

TOURS ESCAPE FROM HOI AN

1. OVERVIEW:

Hoi An (also Fai-Fo) is perhaps Vietnam's most atmospheric and delightful town. The town is an exceptionally well-preserved example of a Southeast Asian trading port dating from the 15th to the 19th century. Its architectures and street plan reflect the cultural mixing of Vietnam with the outside world, all combined to produce this unique heritage site.

The present-day Hoi An still remains much as its heyday without the presence of traffic or pollution. Whether you visit the town as a day or as long as a month, it's be worthwhile. Lounge bars, boutique hotels, café and tailor shops are very much part of the scene here. Travel a few kilometers further – you'll find some superb bicycle, motorbike and boat trips – and some of central Vietnam's most enticing, rural scenery and beaches are within easy reach.

Hoi An has no airport, no train station either. The only way to get here is by road from Da Nang which has an airport with daily flights from Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City and other big cities. There's also a train station in Da Nang and bus services are all available.

HALF DAY COOKING CLASS

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| <u>Tour code:</u> | HOA |
| <u>Tour type:</u> | Culinary |
| <u>City:</u> | Hoi An |
| <u>Time:</u> | Morning or afternoon (08.30 - 12.30h. or 13.00 - 17.00h) |

Overview:

This is the perfect complement for your stay in Vietnam and will leave you the feeling that you've seen and tasted the real "Hoi An". This half-day cooking class will give you an exciting introduction to Vietnamese traditional cuisine using carefully selected ingredients and the recipe to recreate some of Vietnam's most notable dishes when you return home.

Itinerary:

Morning meet our guide at your hotel in Hoi An or (or Da Nang) and transfer out to a local market. A guide from the local cooking school will take you on a tour through the market to learn about the ingredients to be used in your recipes. After the market, embark on a boat to ride along the Hoi An river for about 25 minutes, watching local fishermen casting nets as part of their daily routine. Arrive at a small township and walk to the cooking school. The class starts in an open-air pavilion by the river under the instruction of an experienced chef. Observe, practice, sample and bring out a good lunch cooked the local style to your own taste. Enjoy it yourself.

After breakfast at hotel, our guide will pick you up at hotel lobby then transfer to a local market to start your half day of cooking class. You will be guided by a master chef from the local cooking school to know what to buy and how it will be used in your recipes. Finish buying ingredients at the market, embark on a small boat to ride along the Thu Bon River for about 25 minutes to catch the cooking school on the other side of the river. You will be taught in an open-air pavilion beside the river by the experience chef. To make your lunch tasty, you should observe carefully then practice under guidance of the chef. We believe this will be a memorable lunch with taste from Hoi An and made by yourself.

Rate is net in USD per person

| Group | 1 | 2 | 3-4 | 5-6 | 7-9 | 10-12 | 13-15 |
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| Price | 82 | 63 | 57 | 51 | 50 | 47 | 46 |

Included: Private transportation with English or French speaking guide/Entrance fee & mineral water/Lunch after cooking