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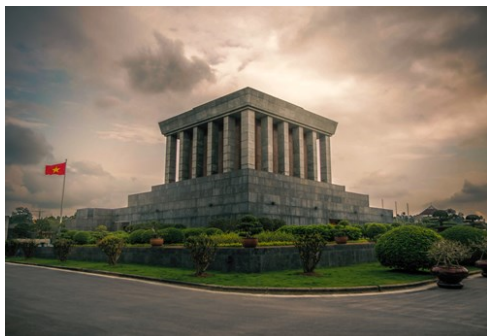
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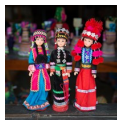
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If Saigon is the frenetic, commercial heartbeat of Vietnam, then verdant and historic Hanoi is the sedate, intellectual soul of the country. Its leafy boulevards, serene lakes, and sweeping white French colonial architecture set the scene as tourists and locals go about their business at a pleasingly civilised pace.

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Most travellers base themselves in the central Hoan Kiem District, in the vicinity of Hoan Kiem Lake, whose pathways and surrounding greenery are the site of much activity as dawn breaks. Don't be surprised to see graceful schools of tai chi-ers moving as one as the sun rises, and Hanoi health fanatics doing jogging laps before work.

Northwest of the lake is the legendary Old Quarter with its winding alleyways and hundreds of quaint shops, guesthouses, galleries, and places to eat. Tourists flock to local establishments, open long after the doors have shut elsewhere in the city. It's also crammed with temples and monuments to ponder over between eating and shopping.

Ba Dinh District, to the west of the lake, is the place to head for a little historic enlightenment – The Mausoleum, the Museum of Ho Chi Minh and the Hanoi Old Citadel all reside there. The Old French Quarter, south of the lake, will transport you back to the days before the French realised that the Vietnamese were a force to be reckoned with. Upscale restaurants, hotels and embassies now occupy the stunning white villas.

DO & SEE



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With a one-of-a-kind mix of ancient history and modern charm, the vibrant capital of Vietnam promises an unforgettable adventure for every traveller.

Start your exploration at Hoan Kiem Lake, a serene oasis surrounded by the bustling Old Quarter. Here, you can visit Ngoc Son Temple, stroll along tree-lined paths, and witness the traditional morning tai chi sessions. The Old Quarter is a maze of narrow streets brimming with shops, street food vendors, and historic architecture, where each street specialises in different trades, offering a unique glimpse into Hanoi's rich cultural tapestry.

For a deeper dive into Vietnamese history, visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university. For contemporary experiences, enjoy the nightlife in Tay Ho District and savour Hanoi's renowned street food scene, from pho to banh mi.

Old Quarter



Every corner of Hanoi's Old Quarter offers a unique and immersive experience that invites travellers to uncover the heart and soul of the

city's ancient charm.

Get lost in its narrow alleys lined with centuries-old buildings, where roadside stalls and bustling markets offer tantalising street food delights and handcrafted souvenirs. Discover hidden temples and pagodas nestled amidst the labyrinthine streets. Take a break with a cup of fragrant Vietnamese coffee. And why not finish your day by watching the historic Thang Long Water Puppet Theatre?

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Address: Old Quarter, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi

Halong Bay



Hanoi is the ideal gateway to Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Vietnam's crown jewel. Embark on a scenic cruise along the emerald waters, weaving through thousands of limestone islands and islets adorned with lush greenery. Explore hidden caves and grottos, paddle through secluded lagoons by kayak, or simply unwind on deck, soaking in the breathtaking panoramic

Photo: PhotoRoman/Shutterstock.com
Address: Halong Bay, Thành phố Hạ Long, Quảng Ninh, Vietnam

Thang Long Water Puppet Theatre



Marvel at intricately crafted puppets as they come to life on a shimmering stage of a water-filled pool, depicting age-old tales of rural life, mythical creatures, and historical legends at the Thang Long Water Puppet

Theatre.

Water puppetry is a long-established and prestigious artwork in Vietnam, especially in the northern parts of the country.

Experience beautiful performances accompanied by live traditional music, immersing yourself in the rich tapestry of Vietnamese folklore and storytelling.

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Phone: +84 24 3824 9494

Lake of the Restored Sword (Hoan Kiem Lake)



Nestled in the heart of Hanoi, the picturesque Lake of the Restored Sword, or Hoan Kiem Lake, captivates travellers with its beauty and rich cultural significance. According to the legend, Emperor Le Loi was gifted a magical sword by a divine turtle, which he later returned to the lake, earning it its evocative name.

Today, visitors flock to this iconic landmark to stroll along its scenic shores, admire the Turtle Tower standing sentinel in the water, and soak in the vibrant atmosphere of its surrounding streets.

Photo: CravenA/Shutterstock
Address: Hoàn Kiếm Lake, Hanoi

Hanoi Street Food Tour



Embark on a delicious culinary adventure with this Hanoi Street Food Tour, led by a knowledgeable local foodie. Dive into the rich flavours that define Vietnam's capital as you sample a diverse array of dishes—from rice noodle soup with beef to snails and steamed pancakes. Whether you choose a lunch or dinner departure, you're in for a treat as you savour the authentic tastes of Hanoi at local eateries carefully selected by your guide.

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Train Street



Train Street is a thrilling, unique, and a bit dangerous attraction in Hanoi. Curious travellers flock to this narrow alley, in the Old Quarter, to witness a train whizzing by just inches away from homes and cafés. Enjoy the adrenaline rush while sipping coffee at one of the quaint trackside cafés. Be sure to check the scheduled train times and watch out for the passing train!

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Address: Phố Trần Phú, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi

Full-Day Ninh Binh Tour from Hanoi



Embark on an exhilarating tour from Hanoi to Ninh Binh, where history and natural beauty intertwine harmoniously. Begin your adventure by visiting Hoa Lu, once the capital of Vietnam. Then, explore Mua Cave and take in

views from the mountain above. Next, glide through the mystical Tam Coc caves on a scenic boat ride.

For a taste of authentic Vietnamese cuisine, savour a tasty lunch by the Ngo Dong River. Finally, cap off your day with a bike ride through lush fields to the Bich Dong Pagoda cave temples.

Photo: Nguyen Duc Nguyen/Shutterstock

Temple Of Literature



Temple Of Literature, built in 1070 under Lý Thánh Tông's dynasty, can be found about ten minutes from Hoan Kiem Lake. The temple is one of the oldest sights in Hanoi and is dedicated to the Chinese philosopher Confucius (Khong Tu). Six years later, it was founded as Vietnam's first university. The building is extremely well preserved, with landscaped courtyards, several altars and shrines, and a beautiful example of traditional-style Vietnamese architecture.

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Address: 58 Phố Quốc Tử Giám, Văn Miếu, Đống Đa, Hanoi

Public Transport: Bus number 23 stops at the front of the site

Opening hours: Daily 8am–5pm

Phone: +84 24 3845 2917

Cooking Class



Why settle for just savouring the local cuisine when you could learn the ins and outs of Vietnamese cooking and bring some of the country's culture with you?

Join a cooking class at a local villa, where you'll receive expert guidance and hands-on experience crafting traditional dishes. Before getting your hands dirty, dive into the hustle and bustle of a local market, where you'll select the freshest ingredients for your culinary creations.

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Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum



Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum is the final resting place of the revered Vietnamese revolutionary leader and President Ho Chi Minh. It

is Hanoi's number one tourist attraction and an important historical site. It was built within two years, from 1973 to 1975, and its design draws inspiration from Moscow's Lenin Mausoleum. If you're lucky you might catch the changing of the guard outside the mausoleum.

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Address: 1 Hùng Vương, Điện Biên, Ba Đình, Hanoi

Opening hours: Daily 7am-5pm

Internet: www.bqllang.gov.vn

One Pillar Pagoda



The 11th-century wooden shrine, revered for its fertility and healing properties, was burnt by the French in the 1950s and is now replaced by a concrete one and is still a popular destination. To honour the symbol of purity in Buddhism, the pagoda is built to look like a lotus blossom.

Photo: Jimmy Tran/Shutterstock.com

Address: Phố Chùa Một Cột, Đội Cấn, Ba Đình, Hanoi

Opening hours: Daily 7am-6pm

More Info: The One Pillar Pagoda is located within Ho Chi

Minh Complex, making an easy visit from either the Museum or Mausoleum

Ngoc Son Temple



Located on an island at the north end of Hoan Kiem Lake, this peaceful temple site pays homage to scholars and war heroes. Its most notable

feature is the preserved turtle carcass, intricately tied to the lake's mythology.

Accessible via a traditional Vietnamese-style red bridge, this site is among the most visited temples in Hanoi, drawing visitors keen to explore its serene grounds and immerse themselves in its rich cultural significance.

Photo: Galina Savina/Shutterstock.com

Address: Phố Đinh Tiên Hoàng, Hàng Trống, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi

Ho Chi Minh Museum



This museum honours President Ho Chi Minh who is considered to be a Vietnamese hero. It holds a collection of his letters and military orders that

explain the Communist Party's early days to the present.

Photo: Takashi Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: 19 Phố Ngọc Hà, Đội Cấn, Ba Đình, Hanoi

Opening hours: Tue-Thu 8am-noon / 2pm-4:30pm; Sat & Sun 8am-noon / 2pm-4:30pm; Mon & Fri closed

Phone: +84 24 3846 3757

Internet: <https://baotanghochiminh.vn>

Email: truyenthong.bthcm@gmail.com

Vietnam National Museum of History



Spanning around two thousand years of Vietnamese history, the museum offers a meticulously curated journey through the country's rich heritage. With over 7,000 artefacts displayed across two floors, visitors can explore everything from prehistoric relics to contemporary treasures.

Photo: Pixabay

Address: 1 Tràng Tiền, Phan Chu Trinh, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 8am-noon / 1:30pm-5pm; Mon closed

Phone: +84 24 3825 2853

Internet: <https://baotanglichsu.vn/en>

Email: banbientap@baotanglichsu.vn

Vietnam Women's Museum



Discover the rich and empowering history of Vietnamese women at the Vietnam Women's Museum. Through interactive exhibits,

visitors delve into various facets of women's lives, spanning from cultural traditions to wartime heroism and modern-day challenges. From traditional ao dai dresses to multimedia displays, the museum offers an immersive experience, highlighting the vital role women play in shaping Vietnam's narrative, both historically and in contemporary society.

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Address: 36 Phố Lý Thường Kiệt, Hàng Bài, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi

Opening hours: Daily 8am-5pm

Phone: +84 24 3825 9936

Internet: <https://baotangphunu.org.vn/en/home>

Email: info@baotangphunu.org.vn

Hoa Lo Prison



Constructed by the French in 1896, this prison was taken over by the Vietnamese in 1954 to house prisoners of war. The original guillotine

room and stories told by the ex-inmates themselves make this a gruesome but compelling experience.

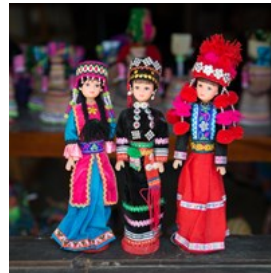
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Address: 1 Phố Hoả Lò, Trần Hưng Đạo, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi

Public Transport: Quan Su

Phone: +84 4 824 6358

Vietnam Museum of Ethnology



Set against a backdrop of lush gardens and traditional architecture, this first-class museum offers travellers a fascinating journey

through the country's rich cultural mosaic. With over 50 ethnic groups represented through its exhibits, visitors can explore intricate artefacts, traditional costumes, and interesting displays that showcase the customs, rituals, and daily life of Vietnam's diverse communities.

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Address: Đường Nguyễn Văn Huyền, Nghĩa Đô, Cầu Giấy, Hanoi

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 8:30am-5:30pm, Mon closed

Phone: +84 24 3756 2193

Internet: www.vme.org.vn/en

St Joseph's Cathedral



St Joseph's Cathedral is one of the sights that still remains from the French colonial time. Built in the late 19th century in the neo-Gothic style, this architectural masterpiece boasts soaring spires, intricate stained glass windows, and a serene interior adorned with ornate decorations.

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Address: 40 Phố Nhà Chung, Hàng Trống, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi

Opening hours: Daily 8am-11am / 2pm-5pm

Cuc Phuong National Park



Situated in Vietnam's Red River Delta, Cuc Phuong National Park, the country's first national park, beckons travellers with its natural splendour and ecological significance. As the largest nature reserve in Vietnam, Cuc Phuong boasts unparalleled biodiversity, making it a vital sanctuary for a wide array of plant and animal species. Despite its nearly three-hour journey from Hanoi, this gem in Ninh Bình Province is well worth the effort.

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Address: Nho Quan, Ninh Bình

Phone: +84 229 3848 006

Vietnam National Fine Arts Museum



Housed in a 1930s French colonial building, the Vietnam National Fine Arts Museum showcases the rich tapestry of Vietnamese artistic heritage. Spanning various epochs and

mediums, from paintings and sculptures to traditional arts like religious sculptures, folk paintings, and ceramics, the museum offers an interesting journey through the nation's cultural evolution.

Photo: Anna Kolosyuk/Unsplash

Address: 66 Phố Nguyễn Thái Học, Điện Biên, Ba Đình, Hanoi

Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-5pm

Phone: +84 24 3823 3084

Internet: <https://vnfam.vn/en>

Email: btmtvn@vnfam.vn

DINING



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Hanoi restaurants tend to centre around Vietnamese with Asian fusion or European fare, particularly French and Italian. You are more likely to find international dining in the Hoan Kiem District but for local authentic flavours (and Hanoi's famous Pho noodle soup dish) head to the Old Quarter street vendors.

Old Quarter



Hanoi's Old Quarter is the perfect place to explore traditional Vietnamese food. From steaming bowls of pho to crispy banh mi sandwiches and savoury bun cha, you'll find an assortment of authentic (and affordable) Vietnamese dishes to tantalise your taste buds.

Wander through the bustling streets lined with food stalls and tiny eateries, and you'll discover an endless array of flavours and aromas waiting to be savoured.

Photo: Tony Duy/Shutterstock.com
Address: Old Quarter, Hanoi

La Badiane



Bathed in soft light, La Badiane's classy interior features a checkered floor, a high ceiling, and historical photos that tell tales of Hanoi's past.

Indulge in their French-inspired cuisine, where bold flavours and expertly combined seasonings tantalise the taste buds with every bite. And for the perfect finale to your meal, be sure to save some room for their mouth-watering desserts.

Photo: Jerome Kundrotas/Shutterstock.com
Address: 10 Phố Nam Ngự, Cua Nam, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11:30am-1:30pm / 6pm-9:30pm;
Sun closed
Phone: +84 42 3942 4509
Internet: www.instagram.com/labadiane.hanoi
Email: labadiane.booking@gmail.com

The Gourmet Corner



Located on the 9th floor of La Mejor Hotel & Sky Bar, The Gourmet Corner exudes sophistication with its abundant natural light pouring in through

floor-to-ceiling windows, its elegant Indochina-inspired decoration, and the best of all, its stunning views of Hoan Kiem Lake, making it the perfect place to indulge in authentic Vietnamese delicacies paired with international favourites.

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Address: 22 Phố Tạ Hiện, Hàng Buồm, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi
Opening hours: Daily 11:30am-10pm
Phone: +84 24 8888 8989
Internet: <https://gourmetcornerrestaurant.com>
Email: gourmetcorner@lamejorhotel.com

El Gaucho



El Gaucho is an elegant Argentinian steakhouse renowned for its menu of high-end classics featuring succulent Angus beef and seafood

delights. Here, steaks are cooked to perfection, ensuring a mouthwatering experience with every bite, while vegetarians can enjoy a selection of equally enticing options. Imbibe in excellent cocktails crafted to perfection, all within the warm and welcoming atmosphere that envelops guests upon arrival.

Photo: HLPhoto/Shutterstock.com
Address: 2 Đường Tây Hồ, Quang An, Tây Hồ, Hanoi
Opening hours: Daily 11am-11pm
Phone: +84 24 3718 6991
Internet: <https://vn.elgaucho.asia/home>
Email: info.vietnam@elgaucho.asia

Hanoi Taco Bar



An exciting destination for Latin-Vietnamese fusion cuisine where to relish high-quality and well-balanced dishes in the city's Old Quarter.

Each dish is cooked to perfection, combining Mexican influences with Vietnamese, plus fantastic cocktails are also served by the friendly staff.

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Address: 166 Từ Hoa Công Chúa, Quang An, Tây Hồ, Hanoi
Opening hours: Daily 11am-10pm

Phone: +84 846 091 485

Internet: www.instagram.com/hanoitacobar

Al Fresco's



This restaurant is raved about by Westerners who miss home cooking. Al Fresco's serves huge, tasty portions of ribs, burgers, steaks, pizza,

and pasta.

Photo: [Andrey_Kuzmin/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/Andrey_Kuzmin)

Address: 23L Phố Hai Bà Trưng, Hàng Bài, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi

Phone: +84 4 826 7782

Internet: www.alfrescos.com.vn/hanoi

Red Bean



When dining at Red Bean, you will get the chance to experience modern Vietnamese cuisine cooked with high quality and innovative ideas

without losing the authentic Vietnamese roots.

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Address: 94 Phố Mã Mây, Hàng Buồm, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi

Opening hours: Daily 11:30am-10pm

Phone: +84 3926 3641

Internet: www.redbeanrestaurant.com

Email: info@redbeanrestaurant.com

Jacksons Steakhouse



If you need a break from the local food, then Jacksons Steakhouse is a good option if you are into meat. They serve the best cuts of beef from the

USA, Australia and New Zealand, which you will need to pay more for but definitely worth it. An extensive wine list is offered to match the

top-quality dishes.

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Address: 23J Phố Hai Bà Trưng, Trang Tien, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi

Opening hours: Daily 10am-9:30pm

Phone: +84 24 3938 8388

Internet: www.jacksons-steakhouse.com

Email: jacksons@afg.vn

More Info: Hoan Kiem

Namaste Hanoi



Namaste's owner Mr. Gopi is truly passionate about Indian cooking, which is clearly shown on the menu and the quality of every dish. Everything

from mouth-watering curries of the north to hot and spicy soups of the south is served here.

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Address: 46 Phố Thọ Nhuộm, Trần Hưng Đạo, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi

Phone: +84 904 224 400

Internet: www.namastehanoi.com

CAFÉS



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Because of its French colonial history and the fact that the locals love their coffee, Hanoi has a wide selection of cafés. Just about every block has a coffee shop, everything from a simple local café to a Western-style venue.

The Vietnamese truly like to experiment with their coffee. So when visiting Hanoi, make sure to try the egg coffee as well as the coconut coffee. Both are highly appreciated among tourists and locals alike.

Cafe Phố Cổ



Cafe Phố Cổ is one of Hanoi's best-kept secrets—literally. Tucked away at the back of a silk shop, this hidden gem is definitely worth the search. Once there, try the delicious egg coffee (coffee topped with beaten egg white) and enjoy it on the rooftop with an amazing view over Hoan Kiem Lake.

Photo: Elias Bitar/Shutterstock

Address: 11 Phố Hàng Gai, Hàng Đào, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi

Opening hours: Daily 8am-11pm

Phone: +84 24 3928 8153

More Info: Enter through the silk shop, 4th floor.

The Note Coffee



Inside this small café, hundreds of love notes are posted on its walls. Enjoy a delicious coffee while reading them, or why not write your own and contribute to the decor?

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Address: 64 Phố Lương Văn Can, Hàng Trống, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi

Phone: +84 4 3938 0468

Internet: www.williamtien.wixsite.com/thenote

Email: thenotecoffee@gmail.com

S'Patisserie



A French café with an amazing lake view over Ho Hoan Kiem, S'Patisserie is a great place to visit for fresh pastries accompanied with hot or iced coffee. The avocado mousse cake is another delight which is highly recommended and should not be missed.

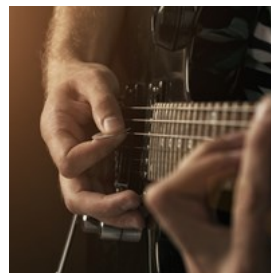
Photo: Barbara Dudzinska/Shutterstock.com

Address: 17 Phố Hàng Khay, Tràng Tiển, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 07.00 - 22.00

Phone: +84 4 3938 5555

The Hanoi Social Club



This little artsy café is located in a quite back street and is on two floors with a cosy and relaxing ambiance. A place to visit for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Regular music events are also hosted here to entertain their guests.

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Address: 6 Ng. Hội Vũ, Hàng Bông, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 08.00 - 23.00

Phone: +84 4 3938 2117

Email: hanoisocialclub@gmail.com

More Info: Hoan Kiem district

Maison de Tet Decor



Tucked away in a corner of West Lake in Hanoi, you will find this delightful hidden gem. This charming French villa with a serene atmosphere offers an outstanding range of organic and gluten free Vietnamese and European food and delicious house roasted

coffee. Most of the products comes from organic farms and is well prepared in the open-plan kitchen by the skilful chefs.

Photo: Augustino/Shutterstock.com

Address: 58 Phố Từ Hoa, Quảng An, Tây Hồ, Hanoi

Phone: +84 09666 11383

Internet: www.tet-lifestyle-collection.com

Email: info@tet-lifestyle-collection.com

More Info: Nghi Tam Village, West Lake

Cafe Giảng



Nestled in a hidden corner of Hanoi's Old Quarter, Cafe Giảng is an iconic spot that draws locals and tourists alike with its legendary egg coffee. Despite coffee shops now offering variations, Café Giảng claims to be the originator of this unique concoction. Using a blend of raw egg yolk, robusta coffee, condensed milk, butter, and cheese, Café Giảng's egg coffee delivers a frothy, indulgent experience reminiscent of liquefied tiramisu. It's a must-visit destination for travellers seeking to savour a taste of Hanoi's history and innovation in every sip

Photo: Trong Nguyen/Shutterstock.com

Address: 39 Phố Nguyễn Hữu Huân, Old Quarter, Ly Thai To, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7am-10pm, Sun 6am-10pm

Phone: +84 989 892 298

Om Hanoi: Yoga & Cafe



Everything cooked here is 100% natural and the food is cooked with joy, passion and love with a creative touch. The menu offers a great selection of veggie and vegan options. Om Hanoi is a small café in the French quarter, down a small alley

and for sure worth a visit. While you are here, why not attend to a yoga class to release all your stress?

Photo: Andresr/Shutterstock.com

Address: 62 Phố Lý Thường Kiệt, Trần Hưng Đạo, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi

Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-8:30pm

Phone: +84 24 3923 0253

Internet: www.omhanoi.com

Email: huonginvanor@gmail.com

More Info: Hoan Kiem district

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Hanoi has only recently come to grips with the concept of nightlife past 10 pm, and the result is pockets of activity dotted around the city. Most tourists head for the bustling Bao Khanh Street in the northwest of Hoan Kiem, where late-night hangouts and bars huddle together, which attracts the locals just as much as out-of-towners. There aren't a huge amount of actual nightclubs in the city, but the handful you do come across are riotous affairs that stay open until the small hours and pump up the volume.

Bia Hoi Corner



Bia Hoi Corner, located in Hanoi's Old Quarter at the crossroads of Ta Hien and Luong Ngoc Quyen Streets, is a popular gathering spot where

locals, expats, and tourists meet every night for a good time. As evening falls, the streets come alive with hundreds of people sitting on colourful plastic stools with a pint of bia hoi (beer) in their hand.

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Address: 14 Phố Đông Thái, Hàng Buồm, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi

Binh Minh's Jazz Club



Live jazz music is organised every night at 21.00, making it a great place where to chill out while sipping a cocktail.

The club is located in the

heart of the Old Quarter and has both indoor and outdoor seating area. Also serving food if you would feel hungry.

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Address: 1 Tràng Tiền, Phan Chu Trinh, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi

Phone: +84 4 3933 6555

Internet: <https://minhjazzvietnam.com>

Email: minhjazz@yahoo.com

More Info: Hoan Kiem District

Hanoi Rock City



Founded in 2010, Hanoi Rock City (HRC) is a independent live music venue, where to listen to original music or simply enjoy a drink in the

friendly and dynamic bar. Every weekend events are hosted here while during the week it has

more of a quiet vibe. For upcoming events check the website below.

Photo: Kohlhuber Media Art/Shutterstock.com

Address: 27/52 Đ. Tô Ngọc Vân, Quảng An, Tây Hồ, Hanoi

Phone: +84 9435 71984

Internet: <https://hrcwlive.com>

Email: info@hanoirockcity.com

More Info: Tay Ho

Hero Club Hanoi



Dance the night away at this industrial-style nightclub with party-loving locals and expats to the tunes of deep house to hip-hop

and R&B. International DJs are regularly visiting Hero Club Hanoi to keep up the loud and fun party atmosphere.

The club is located ten-minute taxi ride from downtown Hanoi.

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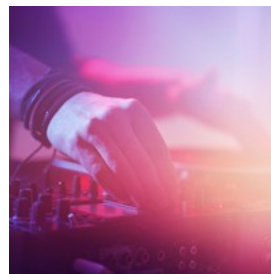
Address: 42M Đ. Yên Phụ, Trúc Bạch, Ba Đình, Hanoi

Phone: +84 98 926 42 42

Email: heroclubhanoi@gmail.com

More Info: Ba Dinh District

Infinity Club



This is a local favourite in Hanoi's vibrant clubbing scene where the city's stylish party-goers head for to have a fun night out. With a spacious

dance floor, impressive lighting, affordably-priced alcohol, local Dj spinning hip-hop, house, trance and electro, you cannot just go wrong here.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 45 Phố Hàng Bài, Hàng Bài, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 21.00 - 00.30
Phone: +84 163 889 8888
More Info: Hoan Kiem District

R & R Tavern



Originally started in 1995 on Lo Su, R & R Tavern is one of the longest serving music bars in Hanoi and is now located Nghi Tam Street. A great place

where to catch up with friends in a laid-back and hippie-influenced atmosphere. Every Friday they host live music and Sunday is open mic night.

Photo: MIGUEL GARCIA SAAVEDRA/Shutterstock.com
Address: 256 Nghi Tam, Yên Phụ, Tây Hồ, Hanoi
Phone: +84 4 6295 8215
More Info: Tay Ho District

Sunset Bar



Sunset Bar is the place to head for when it comes to cocktails and its stunning lakeside setting. Sip a cocktail at this cosy outdoor terrace with

plush daybeds where you can chill out and admire the amazing sunset with West Lake as a backdrop. This is a beautiful designer spot where to enjoy a cool afternoon in a serene atmosphere.

Photo: Hanoi Photography/Shutterstock.com
Address: 5 Phố Từ Hoa, Quảng An, Tây Hồ, Hanoi
Phone: +84 4 6270 8888
Internet: <https://hanoi.intercontinental.com/dining/sunset-bar>
More Info: InterContinental Hanoi Westlake, Tay Ho district

King Pirates Pub



With a relaxing laid back atmosphere, King Pirates Pub is a charming place where to enjoy reasonably priced cocktails and other

beverages, all served by the friendly crew. If you are looking for a fun night out, then come aboard at this themed pub with lots of personality and walk out as a pirate.

Photo: StacieStauffSmith Photos/Shutterstock.com
Address: 24B P. Hàng Giấy, Hàng Buồm, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 11.00 - Until they close
Internet: <https://kingpiratespub.weebly.com>
Email: kingpiratespub@gmail.com
More Info: Hoan Kiem district

SHOPPING



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If you love shopping, Hanoi won't disappoint. Renowned for its bustling markets and colonial shophouses, the city offers a wide array of authentic silk, local crafts, and souvenirs. Fashion enthusiasts will also find plenty of boutiques and shopping malls featuring both local and international brands. The traditional markets scattered throughout Hanoi are perfect for finding unique gifts to take home. For the most diverse selection of Vietnamese souvenirs, pay a visit to the Hoan Kiem Lake area and the Old Quarter.

When it's time to escape the afternoon heat, Hanoi's shopping malls provide a cool respite. TASCOCO Mall, one of the largest in Vietnam, is a must-visit for an extensive shopping experience. Trang Tien Plaza, known for high-end fashion, boasts all the well-known brands. Whether you're exploring lively markets or indulging in the luxury of modern malls, one thing is certain: you won't leave Hanoi empty-handed.

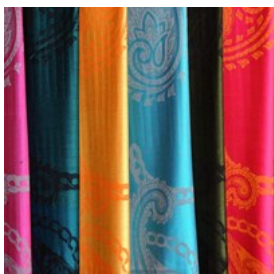
Old Quarter



Shopaholics should start in the Old Quarter where the winding cobbled streets are teemed with a wide range of goods, including traditional Vietnamese handicrafts, such as lacquerware, silk products, embroidered textiles, and wooden carvings. The streets are also lined with markets and shops selling everything, from colourful lanterns and bamboo goods to ceramics, antiques, and local artwork.

Photo: Tony Duy/Shutterstock.com
Address: Old Quarter, Hanoi

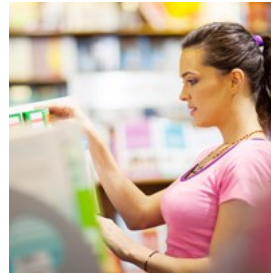
Hang Gai Street



Hang Gai Street, also known as Silk Street, is the top destination in Hanoi for high-quality silk materials and traditional Vietnamese apparel.

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Address: Phố Hàng Gai, Hanoi

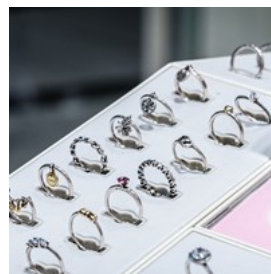
Trang Tien Street



Besides being home to Trang Tien Plaza, one of Hanoi's premier shopping malls, Trang Tien Street is particularly famous for its large bookstores, which offer a wide selection of books in both Vietnamese and foreign languages.

Photo: michaeljung/Shutterstock.com
Address: Tràng Tiền, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi

Hang Bac Street



Hang Bac Street, located in Hanoi's Old Quarter, is a lively and historic destination renowned for its traditional silver crafts. As one of the city's 36 traditional trade streets, Hang Bac, meaning 'silver', is famed for its exquisite jewellery shops that preserve centuries-old crafting techniques. This vibrant street is also packed with restaurants, bars, and bustling activity, making it a must-visit for travellers seeking unique souvenirs and an authentic slice of Hanoi's rich cultural heritage.

Photo: Tanawat Chantradiokrat/Shutterstock
Address: Phố Hàng Bạc, Old Quarter, Hàng Bạc, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi

Nha Tho Street



Nha Tho Street runs right up to the entrance of St Joseph's Cathedral and is filled with trendy boutique shops offering fashionable clothing, handcrafted jewelry, home decor, and unique souvenirs. The street is famous for its charming

atmosphere, blending modern and traditional Vietnamese styles.

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Address: Phố Nhà Thờ, Hang Trong, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi

More Info: Hoan Kiem District

Quang Ba Flower Market



Even if you're not planning to buy flowers, a visit to the colourful Quang Ba Flower Market is an experience that should not be missed. In the early hours of the morning, local vendors fill the market with an impressive array of fresh blooms, ranging from traditional favourites like lotus flowers and chrysanthemums to exotic orchids and vibrant roses. Visitors to the market are treated to a sensory feast as they wander through the bustling aisles, admiring the stunning displays and mingling with locals as they go about their daily rituals.

Photo: Jimmy Tran/Shutterstock.com

Address: 236 Đường Âu Cơ, Quang An, Tây Hồ, Hanoi

Opening hours: Open 24 hours

TASCO Mall



TASCO Mall is a bustling three-storey indoor shopping destination located in the Long Bien district. It features a variety of shops offering everything from fashion and beauty products to electronics and home goods. The mall also houses a large grocery store along with a diverse food court.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: 07-09 Đường Nguyễn Văn Linh, Gia Thụy, Long Biên, Hanoi

Opening hours: Daily 9am-10pm

Phone: +84 24 6266 8855

Internet: <https://tascomall.com/en>

Email: xinchao@tascomall.com

Craft Link



Located next to the Temple of Literature, Craft Link is a nonprofit shop dedicated to empowering ethnic minorities and disadvantaged groups, by offering a curated selection of sustainable and handmade products. From exquisite scarves and cloths crafted from soft cotton or silk to artisanal housewares and other stunning items ideal for gifting.

Photo: Hanoi Photography/Shutterstock.com

Address: 51 Phố Văn Miếu, Văn Miếu, Đống Đa, Hanoi

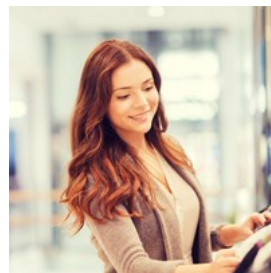
Opening hours: Daily 9am-6pm

Phone: +84 24 3733 6101

Internet: www.instagram.com/craftlinkvietnam

Email: craftlink@fpt.vn

Trang Tien Plaza



Spread over five floors, Trang Tien Plaza is a high-end shopping mall located at the southern end of Hoan Kiem Lake. The ground floor is home to top fashion brands including Burberry, Calvin Klein, Dior, Ralph Lauren, and Louis Vuitton, while the second floor boasts electronics and home furnishings. For dining options, the fifth floor offers a variety of international restaurants to satisfy any craving.

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Address: 24 Phố Hai Bà Trưng, Trang Tien, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 9:30am-9:30pm, Fri-Sun 9:30am-10pm

Phone: +84 24 3937 8600
Internet: www.trangtienplaza.net

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Nội Bài International Airport (HAN)



Hanoi's sparkling new Nội Bài International Airport is the second largest and busiest airport for passenger traffic in Vietnam. It is located 28km away from Hanoi city centre.

Hanoi city bus numbers 7 and 17 leave from the right side of the terminal exit and take an hour to reach the city centre. They run from 5am-10pm, every 15-20 minutes.

Airport minibuses congregate outside the arrival hall—the Vietnam Airlines minibus takes about 40 minutes and drops you outside their Hoan Kiem Lake office (south end). Tickets are sold inside the terminal building. However, many travellers opt for a taxi—there are hundreds outside the terminal exit gate. Unlike the minibuses, which run only intermittently at night, taxis are present 24 hours a day. A taxi ride to the city centre takes about 30-40 minutes. Another option for lower fares is the rideshare company Grab.

Photo: CHUTTERSNAPO/Unsplash
Address: Nội Bài International Airport
Internet: <https://vietnamairport.vn/noibaiairport/en>

Train



Hanoi train station is conveniently located in the city centre, with Gate A serving mainly guests travelling South to Danang, Hue, Nha Trang, and Ho Chi Minh City. Gate B serves guests travelling up north to Sapa. It takes about 10 minutes by taxi from either gate to Hanoi Old Quarter and Hoan Kiem Lake.

Trains depart punctually with a variety of seat options: hard seat, soft seat, hard berth, and soft berth. Despite many shortcomings, taking the train in Vietnam is a safe and reliable means of transportation and an essential way for travellers to visit places such as Sapa.

Photo: Fabio Lamanna/Shutterstock
Address: 120 Đường Lê Duẩn, Cua Nam, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi
Internet: www.vietnamtrain.com

Public Transport



Taking a bus in Hanoi can be a convenient way to navigate the city, though it often demands patience and familiarity with the system. The bus network in Hanoi is extensive, covering most parts of the city, and fares are relatively cheap. That said, the bus routes, schedules, and signage may not always be easy to understand for visitors, as they are primarily in Vietnamese. Yet, major routes often feature English signage, and select buses provide electronic announcements in both Vietnamese and English.

However, Hanoi is generally quite easy to explore on foot. Many of the city's attractions, markets, and neighbourhoods are within walking distance of each other, especially in the Old Quarter and around Hoan Kiem Lake.

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Taxi



In bustling Hanoi, taxis are abundant. Make sure that your ride is charged according to the taxi meter. Having exact change handy is wise since drivers frequently lack it. For smooth communication, write down your destination as pronunciation challenges may arise. Alternatively, opt for Grab, Southeast Asia's Uber equivalent, through which rides can be conveniently arranged via the app.

Photo: Jaromir Chalabala/Shutterstock

Address: Taxi Nội Bài Hà Nội

Phone: +84 867 921 781

Pharmacy



Pharmacy is called 'nhà thuốc' in Vietnamese. They can be found on nearly every square block of the city. Some of the main pharmacy chains in Hanoi, include Pharmacity and FPT Long Châu.

Photo: Diana Polekhina/Unsplash

Address: Nhà thuốc Pharmacity - 72-74, Hang Bong, Old Quarter, Hàng Bông, Hoàn Kiếm, Hanoi

Opening hours: Open 24 hours

Phone: +84 1800 6821

Internet: www.pharmacity.vn

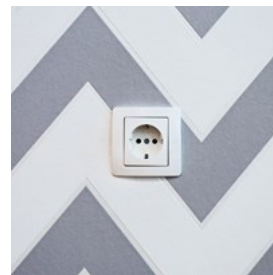
Telephone



Country code: +84 Area code: 4

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Electricity



In Vietnam, electrical outlets typically operate at 220V/50Hz and commonly use plug types A and C. Type A features two flat parallel pins, while type C has two round pins. Travellers are advised to carry a power plug adapter to ensure compatibility with local sockets when visiting Vietnam.

Photo: Neven Krcmarek/Unsplash

Population

5,067,000 (2022)

Currency

Vietnamese dong (VND)

Opening hours

Shops are generally open from 8am–9pm, but can close for lunch for one or two hours. Banks are open Mon–Fri from 8am–11:30am and 1pm–4pm, and are closed on Saturday and Sunday. Governmental offices are open Mon–Fri from 7:30am–4:30pm, excluding a one-hour lunch, and closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Newspapers

Hanoi Times: <https://hanoitimes.vn>

Việt Nam News: <https://vietnamnews.vn>

Nhân Dân (Official newspaper of the Communist Party of Vietnam, also available online in English):

<https://en.nhandan.vn>

Vietnam Investment Review (English business publication):

<https://vir.com.vn>

Emergency numbers

Police: 113

Fire: 114

Ambulance: 115

Tourist information

The Sinh Tourist Ha Noi Head Office
52 Phố Lương Ngọc Quyến, Hàng Bài, Hoàn Kiếm
Opening hours: daily 8am–10pm
+84 24 3926 1568

Ba Dinh Square	A1	Le Van Huu	C3	Pho Ly Thai To	D2
Bsu Hang Dong	B1	Ly Quoc Su	C2	Pho Ly Thuong Kiet	B3 C3
Cao Ba Quat	A2	Ngo Cho Kham	A4	Pho Mai Hac	C4
Chuong Duong Bridge	D1	Ngo Dinh Chieu	B4	Pho Ngo	D2 D3
De La Thanh	A4	Ngo Luong Su	A3	Pho Ngo Thi Nham	C4
Duong Bac Son	A1	Ngo Si Lien	A2	Pho Nguyen Cong Tru	C4 D4
Duong Bach Dang	D1 D2	Ngo Thong Phong	A3	Pho Nguyen Huu Huan	C1 D1
Duong Dien Bien Phu	A1	Ngo Thuong Hien	A3 B3	Pho Nguyen Khuyen	A2
Duong Le Duan	A3	Ngo Van Chuong	A3	Pho Nguyen Thai Hoc	A2
Duong Thanh	B1	Nguyen Tri Phuong	A1	Pho Phan Chu Trinh	D3
Duong Tran Nghiep	C4	Pham Ngu Lao	D3	Pho Phuc Tan	D1
Duong Tran Nhat Duat	C1 D1	Phan Boi Chau	B2	Pho Phung Hung	B1
Duong Tran Phu	A1 A2	Phan Huy Chu	D3	Pho Quan Su	B2
Duong Tran Quang Khai	D1 D2	Pho 325	B4	Pho Quoc Tu Giam	A2
Hang Bac	C1	Pho Ba Trieu	C2 C3 C4	Pho Tang Bat Ho	D4
Hang Bo	C1	Pho Bat Dan	B1	Pho Tho Nhuom	B3 C3
Hang Boum	C1	Pho Bui Thi Xuan	C4	Pho To Hien Thanh	B4 C4
Hang Can	C1	Pho Cau Go	C1	Pho Tran Binh Trong	B3
Hang Chieu	C1	Pho Cua Dong	A1 B1	Pho Tran Hung Dao	B3 C3
Hang Cot	B1	Pho Dinh Tien Hoang	C2	Pho Tran Nhan Tong	B4
Hang Da	B1 B2	Pho Hai Ba Trung	A2 B2 C2	Pho Tran Thanh Tong	D3 D4
Hang Dao	C1	Pho Ham Long	C3	Pho Trang Thi	B2
Hang Dieu	B1	Pho Han	D3	Pho Trieu Viet Vuong	C4
Hang Duong	C1	Pho Hang Bai	C3	Pho Tue Tinh	B4 C4
Hang Khay Trang Tien	C2 D2	Pho Hang Bong	B2	Pho Yet Kieu	B3
Hang Luoc	B1 C1	Pho Hang Chuoi	D4	Phu Hang Gai	B2 C1
Hang Quat	C1	Pho Hoa Ma	C4 D4	Phu Lo Duc	D4
Hang Thiec Thuoc Bac	B1 C1	Pho Hoang Dieu	A1	Phu Quang Trung	B3 C3
Hang Trong	C2	Pho Hue	C3 C4	The Huc Bridge	C1 C2
Hang Voi Tong Dan	D2	Pho Kham Thien	A3	Thien Hung	A3
Le Hong Phong	A1	Pho Le Dai Hanh	B4 C4	Tran Ng	D2
Le Tach	C2 D2	Pho Le Thanh Tong	D3	Tran Xuan Soan	C4 D4
Le Thai To	C2	Pho Ly Nam De	B1		