indochina and still intact in Hanoi after two fierce wars. Today, it becomes a historical attraction in Hanoi which remains the image of the beauty of the old Hanoi and makes an impression on travelers by its ancient beauty inside the bustling capital. St Joseph's Cathedral with its European beauty becomes a wonderful place of taking photos in Hanoi. Nowadays, the church has been choosing by couples to take wedding photos and by students to take yearbook photos.



Stroll through **Hang Ma Street**

Hang Ma Street is known by tourists as the busiest and most brilliant of the 36 ancient streets in Hanoi. It is famous for traditional craft of making votive paper and decoration accessories for holidays such as Mid-Autumn Festival and Christmas. Coming here, you can immerse yourself in the hustle and bustle of trading activities, along with the vibrant sounds of drums and even trumpets. Hang Ma Street has long become an ideal place for shopping, playing and taking photos of Hanoi people every holiday.



Have
a
drink
in
**The
beer
street
Ta
Hien**



Ta Hien Street is likened to a paradise for night owls and beer lovers. The beer of Ta Hien Street is incredibly well-known, so it is not an exaggeration to say that this is the best place to take in Hanoi's vibrant nightlife and sip a cool beer. If you come to Hanoi on sweltering days, grab some beer and cheer with your friends at this place! Here, instead of sitting in pubs, you will sit on an outdoor stool to enjoy bottles of beer that are also put on a stool. This is a great way for visitors to experience the traditional and simple lifestyle in Hanoi. Additionally, the beer is frequently served with mouth-watering food like roasted squid, fried fermented pork rolls, roasted bird, or sunflower seeds.

Learn about Vietnamese history in **O Quan Chuong Gate**

O Quan Chuong Gate was built during the reign of King Le Hien Tong (1749). It is about 1.5 kilometers to the North of Hoan Kiem Lake. From here, visitors can walk around to see the hustle and bustle of the local people's daily life. As the last standing gate in Hanoi, O Quang Chuong Gate basically retains all of its original design. This building bears the imprints of the characteristic Nguyen Dynasty architecture, including a two-storey gate made of stones and bricks hammered with wooden mallets. The second storey is a pavilion with a curving roof. Originally used as a vantage point for guards, this storey is currently where the national flag is flown on special occasions.



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Top must-try dishes

Pho

Pho is considered the best food in Hanoi Old Quarter which can be enjoyed for breakfast, lunch or dinner. The broth is made from beef bones. The meat used for pho can be beef or chicken, and the seasoning includes green onion, pepper, chili vinegar, sliced lemon, etc.



Recommended Places:

- **Pho bo Tu Lun:** 68 Hang Ma St., Hang Ma Ward, Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi
- **Pho bo Khoi Hoi:** 50 Hang Vai St., Hang Ma Ward, Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi
- **Pho ga Nguyet:** 5 Phu Doan St., Hang Bong Ward, Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi

Grilled pork and noodles (bun cha)

This is a traditional dish of Northern Vietnam. It includes vermicelli noodles, a ton of fresh herbs, tasty and juicy pork meatballs, and the classic dipping sauce. It is a dish that many people in Northern Vietnam in general and Hanoi in particular hold dear to their hearts.

Recommended Places:

- **Bun cha Dac Kim:** 1 Hang Manh St., Hang Gai Ward, Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi
- **Bun cha 38 Mai Hac De:** 38 Mai Hac De St., Bui Thi Xuan Ward, Hai Ba Trung District, Hanoi



Vermicelli and chicken soup (bun thang)

This is a sophisticated noodle soup with a variety of flavorful toppings, such as shredded chicken, pork sausage, egg crepes, shrimp floss, and flavorful herbs. Its broth consists of chicken, shrimp, and shiitake mushroom.



Recommended Places:

- **Bun thang Cau Go:** 32 Cau Go St., Hang Bac Ward, Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi
- **Bun thang Lan Ong:** 16 Lan Ong St., Hang Dao Ward, Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi

Vietnamese rice noodles with fermented shrimp paste (bun rieu)

A bowl of fermented shrimp paste, fresh herbs, fried tofu, and rice vermicelli make up this dish. Its highlight is the combination of fermented shrimp paste and a bit of kumquat juice.

Recommended Places:

- **Bun rieu Huyen Thu:** 2F Quang Trung St., Tran Hung Dao Ward, Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi
- **Bun rieu suon sun Trang:** 23 Nguyen Sieu St., Hang Buom Ward, Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi



La Vong grilled chopped fish (cha ca La Vong)



This dish features grilled fish that has been marinated in turmeric and combined with sautéed onions and dills, along with vermicelli noodles, toasted peanuts, and dipping sauce. It has the perfect harmony of savory, sweet, and sour flavors.

Recommended Places:

- **Vua cha ca:** 9 Ly Thuong Kiet St., Phan Chu Trinh Ward, Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi
- **Cha ca Thang Long:** 19-21-2D Duong Thanh St., Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi

Egg coffee (ca phe trung)

Egg coffee is a Vietnamese nationally acclaimed specialty made of egg yolks, sugar, condensed milk, and coffee. Among all the coffee variations that Vietnam has to offer, egg coffee is a specialty that travelers should not miss out on, especially while in Hanoi.

Recommended Places:

- **Café Giang:** 39 Nguyen Huu Huan St., Ly Thai To Ward, Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi
- **Café Dinh:** 13 Dinh Tien Hoang St., Hang Trong Ward, Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi

