

Hai Phong, Vietnam

Vietnam's Red Poinciana city is a working port and street-food paradise — the industrial gateway to Hanoi, the limestone karsts of Lan Ha Bay, and one of Southeast Asia's most authentic local dining scenes.

 Pier (industrial dock — no walk-out)  Typical call: 8-10 hrs  Vietnamese Dong (VND)  Vietnamese

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Alongside at Lach Huyen or Tan Vu — industrial piers, no walk-out; shuttle required

Walk to center: Not walkable — 35–50 min by shuttle or Grab taxi to Hai Phong city center

Best For: Hanoi day trips, Lan Ha Bay karst cruises, colonial architecture, street food

Don't Miss: Bánh đa cua — Hai Phong's legendary crab noodle soup

 Getting around:  Taxi  ~\$6–12 USD to city center ·  Rideshare  Grab

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Hanoi Full-Day City Tour** — Vietnam's ancient capital is 1.5–2 hours away — Hoan Kiem Lake, the Old Quarter, Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum complex, Temple of Literature, and lunch at a...
- **Lan Ha Bay Boat Cruise** — Lan Ha Bay is the quieter, equally spectacular neighbour to Halong Bay — limestone karsts, emerald water, floating fishing villages, and far fewer...
- **Hai Phong City & Street Food Walk** — Stay in the city and explore the French colonial Opera House, Tam Bac Lake, Le Chan Statue, and Hang Kenh Communal House with its 300+ dragon...
- **Du Hang Pagoda & Colonial Quarter** — One of northern Vietnam's oldest Buddhist temples (17th century), with intricate woodcarvings, bronze relics, and a peaceful bonsai garden.
- **Cat Ba Island & Cat Co Beaches** — Cat Ba Island's Cat Co beaches offer white sand and clean emerald water backed by limestone cliffs — a genuine tropical beach experience.

BEST WALKS

- **Colonial Heart Walk** 2 km · 45 min · Easy — From the Opera House, head south past the leafy plaza and along Dien Bien Phu Street to Tam Bac Lake.
- **Temple & Pagoda Circuit** Short taxi + 1 km walking · Easy — Take a Grab to Du Hang Pagoda, explore the 17th-century grounds, then walk or taxi a short distance to Hang Kenh Communal House to see the extraordinary dragon carvings.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇻🇳 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:34AM–6:12PM · Jun 5:12AM–6:35PM · Aug 5:32AM–6:22PM · Sep 5:40AM–5:56PM · Oct 5:48AM–5:29PM	
Apr	79°	64°	17d		
Jun	82°	68°	22d		
Aug	80°	67°	22d		
Sep	77°	65°	25d		
Oct	72°	63°	26d		

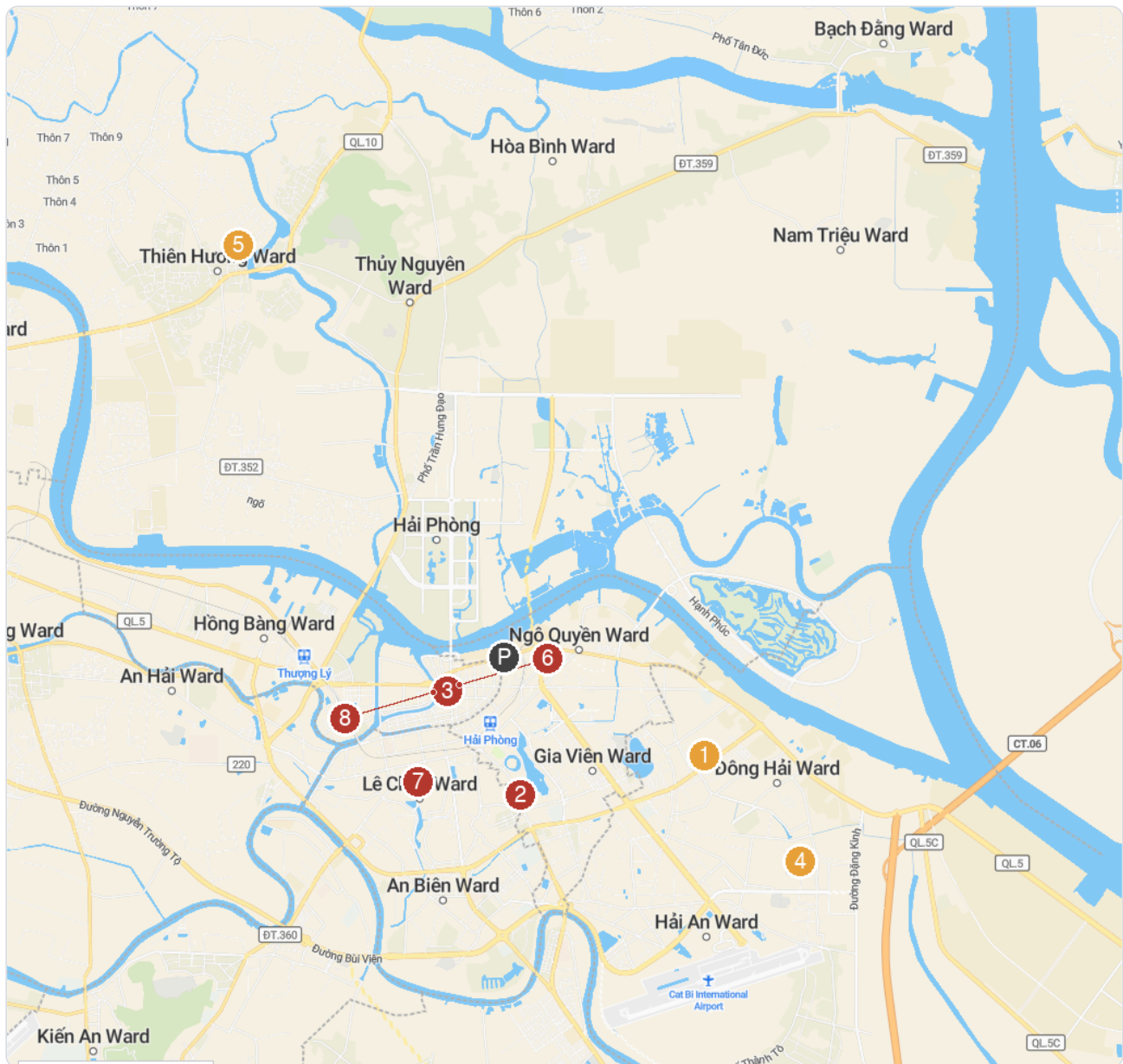
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Download Grab before you arrive. It's the only reliable way to get independent taxis in Hai Phong. Street hails can mean inflated 'tourist prices' and broken meters.
- Cash in VND is king. Street food stalls, local restaurants, and most markets won't take cards or USD. ATMs are plentiful in the city center near the Opera House.
- Eat bánh đa cua. Hai Phong's signature crab noodle soup with wide brown rice noodles is a bowl you won't find anywhere else. Try Bánh Đa Cua Bà Cự at 179 Cầu Đất.
- Hanoi = ship excursion only. The capital is 1.5–2 hours away but traffic is unpredictable. Independent day-trippers regularly miss ship departure. Don't risk it.
- Check your actual pier. Some itineraries labeled 'Hai Phong' dock at Halong International Cruise Port, 1 hour north. Confirm in your ship's daily programme before planning independent transport.
- Hot and humid May–September. Summer calls bring heat and possible typhoon-season showers. Lightweight clothes, a small umbrella, and staying hydrated are essential.

Hai Phong, 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.



1 Phu Xa Temple Ancient temple dedicated to local deities.

3 Cathedral of the Diocese of Hai Phong Grand Catholic cathedral, a landmark of Hai Phong.

5 Chùa Trịnh Xá Peaceful Buddhist pagoda with traditional architecture.

7 Du Hang Pagoda Historic Buddhist pagoda with beautiful gardens.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 Children's Cultural Palace in Hai Phong A vibrant cultural center for Hai Phong's children.

4 Tủ Lương Xâm Historic communal house honoring a national hero.

6 Hai Phong Museum Explore Hai Phong's history and culture at this museum.

8 Hải Phòng Graffiti Check-in Vibrant street art and graffiti for unique photos.