

Hanoi (Ha Long Bay), Vietnam

Your ship docks in spectacular Ha Long Bay — a UNESCO wonderland of limestone karsts rising from jade-green water. Hanoi's ancient streets and French-colonial quarter are 3 hours inland; the bay itself competes hard for your day.

🚢 Pier (Ha Long Int'l Cruise Terminal) ⌚ Typical call: 8–12 hrs 🇻🇳 Vietnamese Dong (VND) 🇻🇳 Vietnamese 🌐 UNESCO World Heritage

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier at Ha Long International Cruise Terminal (Hon Gai), Ha Long Bay — no tender

Distance to Hanoi: 150 km (~3–3.5 hrs drive each way)

Best for: Bay cruising, Vietnamese cuisine, colonial history

Don't miss: Ha Long Bay junk boat OR Hoan Kiem Lake & Old Quarter

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ VND 1,800,000–2,000,000 (~USD 70–84) · 📱 **Rideshare** ✅ Grab · 🚗 **Hop-on hop-off** ✅ City Sightseeing Ha Long

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Ha Long Bay Junk Boat Cruise** — Sail among 1,600+ limestone karsts on a traditional junk.
- **Hanoi Old Quarter & Hoa Lo Prison** — The capital's maze of 36 historic trading streets, Hoan Kiem Lake with Ngoc Son Temple, and the sobering Hoa Lo Prison — 'the Hanoi Hilton' where US...
- **Temple of Literature & Water Puppet Show** — Van Mieu — Vietnam's 1,000-year-old first university — followed by a Thang Long Water Puppet Theatre performance.
- **Kayaking the Ha Long Karsts** — Paddle through sea caves, floating fishing villages, and towering limestone formations from Tuan Chau Marina near the port.
- **Hanoi Street Food Walk** — Pho bo at a sidewalk stall, bun cha grilled pork (the Obama–Bourdain dish at Bun Cha Huong Lien), banh mi, and egg coffee at Cafe Giang — Hanoi is...

BEST WALKS

- **Hoan Kiem Lake Loop (Hanoi)** 1.8 km loop • Easy • 30–40 min — The peaceful heart of Hanoi.
- **Ha Long City Promenade** 2 km • Easy • 45 min — A flat walk along Ha Long's waterfront with bay views, souvenir shops, and cafes.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇻🇳 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	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	
Apr	84°	74°	11d		
Jun	94°	82°	9d		
Aug	91°	81°	14d		
Sep	87°	78°	19d		
Oct	81°	75°	25d		

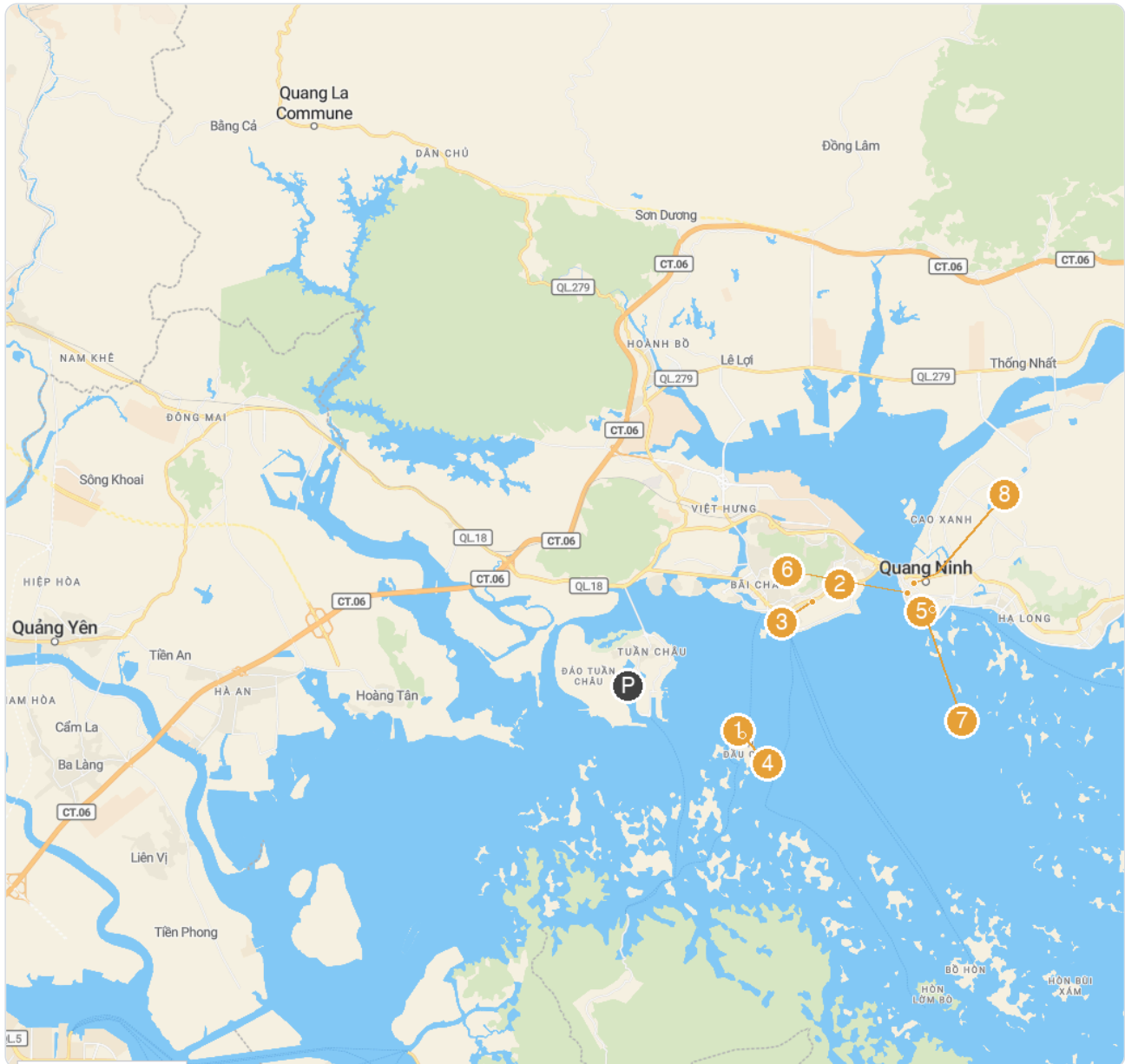
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Short call = stay local. Ha Long Bay requires only 10–30 min transit. Hanoi requires 3+ hrs each way — only realistic with 12+ hrs in port or an overnight stay.
- Bring VND cash. Vietnamese Dong is essential for street food, temple entry, and tuk-tuks. ATMs at the port and Ha Long City dispense VND.
- Download Grab before docking. Southeast Asia's ride-hailing app works throughout Hanoi and bypasses the common taxi overcharge. Set it up on the ship's Wi-Fi.
- Book the ship's Hanoi tour. Cruise line buses are guaranteed to wait if traffic delays your return. DIY Hanoi is a real risk on anything under a 12-hour call.
- Eat bun cha in Hanoi. Grilled pork patties in broth with rice noodles — the dish Anthony Bourdain and President Obama made famous. Cheap, unmissable, and very Hanoian.
- Cover up at temples. Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and most pagodas require covered shoulders and knees. Pack a light scarf or long shirt in your day bag.

Hanoi (Ha Long Bay), 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 is a large, beautiful limestone cave. | 2 Sun World Halong Park | Sun World Halong Park is a large amusement park complex. |
| 3 Ocean Park | Ocean Park is a marine-themed park with aquariums and shows. | 4 Dau Go Cave | Dau Go Cave is a large, ancient limestone cave. |
| 5 Tran Quoc Nghiê Temple | Tran Quoc Nghiê Temple is a historic temple dedicated to a general. | 6 Công Ty Ninh Dương Story | Công Ty Ninh Dương Story is a local business or enterprise. |
| 7 Bài Thơ Mountain | Bai Tho Mountain offers panoramic views of Ha Long Bay. | 8 Cầu Koi | Cau Koi is a decorative bridge, often in a garden setting. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |