

Halong Bay, Quang Ninh, Vietnam

Nearly 2,000 limestone islands rise from emerald waters in one of the world's most dramatic seascapes. A day in Halong Bay is a journey through geological time — caves, kayaks, and silence broken only by waves.

Docked (Halong International Cruise Port)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Vietnamese Dong (USD widely accepted)

Vietnamese

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Halong International Cruise Port (Sun Port), Bai Chay — direct berth, no tender required for most lines

Best For: Bay cruises, cave exploration, kayaking, scenic photography

Walk to center: Bai Chay tourist strip is ~1 km from port; downtown Halong City requires a taxi (~15 min)

Don't Miss: Sung Sot (Surprise) Cave, Titop Island viewpoint, kayaking into Luon Cave lagoon

Getting around: Taxi \$3–9 USD · Rideshare Grab · Hop-on hop-off City Sightseeing Ha Long

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Halong Bay Day Junk Cruise** — The classic: board a traditional wooden junk for a half-day or full-day sail through the karst islands.
 - Kayaking & Luon Cave Lagoon** — Paddle through the low arch of Luon Cave into a hidden lagoon ringed by karst cliffs.
 - Titop Island Hike & Swim** — Climb 400+ steps to the summit of Titop Island for panoramic views of the bay, then cool off on the crescent beach below.
- Sung Sot (Surprise) Cave** — One of Halong Bay's largest and most dramatic caves — two vast chambers filled with stalactites and stalagmites lit in color.
 - Vung Vieng Floating Fishing Village** — Row through a traditional floating village where families live year-round on the water, fishing with bamboo traps.

BEST WALKS

- Bai Chay Tourist Strip Stroll** 1.5 km · Flat · 20-30 min — Walk the beachside promenade of Bai Chay from near Sun Port to Bai Chay Beach.
- Quang Ninh Museum Visit** ~3 km from port by taxi · Easy — The striking black-glass Quang Ninh Museum (nicknamed the "Black Pearl," its facade evoking the region's coal) covers the bay's geology, history, and culture.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		80°	71°	14d
Jun		88°	81°	21d
Aug		87°	79°	26d
Sep		86°	77°	22d
Oct		83°	72°	12d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:33AM–6:10PM · Jun 5:10AM–6:34PM · Aug 5:30AM–6:21PM · Sep 5:39AM–5:54PM · Oct 5:47AM–5:27PM

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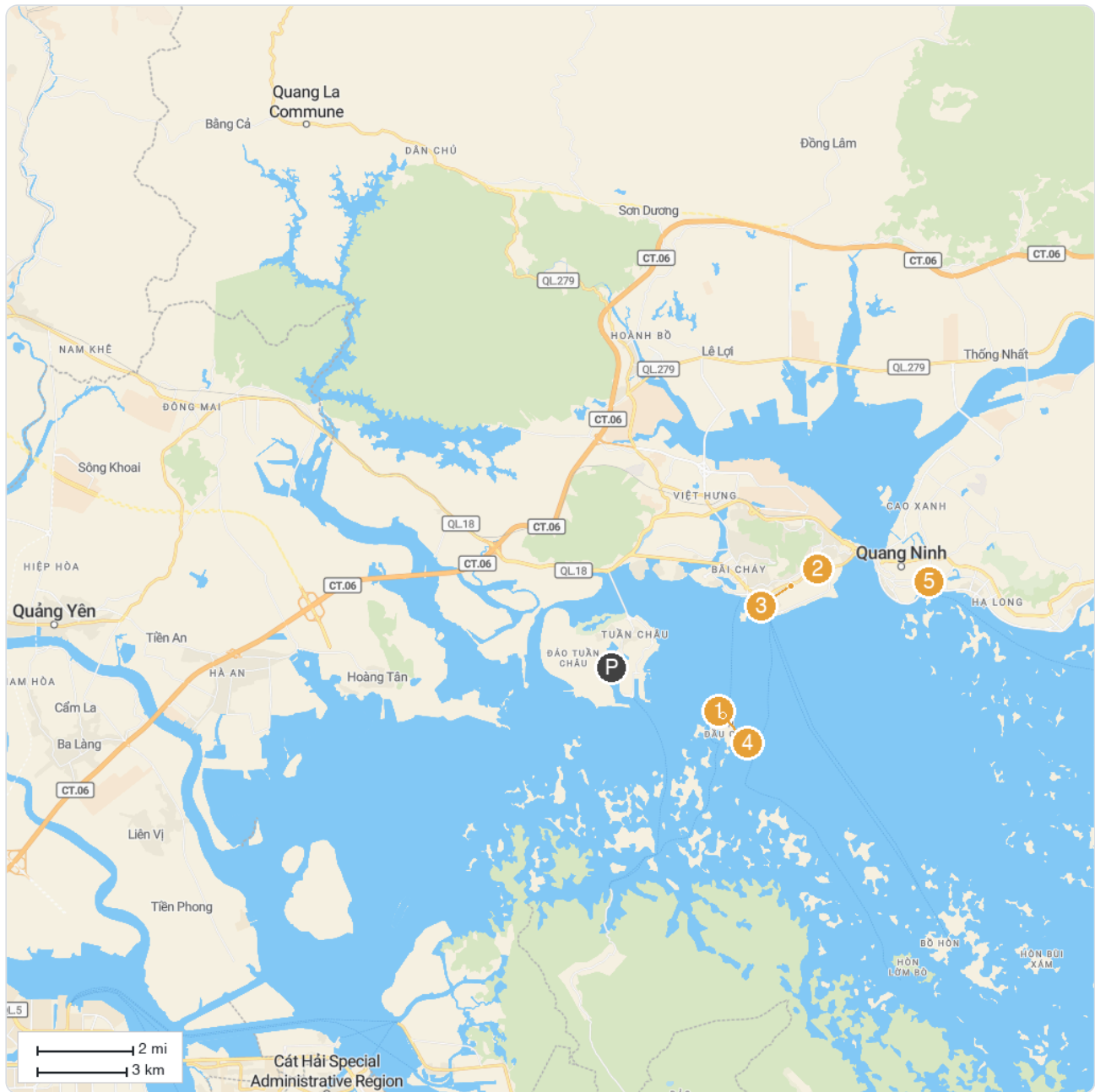
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book your bay cruise early. Ship-organized excursions fill fast. Independent day junks from Sun Port are plentiful but quality varies — look for operators with life jackets and licensed guides.
- USD and VND both work. Most tour operators and port-area restaurants accept USD. ATMs at the terminal dispense VND. Avoid changing money at unmarked stalls.
- Sun protection is essential. Halong Bay is open water with high humidity. Hat, reef-safe sunscreen, and a light long-sleeve layer will make a full-day cruise far more comfortable.
- Typhoon season: June–October. Occasional heavy rain and fog are possible — the bay is still beautiful in mist, but check if your call is in peak storm season.
- Best photos are from the water. The karst scenery looks flat from shore. Get on a boat — even a 2-hour speedboat tour beats any viewpoint on land.
- Try the local seafood. Squid, clams, and grilled fish are exceptional in Bai Chay waterfront restaurants. Lunch on the cruise junk is also typically included and fresh.

Halong Bay, Quang Ninh, 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 Động Thiên Cung | Thiên Cung Cave: A large, beautiful cave with many stalactites. | 2 Sun World Halong Park | A large amusement park with rides and attractions. |
| 3 Ocean Park | An aquarium showcasing diverse marine life. | 4 Dau Go Cave | A large, historic cave with impressive stalactites and stalagmites. |
| 5 Clock Tower in a Roundabout | Clock Tower: A prominent landmark clock tower in a city roundabout. | P Cruise port / terminal | |