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Hanoi · 9-day itinerary

Lakeside mornings, Old Quarter lanes and a slower introduction to Vietnam’s capital.

Where to stay

Hoan Kiem · French Quarter · West Lake

Stay near Hoan Kiem for lake walks and easy access to the Old Quarter. Check recent reviews for street noise, lifts and vehicle access: narrow lanes can make luggage transfers awkward. The French Quarter suits travellers wanting wider streets and a quieter evening base. West Lake offers a different pace but adds road travel to central sights. Compare the exact address, room windows, air conditioning and cancellation terms before choosing.

Keep the Old Quarter days walkable and confirm vehicle access to your hotel. Arrange separate transfers for Bát Tràng and Ninh Bình.

Day 1

Morning · Hoan Kiem Lake and Ngoc Son Temple

Afternoon · Walk one section of the Old Quarter

Evening · Vietnamese coffee and dinner near the lake

Day 2

Morning · Temple of Literature

Afternoon · Vietnamese Women’s Museum or Imperial Citadel

Evening · Water puppets if booked

Day 3

Morning · Tran Quoc Pagoda and West Lake

Afternoon · Lakeside café and a short walk

Evening · Dinner in Tây Hồ

Day 4

Morning · Vietnam Museum of Ethnology

Afternoon · Explore its outdoor architecture displays

Evening · Dinner near your hotel

Day 5

Morning · French Quarter and Opera House exterior

Afternoon · Vietnam National Museum of History if open

Evening · Dinner around Tràng Tiền

Day 6

Morning · Bát Tràng pottery village with a planned transfer

Afternoon · Browse workshops and choose a pottery session

Evening · Return to Hanoi for dinner

Day 7

Morning · Long Biên Bridge approach where pedestrians are permitted

Afternoon · Explore nearby markets or take a café break

Evening · Old Quarter dinner

Day 8

Morning · Ninh Bình day trip with arranged transport

Afternoon · Choose one boat route and allow for queues

Evening · Return to Hanoi

Day 9

Morning · St Joseph’s Cathedral exterior and cafés

Afternoon · Souvenir shopping around Hoan Kiem

Evening · Early dinner before airport transfer

Before you go

Check opening days, tickets, local transport and last return services. Move an outing to another day if weather or closures affect the route.

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