

# Spotlight on Da Nang



## HISTORY

In the middle of the 16th century, when Hoi An was a busy center of the south, Da Nang was only a small port for goods in transit and ship repair. It progressively developed into a commercial port replacing Hoi An in the early 18th century.

In 1835, after King Minh Mang ordered no more European vessels for trade, Da Nang became the largest commercial port in the central region. The local small-scale industries, including shipbuilding, preliminary processing of agricultural, forestry and fishery products, and trade, services prospered accordingly.

The French colonists, after establishing their domination of the whole of Vietnam in 1889, separated Da Nang from Quang Nam Province and renamed the city Tourane and under the control of the Governor General of Indochina. In the early 20th century, Tourane was developed on a European model, which focused on social infrastructure and manufacture technology. Many kinds of economic activity took shape and thrived, such as agricultural production, small-scale industries, export product processing (tea, food, beverages, ice, alcohol, fish sauce, and dried fish), ship building and repair, and services. Together with Hai Phong and Sai Gon, Tourane became an important trading center of the country.

## DOCKING

The cruise ship docks at Chan May Port.

## SHORE EXCURSIONS

Please check your tour ticket for the correct meeting time and location for your tour. Your cruise line representative will direct you to your transportation.

## TRANSPORTATION

Taxis are widely available in town. There are a limited number of taxis at the port.

## HOW TO GET TO TOWN

The town of Da Nang is approximately 60 minutes by taxi or bus from the port.

## SHOPPING

Good buys include silk, pottery, handicrafts, fine stones, flowers including Bonsai, hats and conical hats.

## STORE HOURS

Shops generally open from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm or later Monday to Saturday.

## BANK HOURS

Banks are generally open from 8:30 am to 11:30 am, and from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Monday to Friday. They are open on Saturdays from 8:30 am to 11:30 am.

## POST OFFICE

The Post Office is located at 47 Tran Phu St, near the Song Han. It is open daily from 6:30 am to 10:00 pm.

## EMERGENCY

In case of an emergency, dial 115 or 113 for the police.

## GUARANTEE

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# DA NANG

## PORT & SHOPPING MAP



## CAPITAL

The capital of Vietnam is Hanoi.

## SIZE

Da Nang is approximately 942 square miles in size.

## LOCATION

Da Nang is located on the western bank of Han River. The city is part of a long thin peninsula at the Northern tip of which is Nui Son Tra.

## POPULATION

Approximately 781,000 people live in Da Nang.

## LANGUAGE

The official language for Da Nang is Vietnamese.

## CURRENCY

The official currency for Da Nang is the Dong. United States dollars are accepted throughout Vietnam.

## TIME ZONE

Da Nang follows GMT + 7.

## PLACES TO SEE

### SON TRA MOUNTAIN

This mountain looks like a mushroom with its peak 2,300 feet above the sea-level. The cap of the mushroom is Son Tra mountain and its body is the white sand beach which affords an ideal area for bathing, playing sports, fishing, and swimming.

### THE MUSEUM OF CHAM SCULPTURE

The building of The Museum of Cham Sculpture began in 1915. This is the only museum dedicated to preserving the unique Champa sculptural heritage in South East Asia. It has the largest collection in the world of Cham sculpture, with more than 300 sandstone pieces dating from the 4th to 14th centuries.

### TUY LOAN COMMUNAL HOUSE

This communal house was built in the late 18th century and rebuilt in 1888. The house is used to worship the village tutelary god. In the old days the people held a ceremony at the house to welcome spring on the 14th and 15th of the 8th month of the lunar calendar.

### MARBLE MOUNTAINS

About seven miles from Da Nang, the five Marble Mountains are each named for elements -- water, metal, wood, fire and earth. They are made up of five stone hills which were once islands and each filled with its own caves and grottoes. Some of marbles are carved into pagodas and shrines.

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**PHRASES**

**Hi!**  
chào

**Good Morning!**  
chào buổi sáng

**Good Evening!**  
chào buổi tối

**Welcome! (to greet someone)**  
Chào mừng bạn ( đã đến đây )!

**How Are You?**  
bạn có khỏe không?, khỏe chứ?( informal )

**I'm Fine, Thanks!**  
Cám ơn bạn tôi khỏe

**Good/ So-So.**  
Tốt / cũng tạm tạm

**Thank You (Very Much)!**  
Cám ơn ( rất nhiều )

**Good Night!**  
Chúc ngủ ngon!

**Good Bye!**  
Tạm biệt

