

TOURS ESCAPE FROM HUE

1. OVERVIEW:

Palaces and pagodas, tombs and temples, culture and cuisine, history and heartbreak – there’s no shortage of poetic pairings to describe Hue. A UNESCO World Heritage site, this deeply evocative capital of the Nguyen emperors still resonates with the glories of imperial Vietnam, even though many of its finest buildings were destroyed during the war.

Hue owes its charm partly to its location on the Perfume River – picturesque on a clear day, atmospheric even in less flattering weather. There’s always restoration work going on to recover Hue’s royal splendor, but today the city is very much a blend of new and old as sleek modern hotels tower over crumbling century-old Citadel walls.

FULL DAY TOUR

PHONG NHA CAVE

<u>Tour code:</u>	HOA
<u>Tour type:</u>	Historical, Cultural & Active
<u>City:</u>	Hoi An
<u>Time:</u>	Full day (08.00 – 17.00h.)

Overview:

Phong Nha Caves are a complex of 14 grottoes situated in a region of Limestone Mountains in Ke Bang National Park. The caves were listed as a World Natural Heritage Site in July of 2003 by UNESCO. The only way to Phong Nha Cave is by boat. These seat up to fourteen people, and though it’s theoretically possible to join other groups, you’ll likely be told to charter one of your own. You’ll drift awhile between rippling walls of limestone, and see immense stalactites and stalagmites, all lit by multi colored spotlights. This cave is really an amazing creation of nature.

Itinerary:

Morning, driver will escort you about 200km from Hue to the Son River in Quang Binh province, where you take a boat trip to the famed caves at Phong Nha – Ke Bang National Park. The Park is one of the world's two largest limestone regions. In comparison with 41 other world heritage sites which have karsts, Phong Nha has dissimilar geomorphic, geologic and biotic conditions. The karsts of Phong Nha can be traced back to Palaeozoic 400 million years ago. This makes Phong Nha is the oldest major karst in Asia. The area has numerous grottoes and caves. Vietnamese and British scientists have so far surveyed a total of 20 caves with a total length of 70 km. Of these surveyed caves, 17 were in the Phong Nha area and three in the Ke Bang area. Following the narrow underground river, you explore the most impressive Phong Nha cave, from which the name to the whole system. The Cave is famous

for its rock formation which have been given names such as the "Lion", the "Fairy Caves", the "Royal Court", and the "Buddha". Afterwards, you return to Dong Hoi for lunch before driving back to Hue.

Rate is net in USD per person

Number of pax	1 pax	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	10-12 pax	13-15 pax
Rate	212	123	92	62	59	49	42

Included: Private transportation with English or French speaking guide/Entrance fee & mineral water/Lunch included, Boat for sightseeing