Huế
the land of HERITAGE
Tam’s delicious bowls of Pho, which made out of hardwork, dedication and passion have captured the philosophy and the authenticity of Hanoi traditional cuisine. Our pursuit is a ceaseless odyssey to bring the very soul of Hanoi's Pho to every corner of Vietnam and beyond.
Hue has been depicted with many great words of praise. The Ancient Capital still retains a rare tranquillity amidst the fast-blooming tourism of the 21st century.

“There is no place that has the beauty of Hue” (Do Thi Thanh Binh)... What makes the people of Hue so proud of their homeland? Hue stands out as a well-preserved urban area, with the heritage of its imperial past and the cultural customs that have gracefully endured across the ages. Moreover, the temples, palaces, and mausoleums are elevated to perfection thanks to their deliberate arrangement inspired by rivers and mountains. Despite its past splendour, Hue modestly exudes a unique charm that remains true to the ancient quintessence of Vietnam, with a subtle rusticity that harmonises with nature.

Thus, Hue is a social platform in which each “signing-in” is an invitation into serenity and mindfulness. Visitors come to Hue to recover from their post-holiday fatigue and truly immerse in its unique beauty, one that has become iconic of the Central Coastland.

Truong Quy

“Hue is a dream, Hue is a poem… One’s longing rest in this idyllic land”
(Vietnamese composers Minh Ky - Hoai Linh)

My mother says that Hue is the land of profound depth, where people value the harmony between body and soul, self, humanity, and nature. Hue people are bound by humility, at times appearing timid like a “closed gate in the Forbidden City”

Miss Tourism Hue 2015, Le Tran Ngoc Tran invites travellers to find the “harmonies” in this peaceful land.
One destination
FIVE HERITAGE SITES

Located in the central region of the S-shaped country, Thua Thien Hue is bordered by the majestic Truong Son Mountain Range to the west, and to the east, the captivating coastline and territorial waters of Vietnam’s East Sea. Hue City is Thua Thien Hue’s centre of administration, culture, and economy.

Once the marriage offering of King Che Man (Kingdom of Champa) for Princess Huyen Tran of the Tran Dynasty in 1306, Thua Thien Hue became part of Dai Viet that same year. Among the five feudal dynasties it witnessed (Tran, Le, Nguyen Lords, Tay Son, and lastly, Nguyen), Hue served as the imperial capital-headquarter of three. The golden history of over 700 years has made Hue a destination with five UNESCO world cultural heritage sites.

The Complex of Hue Monuments

Laying by the dreamy Perfume River, the Complex of Hue Monuments comprises numerous historical-cultural relics built during the Nguyen dynasty (5.2km² Imperial Citadel, palaces, mausoleums, temples, and pagodas). This site is a prime example of the harmony between urban beauty and natural landscapes.

Hue Royal Court Music

Royal court music (Nha nhac) was institutionalised in the 15th century and skillfully refined in the Nguyen dynasty. Distinct from folk music, this is the official form of music in court ceremonies and festivals. It was considered a means of communication and expressing respect to deities and kings. The Nguyen reign held nearly 100 performances annually.

LITERATURE ON HUE ROYAL ARCHITECTURE

Verses of the kings, princes, and officials on wooden bas-reliefs, architectural structures, or porcelain created a one-of-a-kind calligraphy and art collection. It mirrored a flourishing period of Confucian literature in Vietnam under the reigns of kings such as Minh Mang, Thieu Tri and Tu Duc.

Two World Documentary Heritages: Nguyen dynasty’s Chau ban (royal court’s administrative document system) and Moc ban (woodblocks carved with reversed Han-Nom script for book printing), provide reliable sources for research, collation and study of various fields in Vietnam. Visitors can explore some of those national documents in Tang Thu Lau (Royal Library at 346 Dinh Tien Hoang Rd., Hue City).

THE COMPLEX OF HUE MONUMENTS

World Heritage Site (1993)

- Royal court music performance at Dai Noi
  - Hue Royal court music and court dance at Duyet Thi Duong Theater | 200,000 VND/person
  - “Tieu nhac” performance: 8am daily, in front of Thai Hoa Palace | Free
  - “Dai nhac” performance: 3:30pm - 3:45pm daily at The Mieu Temple | Free

King Minh Mang’s poems at Thai Hoa Palace

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In its prime, the 36-hectare Imperial City had approximately a hundred constructions of various sizes, strictly arranged according to feng shui principles and specific functional purposes.

◆ The grand ceremonial areas: constructions stretched along the central axis, from the Meridian Gate to Thai Hoa Palace.
◆ The worshipping spaces: symmetrically arranged temples on both sides at the front of Thai Hoa Palace.
◆ The residence and workspace of the king and his royal family: the Purple Forbidden City.
◆ The residence of the king’s grandmother (Truong Sanh Palace) and of the king’s mother (Dien Tho Palace): was placed following the “man on the left, woman on the right” principle.
◆ The Noi Vu (Home Affairs) Office: where royal artefacts and supplies were crafted, managed, and stored.
◆ Gardens and the princes’ study places: Thieu Phuong Garden, Co Ha Garden, Tu Phuong Vo Su Pavilion.

**Golden realm of ROYAL GLORY**

Dai Noi (including the Imperial City and the Purple Forbidden City) is the headquarters of Hue Citadel, gathering the Nguyen dynasty’s power.

**THAI HOA PALACE (1805)**
The Palace of Supreme Harmony

The Great Court Ritual (on the 1st and 15th of each lunar month) and other significant court ceremonies were organised in this palace. Thai Hoa Palace stands as the most important building for both symbolic meaning and functional purposes. Its wooden structure was designed with double-layered roofs and walls, with a system of crab-shell-shaped arched ceilings connecting the front hall (only the royal family and top 4 officials were allowed to enter) to the main hall (where the king’s throne is placed). Nine colourful porcelain-inlaid dragons on the royal yellow glazed tiles represent the revered and precious throne.

Although the palace is being restored, visitors can admire the Great Royal Courtyard. Two lines of steles indicate the rank of mandarins, helping them arrange themselves in order.
NGO MON (1833)
Meridian gate
“Ngo Mon”, the gate facing the South, is the Imperial City’s main gate. It comprises 5 entrances, with the centre one reserved exclusively for the kings. The nearly five-metre-high Meridian Gate is one of the greatest remaining gates in Vietnam. It witnessed important events in Vietnamese history, such as the ceremony of abdication and handing over of King Bao Dai’s sword and seal to the government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam in 1945.

TOURIST INFORMATION
- Summertime: 6:30am - 5:30pm
- Wintertime: 7am - 5pm
- 200,000 VND/person
- Valuable package to visit the Citadel and other monuments.
- Guide and interpretation on site: 300,000 VND/tourguide/2 days
- 12-language audioguide: 50,000 VND - 100,000 VND/person/visit
- eticket.hueworldheritage.org.vn/vedientu
- TheHueOfHue.Official
- Ticket stand
- Virtual reality
- Audio Guide
- Photo shooting with traditional costumes
- “Di Tich Hue” app has maps and instructions for online ticketing, electrical car service, audio tour guide, photoshooting with traditional costumes, virtual reality experience, and an event calendar. Don’t miss the Guard Mounting ceremony at 8:30am daily at Ngo Mon.

THIEU PHUONG GARDEN (1828)
The unity of nature and human beings
The architecture of this garden, once amongst the most picturesque spots of the capital, embodies the core concept of the Nguyen dynasty’s royal gardens: highlighting subtle beauty with lakes and ponds being a central element of the landscape, providing a rustic serenity that allows the kings to reconnect with nature after court affairs. Thieu Phuong Garden and Co Ha Garden are two representative royal gardens restored in the Imperial City.

The corridors of the Imperial City create a fluid transition between constructions. For a notable example, the “Van Tho Ho Lang” structure in Thieu Phuong garden features a square-turned corridor in the shape of the 卐 character.
Enjoying tea in Thieu Phuong Garden is highly recommended.
Nguyen kings, firm believers in the afterlife, meticulously chose land for their eternal repose. These royal constructions were the king’s graves, places of worship, and workspaces. This “eternal home”, embraced by verdant nature, was of splendour instead of sorrow.

KHIEM LANG (1864)
The tomb of King Tu Duc
Aside from being the final resting place, Khiem Lang was a frequent retreat of King Tu Duc (1829-1883) during his reign. With approximately 50 constructions of palaces, temples, theatres, and pavilions, this graceful and dreamy mausoleum reflects the romantic yet sensitive soul of the fourth king of the Nguyen dynasty.

UNG LANG (1920)
The tomb of King Khai Dinh
Ung Lang outstands as a daring fusion of architectural styles, such as Hue’s imperial palaces, French castles, Roman columns, Indian temples, and decorative motifs from Confucianism, Taoism, Buddhism, and Vietnamese folk art. This harmonious integration turned this mausoleum into a distinctive East-West “fine art museum”.

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“Cuu long an van” (nine hidden dragons in the clouds), created by the excellent painter Phan Van Tanh, is an exquisite mural, leaving a profound visual impact.

Gia Thanh Temple in King Gia Long’s mausoleum complex

The complex of the Nguyen dynasty’s royal tombs and mausoleums includes majestic artworks located southwest of the Ancient Capital. The seven largest tombs of the Nguyen kings are also designed and structured like palaces, forming the “capital” of the spiritual world.

TOURIST INFORMATION

- **Summertime**: 6:30am - 5:30pm
- **Wintertime**: 7am - 5pm
- **Guided Tours**: 50,000 VND - 150,000 VND/person
- **Self-Guided Tours**: 30,000 VND/child aged from 7-12
- **Guide and Interpretation on site**: 300,000 VND/tourguide/2 days
- **12-language audioguide**: 35,000 VND - 70,000 VND/person/visit

**https://eticket.hueworldheritage.org.vn/vedientu**

**TheHueOfHue.Official**

**“Di tich Hue” - Hue’s heritage information support application (bilingual in English and Vietnamese)**
Hue has been at the “crossroads” of cultural exchanges for centuries, from Champa to Dai Viet, passing through Chinese, Indian, and later on, Western civilizations. The coexistence of their religions and beliefs created a harmonious space founded on shared virtues and a belief in good deeds.

THE ZEN LAND

While Confucianism held sway in the kingdom’s governance, Buddhism gained favour from the Nguyen kings and lords as a means to appease their subjects. Hue thus becomes the Zen capital of the kingdom with over 300 pagodas and Buddha recitation halls. Here, where Buddhists make up the majority, visiting pagodas as a traditional practice is customary.

Tu Dam, Dieu De, Bao Quoc, Ba La Mat, Thanh Duyen... are other prominent sacred temples. In this Zen land, life is marked by the seasons of Vesak (the celebration of Buddha’s birth) and Vu Lan (with filial piety rituals to parents). Visitors to Hue on these occasions can engage in spiritual practices such as praying, fasting, and meditating at Buddhist venues or join the Buddha procession from Dieu De Pagoda to Tu Dam Pagoda.

Thien Mu Pagoda (17th century)
The Ancient Capital’s symbol
Phuoc Duyen Tower (1844): the tallest building in the west of Hue Citadel, 21m high, octagonal shape, 7 stories.
- Nguyen Phuc Nguyen Rd., Hue City
- From 6am daily

Tu Hieu Pagoda (19th century)
The pagoda of eunuchs
Tu Hieu Pagoda attracts Buddhists and tourists with its poetic scenery and serene ambiance. A corner in the pagoda garden is the resting place of some eunuchs of the Nguyen dynasty.
- Le Ngo Cat Rd., Hue City
- From 6am daily

THE HOLY REALM OF MOTHER GODDESSES

The folk beliefs of the Four Palaces (including the worship of Heaven, Earth, Mountains, and Water) originated from the North Vietnamese Mother Goddess worship combined with the cult of Thien Y A Na (the goddess Po Nagar of Champa). Hue Nam Temple, also known as Hon Chen Temple, has long been revered as a holy pilgrimage destination in Hue.

- Huong Tho Commune, Hue City
- Hon Chen Temple festivals:
  - Spring festival: 2nd and 3rd of March (lunar calendar)
  - Autumn festival: July (lunar calendar)
UNDER THE WISHING TREES

The beautiful trees of Hue take on roles beyond landscape or shelter from the scorching heat of central Vietnam. The “ngo dong” tree (Firmiana simplex), revered for its association with good luck and longevity, is often found in royal palaces and mausoleums. The pine tree, representing self-discipline and resilience, resides in Ngu Binh Mountain (the Citadel’s Royal Screen) and the Nam Giao Esplanade (1806).

- The Nam Giao Esplanade (Truong An Ward, Hue City)
- 7:30 am - 12pm & 1:30pm - 5pm
- 50,000 VND/person, free for children

Vong Canh Belvedere Hilltop (Thuy Bieu Ward, Hue City) is also an idyllic stop, offering picturesque sunset on the romantic bend of the Perfume River.

VERDANT VILLAGES

With its enchanting and vibrant villages tucked inside the green landscapes, Hue offers a sanctuary for meditation and contemplation.

Bamboo and Siamese acalypha tea fences, brick gates leading to the main house, feng shui screens, ornamental ponds, and miniature landscape art in the front yard are typical features of garden houses in Hue.

Thanh Thuy Chanh (Huông Thuy Town)

Nestled beside the ancient Thanh Toan Tile Bridge, the vivid night market comes alive every weekend, offering traditional specialties and reflecting a bygone era with delightful activities such as Bai Choi, folk games, conical-hat-making performances.

Phuoc Tich Village (40 km from Hue City)

The ancient pottery village was established in 1470, with 26 garden houses dating back centuries.

- Phu Loc Dist., Thua Thien Hue Province
- 7:30am - 5pm daily
- 20,000 VND - 60,000 VND/person
- 038 720 6869
- bachmapark.com.vn
- updbachmahue@gmail.com
- Contact in advance for tour and tour guide.

BACH MA NATIONAL PARK

Approximately 50 kilometres south of Hue City lies Bach Ma National Park, a haven for those yearning for tranquillity amidst abundant greenery. March to October is the ideal period for witnessing the captivating langurs and birds.

Activities in Bach Ma National Park:
- Visit the Elephant Shrine and the Royal Arena – the training arena for the elephant corps.
- Cycling tour (Xuan Dai garden house, Thanh Tra pomelo gardens, chewy sesame bar making, herbal foot soak)
- 0387 131 590 | vuonxuaxuandai@gmail.com

As part of an ancient custom and annual sacrifice, the royal court and high-ranking officials would plant pine trees on the ground of Nam Giao Esplanade.
The river flows out

The legendary Perfume River, the vast Tam Giang - Cau Hai lagoon system, and the emerald coastline offer a mesmerising perspective of the Ancient Capital.

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**AS THE RIVER WE FLOW**

**HUE MUSIC**

Thousand-mile whispers of love

Natural flow, river chantsies, court music, and local life have created a uniquely sentimental feel of Hue music. The purple sunset of Perfume River sets the perfect stage for these soulful melodies.

"Hue Music" tour

8pm - 9pm

350,000 VND/person

moonrivercruise.com

"Tea Time" tour

4pm - 5:30pm (seasonal)

450,000 VND/person

"Royal Tea" tour

4pm - 5:30pm (seasonal)

750,000 VND/person

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**TAM GIANG ECOSYSTEM**

About 30km from the centre of Hue City lies the most extensive brackish water lagoon system in Southeast Asia: Tam Giang lagoon converging with Thuy Tu lagoon and Cau Hai lagoon.

Rent a motorbike: ~150,000 VND/bike/day

Tam Giang Eco Tour: Hue Tourist - 0913 458 464

Ngu My Thanh Community Tourism Site offers visitors a chance to immerse themselves into the lagoon’s vibrant life through the floating seafood market, mural village, and experiencing a day as a farmer.

(Contact for tours: Hue Smile Travel 0867 627 272).

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**"PHOTOGENIC PARADISES"**

National Route 49B encourages adventurous spirits to explore its scenic offerings: the Tam Giang - Cau Hai lagoon system and the neighboring beaches. Heading south around 20km from the intersection of Route 49B and National Route 1A, a true delight – the charming Lang Co bay is awaiting.

**Thuan An estuary**

**Thuan An beach**

A refreshing change of air nearby Hue City Centre

**Hai Duong beach**

A trendy check-in spot for young people

**Canh Duong beach**

A camping paradise

**Lap An lagoon**

A picturesque stop on the Hue - Da Nang route

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**Lang Co bay**

Voted by Worldbays Club as one of the most beautiful bays in the world in 2009
As a haven of literature, art and refined minds, Hue seems to turn visitors, both wanderers and connoisseurs, into delicate parts of its ethereal ambiance.

“THE RIVER OF THE OLD DAYS” ITINERARY

**On the Northern bank**

- **Kim Long Ancient Village**
  - In the days of yore, Kim Long was considered the abode of those born with “silver spoons”, where noble princes and esteemed mandarins resided.

- **Huong River Antique Pottery Museum**
  - Collections of antique ceramics, the Nguyen dynasty’s ao dai, and ancient woodblocks from the reign of King Bao Dai are exquisite treasures awaiting you in this back-in-time journey.

**“DIỄM OF THE PAST” ITINERARY**

**On the Southern bank**

**Gac Trinh**
- The apartment, once home to Trinh Cong Son, now serves as a small cafe decorated with photos, portraits, and paintings of the song-composer.
  - Block 19 (Rm. 203, 2nd floor)
  - Nguyen Truong To Str., Hue City
  - 7am - 10pm

**An Dinh Palace**
- The fascinating “European castle” with an Asian touch offers a glimpse of the early 20th century’s regal life.
  - 179 Phan Dinh Phung Str., Hue City
  - 50,000 VND/person
  - 7am - 5pm

**An Hien garden house**
- The photogenic garden house greets visitors each morning with welcoming tea and a performance of Hue music from 9am to 11am.
  - 58 Nguyen Phuc Nguyen Rd., Hue City
  - 8am - 5pm
  - 50,000 VND/person (including on-site guide, Hue music show, morning tea)

**Phu Cam Church**
- The church recalls Trinh’s nostalgic tunes and his cherished memories of the good old days.
  - 1 Doan Huu Trung Str., Hue City

**Cécile Le Pham Museum of Art**
- One step into the world of Asian Buddhist art.
  - 53 Ham Nghi Str., Hue City
  - 0913 745 933
  - 8am - 11am & 2pm - 5pm

**Huong River Antique Pottery Museum**
- In the dry season, it is advised to depart at 3pm to admire the ravishing sunset over the Perfume River from Thien Mu Pagoda.
  - 120 Nguyen Phuc Nguyen Rd., Hue City
  - 8am - 11am & 1pm - 5pm
  - 120,000 VND/person
  - thaikimlan.com

**An Dinh Palace**
- The iconic Truong Tien Bridge, built in 1899, spans across the Perfume River, linking the ancient citadel on the north bank to the south bank imbued with French architecture.

**Antiquity enthusiasts should visit the Museum of Royal Antiquities of Hue (3 Le Truc Str.), the Nguyen Dynasty’s Porcelain Museum (114 Mai Thuc Loan Str.), The Hue Museum of Fine Arts (23-25 Le Loi Str.), and the Le Ba Dang Memory Space (Huong Thuy Dist.) are two intriguing art spaces in Hue as well.**
Beside the famous historical landscapes that are one-of-a-kind, Hue also has unique local specialties for you to buy as gifts.

**AO DAI**

Are you already charmed by this magical land? “Ao dai”, the quintessentially Vietnamese garment, has been humorously concluded as the inspiration for 90% of the poems about Hue. Consider purchasing one as a keepsake, a unique gift, or renting one for a fabulous photo shooting.

- **Sewing fee: 300,000 VND - 700,000 VND/set.**
- **Doan Trang Tailor**
  - 2 Alley 56, Bach Dang Str., Hue City
- **Tham Tailor**
  - 42 Tran Nguyen Han Str., Hue City
- **Thao Trang Ao Dai Tailor**
  - 1 Quoc Su Quan Str., Hue City

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**HUE CONICAL HAT**

Aside from chewy sesame bars (me xung) and Hue’s traditional cakes - compact gifts for those with a sweet tooth, conical hats are a must-buy gift when coming to Hue.

**Luc Bo Cultural Space**
- 79 Nguyen Chi Dieu Str., Hue city
- 0949 108 488
- 300,000 VND - 600,000 VND/piece (depending on motif)

**AGARWOOD BUDS AND INCENSE COIL**

Small but sophisticated, few but diverse, these products are often said to reflect the temperament of the Ancient Capital’s residents. Elaborately made, Hue’s agarwood buds and multi-layer incense coils have a subtle but deep aroma.

- **Thuy Xuan Agarwood Village**
  - Phuoc Hue Incense
  - Ven - Hue’s Agarwood
    - 14 Alley 46, Nguyen Gia Thieu Str., Hue City
    - 0126 207 426
    - 250,000 VND/box of 35 agarwood buds

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**CAJEPUT ESSENTIAL OIL**

Once a tribute to the kings, cajeput oil is now widely used in Hue for aromatherapy. This gentle oil, with its warming though non-irritating effects and a pleasant scent, brings soothing and relaxation.

- **Vy Da Royal Palace Cajeput essential oil**
  - 14 Thanh Tinh Str., Hue City
  - 0905 514 059
  - 90,000 VND/50ml bottle

- **Hoa Nen Cajeput essential oil**
  - 123 Le Ngo Cat Str., Hue City
  - 0965 653 399
  - 150,000 VND/50ml bottle

- **Lien Minh Xanh**
  - 73 Thach Han Str., Hue City
  - 0234 352 2722
  - 165,000 VND/30ml bottle

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Long gone the days of hustle, ready for blissful contentment. Indulge in restorative spa treatments and invigorating outdoor activities to revive your body and mind.

**SWINGING ON GREEN PATHS**

Designed by the renowned golfer Sir Nick Faldo, the Laguna Lang Co golf course is a stunning 18-hole, par-71 destination. With majestic mountains nearby and breathtaking beach views, it offers golfers diverse exciting experiences and challenging terrain.

**Laguna Golf Language Club**

- Loc Vinh Commune, Phu Loc Dist., Thua Thien Hue Province
- 0234 3695 880
- golf@lagunalangco.com
- Package for Stay & Golf: 3,100,000 VND/person/night

**HOT MINERAL SPRINGS**

Thua Thien Hue province is home to natural hot springs rich in minerals for health and beauty treatments. The elaborately designed landscape architecture and customer-oriented service make this area an outstanding resort land on the Central Vietnam Heritage Road.

**Kawara My An Onsen Resort**

- My An Village, Phu Duong Ward, Hue City
- kawaramyanresort.com
- From 2,380,000 VND/room/night

**Alba Wellness Resort By Fusion**

- Phong Son Commune, Phong Dien Dist., Thua Thien Hue Province
- reservation@albawellnessvalley.com
- From 3,100,000 VND/room/night
Hue is a culinary magic show. The local families consider cooking an integral part of family ethics, character development, and spiritual growth. Without much care about social classes, the number of dishes can reach 1,300 and are meticulously prepared with love.

**BREAKFAST**

A tasty breakfast sets the tone for an enjoyable day. Though a light meal, the breakfast menu in this ancient capital is nowhere near meagre.

**COM HEN - BABY CLAMS RICE**

Referring to Hue, most Vietnamese people think of "com hen". Roughly ten popular ingredients: rice, baby clams, fried pork skin, "mam ruoc" (fine shrimp paste), and chopped vegetables are combined to make this signature dish of Hue. Such observant Hue people serve chilli separately to spare you from "crying" over the fiery spiciness!

- Com hen Hoa Dong _______ From 12,000 VND
  64 Alley 7, Ung Binh Str. | 7am - 9:30pm
- Com hen 17 Han Mac Tu _______ From 9,000 VND
  17 Han Mac Tu Str. | 7am - 9pm
- Com hen Hong Thuy _______ From 12,000 VND
  88 Han Thuyen Str. | 6:30am - 11am
- Com hen Nho _______ From 15,000 VND
  49 Le Loi Str. | 6am - 12pm

**BANH MI - STUFFED BREAD LOAF**

This is the famous "Truong Tien Bridge" bread.

- Banh mi O Tho _______ From 10,000 VND
  14 Tran Cao Van Str. | 7am - 10am & 4pm - 3am
  the next day
- Banh mi gia truyen _______ From 12,000 VND
  Dong Ba
  77 Dinh Tien Hoang &
  43 Ngo Quyen Str. | 5:30am - 11am
- Banh mi cha ca Co Tien _______ From 15,000 VND
  (Fried chopped fish balls bread)
  295 Huynh Thuc Khang Str. | 6am - 9pm

**BUN BO - BEEF RICE NOODLES**

Bun bo is a must-try when visiting Hue. Its varied toppings, typically aromatic broth and moderate serving might leave you full yet craving for more.

- Bun bo Ba Tuyet _______ From 35,000 VND
  Rice Noodles
  47 Nguyen Cong Tru Str. | 6am - 12pm
- Bun bo Che Hem _______ From 35,000 VND
  3 Alley 29, Hung Vuong Str. | 7am - 9am
- Bun bo Hue My Tam _______ From 30,000 VND
  1-3-5 Tran Cao Van Str. | 5am - 11am
  the next day
- Bun bo quan Cam _______ From 40,000 VND
  45 Le Loi Str. | 6am - 7pm

**XOI - STICKY RICE**

Names for Hue's sticky rice dishes are as varied as its side ingredients. Mung bean, black bean, peanut, corn, and stewed pork... create diverse variations of this tasty dish.

- An Viet Village _______ From 35,000 VND
  Restaurant
  168 Khai Dinh Str. | 8am - 10pm
  (Don't miss out on Hue's termite mushroom sticky rice during the termite mushroom season from October to December of the lunar calendar.)
- Xoi thit hon _______ From 30,000 VND
  28 Tran Cao Van
  (Sticky rice with stewed pork)
  28 Tran Cao Van Str. | 6am - 7am & 4pm - 4am
  the next day
- Xoi nam Nguyen Chi Dieu _______ From 5,000 VND
  In front of Nguyen Chi Dieu Primary School | 6am - 10am

**CHAO - CONGEE**

Nothing warms the soul on a chilly day like a bowl of congee. While brown rice congee and plain congee served with braised fish are commonly for breakfast, beef congee (chao bo) and pig's intestine congee (chao long) are favoured as a snack.

- Xoi va chao gao _______ From 5,000 VND
  Me Quang
  28 Nhat Le Str. | 6am - 10am
- Xoi, chao gao do _______ From 15,000 VND
  Me Trang
  4/7 Phan Dinh Phung Str. | 4pm - 10am
- Chao bo 123 _______ From 25,000 VND
  123 Ngo The Lan Str. | 7am - 7pm
- Chao long O Ngia _______ From 15,000 VND
  84 Lich Dao Str. | 6am - 10am
LUNCH AND DINNER

Such a delightful dilemma when it comes to selecting lunch and dinner options! With its sumptuous dishes, delicate decor, tranquil garden, and the genuine warmth of its people, Hue leaves a lasting impression on visitors.

Chan Restaurant  
1 Nguyen Thai Hoc Str. | 10am - 9pm  
Khong gian xua  
205 Dien Bien Phu Str., 98 Minh Mang Str. & 76 Le Loi Str. | 10am - 9pm 
Book in advance: 0935 288 192

BUN - RICE NOODLES

Hue has an amazing palette of rice noodles, spanning from the rustic turmeric noodles (bun nghe), stewed pork noodle (bun thit hon), to fermented fish noodle (bun mam) and jelly fish noodle (bun giam nuoc).

Bun giam nuoc Ve Hue  
3 Alley 74, Hai Trieu Str. | 10:30am - 1:30pm & 3:30pm - 7pm

Bun thit nuong  
19 Tran Quang Khai St. | 1pm - 7pm

Bun nghe  
2 Chi Lang Str. | 1pm - 7pm

BANH UOT - VIETNAMESE STEAMED THIN RICE PANCAKE

This “royal delicacy on the sidewalks” is often combined with sour shrimp, grilled pork or roasted pork.

Banh uot An  
27 Le Hong Phong Str. | 6:30am - 11:30am

BANH CANH - THICK RICE NOODLE SOUP

With red-orange silky colour, banh canh Nam Pho’s broth has natural sweetness of shrimp, fresh crab, and pig bones.

Banh canh cua O Buom  
3 Trinh Cong Son Str. | 4:30pm - 2am the next day

Banh canh cua ro Huong  
30 Pham Hong Thai Str. | 6am - 9pm

Banh canh Ba Doi  
69 Nguyen Trai Str., 1 Duong Van An Str. & 110 Truong Chinh Str. | 6:30am - 10pm

HUE LEMONGRASS PORK SKEWERS

The heart of Hue lemongrass grilled skewers likely lies in the dipping sauce made with pureed peanuts, ground pork, pork liver, and fish sauce.

Quan Hanh  
10 alley 52, Kim Long Str. | 8am - 7pm

Quan Tai Phu  
140,000 VND/10 skewers

SEAFOOD AND “MAM”

Hue boasts a generous coastline and vast lagoon system, overflowing with top-notch aquatic resources and seafood. The ingenuity and skills of Hue housewives turn these ingredients into a variety of Hue “mam” (fermented seafood paste).

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An Nhien  
Alley 11, Route 10A, Phu Thuong Ward, Hue City | 7am - 9:30pm

San May  
From 100,000 VND/person Restaurant

Vietnamese Steamed Rice Noodle Pancake

Banh uot thit nuong  
50 & 126 Kim Long Str. | 13 Alley 52, Kim Long Str. | 8am - 7pm

135,000 VND/10 skewers

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From 200,000 VND/person Restaurant (Fresh seafood)

Thuy Trieu  
10 alley 52, Kim Long Str. | 8am - 7pm

Duyen Anh  
From 400,000 VND/person Restaurant (Fresh seafood)

Phu My Commune, Phu Vang Dist. | 10am - 10pm
SIP FOR SOULMATES
The fabled dishes of yore successfully withstand the test of time. Visitors should book in advance to savour Hue's sophisticated, enchanting royal cuisine.

Tinh Gia Vien____From 200,000 VND/person Restaurant (by Culinary Artisan Ton Nu Thi Ha) 7 Alley 28, Le Thanh Ton Str. | 10am - 11pm Serve from 3 guests Book 24 hours in advance: 0234 3522 243

Y Thao Garden____From 280,000 VND 3 Thach Han Str. | 10am - 9pm

SNACKS
From 2pm to 5pm is snack time in Hue. Aside from the street vendors, visitors can explore Dong Ba market, An Cuu market, or Tay Loc market to savour afternoon snacks like locals.

LOCAL CAKES

Quan 0 Le _______From 15,000 VND 104/17/9 Kim Long Str. | 8am - 8pm
Quan Chi ________From 15,000 VND 1 Alley 29 Hung Vung Str. | 2pm - 8pm
Banh khoai Hanh____From 20,000 VND 11-15 Pho Duc Chinh Str. | 10am - 8pm
Banh khoai Thu Suong___From 20,000 VND 86 Kim Long Str. | 9am - 9pm

NIGHT SUPPER
Banh mi Thuan Hung____From 6,000 VND (wood stove) 188 Le Duan Str. | 6pm - 2am the next day
Bun bo Hue Ba Nga____From 30,000 VND 62 Nguyen Chi Dieu Str. | 6pm - 11pm
Chao bo 0 Tue________From 25,000 VND 260 Bach Dang Str. | 2pm - 9pm

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CHE - DESSERT SWEET SOUPS
HHue’s sweet soups are enticing treats with a subtle sweetness. Fruits, nuts, tubers, or even grilled pork are ingredients of this traditional delicacy.

Che Mo Ton Dich____From 15,000 VND 59 Tran Hung Dao Str. | 6pm - 12am
Che Hnh____From 15,000 VND 1 Alley 29, Hung Vuong Str. | 10am - 10pm
Che Thanh ________From 15,000 VND 78 Mai Thuc Loan Str. | 5pm - 9pm
Che Cam _________From 15,000 VND 10 Nguyen Sinh Cung Str. | 4pm - 9pm

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Madam Thu Restaurant____40 USD/person 45 Vo Thi Sau Str. 0905 126 661 | madamthu.hue@gmail.com
Xuan Dai____300,000 VND/person Garden House 12 Alley 22, Thanh Nghie Str. 0387 131 590 | vuanxuaxuandai@gmail.com

SALTED COFFEE

Ca phe Muoi ______From 20,000 VND 10 Nguyen Luong Bang Str. | 7am - 10pm
142 Dang Thai Than Str. | 6:30am - 10pm Salted coffee originated here more than a decade ago.

KODO____From 39,000 VND 36-38 Nguyen Phuc Nguyen Rd. | 5am - 10pm Kodo was renovated from an old palace reminiscent of the traditional Hue garden house.

Tan Cafe _______From 29,000 VND 86 Dinh Tien Hoang Str. | 7am - 10pm
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GENERAL INFORMATION
WEATHER & FESTIVE SEASONS
Hue has two distinct seasons: The dry season from March to August brings intense heat that peaks at 35-40°C; the rainy season from August to January brings gentle showers or even torrential downpours.

TRANSPORTATION
To arrive in Hue
Travelling by train or plane to Hue is convenient: Hue railway station lies in the “Western Quarter” on the south bank of the Perfume River, while Phu Bai airport is only 15km from the centre of Hue.

To wander around Hue
Motorbike for rent
- Dong xanh Motorbike
  201 Tran Phu Str., Hue City
  0787 52 86 77

Xich lo Tim
- 0783 52 87 87
- 0783 470 205

Xich lo Hue thuong
- 0783 531 559
- 0906 531 559

Cyclo
- ~150,000 VND (~100,000 VND/day)
- Xich lo Tim
  0783 470 205

- ~ 100,000 VND (~100,000 VND/day)
- Xich lo Hue thuong
  0906 531 559

~200,000 VND – 300,000 VND/trip
Bus No. 2 & 11 (30-60 minutes/ride | 7,000 VND/ticket)
Car from the airport to Hue City Centre (30-60 minutes/ride | 90,000 VND/way)
  0816 409 222

Taxis
- Mai Linh Taxi:
  02343 89 89 89
- Thanh Cong Taxi:
  02343 57 57 57
- Huong Giang Taxi:
  02343 78 78 78

~100,000 VND - 180,000 VND/day
- Dong xanh Motorbike

- 0906 458 179
- 1 Alley 6, Tran Quang Khai Str., Hue City
- 15th – 17th: Chuon Village
- Hue Festival (April of even year)
- Hue Traditional Craft Festival (April of odd year)
- Hue Sports Festival:
  ◦ VnExpress Marathon Imperial Hue (in April)
  ◦ Hue Half Marathon (in June)
- SM Xanh Taxi, Fastgo, Grab

Ride-hailing apps
- Mai Linh Taxi: 02343 89 89 89
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- Fire fighting: 114
- Police: 113
- Tourist support: 0234 382 8288

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Spring festivals
Explore Hue’s rich traditions and colourful celebrations
- 23rd day of the 12th lunar month: Raising the “nêu” tree ceremony in the Citadel to welcome spring and Tet.
- First lunar month: Sinh village wrestling festival, Thai Duong Ha village’s Fish-worshiping festival, Gia Vien hamlet’s traditional swing festival...

Autumn rites
During the 7th lunar month, Hue villages cherish a tradition of honouring ancestors’ merits and expressing gratitude to the heaven and the earth.

Festive seasons
A lively tapestry of cultural, artistic, and sports events weaves throughout the year.

◆ 3rd: Ke Khun Village
◆ 7th – 8th: Kim Long Village
◆ 11th: Lai The Village
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