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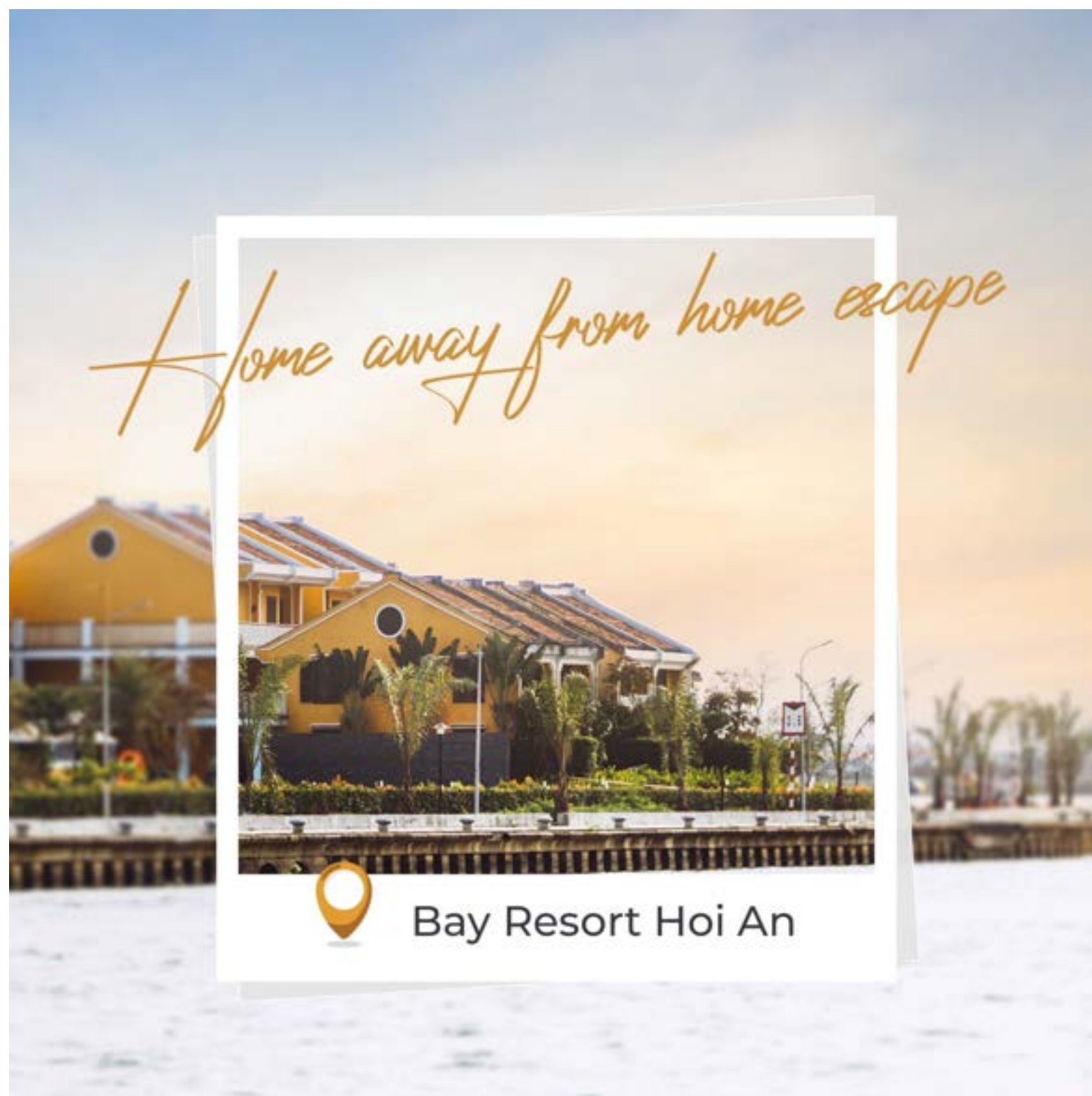
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# A Talk with Executive Chef Huy Pham

**W** We sat down with Bay Resort Hoi An's Executive Chef Huy Pham, to get to know him a bit better and find the source of his inspiration. Our first impression was of a rugged and somewhat taciturn man, who nonetheless made us feel welcome.

As we began the interview, Chef Pham showed us his hands, covered with burns and scars which he wears as a badge of honor, representing not just the accolades he has received, but all the ups and downs which led to them. These hands speak for themselves. Good food is made by these experienced hands and have carried the burden of his dream: *becoming a chef*.

**Reporter:** Your story as a chef started when?

**Huy Pham:** When I first graduated from vocational school, I was unemployed, with no direction, no ambition. I thought my life was done. Then I got hired to work as a dishwasher at a local restaurant. That was the turning point. I worked in different roles in the kitchen until one day I found myself wearing these chef's whites.

**Reporter:** Does anyone else in your family work as a chef?

**Huy Pham:** My brother. He's a good cook. My mother makes the best Vietnamese food though, but she's not pursuing this career. She is my inspiration.

**Reporter:** So, you were born here?

**Huy Pham:** I was born right in the heart of Hoi An, next to the night market. When I was little, this area was a run-down neighborhood. Quickly, I was thrown into life from very early.

**Reporter:** The Olive Tree Restaurant, where you focus most of your effort these days, serves tempting Mediterranean inspired food. What drew you to this kind of cuisine?

**Huy Pham:** The more I learn about this cuisine, the more I realize how beautiful it is. And I think 'sharing' is what makes it different. Mediterranean culture is outgoing and fun. They recognize the importance of quality family time. They enjoy sitting outside, enjoying the sunshine with good food, good wine. Here, we don't want to serve boring meals with no character, we want to share a bit of what makes Mediterranean culture and food so special. The Olive Tree is the perfect place to get together and enjoy a little music and a heartwarming meal while sipping a nice glass of wine.

"In The End, We'll All Become Stories."



**Reporter:** Sounds great! Which dish do you recommend?

**Huy Pham:** I would recommend it all! *(laugh out loud)* But, to be specific, you should try our burger. Homemade bun, feta cheese, green olives, and premium beef. Not a classic dish, but a great example of the inspired creativity of my team. It could easily become one of the highlights of your stay.

**Reporter:** Leading a big team, what's your leadership approach?

**Huy Pham:** There are not many Mediterranean restaurants in the region. So we all have to learn from scratch. That's why I give my staff space for creativity. We need to be creative. Rules are made to be broken, aren't they?

**Reporter:** Do you ever think about your legacy?

**Huy Pham:** I read somewhere, "In the end, we'll all become stories." There are good experiences, bad experiences, good stories and bad stories. I am trying to make all of my experiences become part of one good story. Hopefully.

**Reporter:** Do you have any advice for the younger generation in this industry?

**Huy Pham:** Passion and hard working. Hard work pays off. If you want to feel the heat in a proper kitchen, go watch "Hunger" on Netflix!

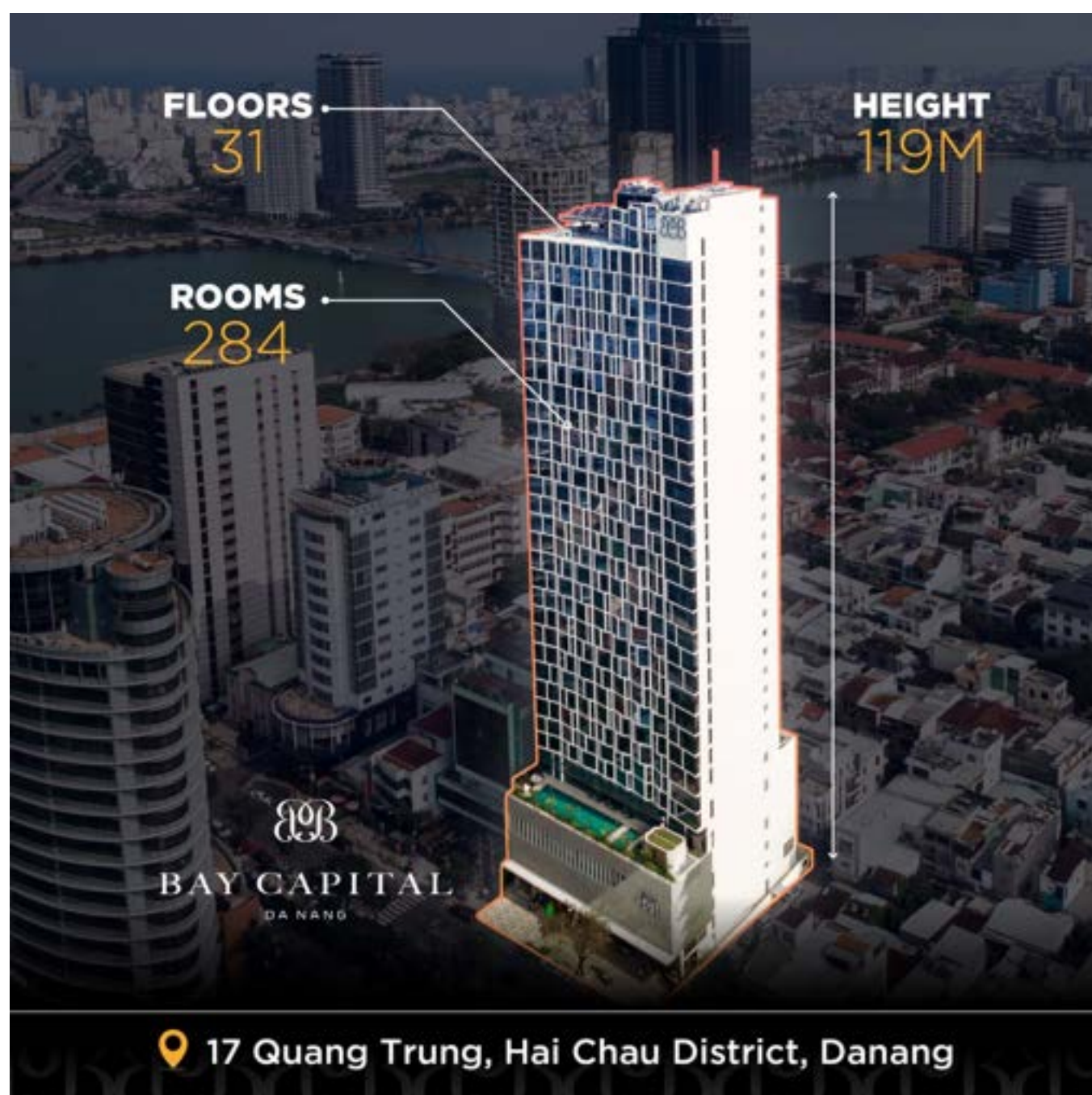
**Reporter:** Thank you for your time today. I can't wait to try your signature dish.

**Huy Pham:** I hope you enjoy it. It is the fruit of my team's labor... Not mine.

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# Đối thoại với Bếp Trưởng Huy Phạm

**C**úng tôi trò chuyện với Bếp trưởng Huy Phạm, người giữ lửa cho căn bếp tại Bay Resort Hội An, trong một chiều nắng đẹp, để tìm hiểu về cuộc đời anh thông qua những chuyện kể. Một người trầm tính và có phần gai góc, đó là những gì chúng tôi cảm nhận được từ người đàn ông ngồi phía đối diện.

Anh xòe cho chúng tôi xem đôi bàn tay chai sạn với nhiều vết sẹo và bong, những chiến tích mà anh cho rằng còn huy hoàng hơn bất kỳ thành tựu nào trên đời. Đôi bàn tay nói lên tất cả. Cũng từ chúng, anh tạo ra biết bao mỹ vị cho nhân gian; nhưng cũng chính vì chúng, anh lao tâm cả một chặng đời chìm nổi.

**Phóng viên:** Anh bước vào nghề bếp là từ khi?

**Bếp trưởng Huy Phạm:** Sau khi tốt nghiệp trường nghề, tôi thất nghiệp. Không định hướng. Không tham vọng gì. Tôi nghĩ đời tôi thế là xong. Rồi số trời cho tôi vào làm chân rửa chén ở một tiệm ăn địa phương. Đó là bước ngoặt trong sự nghiệp của tôi. Từ dạo ấy, tôi kinh qua đủ các vị trí trong căn bếp nhà hàng, cho đến một ngày, tôi được mặc trên người bộ áo bếp trưởng. Một giấc mơ mất gần hai mươi năm tôi theo đuổi.

**Phóng viên:** Trong gia đình anh có ai theo nghiệp làm bếp không?

**Bếp trưởng Huy Phạm:** Là cậu em út nhà tôi. Cậu nấu rất ngon. Mẹ tôi nấu món Việt cũng rất vừa miệng, dù bà không theo nghề này. Bà là niềm cảm hứng cho tôi.

**Phóng viên:** Vậy anh sinh trưởng ở đây?

**Bếp trưởng Huy Phạm:** Tôi sinh ra giữa trung tâm Hội An, ngay khu chợ đêm. Ấu thơ cơ cực và thương khó nơi ấy giúp tôi lớn nhanh và vào đời từ sớm.

**Phóng viên:** Nhà hàng Olive Tree (Cây Olive) nơi anh đang dốc 100% sức lực để xây dựng tên tuổi, đang phục vụ thực khách các món Địa Trung Hải đầy ngẫu hứng. Có điều gì thú vị về nền ẩm thực này?

**Bếp trưởng Huy Phạm:** Càng tìm hiểu về nền ẩm thực này, tôi lại càng nghiệm ra vẻ đẹp của nó. Tôi nghĩ, tinh thần sẻ chia chính là thứ làm nên sự khác biệt cho ẩm thực Địa Trung Hải. Thức ăn thường được dọn trên khay hoặc đĩa lớn. Người Địa Trung Hải khuyến khích gia đình dành thời gian bên nhau. Họ muốn được ngồi dưới ánh nắng chói chang của mặt trời với đồ ăn ngon, rượu quý. Vì thế, chúng tôi không muốn phục vụ các bữa ăn nhàm chán, thiếu cá tính. Nhà hàng Olive Tree phải là nơi thực khách đến, thưởng thức nhạc AI Green trong khi nhấp nhấp rượu vang hảo hạng.



**Phóng viên:** Những lời anh chia sẻ rất thú vị. Vậy thực khách nên thử món nào?

**Bếp trưởng Huy Phạm:** Tôi nghĩ nên thử tất cả (cười lớn). Nhưng cụ thể thì, bạn có thể thử qua món burger. Bánh mì được chúng tôi tự làm, phô mai feta, quả olive mỏng nước và thịt bò thượng hạng. Hãy thử món này và biết đâu nó sẽ là điểm nhấn thi vị cho kỳ nghỉ của bạn.

**Phóng viên:** Điều hành một tập thể khá đông, đâu là phương pháp lãnh đạo của anh?

**Bếp trưởng Huy Phạm:** Bạn biết đấy, không có nhiều nhà hàng Địa Trung Hải ở địa phương. Chúng tôi vừa làm vừa học. Do đó, tôi cho nhân viên mình không gian thuận sáng tạo. Chúng tôi bắt buộc phải sáng tạo. Mọi luật lệ được sinh ra để bị phá vỡ phải không?

**Phóng viên:** Anh đã từng nghĩ đến di sản mình sẽ để lại cho sau này?

**Bếp trưởng Huy Phạm:** Tôi đọc đâu đó rằng "*Sau cùng, chúng ta cũng sẽ trở thành những câu chuyện.*" Nhưng nhớ cho, chuyện có chuyện hay chuyện dở. Tôi hy vọng những gì mình viết tiếp theo đây sẽ đưa những mẫu chuyện dang dở của tôi thành những câu chuyện tốt đẹp.

**Phóng viên:** Anh có lời khuyên nào cho thế hệ trẻ muốn theo nghề bếp?

**Bếp trưởng Huy Phạm:** Đam mê và chăm chỉ. Có làm mới có ăn. (cười lớn) Nếu bạn muốn thử *cái nóng* trong một gian bếp đúng nghĩa, tôi khuyên bạn nên xem qua Hunger đang có trên Netflix.



Scan to see the

"Double Sharing Night" Menu

**Phóng viên:** Cảm ơn anh về buổi trò chuyện này. Và giờ tôi muốn thử qua các món "signature" của anh.

**Bếp trưởng Huy Phạm:** Hy vọng anh thích các món "đỉnh" trong thực đơn của nhà hàng, bởi đó là thành quả của cả tập thể. Không phải của riêng tôi.



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# Olah! Summer Cocktails

Introducing the new cocktails at Olah! Pool Bar & Grill: *Crafted by Tin Tin, our head bartender.*

Ah, summer. The weather gets hotter, the days grow longer and life seems a little bit easier. The season's adventures can leave you parched, though, so be sure you're armed with one of these thirst-quenching cocktail recipes.



## <sup>1</sup> LOST LAKE

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## <sup>2</sup> RỪNG DỪA BẮY MẪU (BAY MAU COCONUT FOREST)

Named after a well-known coconut forest in Hoi An, this summery cocktail offers strong tropical flavors with citrus aromas and fizzy saltiness, all of which makes this cocktail a perfect option for any hot sunny day.

Olmecca Reposado / Coconut Liqueur / Orgeat Syrup / Salted Lime Cordial / Foamee / Tonic



## Olah! Pool Bar & Grill

Location: Ground floor

Capacity: 30 pax

Hours: 10:00 - 22:00

## Hoi An's four best kept secrets



### Ba Le Well

This square well's claim to fame is that it's the source of water for making authentic cao lau, a Hoi An specialty. The well is said to date from Cham times and elderly people make their daily pilgrimage to fill pails here.



### The Door Eyes

Door eye is a trait of housing architecture in ancient city - Hoi An, this trait has been bringing about special, unique, and distinctive value of culture to this land.



### Ngo Thieu's Black Sesame Soup

Meet Thieu Ngo (108 years old), a local legend of Hoi An, who has been serving up a beloved black sesame pudding for more than half a century.

15 17 Tran Hung Dao, Hoi An



### Monster Restraining Bridge

Around the 17th century, Japanese Bridge Hoi An was built by Japanese merchants. According to the legend, this work was like a sword that pierced the back of the monster Namazu, making this monster unable to wag its tail to cause an earthquake. After that, people built a pagoda by the railing of the bridge, therefore it is also called Cau Pagoda (Cau means Bridge in Vietnamese).





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**1,500,000VND\*\*** per person for wine dinner only  
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Limited seats, reservation is highly recommended

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## HOI AN INTRODUCTION

Just downstream from Thu Bon River, Hoi An Ancient Town is located in the heart of Quang Nam province, about 30 kilometers to the south of Da Nang city. Not only is it a famous tourist attraction, but also an architectural relic complex.

Reflecting a unique cultural fusion, Hoi An old town was listed as a World Cultural Heritage by Unesco in 1999. It is a living museum of world-wide construction designs and urban lifestyle. From the 15th till the 20th century, Hoi An was an exclusive trading port between European and Asian businessmen. This is where Chinese, Japanese, and Portuguese traders have left their own vestiges via diverse architecture patterns. To this day, Ancient Town Hoi An Vietnam remains notably well-preserved, almost in its original state, retaining its pure and oriental medieval style.

Hoi An cuisine is well-known for a good reason, thanks to its traditional and mouth-watering delicacies. Especially, Hoi An street food, which is teeming with rich flavors and appeals to adventurous appetites, will sneak its way into your list of favorite foods in no time.



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### THANH HA POTTERY VILLAGE

Formed in the sixteenth century, Thanh Ha Pottery Village is one of the oldest pottery villages in Vietnam. This village is located right on the banks of Thu Bon River, about 3km from Hoi An ancient town.

Over five centuries, Thanh Ha pottery village still preserves its traditional pottery-making process, which manually shapes pottery by hand and foot pedal without using molds.

Visiting Thanh Ha village, you will have an excellent opportunity to witness the process of creating beautiful ceramic products from talented and skillful artisans.

Pham Phan Street, Thanh Ha Ward, Hoi An, Quang Nam



### JAPANESE COVERED BRIDGE

Emblematic of Hoi An, this beautiful footbridge was first constructed in the 1590s by the Japanese community to link it with the Old Town.

The footbridge is 18 meters long and 3 meters wide. A small temple sits on the North end of the bridge, with the entrance in middle of the bridge overlooking the water. Chua Cau's temple has ornate decor, including porcelain bowls used to cap the ends of the roof tiles and statues of a monkey and a dog to symbolize the year construction started and finished based on Chinese Zodiac.

The Japanese Bridge appears as an illustration on the 20,000 VND note.

186 Tran Phu, Minh An, Hoi An



### TAN KY OLD HOUSE

Built in 1741, Tan Ky Old House is the place where seven generations of Le family have lived. The venue was named after Mr. Le Tan Ky (the second generation). At that time, this house was used to trade agricultural products.

Look out for signs of Japanese and Chinese influences in the architecture. Japanese elements include the ceiling (in the sitting area), which is supported by three progressively shorter beams, one on top of the other. The exterior of the roof is made of tiles; inside, the ceiling consists of wood. This design keeps the house cool in summer and warm in winter.

101 Nguyen Thai Hoc, Minh An, Hoi An

### MY SON SANCTUARY

My Son Sanctuary is located in My Son village, Duy Tan commune, Duy Xuyen district, 30km west of Tra Kieu (the ancient capital of Cham people) and 69km south-west of Da Nang city.

My Son consists of 70 architectural works ranging from small to great size. It used to be holly land of Cham people from the 4th to 13th century. In the 4th century, in the King Bhadravarman's time, after the construction of Tra Kieu, the religious center of Cham kingdom was set in My Son to welcome royal members, aristocrats and host important religious rituals. Continually developing through nearly nine centuries, My Son witnessed the glorious, prosperous as well as declining time of Champa kingdom.

My Son Village, Duy Tan, Duy Xuyen, Quang Nam



### CHAM ISLANDS

Just 15 kilometers off Hoi An's stunning coastline rise the Cham Islands - a set of eight granite masses of land. Their turquoise waters provide visitors with snorkeling, diving and fishing opportunities, along with many powdery sand beaches to choose from.

The islands grouped under the Cham Islands are: Hòn Lâu (Pearl), Hòn Dài (long), Hòn Mỏ (tomb), Hòn Khô mẹ, Hòn Khô con (dry), Hòn Lá (leaf), Hòn Tai (ear), and Hòn Ông (east wind).

The Cham Islands themselves are home to a number of small historical sights. They can be seen with a motorbike tour or by strolling the quiet lanes at your own pace. If you are after a slice of local life, staying the night and watching the sun sink behind the mainland is a highly recommended way to unplug.

Tan Hiep, Hoi An

### MUSEUM OF TRADE CERAMICS

The Museum of Trade Ceramics is located at 80 Tran Phu Street (Hoi An), in the center of the Old Town. Housing over 400 pieces and fragments of pottery, it is a museum showcasing the origins and history of the town and the region in the context of historic trade and relationships with foreign nations such as China, India, Japan, the Philippines and Thailand. The building housing the museum is itself an attractively restored traditional wooden house of Hoi An's Old Quarter.

80 Tran Phu, Minh An, Hoi An



### AN BANG BEACH

An Bang Beach is located in Cam An Ward, Hoi An City. This is a stunning 4-kilometer expanse of sand to the North of its famous neighboring beach - Cua Dai. From this beautiful beach, it only takes about 10 minutes by car to reach the center of Hoi An Ancient Town.

It's easy to see why An Bang is such a popular destination. Along with the sand, sea and eateries is a gorgeous view. Between Da Nang and the Son Tra Peninsula to the north plus Cham Island to the south, you will find open water dotted with fishing boats. As the sun sets, you will see the fishing boats start to sweep across the water with floodlights on, hoping to attract squid.

In 2016, An Bang was voted among the top 100 beaches in the world by CNN.

Cam An, Hoi An



### TRA QUE VEGETABLE VILLAGE

Tra Que Vegetable Village is located in Tra Que Village, Cam Ha Commune, Hoi An City, just about 3km Northeast of the city center, lying between the De Vong river and Tra Que lagoon.

Tra Que Village is named after a kind of sweet-scented herb ("tra que") which is used to spice up many Hoi An locals' dishes. Tra Que has long been famous for its variety of home-grown vegetables such as lettuce, salad, basil, and so on.

Although it is a small village, Tra Que supplies organic veggies for the whole Hoi An and nearby areas.

Tra Que Village, Cam Ha, Hoi An



### HOI AN CENTRAL MARKET

Located in Hoi An's Old Town, this multifaceted market is the liveliest and largest one around. The market spans five streets of the central tourist district. It is a must-do experience not only for food lovers but also for photographers, shoppers, and anyone wanting true entertainment at pretty much any time of day.

From souvenirs for your loved ones back home and bamboo kitchen utensils for yourself, to fresh fruits and vegetables, kids' toys, shoes, clothes, bags, jewelry, luggage, fabric, local dishes and tailors, you can find anything and everything at the Central Market in Hoi An.

19 Tran Phu, Cam Chau, Hoi An



### FUJIAN ASSEMBLY HALL

Fujian Assembly Hall is one of the most famous historical sites with Chinese architecture in Hoi An, Vietnam.

Fujian (Phuc Kien) Assembly Hall was built in 1697 by a group of Chinese from Fujian who moved to Hoi An. It was initially constructed entirely of wood and rebuilt in 1757 with bricks and tile roofs.

Originally a traditional assembly hall (or guildhall), this structure was later transformed into a temple for the worship of Thien Hau, a deity who protects seafarers.

46 Tran Phu, Cam Chau, Hoi An



### HOI AN MEMORIES LAND

Being inspired by the passionate love of Vietnamese culture and desired to arouse the national pride, Hoi An Impression Theme Park was born to re-stage the splendours of Hoi An's golden time - a vibrant Faifo where East met West. Hoi An Memories - a Vietnamese story being told by Vietnamese people, is a locally-made arts creation deeply embedded with Vietnamese cultural and historical elements. With the outstanding combination of the biggest outdoor 25,000-sqm-stage, visual arts, music, poetry and more than 500 professional performers on the stage, Hoi An Memories show is truly Vietnam's Must-see cultural spectacle which reliving the stories of heritage.

200 Nguyen Tri Phuong, Cam Chau, Hoi An

### CANTONESE ASSEMBLY HALL

A sacred landmark over 100 years old, Cantonese Assembly Hall ("Hoi Quan Quang Dong" in Vietnamese) is located on 176 Tran Phu Street which is home to many unique architectural works of great historical value.

Conveniently located near Japanese Covered Bridge (Chua Cau), this style-mingled assembly hall welcomes flocks of visitors daily, adding a dash of color to the multicolored Hoi An.

Cantonese Assembly Hall is a special religious venue for the Chinese people who initially settled in Hoi An. Up to now, it ranks at the top of the most famous feudal structures in the ancient town.

If you are planning to visit Hoi An soon, don't miss this one-of-a-kind attraction.

176 Tran Phu, Minh An, Hoi An



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our beloved Director of Operations.



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