Hoi An Culinary Journey: Market, River Cruise & Cooking Class – 1 Day

1D / 0N	Easy	Private	USD 35 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

This half-day culinary adventure in Hoi An begins with a vibrant market visit, followed by a scenic boat ride along the Thu Bon River to the Red Bridge Cooking School. Participants learn to prepare classic Vietnamese dishes and enjoy their creations for lunch.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Hoi An

TOUR OVERVIEW

A delightful half-day cooking tour in Hoi An offers an authentic taste of Vietnamese gastronomy. Starting with a lively market exploration, guests then embark on a picturesque boat trip down the Hoi An River, leading to the renowned Red Bridge Cooking School. This experience provides hands-on instruction in preparing traditional dishes, culminating in a shared meal of your own culinary achievements. It's an ideal way to connect with local culture and cuisine.

Highlights

Explore Hoi An's bustling local market, engaging with local vendors and selecting fresh ingredients for your culinary lesson.
Enjoy a tranquil 25-minute boat journey along the Hoi An River, observing daily life and scenic views from the water.
Discover the aromatic herb and vegetable gardens at the Red Bridge Cooking School, understanding local produce.
Learn to prepare five authentic Vietnamese dishes under expert chef guidance during a hands-on cooking session.
Receive an engaging introduction to traditional Vietnamese food carving and artistic plate decoration techniques.
Savor the delicious and authentic Vietnamese lunch that you have personally prepared during the class.
Acquire a comprehensive collection of Vietnamese recipes and notes to recreate these dishes at home.

Route Summary

The journey focuses entirely within Hoi An, starting in the Ancient Town for a market visit, then cruising the Hoi An River to the Red Bridge Cooking School, and finally returning to central Hoi An.

Who it suits

This tour is perfect for food enthusiasts, cultural explorers, and anyone looking for an interactive and engaging half-day activity in Hoi An. It's suitable for all travelers interested in learning about Vietnamese culinary traditions.

Practical Information

The tour typically runs from afternoon into early evening, lasting approximately 4.5 hours. It involves walking at the market and a boat transfer. All necessary ingredients and cooking equipment are provided. Vegetarian options are available upon request.

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Hoi An Market Exploration & Riverside Cooking Class

Meals: Lunch | Transport: Boat trip, local transfer

Your culinary adventure begins in the afternoon at 13:30, meeting at the Hai Scout Cafe located at 98 Nguyen Thai Hoc Street within Hoi An Ancient Town. Here, you'll receive a refreshing non-alcoholic drink before setting off. The first stop is Hoi An's vibrant local market, a kaleidoscope of sights, sounds, and aromas. This immersive visit provides an opportunity to engage with local vendors, learn about various regional produce, and hand-pick fresh ingredients that will be used in your cooking lesson later in the day. It's a fantastic chance to experience the authentic daily rhythm of the town.

Following the market visit, you will board the Red Bridge boat for a leisurely 25-minute cruise along the tranquil Hoi An River. This scenic journey offers charming views of local river life and the surrounding landscape, providing excellent photo opportunities. Upon arrival at the Red Bridge Cooking School, you'll first explore its meticulously maintained herb and vegetable garden, gaining insight into the fresh, organic components of Vietnamese cuisine.

The main cooking lesson spans approximately two hours. Expert chefs from Red Bridge will first demonstrate each dish, providing clear instructions and tips. Afterwards, you will have the chance to prepare the same dishes yourself, receiving personalized guidance throughout the process. The class also includes a brief introduction to the art of Vietnamese food carving, focusing on plate decoration techniques. After your hands-on session, you'll gather to enjoy the delicious meal you've prepared. The tour concludes around 18:00, with a convenient transfer back to central Hoi An.

Activities:
Meet at Hai Scout Cafe for a welcome drink.
Visit Hoi An's colorful market to select fresh ingredients.
Enjoy a 25-minute scenic boat cruise along the Hoi An River.
Explore the Red Bridge Cooking School's herb and vegetable garden.
Participate in a 2-hour hands-on cooking lesson, preparing Vietnamese dishes.
Learn about Vietnamese food carving and plate decoration.
Dine on the dishes you have personally cooked.
Transfer back to central Hoi An.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

INCLUDED	NOT INCLUDED
v Drink (non-alcoholic) at Hai Scout Café	x Single room supplement
v Local English speaking guide and chef	x Drinks

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- x Personal expenses
- x Others not mentioned

PRICE INCLUDES

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CANCELLATION POLICY

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