

Vietnam- Ocean Road Bike Tour (2025)

7 Days/ 6 Nights

**Individual Self-Guided** 



This unique cycle route will introduce you to the cultural, scenic and culinary tour de force that is coastal Vietnam. Starting from the historic city of Hue, you'll begin your cycling adventure along the coast. Pedal to the Cau Hai Lagoon, onto Hoi An for a countryside exploration and visit to the My Son ruins or just some time to rest in this UNESCO favorite city. You'll continue on to some lesser-known beach towns as you ride through seaside villages past bustling fishing ports and cruise the fertile coastal plains. With minimal traffic plus friendly and inquisitive locals at every turn, this is a ride to truly savor and enjoy. With the help of our app and navigation system, you'll be able to craft your own adventure while following our recommendation. Maybe you'll learn a few words of Vietnamese with our language guide so you can connect with locals! This will be a scenic and unforgettable cycling exploration of Vietnam's coast.



Day by Day

# DAY 1: ARRIVE AND CYCLE HUE Riding: 40km

You will commence your tour in the historic city of Hue, the last seat of Imperial power in Vietnam. A Grasshopper Self-guided representative will meet with you at your hotel to deliver your equipment, conduct a briefing on the road and travel conditions in Vietnam and explain how to use the technology provided. You will then try out your new wheels on a loop ride explore the many faces of this tranquil city with its crumbling citadel walls, atmospheric Perfume River and colonial French architecture.



### DAY 2: CYCLE HUE TO LANG CO Riding: 66km Meal:B

Once you clear the city limits you will find yourself on country roads with only an occasional vehicle passing by. Rice fields will give way to low sand dunes and farmers' homes begin to transition into fishing cottages as the ocean finally comes into view. You'll then enjoy pedaling some rolling hills weaving in and out of the coastline throughout the day, there will also be plenty of delicious Vietnamese food along the way to fuel your ride. Reaching the vast Cau Hai Lagoon, nested against a dramatic mountain backdrop you will also catch the first glimpse of the ocean. You can expect to encounter very few other people here aside from local Vietnamese families. Take our recommendations for the best local eateries to satisfy your appetite.



# **Special Information:**

Your adventure kicks off with a scenic loop ride around Hue. Covering 40.2km (25mi) with a 274m elevation gain throughout the day, this route features mostly paved paths with a few unpaved sections to add some variety.

Follow our route maps on the app, which highlights must-see sights around the city. Along the way, take advantage of numerous roadside stalls for refreshing coconuts or fresh fruit to keep you energized.

# DAY 3: CYCLE LANG CO TO HOI AN Riding: 83 km Meal:B

Today, you will start cycling on small hills that will prepare you for the challenging but scenic climb up the Hai Van Pass. A well-made road snakes its way up the mountain, offering views over the ocean and lagoon below. The majority of traffic goes through an alternative tunnel, so you can expect to enjoy pedaling a quiet road with a relaxed gradient. The descent down the other side is of equal distance and will lead you along a coastal road into Da Nang, a bustling financial capital of the province. After a section of busier suburban roads you'll see Da Nang from the vantage points of two of its many famous bridges and visit the monument of Lady Buddha.

Finally, you will meet our representative who will transfer you to the ancient trade town of Hoi An that has withstood regular floods and multiple wars to remain wonderfully intact and charming as ever.

# **Special Information:**

Today you'll ride from your hotel over the Hai Van Pass to Da Nang City. This is the most challenging day of the tour with an 82.8km (51mi) ride and a 916m elevation gain throughout the day, on paved paths. Start early and make plenty of stops to enjoy the stunning views, grab some fruit, and savor lunch along the way.

In Da Nang, when you're ready, one of our representatives will meet you for a 1-hour transfer to your hotel in Hoi An.





# DAY 4: REST DAY, OPTIONAL COUNTRYSIDE RIDE Riding: 34 km Meal:B

A day of rest will help prepare you for the riding ahead and allow you to explore the rich history and diverse architecture of this ancient town. There's an excellent mix of modern and traditional food to enjoy, plus the beach is just a short ride away. Use our app to follow our recommendations of places to visit, or take a wander on your own. Alternatively, if you feel your lust for cycling has not been satiated enough to take a rest, you can take on our curated 28km ride of the city and surrounding countryside.

### **Special Information:**

Enjoy a rest day with an optional loop ride through the Hoi An countryside, covering 34km (add mi) with 166m elevation gain throughout the day. Most of the route is paved, but you'll encounter some fun unpaved sections.

#### DAY 5: CYCLE MY SON Riding:64km Meal:B

Today you will have a loop ride that takes you from historic Hoi An to the enchanting My Son ruins, a cluster of ancient remains of Hindu tower-temples set amidst a leafy jungle valley. Once the primary intellectual and religious center of the kingdom of Champa, My Son was re-discovered by French



archaeologists in the 19th century and is now a UNESCO World Heritage site. The cycling route will take you across rivers and through picturesque countryside, along rural back roads accessible only by bike and hidden from most tourist routes. Passing small villages and rice fields, inquisitive locals will greet you along the way, it will be a day of smiles, history and tranquillity, before returning to lovely Hoi An for the evening.

# **Special Information:**

Cycle through hidden roads and charming villages to the My Son ruins, then meet our representative at a pick-up point for a 1h15m transfer back to your hotel. Today's ride covers 63.5km (39.4 mi) with 371m elevation gain throughout the day on paved paths.



# DAY 6: CYCLE HOI AN TO TAM KY Riding: 70km Meal:B

As you leave Hoi An, you'll likely see many of the market vendors bringing in their produce from the surrounding farms. Today's ride takes a gravel road through a collection of small fishing villages on another peninsula, where fish are farmed in ponds and ocean winds whip around the homes dotted along the shoreline. With a push from the sea breeze, you continue pedaling south towards the next stop, Tam Ky, the capital city of Quảng Nam Province. After a visit to its notable sights, you will go back towards the ocean and take a ferry to the small Tam Hai Island where your Vietnamese hosts await at a delightful resort.



# **Special Information:**

Today you'll cycle from your hotel in Hoi An to Tam Hai Island, covering 69.2km (43mi) with 334m of elevation gain throughout the day, on mostly paved paths, with a few unpaved sections along the way.

After your ride, hop on a ferry to Tam Hai Island, where your Vietnamese hosts will welcome you to a charming resort.

# DAY 7: CYCLE TAM KY TO QUANG NGAI Riding:60km Meal:B

Today is one of the few days where you will need to spend some of your ride along a major road. While you can expect to encounter more traffic while cycling, the road is very well made and the ride will be smooth. You'll pass through some manufacturing districts before returning to small coastal roads and quaint villages, where seafood is pulled straight from the ocean and cooked for lunch. Once your belly is full, you have a short distance remaining to the university town of Quang Nai. Along the way, you pedal past the solemn but poignant Son My Memorial, the site of one of the most infamous crimes committed by the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War – the My Lai Massacre. The memorial site contains a war history museum, gallery and an assembly of sculptures constructed in memory of the multiple civilian victims.

This is where you will meet with our representative who will transfer you back to Hoi An. If you have plans to stay in Quang Ngai or continue south, our representative will relieve you of the equipment. Alternatively, if you are ready to leave there are daily flights from Da Nang to major airports in Ha Noi and Ho Chi Minh city. If you would like to take a domestic flight then Chu Lai airport connects with all major Vietnamese airports.

If required, the team can assist with booking further accommodation or transport for you. If your immediate plan is to board a flight or a train then our team will take you to a friendly hotel where you can use the facilities to freshen up before your flight.

### **Special Information:**

On your last day, enjoy a ride from Tam Hai to My Lai Massacre, 60.2 km (37.4 mi) with a 368m elevation gain throughout the day, mostly on paved paths.

After your ride, one of our representatives will meet you for a 2-hour transfer to the airport.



#### Route



**403 km / 250 mi riding:** Whilst there are a few days on this bike tour with manageable rolling hills, this route is achievable for anyone who cycles regularly as a commuter or recreationally. Most of the ride will be on well-made roads with minimal traffic or rural back-roads that are off the beaten path.

### Price in US dollars- all prices subject to confirmation on booking

Base price double occupancy: \$1069 USD

e-bike:\$245 USD

Single room option: \$320 USD

Solo rider option: \$800 USD



### Included

• App with routes- The app contains your detailed tour route, podcasts with background information on the regions you will pass through, plus an audio commentary describing points of interest along the way. It also provides dining suggestions along your routes as well in destination locations, with translated menu recommendations. Furthermore, it will provide a and voiced glossaries of common phrases and words, which you can use to find rapport with locals.

On request, we can provide iPads if you don't wish to use your own mobile device

- Bikes GT Avalanche Sport or Cannondale Quick CX3
- Accommodation- In prominent locations or cities, we generally use hotels in the 3-4 star range. In the minor towns, we use the best available accommodation. At the bare minimum, you can expect air conditioning, a private bathroom and a comfortable bed.
- Bike computers- bikes come fitted with top of the range GPS navigation units. These biking computers have remarkable customization capabilities and can easily be ported with all major biking software, such as Strava, RidewithGPS or Kamoot, for all fans of cycling data. Never fear if you are not technically minded, as we've made them accessible to all riders. The device will be customized for you and we will upload the most accurate maps and routes. Furthermore, you will be well briefed on putting it to good use. You can download a free companion app and play around with its setup, download results of a day's ride, or set yourself daily workout goals.
- Bag transfer

Optional Trip Extension Ha Long Bay Explorer (ask us for details)

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