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5D4N HUE, PHONG NHA & The DMZ

DAY 01: DANANG ARRIVAL TRANSFER TO HUE (L/D)



11.50am arrival in Danang airport. Transfer for lunch. Transfer to Hue with stop over at Hai Van Pass, where you enjoy the view over to the sea at the mountain pass that divides Hue province from Danang. Arrival Hue city, the former Imperial Capital of the Nguyen Dynasty (1802-1945). The buildings and monuments left over from the Nguyen Dynasty has earned Hue city a listing on the **UNESCO World Heritage** list. **Overnight in Hue.**

DAY 2: HUE CITY TOUR- PHONG NHA (B/L/D)



Have early breakfast (around 07:00AM) at the hotel then around 07:30 AM start transfer to visit **UNESCO World Heritage Tomb of Emperor Tu Duc**. Tu Duc was longest reigning monarch of the Nguyen dynasty, ruling from 1848-83. Completed long before death, he also used it like a palatial retreat. The complex included pavilions, a lake and a pier at the river for the convenience of arrival by boat.



Transfer to **Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park**, a **UNESCO World Heritage** site. The sections of the national park were part of the infamous Ho Chi Minh trail of the Vietnam war. After lunch, go to the pier to start the **boat trip on Son River** that will take you into **Phong Nha Cave**, the second longest cave in Vietnam (7.7km long) with 14

grottos and an underground river. Dinner and then check in hotel. Overnight in Phong Nha.

DAY 3: PHONG NHA - VINH MOC TUNNELS - DMZ - HUE (B/L/D)



After breakfast, transfer to visit **Paradise cave**. Discovered by a local man in 2005, this 31 km long cave is the longest cave of Vietnam, while the highest and widest sections reach up to 72m and 150m respectively. The British cave explorers who explored the cave to its end were so impressed by the spectacular stalactites and stalagmites that they named it Paradise Cave.



Next, visit **Mooc Spring** (open during dry season Mar to July) for moments of relaxation and enjoy the scenery of clear blue waters, karst hills and forest.

Then transfer southwards back to Hue, with lunch at a local restaurant in Dong Hoi town.



Next, begin your tour of the DMZ ("DeMilitarized Zone") area which divided North Vietnam and South Vietnam during the Vietnam war. First, visit **Vinh Moc Tunnels & Museum**. Vinh Moc village is located near the 17th Parallel that divided Vietnam into North and South during the Vietnam war. After suffering repeated bombings from Americans, the villagers went underground and built a network of tunnels that became their homes.



Continue to visit **Hien Luong Bridge**, which spans across the Ben Hai River; the river was part of the borderline between North and South Vietnams during the Vietnam war. Stop over at the **Reunification Monument**, built to commemorate the end of the Vietnam war and reunification of North and South Vietnams into one nation. Proceed to Doc Mieu to visit site of **Firebase Gio Linh**, a former American artillery base during the Vietnam war. The firebase was involved in many battles from the time it was established in 1966 until it fell into North Vietnamese hands during the 1972 Easter Offensive. Visit the nearby **Communications Memorial**, dedicated to North Vietnamese soldiers from radio and communications units.

Arrival in Hue for dinner and check in hotel. Overnight in Hue.

DAY 4: HUE CITY TOUR - DA NANG (B/L/D)



Have breakfast at hotel then transfer you to visit UNESCO World Heritage Imperial Citadel of Hue. This vast complex was built in the early 19th century, modelled after the forbidden city of Beijing; a visit will give you a fascinating glimpse into the Court Life of the Nguyen Dynasty. Your visit includes Dien Tho residence, Thai Hoa Palace, the halls of the Mandarins and the original nine

dynastic urns. Then take **boat trip down the Perfume River** and stop to visit the **UNESCO World Heritage Thien Mu Pagoda** (Pagoda of the Celestial Lady), popularly regarded as the unofficial symbol of Hue city. Have lunch at local restaurant.



Then visit **UNESCO World Heritage Tomb of Emperor Khai Dinh**. Emperor Khai Dinh was the 12th Emperor of the Nguyen Dynasty and Vietnam was already under French colonial rule. His tomb has a mix of Oriental & Western architecture due to influence from his visit to France. Construction began in 1920 and was completed in 1930 by his successor, the last Emperor, Bao Dai (after he passed away in 1925).

Then proceed to Danang, **passing by Lang Co** beach & lagoon area and driving via **Hai Van Tunnel**, the longest tunnel in Southeast Asia at 6.28km. Danang arrival, check in hotel and have dinner at local restaurant. **Overnight in Danang.**

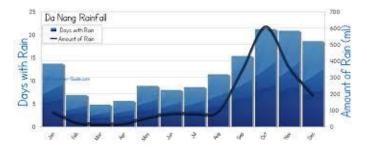
OPTION if SAT or SUN: View **Danang Dragon Bridge Fire & Water show**.





Day 5: DA NANG DEPARTURE (B)

After breakfast, transfer to Danang Airport for 12.20pm departure.



RAINFALL CHART of Danang:

You are advised to avoid visiting Central Vietnam during the months with peak rainfall (Oct-Dec) as typhoons occurs more frequently during this period.

RATES: per person, twin sharing, for Malaysian passport holders; valid from JAN to DEC 2019 Surcharges may apply for holiday periods such as Vietnam National Day (Aug 31-Sep 2), X'Mas & New Year's Eve, Vietnamese New Year (same period as Chinese New Year), etc.

OPTION A:

HUE: Rosaleen Hotel 3* (Superior room) or similar

PHONG NHA: Saigon Phong Nha Hotel 3* (Standard room) or similar

DANANG: Moonlight Danang Hotel 3* (Superior city view room) or similar

2 paxs: RM 2600 3 paxs: RM 2040 4-5 paxs: RM 1780

6-7 paxs: RM 1490 8-9 paxs: RM 1390 10-11 paxs: RM 1430

12 or more: RM 1360 Single supplement: RM 300

OPTION B:

HUE: Moonlight Hue Hotel 4* (Superior room) or similar PHONG NHA: Saigon Phong Nha Hotel 3* (Standard room) or similar

DANANG: Fivitel Hotel 4* (Superior room) or similar

2 paxs: RM 2680 3 paxs: RM 2120 4-5 paxs: RM 1850

6-7 paxs: RM 1570 8-9 paxs: 1460 10-11 paxs: RM 1500

12 or more: RM 1440 Single supplement: RM 370

Rates and itinerary subject to changes in foreign exchange rates, unforeseen surcharges, weather, local conditions, etc.

INCLUSIVE:

- Hotel accommodation according to option selected
- Meals as mentioned in itinerary above.
- Airport transfers and transportation:
 - 2-3 paxs: 7 seater SUV / 4 to 9 paxs: 16 seater van / 10 or more: 29 seater bus
- Entrance fees for attractions as specified in the itinerary
- Private boat for Perfume River cruise in Hue and for Phong Nha Cave visit
- Sightseeing with local experienced English speaking guide
- Mineral water with 2 x 500ml bottles/day/person

EXCLUSIONS:

- Air tickets, airport taxes & fuel surcharge
- Compulsory Guide & Driver tipping, recommended minimum:

2-3 paxs: USD 7 /traveler /day 4-6 paxs: USD 5 /traveler/day 7 or more: USD 3 /traveler/day

- Travel insurance can be arranged separately for Malaysians (RM 40 /person)
- Malaysian passport holders don't require visa to visit Vietnam. Other nationalities to be advised.
- Expenses of personal nature like activities not part of itinerary, drinks during meals, tipping for boat crew/hotel staff/restaurant staff/etc., laundry surcharges, mini bar charges, etc.