Hue Imperial City & Old Quarter Cyclo Tour – Half Day

1D / 0N	Easy	Private	USD 23 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

Discover the ancient capital of Hue on a half-day cyclo tour, traversing both the modern city and the historic Old Quarter. Explore the majestic Imperial Citadel, once home to Vietnam's emperors, and witness local life along the Perfume River's banks.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Hue

TOUR OVERVIEW

Overview of the Hue Cyclo City Tour

This half-day excursion offers a unique perspective on Hue, Vietnam's former imperial capital. Travelers will experience the city from the leisurely pace of a traditional cyclo, covering significant historical sites and vibrant local areas. The journey provides an intimate look at daily life while visiting the grand Imperial Citadel, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Tour Highlights

Explore the magnificent Hue Imperial Citadel, seat of Vietnam's last feudal dynasty.

Ride a traditional cyclo through the bustling streets of Hue, observing local activities.

Cross the iconic Trang Tien Bridge, connecting the old and new parts of the city.

Discover the architectural grandeur of Ngo Gate and Thai Hoa Palace within the Citadel.

Witness historical artifacts like the Nine Holy Cannons and Nine Dynastic Urns.

Experience the charm of Hue's Old City lanes, including Tran Hung Dao and Mai Thuc Loan streets.

Route Summary

The tour begins with a taxi transfer to the cyclo parking area. From there, the cyclo journey covers the southern bank of the Perfume River, passing through modern Hue streets like Hoang Hoa Tham and Le Loi. After crossing the Trang Tien Bridge, the route shifts to the historic Old City, encompassing areas around the Imperial Citadel and various ancient streets, before concluding back at your hotel.

Who This Tour Suits

This tour is ideal for all travelers interested in history, culture, and a relaxed way to explore a city. It's particularly suitable for those who prefer a guided experience without extensive walking, offering an accessible insight into Hue's imperial past and contemporary urban fabric.

Practical Information

The tour operates for approximately four hours, starting in the morning. Participants will be picked up from their hotel and transported to the cyclo starting point. The primary mode of transport during the tour is the cyclo, offering an open-air experience. A knowledgeable English or French-speaking guide will accompany the group, providing historical context and local insights throughout the journey.

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Hue City Exploration by Cyclo & Imperial Citadel Visit

Transport: Cyclo, taxi

Your half-day adventure begins at 8:00 AM with a convenient hotel pickup. A taxi will transfer you to the designated cyclo parking area, where you'll meet your driver and begin your unique journey. The initial part of the tour focuses on the modern southern bank of the Perfume River, offering views of contemporary Hue as you travel along streets such as Hoang Hoa Tham, Ly Thuong Kiet, Nguyen Hue, Ba Trieu, Nguyen Cong Tru, and Le Loi. This segment provides a contrast between the city's newer developments and its ancient heart.

Around 9:00 AM, the cyclo will cross the historic Trang Tien Bridge, transitioning into the old city. Here, the primary destination is the magnificent Hue Imperial Citadel, a UNESCO World Heritage site. You'll spend approximately two hours exploring this vast complex, which served as the seat of Vietnam's last imperial dynasty from 1802 to 1945. Highlights include the towering Flag Tower, the Nine Holy Cannons, the grand Ngo Gate, the opulent Thai Hoa Palace, the symbolic Nine Dynastic Urns, and the remains of the Forbidden Purple City.

After immersing yourself in imperial history, the cyclo tour continues around 11:00 AM, allowing you to discover the remaining charm of old Hue. Your cyclo will navigate through picturesque streets like Doan Thi Diem, Tinh Tam, Dinh Tien Hoang, Le Van Huu, Phung Hung, Thach Han, Nguyen Trai, and Le Duan. This part of the journey offers a glimpse into the daily rhythm of local life within the historic district, showcasing traditional architecture and community interactions. The tour gracefully concludes around 12:00 PM, with your cyclo returning you directly to your hotel.

Activities:
Hotel pickup by tour guide
Taxi transfer to cyclo parking
Cyclo tour of new Hue city (Hoang Hoa Tham, Ly Thuong Kiet, Nguyen Hue, Ba Trieu, Nguyen Cong Tru, Le Loi roads)
Cross Trang Tien Bridge
Cyclo tour of old Hue city (Tran Hung Dao, Huynh Thuc Khang, Mai Thuc Loan, Dinh Tien Hoang roads)
Visit Hue Imperial Citadel (Flag Tower, Nine Holy Cannons, Ngo Gate, Thai Hoa Palace, Nine Dynastic Urns, Forbidden Purple City)
Continue cyclo tour of old Hue city (Doan Thi Diem, Tinh Tam, Dinh Tien Hoang, Le Van Huu, Phung Hung, Thach Han, Nguyen Trai, Le Duan roads)
Return to hotel by cyclo

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- v Cyclo transportation
- v Entrance fees to attractions
- v English/French speaking guide

NOT INCLUDED

- x Drinks
- x Personal expenses
- x Others not mentioned
- x Single room supplement

PRICE INCLUDES

- v Cyclo transportation
- v Entrance fees to attractions
- v English/French speaking guide

CANCELLATION POLICY

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