

Da Nang, Central Vietnam, Vietnam

Central Vietnam's gateway city puts UNESCO World Heritage sites on both sides — ancient Hoi An to the south and the sacred Cham temples of My Son inland. Da Nang itself adds a striking riverside skyline and the soaring Lady Buddha on Son Tra Peninsula.

 Pier (Tien Sa Port)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  Vietnamese Dong (VND)  Vietnamese (English in tourist areas)

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tien Sa Port, Son Tra Peninsula — ~10-15 km from city center

Walk to center: Not walkable — taxi or Grab required (~20 min, ~\$5-8 USD)

Best For: Hoi An Ancient Town, My Son Sanctuary, Marble Mountains, Ba Na Hills

Don't Miss: Hoi An's lantern-lit old town — allow at least 3-4 hours

 Getting around:  Taxi  120,000–300,000 VND (~\$5–12) ·  Rideshare  Grab, Be, Xanh SM ·  Hop-on hop-off  Coco City Tour

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Hoi An Ancient Town** — The jewel of Central Vietnam: a beautifully preserved UNESCO trading port with lantern-hung streets, the Japanese Covered Bridge, colonial merchant...
- My Son Sanctuary** — Haunting ruins of the ancient Champa Kingdom, set in a jungle valley — Vietnam's own Angkor on a smaller scale.
- Marble Mountains (Ngu Hanh Son)** — Five limestone karst hills honeycombed with caves, ancient pagodas, and sweeping views over Da Nang's coastline.
- Ba Na Hills & Golden Bridge** — Cable car up to a French-colonial hilltop resort at 1,400 m elevation.
- Lady Buddha & Son Tra Peninsula** — The 67-metre Lady Buddha statue at Linh Ung Pagoda is visible from ships entering the harbour.

BEST WALKS

- Han River Waterfront Walk** 2-3 km | Flat | Best in late afternoon — A pleasant riverside stroll along Bach Dang Street from the Dragon Bridge north past the Han River Bridge — Vietnam's only swing bridge, which rotates late at night to...
- Hoi An Ancient Town Self-Guided Walk** 2 km | Flat | Allow 3-4 hrs — The old town is compact and extremely walkable.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	85°	76°	9d
Jun	92°	81°	10d
Aug	91°	80°	18d
Sep	87°	78°	21d
Oct	83°	76°	26d

 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Apr 5:32AM–6:02PM · Jun 5:15AM–6:19PM · Aug 5:31AM–6:11PM · Sep 5:35AM–5:48PM · Oct 5:39AM–5:26PM	

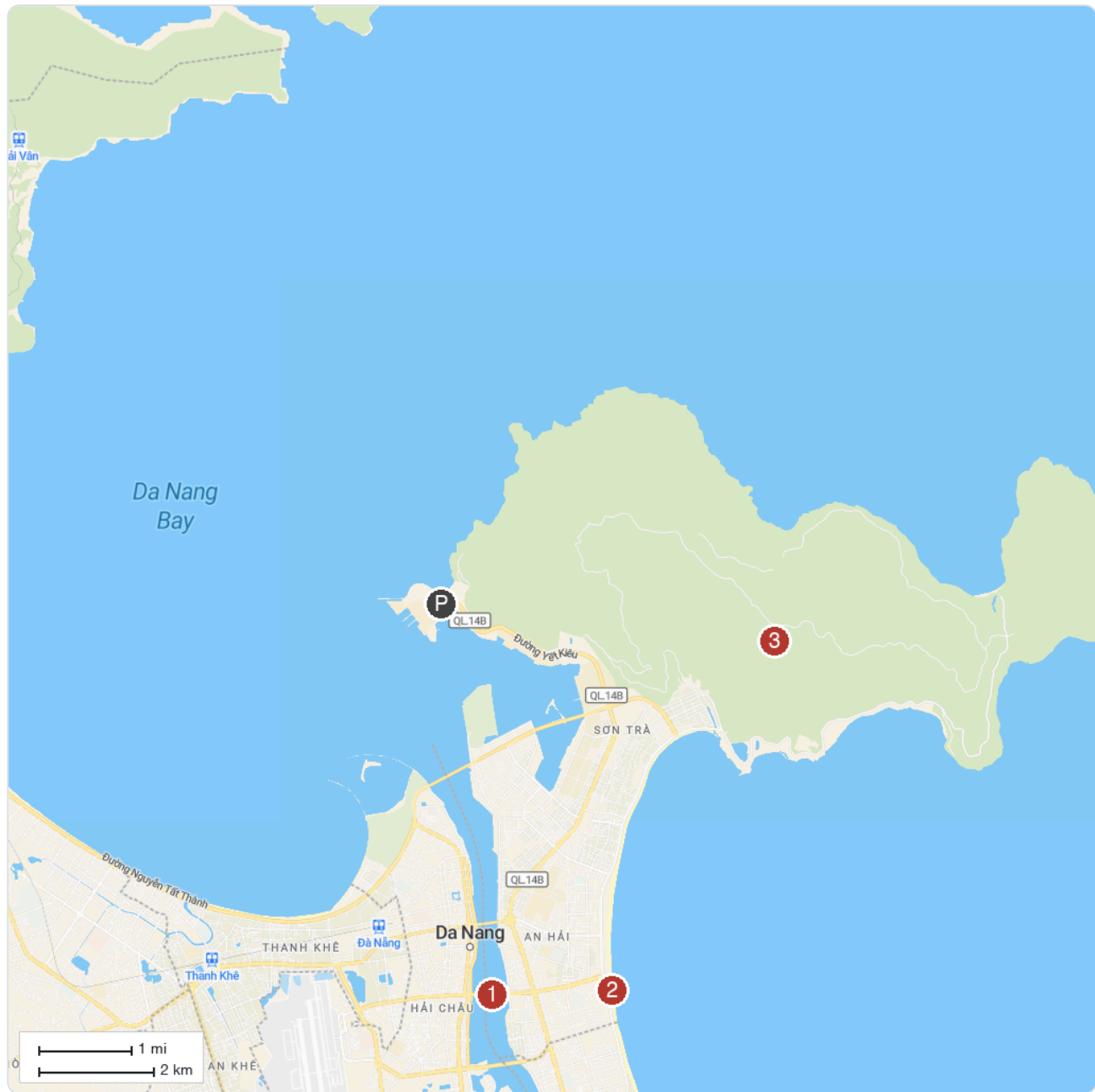
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Use Vietnamese Dong. USD is accepted some places but you'll get better value with VND. ATMs are plentiful downtown; withdraw before heading to Hoi An where ATM queues can be long.
- Book Hoi An transport in advance. Grab works well in Da Nang city, but rideshare availability to/from Hoi An is patchier — pre-book a private transfer if you're going independently.
- Modest clothing for temples. Linh Ung Pagoda (Lady Buddha) and Hoi An's assembly halls all require covered shoulders and knees. Carry a light scarf.
- Heat is serious. Central Vietnam is hot and humid — 30°C+ is normal. Start outdoor sightseeing early, carry water, and build in a shaded lunch break.
- Hoi An tickets. Entry to the Ancient Town's heritage buildings requires a combined ticket (purchased at booths near the Japanese Covered Bridge). The ticket covers five sites of your choice.
- All-day port. Most Da Nang calls are long (8-10 hrs) — enough for Hoi An AND the Marble Mountains, or a half-day at Ba Na Hills. Don't limit yourself to one stop.

Da Nang, Central Vietnam, Vietnam — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Dragon Bridge | Landmark bridge across the Han River shaped like a dragon, which breathes fire and water on weekend evenings. | 2 My Khe Beach | Long stretch of white sand along Da Nang's coastline, once nicknamed 'China Beach' by US servicemen. |
| 3 Son Tra Peninsula (Monkey Mountain) | Forested peninsula near the port with a giant Lady Buddha statue and native red-shanked douc langurs. | P Cruise port / terminal | |