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If Saigon is the frenetic, commercial heartbeat of Vietnam, then verdant and historic Hanoi is the sedate, intellectual soul of the country. Its leafy boulevards, serene lakes, and sweeping white French colonial architecture set the scene as tourists and locals go about their business at a pleasingly civilised pace.



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Most travellers base themselves in the central Hoan Kiem District, in the vicinity of lovely Hoan Kiem Lake, whose pathways and surrounding greenery is the site of much activity as the sun rises. Don't be surprised to see graceful schools of tai chi-ers moving as one as the sun rises, and Hanoi health fanatics doing jogging laps before work. As the day falls, couples stroll there for privacy and children wrap-up their games.

Northwest of the lake is the legendary Old Quarter with its winding alleyways and hundreds of quaint shops, guesthouses, galleries, and places to eat. Tourists flock into locals' establishments, open long after the doors have shut elsewhere in the city. It's also crammed with temples and monuments to ponder over between eating and shopping.

Ba Dinh District, to the west of the lake, is the place to head for a little historic enlightenment - The Mausoleum, the Museum of Ho Chi Minh and the Hanoi Old Citadel all reside there - and the Old French Quarter, south of the lake, will transport you back to the days before the French realised that the Vietnamese were a force to be reckoned with. Upscale restaurants, hotels and embassies now occupy the stunning white villas.

DO & SEE



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Visit Hanoi and you will find white French villas next to temples and monuments. The Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum is one of the most visited attractions in the country and should not be missed. Hanoi Old Quarter is another must to witness Hanoi at its liveliest moments: flows of people and motorbike permeate all through out the streets.

VAC Library



Standing for the Vietnamese words Vườn (Garden), Ao (Pond), Chuồng (Cage), the VAC Library lives up to its name. It's not only an outdoor space in which you can read your books, but also a project that wants to teach children how farming and agriculture can thrive even in urban settings. That is accomplished by showcasing how the local fish pond, the chicken cages and the vegetable garden can provide nourishment to one another in a symbiotic relationship.

Photo: *yuris/Shutterstock.com*

Address: An Hung New Urban Area, Duong Noi, Hà Đông, Hanoi

Internet: www.farmingarchitects.com/project/thu-vien-vac-pho-thi--vac-library/15/

Halong Bay



Hanoi is the perfect starting point for a trip to the UNESCO heritage listed, Halong Bay. Book an organized tour, either a day trip or over night, with one of the many different Junk companies and enjoy the magical landscape of the thousand islands scattered in the green water.

Photo: PhotoRoman/Shutterstock.com

Address: Halong Bay

Internet: www.halongbaytours.com

Email: info@halongbaytours.com

One Pillar Pagoda



The 11th-century wooden shrine, revered for its fertility and healing properties, was burnt by the French in the 1950's and is now replaced by a concrete one and is still a popular destination. To honor the symbol of purity in Buddhism the pagoda is built to look like a lotus blossom.

Photo: Jimmy Tran/Shutterstock.com

Address: Pho Ong Ich Kiem, Hanoi

Tickets: Free entrance

More Info: The One Pillar Pagoda is located within Ho Chi Minh Complex, making an easy visit from either the Museum or Mausoleum

Temple Of Literature



Temple Of Literature, constructed in 1070 under Ly Thanh Tong's dynasty, can be found about ten minutes away from Hoan Kiem lake. The temple is one of the oldest sights in Hanoi and is dedicated to the Chinese philosopher Confucius

(Khong Tu). Six year later, it was founded as Vietnam's first university. The building itself is extremely well preserved and is a beautiful example of traditional-style Vietnamese architecture.

Photo: sharptoyou/Shutterstock.com

Address: Pho Van Mieu, Hanoi

Public Transport: Bus number 23 stops at the front of the site

Phone: +84 9154 2268

More Info: Corner of Pho Quoc Tu Giam.

Ngoc Son Temple



Located on an island at the north end of Hoan Kiem Lake, this peaceful temple site honouring scholars and war heroes is best known for its preserved turtle corpse which links to the lake's mythology. There is a red-painted bridge, constructed in classical Vietnamese style that takes you to the island and is one of the most visited temples in Hanoi.

Photo: Galina Savina/Shutterstock.com

Address: Dinh Tien Hoang St, Hanoi

Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum



Known for honouring the national hero: President Ho Chi Minh, this is the number one tourist attraction as well as an important historical sight in Hanoi. Inspired by the Lenin's Mausoleum in Moscow it was built within two years from 1973 to 1975. It is only open on limited time so prepare for very long queues. If you are lucky you might catch the changing of the guard outside the mausoleum.

Photo: prettymeko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Điện Biên, Hanoi

Public Transport: Bus number 9 stop at the rear of the Mausoleum.

Opening hours: 8.00-11.00 (closed Mondays and Fridays)

Phone: +84 4 3828 9465

Tickets: Free entrance

More Info: Ba Đình District

Thien Quang Pagoda



Ngu Xa villages are located in the Truc Bach Lake shore, west of Hanoi and consist of five villages. It is in Ngu Xa, also known as the bronze

village where you will find Thien Quang Pagoda temple. This temple holds one of the largest bronze Buddha statues in Vietnam, weighing in at 10 tonnes and 3.95 meter tall.

Photo: OHishiapply/Shutterstock.com

Address: Truc Bac Lake

Public Transport: Ba Dinh District

More Info: Near Truc Bac Lake, Ba Dinh District

Vietnam National Museum of History



This beautiful museum takes their visitors through around two thousand years of Vietnamese history.

Well-presented objects (about 7,000 artefacts) from prehistoric days to the present day in two storeys, are displayed in this attractive colonial building.

Photo: Alistair Morrenger/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)

Address: 1 Trang Tien St., Hanoi

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 08.00 - 12.00 and 13.30 - 17.00, Closed the first Monday of every month

Phone: +84 4 382 413 84

Internet: www.baotanglichsu.vn

Hoa Lo Prison



Constructed by the French in 1896, the prison was taken over by the Vietnamese in 1954 to house prisoners of war. The original guillotine

room and stories told by the ex-inmates themselves make this a gruesome but compelling experience.

Photo: Takashi Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Hoa Lo Street, Hanoi

Public Transport: Quan Su

Phone: +84 4 824 6358

Vietnam Women's Museum



This museum shows the history of Vietnam's women through times. Over an area of 2,000 square metres more than 25,000 objects display

information about their lives during war time until today.

Photo: Michael Coghlan/Flickr(image cropped)

Address: 36 Ly Thuong Kiet Street, Hanoi

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 08.00 - 17.00

Phone: +84 4 3825 9936

Internet: www.womenmuseum.org.vn

Email: info@baotangphunu.org.vn

More Info: Hoan Kiem District

Thang Long Water Puppet Theatre



Water Puppet Theatre is a traditional and prestigious artwork in Vietnam and especially in the northern parts of the country. Live musicians

and beautifully made puppets on a scene made of water, perform together and shows local and

traditional stories.

Photo: Chawinya p/Shutterstock.com
Address: 57B Dinh Tien Hoang, Hanoi
Phone: +84 4 3936 4335
Internet: www.thanglongwaterpuppet.org
Email: thanglong.wpt@fpt.vn

Vietnam Museum of Ethnology



With over 50 different ethnic groups in the country, this first class museum has a lot to show. Inside the museum you can watch all types of artefacts and exhibitions and on the outside, it offers an area showing different types of houses in various parts of Vietnam. Don't miss the entertaining water puppet show hosted here.

Photo: Thomas Graindorge/Flickr(image cropped)
Address: Nguyen Van Huyen St, Hanoi
Opening hours: Everyday 8:30 to 17:30. Closed Mondays
Phone: +84 4 37562193
More Info: Cau Giay District

St. Joseph's Cathedral



This cathedral is one of the sights remaining from the French colonial time. It was built in 1886 in neo-gothic style and its interior with coloured windows and religious paintings is still the same.

Photo: Richie Chan/Shutterstock.com
Address: 40 Nha Chung street, Hanoi

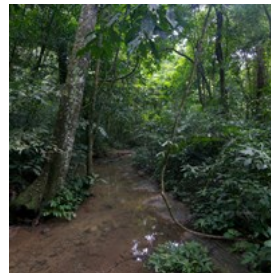
Hanoi Cooking Centre



To bring some of the Vietnamese culture with you home, a cooking class could be a good idea. At Hanoi Cooking Centre you can participate in one of their classes where you first make a visit to the market to buy your groceries and then get back to the kitchen to prepare your own mouth-watering meal.

Photo: Netfalls Remy Musser/Shutterstock.com
Address: 44 Chau Long Street, Hanoi
Phone: +84 4 3715 0088
Internet: www.hanoicookingcentre.com
Email: info@hanoicookingcentre.com
More Info: Ba Dinh District

Cuc Phuong National Park



Even if it takes almost three hours to get to this national park from Hanoi it is worth the effort. Here you can experience the nature and wildlife of the northern parts of Vietnam. The park offers different guided tours and there are also a few options for staying over night.

Photo: hds/Flickr(image cropped)
Address: Nghi Tam, Hanoi
Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 08.00 - 21.00, Saturday: 08.00 - 19.00
Phone: +84 915 666 916
Internet: www.cucphuongtourism.com
Email: vqgcucphuong@gmail.com
More Info: Tay Ho

Old Quarter



Old Quarter, is a charming gem in Hanoi packed with tourists from around the world as well as locals. Explore the old Vietnamese styled

buildings in the area and try some traditional food from the roadside stalls or bargain some lovely Vietnamese souvenirs at one of the many shops around. This is an experience that should not miss, the sounds, the smells, the sights are just a thrill for the senses.

Photo: Igor Dymov/Shutterstock.com
Address: Old Quarter, Hanoi

Fine Arts Museum



Housed in a 1930s French colonial structure, Fine Arts Museum displays not only contemporary art in the forms of paintings and sculptures, but also traditional arts, including religious sculptures, folk paintings and ceramics.

With four floors and two separate buildings, make sure you have time on your side when visiting this large museum.

Photo: Smuconlaw/Wikimedia Commons(image cropped)
Address: 66 Nguyen Thai Hoc St, Hanoi
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 08.30 - 17.00
Phone: +84 4 3823 3084
Internet: www.vnfam.vn
Email: btmtvn@vnfam.vn

Hanoi Street Food Tour



With this tour, you will experience the true taste of Hanoi and discovered the most popular dishes in Vietnam. The knowledgeable guide will

guide you through some yummy dishes and you will get the chance to sample Vietnamese cuisine just like the locals do - on the street.

Photo: Elena Ermakova/Shutterstock.com
Address: 74 - 76 Hang Bac Street, Hanoi
Phone: +84 966 960 188
Internet: www.hanoistreetfoodtour.com
Email: hanoistreetfoodtour@gmail.com
More Info: Meeting Point of Departure at 74 Hang Bac Street at Kim Tours's Building - Old Quarter

Lake of the Restored Sword (Hoan Kiem Lake)



A popular lake among countless locals and tourists where to find a rare breed of turtle and the perfect spot to observe the life in Hanoi.

Hoan Kiem Lake is a dynamic place where to enjoy everything from morning walks, yoga or tai-chi exercises on the shore to jogging around the lake.

Photo: Asia Images/Shutterstock.com
Address: Hoan Kiem Lake, Hanoi

La Siesta Spa



After a busy and enjoyable day sightseeing in Hanoi, pamper yourself with a spa treatment at La Siesta Spa where the attentive staff will take

good care of you. The tranquil and exclusive environment in combination with the soothing

treatments will only enhance the experience and will be the ultimate relaxation for your mind, body and spirit.

Photo: Billion Photos/Shutterstock.com
Address: 32 Lo Su St., Hanoi
Phone: +84 4 3935 1632
Internet: www.lasiestaspa.com
Email: Info@lasiestaspa.com
More Info: Old Quarter, Hoan Kiem Dist.

DINING



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Hanoi restaurants tend to centre around Vietnamese with Asian fusion or European fare, particularly French and Italian. You are more likely to find international dining in the Hoan Kiem District, but for local authentic flavours (and Hanoi's famous Pho noodle soup dish) head to the Old Quarter street vendors. Note that most restaurants close at 11pm.

Vine Wine Boutique Bar & Cafe



Photo: Refat/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1A Xuan Dieu, Hanoi

Food connoisseurs rush to Vine for its unbelievably high quality dishes of all nationalities, and its wine list to die for. Wine fans can even don a cloak and go on a tasting tour of the expansive cellars.

Phone: +84 4 3 719 8000
Internet: www.vine-group.com
Email: vine@vine-group.com
More Info: Tayn Ho District

Al Fresco's



and pasta.

This restaurant is raved about by Westerners who miss home cooking. Al Fresco's serves huge, tasty portions of ribs, burgers, steaks, pizza,

Photo: Andrey_Kuzmin/Shutterstock.com
Address: 23L Hai Ba Trung, Hanoi
Phone: +84 4 826 7782
Internet: www.alfrescos.com.vn/hanoi

Seasons Of Hanoi



Seasons Of Hanoi is a restaurant with romantic colonial setting. They serve excellent, elegantly presented Vietnamese food and offering a great wine list. From the menu classic Vietnamese cuisine such as soft shell crab, banana flower salad and vegetarian spring rolls can be selected.

Photo: Ja is so fly/Shutterstock.com
Address: 95B Pho Quan Thanh Street, Hanoi
Phone: +84 4 843 5444

The Gourmet Corner Restaurant



This fine dining restaurant is located on the 12th floor of the Elegance Diamond hotel where to enjoy a memorable dinner accompanied by the beautiful view over Hanoi. A selected menu of authentic Vietnamese food

cooked by the experienced 5-star chef is served by efficient and professional waiters. This is truly a delightful dining experience!

Photo: Forster Forest/Shutterstock.com
Address: 32 Lo Su Str., Hanoi
Phone: +84 4 3935 1632
Internet: www.elegancehospitality.com
Email: gourmetcorner@hanoielegancehotel.com
More Info: Located at Hanoi La Siesta Diamond Hotel & Spa, Hoan Kiem District, Old Quarter

La Badiane



La Badiane shows upon the French influence on the city. Since 2008 this restaurant has served top quality French cuisine to both locals and tourists.

From the menu try some tasty dishes such as duck leg confit in rosemary, seared scallops or foie gras. Bon appétit!

Photo: Jerome Kundrotas/Shutterstock.com
Address: 10 Nam Ngu, Hanoi
Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 11.30 - 14.00 and 18.00 - 21.45, Sunday: Closed
Phone: +84 4 39 42 45 09
Internet: www.labadiane-hanoi.com
More Info: Hoan Kiem District

El Gaucho - Argentinian Steakhouse



If you long for a juicy steak head to El Gaucho. Argentinian cuisine and delicious cocktails are served in a warm and welcoming atmosphere and the steaks are cooked to perfection. Service, the food and the ambiance are all top notch.

Photo: HLPhoto/Shutterstock.com
Address: 99 Xuan Dieu St., Quang An Ward, Hanoi
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 16.00 - late
Phone: +84 4 3718 6991

Internet: www.elgaucho.asia
Email: reservation.wl@elgaucho.asia
More Info: West Lake District

Green Mango



Green Mango is a restaurant with a contemporary design, serving fusion cuisine. The atmosphere can tend to be elegant but the price is affordable and the service is warm and friendly.

Photo: Stas Walenga/Shutterstock
Address: 18 Hang Quat Street, Hanoi
Phone: +84 4 3928 9918
Internet: www.greenmango.vn
Email: hanoi@greenmango.vn
More Info: Hoan Kiem District, in the Green Mango Hotel.

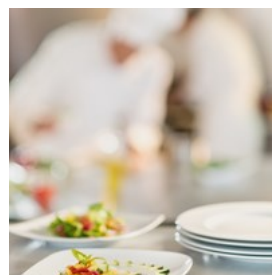
Old Quarter



Old Quarter, the perfect place to explore some traditional Vietnamese food from the roadside stalls which are dotted around the area. This is an experience that should not miss, the sounds, the smells, the sights are just a thrill for all of your senses.

Photo: Tony Duy/Shutterstock.com
Address: Old Quarter, Hanoi

Red Bean Restaurant



When dining at Red Bean Restaurant, you will get the chance to try some modern Vietnamese cuisine cooked with high quality and with innovative ideas without losing the true and

authentic Vietnamese roots. The professional staff serves the delicious food with a smile in a warm and cosy ambiance and it is very popular among tourist and locals alike.

If you would like to learn more about Vietnamese cooking, Red Bean Restaurant provides cooking classes. (more information on the website)

Photo: Jack Frog/Shutterstock.com
Address: 94 Ma May St., Hanoi
Phone: +84 3926 3641
Internet: www.redbeanrestaurant.com
Email: info@redbeanrestaurant.com
More Info: Old Quarter, Hoan Kiem Dist.

Jacksons Steakhouse



If you need a break from the tasty local food, then Jacksons Steakhouse is a good option if you are into meat. They serve the best cuts of beef from USA, Australia and New Zealand which you will need to pay more for but definitely worth it. An extensive wine list is offered to match the top quality dishes, all served by the impeccable staff.

Photo: Vitaliy Netiaga/Shutterstock.com
Address: 23J Hai Ba Trung, Hanoi
Phone: +84 4 3 938 8388
Internet: www.jacksons-steakhouse.com
Email: jacksons@afg.vn
More Info: Hoan Kiem

Namaste Hanoi



The owner Mr. Gopi is truly passionate about Indian cooking which is so clearly shown on the menu and on the quality of every dish. Everything from mouth-watering curries of the north to hot

and spicy soups of the south is served by the attentive staff, and you will leave the restaurant with anything less than complete amazement.

Photo: Simon Booth/Shutterstock.com
Address: 46 Tho Nhuom Street, Hanoi
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 11.00 - 14.30 and 18.00 - 22.30
Phone: +84 4 3935 2400
Internet: www.namastehanoi.com
Email: gopi@namastehanoi.com
More Info: Hoan Kiem District

Hanoi Taco Bar



An exciting destination for Latin-Vietnamese fusion cuisine where to relish high quality and well-balanced dishes in the city's Old Quarter.

Each dish is cooked to perfection, combining the Mexican influences with Vietnamese. Fantastic cocktails are also served by the attentive and friendly staff.

Photo: Professional foto/Shutterstock.com
Address: 6 Dao Duy Tu, Hanoi
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 11.00 - midnight
Phone: +84 1237 589 502
Internet: www.hanoitacobar.com
More Info: Hoan Kiem district

CAFES



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Because of its French colonial history and the fact that the locals love their coffee, Hanoi has a wide selection of cafes. Just about every block has some sort of coffee shop, everything from a simple local cafe to a Western-style venue.

The Vietnamese truly like to experiment with their coffee. So when visiting Hanoi, make sure to try the egg coffee as well as the coconut coffee. Both are highly appreciated among tourists and locals alike.

Take a seat and order a cafe au lait or a Vietnamese-style coffee while watching the Vietnamese in their everyday life.

Koto



Perfect for dropping into after roaming around the Temple of Literature, Koto stands for Know One Teach One and specialises in nurturing young staff. It also serves wonderful shakes, desserts and tasty, traditional Vietnamese food.

Photo: Beyond Neon/Flickr(image cropped)

Phone: +84 844 383 999

Internet: www.kotovilla.com

Email: kotovilla@koto.com.au

The Note Coffee



and contribute to the decor.

Inside this small café, hundreds of love notes are posted on its walls. Enjoy a delicious coffee while reading them, or why not write your own

Photo: Gajus/Shutterstock.com

Address: 64 Luong Van Can, Hanoi

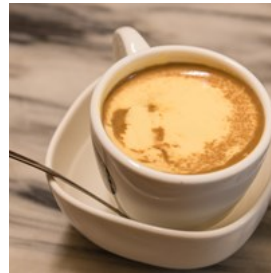
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 06.30 - 23.00

Phone: +84 4 3938 0468

Internet: www.williamtien.wixsite.com/thenote

Email: thenotecoffee@gmail.com

Giang Cafe



Located in a small alley in the city's old quarter, Giang Cafe is the coffee shop to head for if you would like to taste some great Vietnamese egg coffee. Egg coffee is mainly made of egg yolk, Vietnamese coffee powder, sweetened condensed milk, butter and cheese. Although this simple café has been relocated twice, the egg coffee recipe is practically the same as in its early days.

Photo: Trong Nguyen/Shutterstock.com

Address: 39 Nguyen Huu Huan, Hanoi

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 07.00 - 22.30

Phone: +84 98 9892 29

Internet: www.cafegieng.vn

More Info: Hoan Kiem District

S'Patisserie



A French café with an amazing lake view over Ho Hoan Kiem, S'Patisserie is a great place to visit for fresh pastries accompanied

with hot or iced coffee. The avocado mousse cake is another delight which is highly recommended and should not be missed.

Photo: Barbara Dudzinska/Shutterstock.com

Address: 17 Hàng Khay, Hanoi

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 07.00 - 22.00

Phone: +84 4 3938 5555

Maison de Tet Decor



Tucked away in a corner of West Lake in Hanoi, you will find this delightful hidden gem. This charming French villa with a serene

atmosphere offers an outstanding range of organic and gluten free Vietnamese and European food and delicious house roasted coffee. Most of the products comes from organic farms and is well prepared in the open-plan kitchen by the skilful chefs.

Photo: Augustino/Shutterstock.com

Address: Villa 156 Tu Hoa, Hanoi

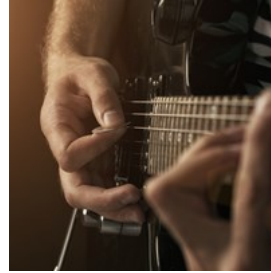
Phone: +84 09666 11383

Internet: www.tet-lifestyle-collection.com

Email: info@tet-lifestyle-collection.com

More Info: Nghi Tam Village, West Lake

The Hanoi Social Club



This little artsy café is located in a quite back street and is on two floors with a cosy and relaxing ambiance. A place to visit for breakfast, lunch and

dinner. Regular music events are also hosted here to entertain their guests.

Photo: Danil Nevsky/Shutterstock.com

Address: 6 Hoi Vu, Hanoi

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 08.00 - 23.00

Phone: +84 4 3938 2117

Email: hanoisocialclub@gmail.com

More Info: Hoan Kiem district

Joma Bakery Cafe



Joma is an America style café with several locations in Hanoi. If you have a sweet tooth then head over to this place and satisfy your cravings

with desserts like brownie, banana bread or why not a delicious carrot cake? Also on the menu are sandwiches, wraps, bagels and soups, all for a reasonable price.

Photo: James Clarke/Shutterstock.com

Address: 22 Ly Quoc Su, Hanoi

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 07.00 - 21.00

Phone: +84 4 3747 3388

Internet: www.joma.biz

More Info: Hoan Kiem District

Om Hanoi: Yoga & Cafe



Everything cooked here is 100% natural and the food is cooked with joy, passion and love with a creative touch. The menu offers a great selection of

veggie and vegan options. Om Hanoi is a small café in the French quarter, down a small alley and for sure worth a visit. While you are here, why not attend to a yoga class to release all your stress?

Photo: Andresr/Shutterstock.com

Address: 62 Ly Thuong Kiet, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi

Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-8:30pm

Phone: +84 24 3923 0253

Internet: www.omhanoi.com

Email: huonginvanor@gmail.com

More Info: Hoan Kiem district

La Place



With a wonderful view of St Joseph's Cathedral, La Place is a great place to visit for breakfast, lunch, dinner, or just for a strong coffee. The

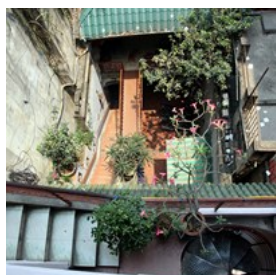
attentive staff serves fresh Vietnamese and western food as well as fresh juices and cold beer in a relaxed atmosphere.

Photo: GooDween123/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4 Au Trieu, Hanoi

More Info: Hoan Kiem district

Cafe Pho Co



Cafe Pho Co is one of Hanoi's best-kept secrets, a hidden gem with an amazing view over Hoan Kiem Lake. This is if you can find it!

It is tucked away at the back of a silk shop and is for sure worth to find. Once you are here try something deliciously different, the iced egg coffee (coffee topped with a beaten egg white.) which you can enjoy on the rooftop of the café while gazing at the beautiful view.

Photo: Bex Walton/Flickr(image cropped)

Address: 11 Hang Gai, Hanoi

Phone: +84 4 3928 8153

More Info: Enter through the silk shop, 4th floor.

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Hanoi Photography/Shutterstock.com

Hanoi has only recently come to grips with the concept of nightlife past 10 pm, and the result is pockets of activity dotted around the city. Most tourists head for the bustling Bao Khanh Street in the northwest of Hoan Kiem, where late-night hangouts and bars huddle together, which attract the locals just as much as out-of-towners. There aren't a huge amount of actual nightclubs in the city, but the handful you do come across are riotous affairs that stay open until the small hours and pump up the volume.

Bia Hoi Junction



A must-visit when in Hanoi, an area widely-regarded as a typical spot in Hanoi where locals, expats and tourists are gathering. In the daytime the area is great for shopping and when the evening falls you will see hundreds of people sitting on colourful plastic stools on the streets with a pint of bia hoi (beer) in their hand.

Photo: Michael Coghlan/Flickr(image cropped)

Address: Ta Hien, Hanoi

More Info: Corner of Ta Hien and Luong Ngoc Quyen streets, Hanoi Old Quarter

Binh Minh's Jazz Club



Live jazz music is organised every night at 21.00, making it a great place where to chill out while sipping a cocktail. The club is located in the heart of the Old Quarter and has both indoor and outdoor seating area. Also serving food if you would feel hungry.

Photo: TZIDO SUN/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Trang Tien Street, Hanoi

Phone: +84 4 3933 6555

Internet: www.minhjazzvietnam.com

Email: minhjazz@yahoo.com

More Info: Hoan Kiem District

Hanoi Rock City



Founded in 2010, Hanoi Rock City (HRC) is a independent live music venue, where to listen to original music or simply enjoy a drink in the

friendly and dynamic bar. Every weekend events are hosted here while during the week it has more of a quiet vibe. For upcoming events check the website below.

Photo: Kohlhuber Media Art/Shutterstock.com

Address: 27/52 To Ngoc Van, Hanoi

Phone: +84 9435 71984

Internet: www.hanoirockcity.com

Email: info@hanoirockcity.com

More Info: Tay Ho

Hero Club Hanoi



Dance the night away at this industrial-style nightclub with party-loving locals and expats to the tunes of deep house to hip-hop and R&B. International DJs are regularly visiting Hero Club Hanoi to keep up the loud and fun party atmosphere.

The club is located ten-minute taxi ride from downtown Hanoi.

Photo: G. K./Shutterstock.com

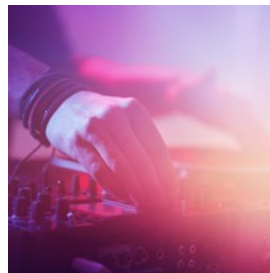
Address: 42M Yen Phu, Hanoi

Phone: +84 98 926 42 42

Email: heroclubhanoi@gmail.com

More Info: Ba Dinh District

Infinity Club



This is a local favourite in Hanoi's vibrant clubbing scene where the city's stylish party-goers head for to have a fun night out. With a spacious dance floor, impressive lighting, affordably-priced alcohol, local Dj spinning hip-hop, house, trance and electro, you cannot just go wrong here.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 45 Hang Bai Street, Hanoi

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 21.00 - 00.30

Phone: +84 163 889 8888

More Info: Hoan Kiem District

Mojito Bar & Lounge



Set within a heritage building along Old Quarter's, Mojito Bar & Lounge speciality are innovative cocktails such as wasabi shot, a

definitely must-try when here. This cosy nightlife venue is decorated with unique artwork and locally-made furniture and plays music like indie rock to house tunes.

Photo: Jag_cz/Shutterstock.com

Address: 19 Nguyen Quang Bich, Hanoi

Phone: +84 96 753 76 58

More Info: Old Quarter

R & R Tavern



Originally started in 1995 on Lo Su, R & R Tavern is one of the longest serving music bars in Hanoi and is now located Nghi Tam Street. A great place

where to catch up with friends in a laid-back and hippie-influenced atmosphere. Every Friday they host live music and Sunday is open mic night.

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Address: 256, Nghi Tam Street, Hanoi

Phone: +84 4 6295 8215

Internet: www.rockandrolltavern.com

More Info: Tay Ho District

Rockstore Hanoi



A lively music bar in Old Quarter, Rockstore Hanoi provides a spacious dance floor and where the walls are painted with big music icons. The themed

nights are very popular here and attracts a good mix of locals, expats and tourists. You can also

play a game of pool or watch the latest sport matches or just listen to some live music.

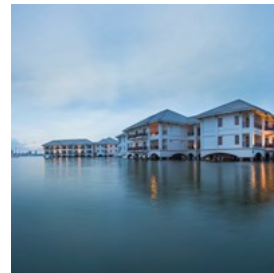
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Address: 61 Ma May, Hanoi

Phone: +84 96 396 66 16

More Info: Hoan Kiem District

Sunset Bar



Sunset Bar is the place to head for when it comes to cocktails and for its stunning lakeside setting. Sip a cocktail at this cosy outdoor terrace with

plush daybeds where you can chill out and admire the amazing sunset with West Lake as a backdrop. This is a beautiful designer spot where to enjoy a cool afternoon in a serene atmosphere.

Photo: Hanoi Photography/Shutterstock.com

Address: 5 Tu Hoa street, Hanoi

Phone: +84 4 6270 8888

Internet: www.hanoi.intercontinental.com/sunset-bar

More Info: InterContinental Hanoi Westlake, Tay Ho district

King Pirates Pub



With a relaxing laid back atmosphere, King Pirates Pub is a charming place where to enjoy reasonably priced cocktails and other

beverages, all served by the friendly crew. If you are looking for a fun night out, then come aboard at this themed pub with lots of personality and walk out as a pirate.

Photo: StacieStauffSmith Photos/Shutterstock.com

Address: 24B Hang Giay, Hanoi

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 11.00 - Until they close

Internet: www.kingpiratespub.weebly.com

Email: kingpiratespub@gmail.com

More Info: Hoan Kiem district

SHOPPING



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If you truly love shopping, don't worry, there is for sure no lack of choices when it comes to shopping in Hanoi. The city is renowned for its bustling markets and colonial shophouses where to buy everything from authentic silk, local crafts to souvenirs, but there is also a numbers of fashion boutiques and shopping malls where to buy local and international fashion brands.

Traditional markets are scattered across the city where you can buy great gifts and souvenirs to bring back home. If you would ask a local or tour guide where to find the most various kinds of traditional Vietnamese gifts and souvenirs, most of them will say "Hoan Kiem Lake" and "The Old Quarter". So make sure to add these areas on your to-do-list.

When you want to escape from the afternoon heat, the shopping malls are a good options. Savico Megamall for example should be in your agenda to visit, famous for being one of the largest shopping malls in Vietnam. Trang Tien Plaza is great for high-end fashion and offers all the well-known brands.

One thing is for sure you will not leave Hanoi empty-handed!

Old Quarter



Shopaholics should start off in the Old Quarter where the winding cobbled streets are teemed with shops and stores catering to every conceivable desire, from fine silk shirts to exotic sugared fruits.

Photo: Tony Duy/Shutterstock.com

Address: Old Quarter, Hanoi

Hang Gai

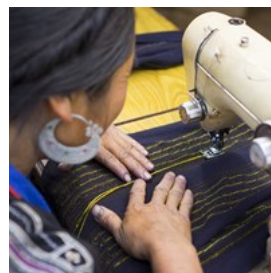


Clothes lovers should stroll along to upscale Hang Gai which is one of the longer streets in Hanoi. Many of the stores here are focusing on silk and silk products but be aware the quality of products can be very different from store to store. Silver and souvenirs are other products that draw tourists to this popular street.

Photo: salajeau/Shutterstock.com

Address: Hang Gai, Hanoi

Craft-Link



Located right next to Van Mieu (Temple of literature), Craft-Link is a fair trade organisation who helps traditional craft producers. So if you are looking for sustainable and handmade products such as scarfs and cloths made of soft cotton or silk or other stunning items that would make perfect as gifts, then head over to this authentic Vietnamese shop.

Photo: Hanoi Photography/Shutterstock.com

Address: 43 - 51 Vanmieu, Hanoi
Phone: +84 4 3 733 6101
Internet: www.craftlink.com.vn
Email: craftlink@fpt.vn

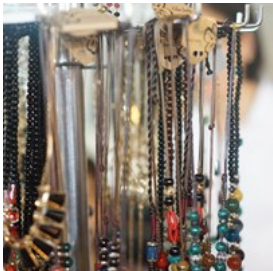
Trang Tien Street



If you're in need of a good book, set off for Trang Tien Street at the lower end of Ho Hoan Kiem, where a profusion of book stores sell everything from guidebooks to Shakespeare's sonnets.

Photo: [michaeljung/Shutterstock.com](#)
Address: Trang Tien Street, Hanoi

Hang Bac street



A street known for its shops selling jewelries, Hang Bac street is a very busy and lively street, packed with restaurants, bars, people and motorcycles. Beside silver, Hang Bac street is also a good place to pick up other souvenirs such as Hanoi T-shirts, DVDs, CDs, posters and other items.

Photo: [Nguyen Hung Vu/Flickr\(image cropped\)](#)
Address: Hang Bac Street, Hanoi
More Info: In the centre of the Old Quarter

Hoan Kiem District



Hoan Kiem is truly one of the most popular areas in Hanoi and attracts a huge number of travellers every day, and the result are, numerous souvenir and present shops are popping up in area. When the sun goes down, tourists and locals are

gathered at the popular shopping streets like Hang Ngang and Hang Dao to do some late-night shopping.

Photo: [Xita/Shutterstock.com](#)
Address: Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi

Night Market



A very busy and popular market among tourists and locals, Hanoi night market is 3 km long, starting from Hang Dao street in the heart of the old quarter. Most of the stalls sell similar items such as postcards, handicrafts, accessories and other souvenirs, but the main attraction is the endless rows of food vendors serving exotic Vietnamese street food. Make sure you bargain for lower prices when shopping here.

Photo: [Bex Walton/Flickr\(image cropped\)](#)
Address: Hang Dao Street, Hanoi
Opening hours: Friday, Saturday and Sunday: Usually opens at 18.00 and closes at 23.00
More Info: Hoan Kiem district

Quang Ba Flower Market



Even if you are not planning to buy any flowers, Quang Ba Flower Market is an experience that should not be missed, especially if you are a flower enthusiast. Stroll around at this vibrant market and enjoy the beautiful sight of fresh and colourful flowers from all across Vietnam.

Photo: [Jimmy Tran/Shutterstock.com](#)
Address: Au Co Street, Hanoi
Opening hours: Daily 02.00 - 12.00
More Info: Tay Ho

Trang Tien Plaza



Spread over five floors with international designer goods, Trang Tien Plaza is a high-end shopping mall located southern end of Hoan

Kien lake. Leading fashion brands such as Burberry, Calvin Klein, Cartier, Dior, GAP, Ralph Lauren and Louis Vuitton can be found in the ground floor, whereas the second floor features electronics and home furnishings. When feeling hungry, head over to the fifth floor, where you can dine at any of the international restaurants located here.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: 24 Hai Ba Trung, Hanoi

Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 09.30 - 21.30, Saturday - Sunday and public holidays: 09.30 - 22.00

Phone: +84 4 3937 8600

Internet: www.trangtienplaza.vn

More Info: Hoan Kiem district

Nha Tho Street



Nha Tho street runs right up to the entrance of St. Joseph's Cathedral and is jammed with small fashion stores as well as superb restaurants. Even

though it is a small street, it is very popular among the middleclass foreign expats. When the evening falls the restaurants and bars attracts in hungry and thirsty tourists, creating a more of a laid-back vibe in the area.

Photo: MJTH/Shutterstock.com

Address: Nha Tho Street, Hanoi

More Info: Hoan Kiem District

Savico Megamall



One of the largest shopping malls in Vietnam can be found in Hanoi and it is called Savico Megamall. Here you will find a great mix

of local and international brands as well as dining outlets, beauty services and even an ice-skating rink and a game centre. Familiar shops like Adidas, Giovanni, Lego, Nike, Triumph, Chloe Wear are all located here.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: 07 - 09 Nguyen Van Linh Street, Hanoi

Opening hours: Monday - Sunday: 09.00 - 22.00

Phone: +84 4 62 66 88 55

Internet: www.savicomegamall.com

Email: info@savicomegamall.com

More Info: Long Bien District

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Airport



Hanoi's sparkling new Nội Bài International Airport is the second largest and busiest airport for passenger traffic in Vietnam. It is

located 28km away from Hanoi city centre.

Hanoi city bus numbers 7 and 17 leave from the right side of the terminal exit and take an hour to reach the city centre. They run from 5am-10pm, every 15-20 minutes.

Airport minibuses congregate outside the arrival hall—the Vietnam Airlines minibus takes about 40 minutes and drops you outside their Hoan Kiem Lake office (south end). Tickets are sold inside the terminal building. However, many travellers opt for a taxi—there are hundreds outside the terminal exit gate. Unlike the minibuses, which run only intermittently at night, taxis are present 24 hours a day. A taxi ride to the city centre takes about 30-40 minutes. Another option for lower fares is the rideshare company Grab.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Nội Bài International Airport, Hanoi

Public Transport: Public buses numbered 7 and 17 are located to the right hand side of the airport

Internet: vietnamairport.vn/noibaiairport/en/

Train



Hanoi train station is conveniently located in the city center, with Gate A serving mainly guests traveling South to Danang, Hue, Nha Trang and Ho Chi Minh City and Gate B serving guests travelling up north to Sapa. It takes about 10 minutes by taxi from either gate to Hanoi Old Quarter and Hoan Kiem Lake.

Train departs punctually with a variety of seat option: hard seat, soft seat, hard berth, soft berth. Despite many shortcomings, train is a safe and reliable means of transportation, and the essential way for guest to visit places such as Sapa.

To purchase train tickets, you can buy directly at the train station or book in advance with an online booking agent and have the ticket delivered to your hotel on your arrival.

Photo: Michael Zenaty

Address: 120 Le Duan Street, Hanoi

Internet: www.vietnamtrain.com

Email: sales@vietnamtrain.com

Public Transport



Public transport plays an essential part in Hanoi's transportation scene but it can be hard for first-timers to use. Unlike metros in big cities,

Hanoi's bus system is rather confusing due to its many route covering the hundreds of streets with many different name.

Bus are numbered from 1 to 55 and runs as far as Bac Ninh province which is just by the airport.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Taxi



Taxis are plentiful in the city and charge by distance only (there is no surcharge for rush hour or late evening). Make sure that the taxi ride is

charged according to taxi meter. Many tourist have been complaining about taxis been cheating with the price, so be aware of it and only use reliable taxi companies.

Try to have the right change as taxi drivers often don't have change. Also remember to have your destination written down as pronunciation is

often difficult.

Taxi stations are located at the airport and the train station.

Reliable taxi companies are Taxi CP and Taxi Hanoi, which are two brands of Taxi Group.

Taxi CP: 0438 26 26 26
Hanoi Taxi 0438 53 53 53

Photo: Blue Dragon Tours Hanoi
Address: 15 Pham Hung Street, Hanoi
Phone: +84 4 38 53 53 53
Internet: www.taxigroup.com.vn/en
Email: khachhangttdh@taxigroup.com.vn

Pharmacy



Pharmacies are called "nhà thuốc" in Vietnamese, can be found on nearly every square block of the city.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Telephone



Country code: +84 Area code: 04

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



220V is standard in Vietnam. In Hanoi, many outlets fit round pins. Use a surge protector when using computers. If you stay at 3 star hotels and up, the hotel receptionist should be able to help you with an adapter.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population
5,067,000 (2022)

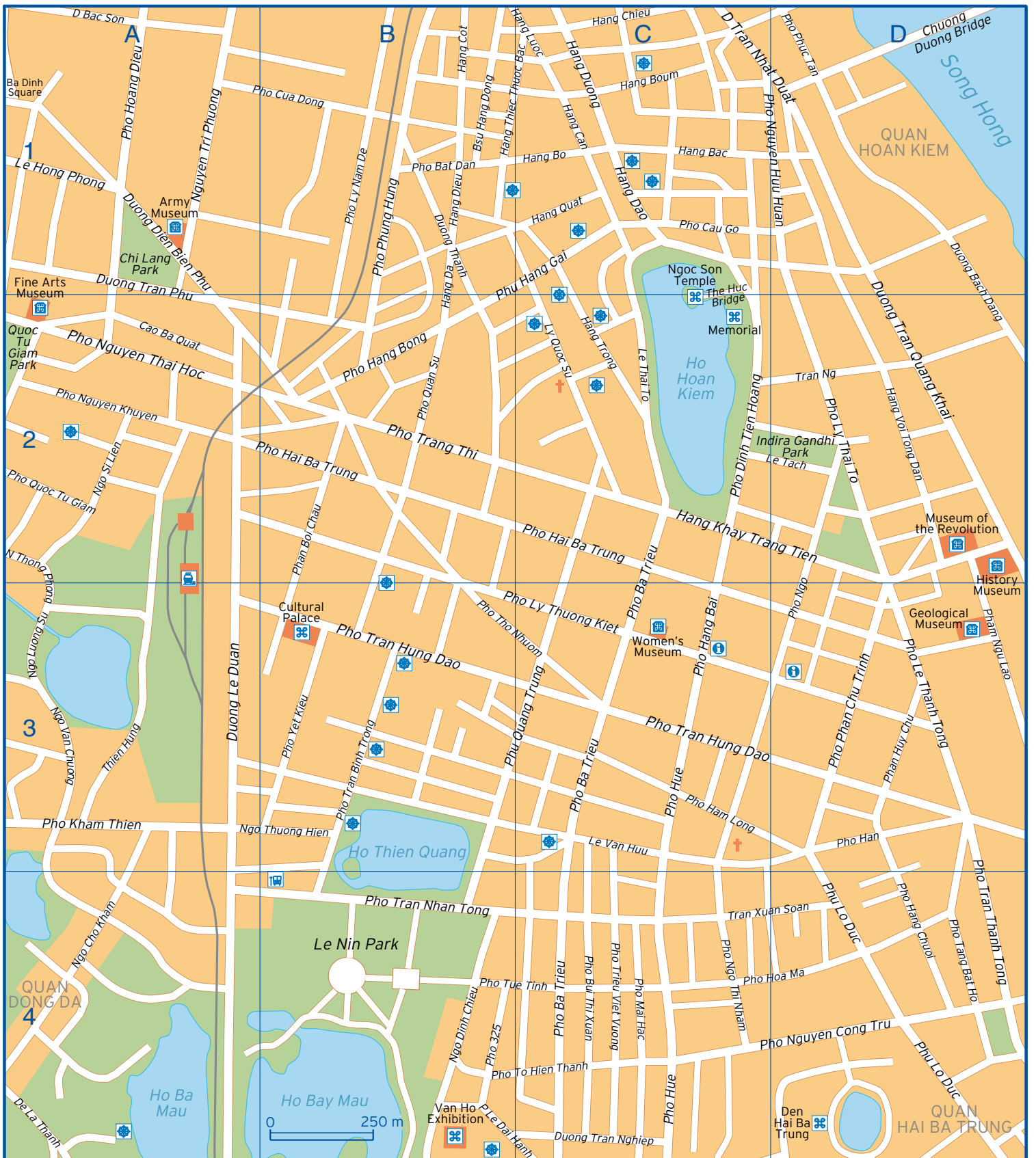
Currency
Vietnamese dong (VND)
VND10,000 ~ US\$0,43

Opening hours
Shops are generally open from 8am–9pm, but can close for lunch for one or two hours. Banks are open Mon–Fri from 8–11:30am and from 1–4pm, and are closed on Saturday and Sunday. Governmental offices are open Mon–Fri from 7:30am–4:30pm, excluding a one-hour lunch, and closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Newspapers
Hanoi Times – hanoitimes.vn
Việt Nam News – vietnamnews.vn
Word Hanoi – wordhanoi.com
Nhân Dân (Official newspaper of the Communist Party of Vietnam, also available online in English) – en.nhandan.vn
Vietnam Investment Review (English business publication) – vir.com.vn

Emergency numbers
Police: 113
Fire: 114
Ambulance: 115

Tourist information
Tourist Information and Support Center
28 Hàng D ầu Street, Hanoi
Opening hours: Mon & Tue, Thu & Fri: 9am–5pm, Sat 10am–4:30pm, Sun 9:30am–4:30pm. Closed on Wednesday
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Ba Dinh Square	A1	Le Van Huu	C3	Pho Ly Thai To	D2
Bsu Hang Dong	B1	Ly Quoc Su	C2	Pho Ly Thuong Kiet	B3 C3
Cao Ba Quat	A2	Ngo Cho Kham	A4	Pho Mai Hac	C4
Chuong Duong Bridge	D1	Ngo Dinh Chieu	B4	Pho Ngo	D2 D3
De La Thanh	A4	Ngo Luong Su	A3	Pho Ngo Thi Nham	C4
Duong Bac Son	A1	Ngo Si Lien	A2	Pho Nguyen Cong Tru	C4 D4
Duong Bach Dang	D1 D2	Ngo Thong Phong	A3	Pho Nguyen Huu Huan	C1 D1
Duong Dien Bien Phu	A1	Ngo Thuong Hien	A3 B3	Pho Nguyen Khuyen	A2
Duong Le Duan	A3	Ngo Van Chuong	A3	Pho Nguyen Thai Hoc	A2
Duong Thanh	B1	Nguyen Tri Phuong	A1	Pho Phan Chu Trinh	D3
Duong Tran Nghiep	C4	Pham Ngu Lao	D3	Pho Phuc Tan	D1
Duong Tran Nhat Duat	C1 D1	Phan Boi Chau	B2	Pho Phung Hung	B1
Duong Tran Phu	A1 A2	Phan Huy Chu	D3	Pho Quan Su	B2
Duong Tran Quang Khai	D1 D2	Pho 325	B4	Pho Quoc Tu Giam	A2
Hang Bac	C1	Pho Ba Trieu	C2 C3 C4	Pho Tang Bat Ho	D4
Hang Bo	C1	Pho Bat Dan	B1	Pho Tho Nhuom	B3 C3
Hang Boum	C1	Pho Bui Thi Xuan	C4	Pho To Hien Thanh	B4 C4
Hang Can	C1	Pho Cau Go	C1	Pho Tran Binh Trong	B3
Hang Chieu	C1	Pho Cua Dong	A1 B1	Pho Tran Hung Dao	B3 C3
Hang Cot	B1	Pho Dinh Tien Hoang	C2	Pho Tran Nhan Tong	B4
Hang Da	B1 B2	Pho Hai Ba Trung	A2 B2 C2	Pho Tran Thanh Tong	D3 D4
Hang Dao	C1	Pho Ham Long	C3	Pho Trang Thi	B2
Hang Dieu	B1	Pho Han	D3	Pho Trieu Viet Vuong	C4
Hang Duong	C1	Pho Hang Bai	C3	Pho Tue Tinh	B4 C4
Hang Khay Trang Tien	C2 D2	Pho Hang Bong	B2	Pho Yet Kieu	B3
Hang Luoc	B1 C1	Pho Hang Chuoi	D4	Phu Hang Gai	B2 C1
Hang Quat	C1	Pho Hoa Ma	C4 D4	Phu Lo Duc	D4
Hang Thiec Thuoc Bac	B1 C1	Pho Hoang Dieu	A1	Phu Quang Trung	B3 C3
Hang Trong	C2	Pho Hue	C3 C4	The Huc Bridge	C1 C2
Hang Voi Tong Dan	D2	Pho Kham Thien	A3	Thien Hung	A3
Le Hong Phong	A1	Pho Le Dai Hanh	B4 C4	Tran Ng	D2
Le Tach	C2 D2	Pho Le Thanh Tong	D3	Tran Xuan Soan	C4 D4
Le Thai To	C2	Pho Ly Nam De	B1		