

# Solo tripping in Vietnam

14 days · December 2024

## The route

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- 01** Days 1–2  
**Ho Chi Minh City**  
Beautiful colonial architecture. The Museum of Fine Arts is a must-visit.
- 02** Day 3  
**Can Tho & the Mekong Delta**  
Had the best pho on a boat and got to explore the cacao farms.
- 03** Days 4–5  
**Da Nang & Hoi An**  
Beautiful beach town. Not to miss: XLIII specialty coffee & Marble mountains. I took an early-morning 4am trip to Hoi An via Airbnb experiences.
- 04** Days 6–7  
**Dong Hoi & Phong Nha**  
A quaint little town that somehow reminded me of Stranger Things. The Paradise Caves are absolutely breathtaking.
- 05** Days 8–14  
**Hanoi**  
My fav of all, take a walk around the Hoan Kiem Lake, explore the weekend markets & don't miss the Water Puppet Theatre.
- 06** Day 10  
**Ninh Binh**  
A landscape that looks straight out of movies, I took a one-day trip through getyourguide
- 07** Days 12–13  
**Ha Long Bay**  
Worth experiencing an overnight cruise. You get a sense of how dark the sea can be at night & how fast ships actually move.

## Day by day

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### Ho Chi Minh City, Can Tho & Mekong Delta

#### Day 1 · Saturday, 14th

- Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City

- Visit:
  - Reunification Palace (formerly President Palace)
  - Notre Dame Cathedral
  - Saigon Central Post Office
  - Art Gallery
  - Apartment Café
  - Backpacker Street

## **Day 2 · Sunday, 15th**

- Photography walk
- War Memorial
- Cu Chi Tunnels
- Ben Thanh Market
- Circle K Café
- **Evening (7pm–10pm):** Taxi to Can Tho

## **Day 3 · Monday, 16th**

- Explore the Mekong Delta (Can Tho area)
- **Evening:** Return to Ho Chi Minh City by cab
- **Night:** Flight from Ho Chi Minh City to Da Nang

## **Da Nang & Hoi An**

### **Day 4 · Tuesday, 17th**

- Da Nang:
  - Marble Mountains
  - Lady Buddha (Linh Ung Pagoda)
  - Local coffee spots

### **Day 5 · Wednesday, 18th**

- **4:30am–11am:** Hoi An tour (Airbnb Experience)
- Return to Da Nang:
  - Explore cafés
  - My Khe Beach
  - Flea market
- **6pm–11:45pm:** Train from Da Nang to Dong Hoi

## **Dong Hoi & Phong Nha**

### **Day 6 · Thursday, 19th**

- Phong Nha area:
  - Phong Nha Cave
  - Paradise Cave
  - Geese farm

### **Day 7 · Friday, 20th**

- Relax and explore Phong Nha town

- **4:30pm:** Depart for Dong Hoi Airport
- Flight to Hanoi
- Arrive in Hanoi (stay from 20th–27th)
- **Night (20th):** Rest

## Hanoi & Surroundings

### Day 8 · Saturday, 21st

- Experience People's Army 80th Anniversary celebrations

### Day 9 · Sunday, 22nd

- **9am–12pm:** Guided city walk
- Evening: Stroll by the lake

### Day 10 · Monday, 23rd

- Day trip to Ninh Binh (booked via Klook)

### Day 11 · Tuesday, 24th

- **8am–10am:** Photo walk in Hanoi

### Day 12 · Wednesday, 25th

- Begin cruise (e.g., Ha Long Bay)

### Day 13 · Thursday, 26th

- Continue cruise

### Day 14 · Friday, 27th

- Shopping in Hanoi