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## **Enhance Your Stay in Hoi An with Additional Privately Guided Sightseeing**

### **Hoi An Evening Street Eats**

Set off on a culinary adventure in Hoi An to discover the flavors and dishes that make this coastal town unique. Alongside an expert local guide, your journey introduces you to the stories behind Hoi An's most iconic dishes at the town's most famous eateries. Start your tour with a 'banh mi' (sandwich), at Madam Khanh's; the best fusion between French and Vietnamese cuisine. Then, try out the famous delicate white rose dumplings, found exclusively in Hoi An. Enjoy these delicacies while marveling at the work that goes into them. The staff churns out up to 6000 of these dumplings every day, and each one is as beautiful as the one before. Your visit here includes a chance to try making a few of your own dumplings, too! Next, experience the famous 'banh xeo Hoi An', which is a cousin of the Saigon crepe, but smaller (and perhaps even tastier). Here you will also have the opportunity to try cao lau, one of the most refined soups in Vietnam: pork and greens on a bed of rice noodles, made from rice which has been soaked in lye water. Down a nearby alley, head onward to visit a 250-year-old ancient house. This is your chance to step inside a traditional Hoi An home and see how the locals live (and eat, if you are lucky enough to visit during their dinner time)! Stroll around the house, spending time with the host to learn about his life. Before moving onwards, visit his workshop, where his skillful hands spend hours creating sophisticated and creative silver jewelry. Finally, rap up your tour with a sweet note with a local specialty, green bean cake, and enjoy a local Vietnamese coffee, the perfect ending to any meal. *Daily 17:00 to 21:00. Please inform in advance of dietary restrictions.*

### **Hidden Hoi An Walking Tour**

Invite your guests to explore Hoi An's untouched beauty by strolling down the hidden alleys off the tourist radar. Departure at 0830, for a half day discovery with a local guide, exploring the ancient town. Explore former merchant homes, colorful communal halls, narrow lanes lined, traditional houses and the iconic Japanese Bridge\*. Also visit charming backstreets and tiny alleys to discover lesser-known gems. Meander down a small alley to a hidden temple which is off the tourist radar and explore the only two-story temple in the town, while listening to the stories of the town during ups and downs. Last but not least, visit Hoi An Folklore Museum to understand the life of the Hoi An's people. To conclude the cultural exploration, visit a small coffee shop hidden in the small alley, have a sip to their signature drink and wrap up all memories of the tour before getting back to the hotel. *Daily 8:30 to 13:00.*

### **My Son Holy Land**

Leave your Hoi An hotel to explore My Son, the ancient capital of the Cham civilization. Ruling central Vietnam from the 2nd to the 13th centuries, the Cham people's kingdom extended into present-day Laos and parts of Cambodia. Although time and looting have taken their toll on the ruins, remnants like headless statues and decorative stonework can still be found, offering a glimpse into the rich history of this once-thriving civilization. *Daily 08:00 to 13:00*

### **Hoi An Vegetable Village**

Enjoy a great day out in a local community farming project just outside of Hoi An. Start with a short bike ride of about 30 minutes along village roads and small paths between the paddy fields. Stop at Tra Que village where the community has come together to create a large vegetable farm. Take a walk around the farm to see the different vegetables that are grown all organically! Learn the traditional methods the farmers use to plant, fertilize and harvest the crop, then try your hand at raking the ground and sowing seeds. After toiling away in the garden, join in with short cooking demonstration followed by lunch featuring the delicious vegetables straight from the farm to the plate! *Daily 9:00 to 13:00*