Hue Countryside Cycling & Perfume River Cruise – 1 Day

1D / 0N	Easy	Private	USD 48 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

Explore Hue's rural charm on a full-day cycling tour to Thuy Bieu village, visiting ancient houses, craft workshops, and historical landmarks like the Tiger Fighting Arena.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Hue

TOUR OVERVIEW

Tour Overview

This full-day cycling excursion from Hue offers an active exploration of the city's historical outskirts and the tranquil Thuy Bieu village. Pedal through scenic landscapes, uncover ancient traditions, and engage with local culture. The journey combines historical site visits with hands-on craft experiences and a relaxing boat trip along the iconic Perfume River.

Highlights of Your Day

Experience the unique blend of history, culture, and nature. From the remnants of imperial entertainment at the Tiger Fighting Arena to the serene Elephant Temple, the tour provides a glimpse into Hue's past. In Thuy Bieu village, you'll witness traditional crafts and participate in making local delicacies, offering an authentic cultural exchange.

Route Summary

Your adventure begins with a hotel pickup in Hue, leading you by bicycle to the historic Tiger Fighting Arena and the revered Elephant Temple. Continue cycling into the heart of Thuy Bieu village, where cultural interactions await. The return journey features a picturesque dragon boat ride on the Perfume River, concluding back in central Hue.

Who This Tour Suits

This tour is ideal for active travelers interested in experiencing local life, history, and culture outside the main city. Participants should be comfortable with cycling for several hours on relatively flat terrain. It's perfect for those seeking an immersive day trip that combines physical activity with cultural discovery.

Practical Information

The tour includes a mountain bike and helmet for your comfort and safety. An English-speaking guide will accompany you, providing insights into the sites and local customs. Drinking water and entrance fees are covered. Be prepared for a day of moderate physical activity and cultural engagement.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

* Cycle through serene Thuy Bieu village, discovering traditional architecture and lush pomelo gardens.
* Witness local artisans crafting incense sticks and intricate silk paintings.
* Participate in making Hue's specialty cakes, Banh Nam and Banh Loc, under local instruction.
* Explore the historic Tiger Fighting Arena, a relic of royal entertainment from imperial times.
* Visit the Elephant Temple, a sacred site honoring the King’s war elephants.
* Enjoy a tranquil dragon boat journey along the Perfume River back to Hue city center.

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* Interact with local families and learn about their daily life and traditions.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Cycling through Hue's History and Thuy Bieu Village Culture

Transport: Mountain bike, dragon's boat, bicycle

Your day begins at 8:00 AM with a convenient pickup from your hotel in Hue. You'll be provided with a mountain bike and helmet to commence your cycling adventure. The first stop is the historic Tiger Fighting Arena (Ho Quyen), a significant relic where elephants and tigers once engaged in combat for the entertainment of emperors and the royal family. This site offers a unique glimpse into the pastimes of Vietnam's imperial court.

Continuing your ride, you'll pedal towards the Elephant Temple, a royal sanctuary dedicated to honoring and burying the King's war elephants. This temple reflects the deep respect and importance accorded to these animals in Vietnamese history. The cycling route then leads you into the serene Thuy Bieu village, known for its tranquil atmosphere and lush pomelo gardens.

Within Thuy Bieu, your journey takes you to a local house where you can observe the intricate craft of silk painting by skilled villagers. Following this, you'll visit another private residence to learn about the traditional art of making incense sticks, an essential item for Buddhist worship and ancestor anniversaries in Hue. A highlight of the cultural immersion is participating in the creation of "banh nam" and "banh loc," two distinctive Hue specialty cakes, guided by a local host. You'll have the pleasure of tasting these freshly made delicacies.

After exploring the village and its crafts, you'll continue cycling along the peaceful village roads before transitioning to a dragon's boat. This relaxing boat trip along the Perfume River offers picturesque views as you cruise back towards the city center. The boat will dock at Toa Kham Boat Dock, from where you'll cycle back to your hotel, concluding a day rich in history, culture, and local interaction.

Activities:
Hotel pickup by bicycle
Cycle to Tiger Fighting Arena
Visit Elephant Temple
Bike through Thuy Bieu village
Observe silk painting craft
Learn incense stick making
Participate in making "banh nam" and "banh loc" cakes
Enjoy a dragon boat trip on the Perfume River
Return cycling to hotel

WHAT'S INCLUDED

INCLUDED	NOT INCLUDED
v Mountain bike with helmet	x Single room supplement

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- v English speaking local guide
- v Drinking water
- v Entrance fees
- v Learning how to make incense stick , local cake " Loc cake, Nam Cake"
- v Local food: candy, local cakes
- v Boat trip in Perfume River

- x Drinks
- x Personal expenses
- x Others not mentioned

PRICE INCLUDES

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CANCELLATION POLICY

Tour Code: IMP-CAF8DFBDAF15