Perfume Pagoda Pilgrimage & Yen Stream Boat Trip – 1 Day

1D / 0N	Moderate	Private	USD 85 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

Embark on a full-day excursion from Hanoi to the revered Perfume Pagoda complex. This journey involves a scenic drive, a tranquil rowing boat ride along the Yen Stream, and a hike to ancient temples nestled within limestone caves.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Hanoi

TOUR OVERVIEW

Overview of the Perfume Pagoda Day Tour

This immersive day trip from Hanoi offers a profound cultural and spiritual experience at the Perfume Pagoda, one of Vietnam's most significant Buddhist sites. The adventure begins with a comfortable transfer from the bustling capital, leading you into a serene landscape of waterways and mountains. You'll glide along the picturesque Yen Stream by traditional rowing boat, a truly peaceful introduction to the area's natural beauty. The highlight involves exploring ancient pagodas and temples, including a trek to the main shrine housed within the impressive Huong Tich Cave.

Journey Highlights

A tranquil boat journey along the scenic Yen Stream.

Exploration of the sacred Huong Tich Cave, home to the main pagoda.

Discovering the ancient architecture of Thien Tru Pagoda.

A delicious local lunch amidst the scenic mountain setting.

Route Summary

Your day starts with a morning departure from Hanoi, heading southwest towards the Perfume Pagoda complex. The route transitions from road travel to a serene boat ride on the Yen Stream, leading to the base of the mountain. From there, a trek takes you to the various pagodas and the main cave, before returning to Hanoi in the early evening.

Who This Tour Suits

This tour is ideal for travelers interested in Vietnamese Buddhist culture, natural landscapes, and a moderate level of physical activity. It appeals to those seeking a spiritual retreat or a peaceful escape from the city, offering a blend of scenic beauty, historical exploration, and local interaction.

Practical Information

The tour includes round-trip transportation from your hotel in Hanoi, a boat trip, entrance fees, and lunch. Comfortable walking shoes are highly recommended due to the trekking involved. The journey offers ample opportunities for photography, so bring your camera to capture the stunning scenery and architectural details.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

* Glide along the serene Yen Stream on a traditional rowing boat through lush landscapes.
* Hike to the sacred Huong Tich Cave, home to the Perfume Pagoda's primary shrine.
* Explore the ancient Thien Tru Pagoda, known as the Heaven Kitchen Pagoda.
* Witness unique rock formations and Buddhist artifacts within mountain caves.

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* Experience a significant religious site central to Vietnamese Buddhist pilgrimage.
* Enjoy a traditional Vietnamese lunch at a local restaurant by the mountain.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Hanoi Departure & Perfume Pagoda Exploration

Meals: Lunch | Transport: Private car/van, rowing boat

Your spiritual journey begins with a morning pickup from your hotel in Hanoi at approximately 8:00 AM. A comfortable private vehicle will transport you southwest of the city for a scenic two-hour drive towards the Perfume Pagoda complex. This initial leg of the trip offers glimpses of rural Vietnamese life as you leave the urban bustle behind.

Upon reaching Yen Harbour, you will transition to a traditional rowing boat for a tranquil 1.5-hour cruise along the picturesque Yen Stream. This serene waterway winds through limestone karsts and verdant landscapes, providing a peaceful introduction to the sacred site. The boat journey culminates at Thien Tru Harbour, marking the base of the mountain where the pagodas are nestled.

From Thien Tru, a hike awaits, leading you upwards for about an hour to the revered Huong Tich Cave. This magnificent cave houses the main Perfume Pagoda, a significant Buddhist shrine. Inside, you'll discover unique natural formations, including the 'Golden Tree' and 'Silver Tree,' alongside ancient religious artifacts. After exploring the cave and its spiritual ambiance, you'll begin the one-hour descent back down the mountain.

A well-deserved lunch will be served at a local restaurant situated at the mountain's base, offering traditional Vietnamese cuisine. Following your meal, the tour continues with a visit to the Heaven Kitchen Pagoda (Thien Tru Pagoda), where you can admire ancient Buddhist architecture dating back to the Le Dynasty. Finally, you will take another relaxing rowing boat ride back to Yen Harbour, where your private vehicle will be waiting to transfer you back to Hanoi, arriving around 6:00 PM.

Activities:
Hotel pickup in Hanoi
Scenic drive to Perfume Pagoda area
Rowing boat trip along Yen Stream
Trek to Huong Tich Cave and Perfume Pagoda
Explore Golden Tree and Silver Tree formations
Descend mountain
Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant
Visit Heaven Kitchen Pagoda (Thien Tru Pagoda)
Return boat trip to Yen Harbour
Drive back to Hanoi

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- v Transport by private car/van
- v Boat trip

NOT INCLUDED

- x Personal Expenses
- x Drinks

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- v Entrance fee
- v Lunch
- v Tour guide

- x Others not mentioned

PRICE INCLUDES

- v Transport by private car/van
- v Boat trip
- v Entrance fee
- v Lunch
- v Tour guide

CANCELLATION POLICY

Tour Code: IMP-4492445B4DBB