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# HOA LU ANCIENT CAPITAL - TRANG AN GROTTOES - BICH DONG PAGODA 1 DAY

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## **ITINERARY**

	HOA LU ANCIENT CAPITAL – TRANG AN GROTTOES – BICH DONG PAGODA (LUNCH)
7:30~ 8:00	Our drive and tour guide will pick you up at the meeting point Hanoi Old Quarter's hotel.
10:30	Arrive to <b>Hoa Lu Ancient Capital</b> - One ancient capital of Vietnam dating back to the 11th century. Visitors can see temples built in honor of the emperors Dinh Tien Hoang and Le Dai Hanh their sons, and Queen Duong Van Nga, who was married first to Dinh Tien Hoang and then to Le Dai Hanh
11:30	Cycling to <b>Bich Dong pagoda</b> , is complex of three pagoda, the Lower pagoda is located at the base, from which 100 steps lead to the Middle pagoda, where there's a shorter but steep ascent to the Upper pagoda, inside each cave temple, looming statues peer from the haze of burning incens ride along country lane to enjoy beautiful scenery of limestone mountains, through small villages with backdrop of agricultural lifestyle.



12:30	Have lunch in local restaurant.
14:00	Depart to the most popular attraction to visit in NinhBinh are the <b>Trang An Grottos</b> (TheWolrd Natural Heritage site). The route will take visitors on a tour passing through 4 splendid limestone caves and 3 spiritual spots including <b>Dia Linh Mountain</b> in the shape of a giant <b>Pen Tower</b> erected in the middle of the river. Then back to the past while exploring a small temple dedicated to <b>Thanh Cao Son</b> , a national hero who had merit teaching the local people irrigation management to boost agricultural development under the reign of the 18th Hung King. Visitors will also learn more about the glorious history of the Tran Dynasty while exploring Vu Lam Royal Steps.  Get back to the Wharf.



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16:30	Get back to local house, during 30 minutes. You will join <b>Vietnamese folk music show</b> with the participation of talented artists performing with "dan bau" (monochord) "dan nhi" (2-string zither), "dan day" (plucked lute), flute. you know more about the spiritual life of Vietnamese. You also have chance enjoy sunsetparty with fruit green tea and some traditional candy.
17:00	Return and drop off at your hotel in Hanoi Old Quarter.

## **INCLUSIONS:**

- ✓ Lunch local restaurants.
- ✓ Transfer
- ✓ Cycling to visit Bich Dong pagoda
- ✓ Entrance fee, boat fee as per mention in itinerary
- ✓ English-speaking guide
- ✓ One bottle of filtered drinking water will provide daily on coach.

#### **EXCLUSIONS:**

- ✓ International airfares to VIETNAM & vice versa
- ✓ All kinds of personal and incidental bills
- ✓ Travel Insurance Policy
- ✓ Tips for local tour guide and coach captain @ 3 USD/pax/day will be pre-collected.