

Top things to do in Nha Trang – Vietnam.

Sharing my tips, experiences for Nha Trang trips

Nha Trang is a coastal city of Khanh Hoa – Central Vietnam, where owns beautiful and sunny beaches and blue sea. This's ideal destination of Vietnam from Jul to Sep, when most of the country is suffered the harsh weather. To help you have a perfect trip, I will share my experiences and top things to do in Nha Trang – Vietnam.

Best period to travel to Nha Trang

Jul to Sep is the best period. This time, Nha Trang is sunny, opposite with big rain and flood in Hanoi and Saigon, so suitable for a cruise or resting on the beaches.

How to get to Nha Trang

From Hanoi city or Saigon (Ho Chi Minh city), you can choose plane or bus to get Nha Trang.

1. Plane

The airlines VietJetAir, Baomboo Air, Vietnam Airline, Mekong have flights to Cam Ranh airport – Khanh Hoa, 35 km (22 miles) from Nha Trang. You may check the route and book tickets on their websites. You should book at least 3 weeks for best tickets. From Cam Ranh airport, you may go to Nha Trang city by bus (\$3/pax) or taxi (\$15 to \$18)

2. Bus

* From Saigon (Ho Chi Minh city). Distance from Saigon to Nha Trang is 540km (340miles), take about 10 hours to arrive.

There're many bus firms to Nha Trang, fares about \$11 / pax (bed ticket) or \$8/pax (seat ticket). You may consult some reputed bus firms:

– Ha Linh bus. I think this firm is best. Add: 217 Pham Ngu Lao street – 1 district – Ho Chi Minh city. Tel: +84-028-3920.9470

– Phuong Trang. 292 Dinh Bo Linh street – Binh Thanh – Ho Chi Minh city. Tel: +84-028-38309.309

– Hanh cafe. 229 Pham Ngu Lao street – 1 district. Tel: +84-028-3920.5679 or 3837.6429

– Sinh Cafe. 246-248 De Tham street – 1 district. Tel: +84-028-3838.9597

* From Hanoi. Distance is 1400km (880 miles), take less than 30 hours. Fare of buses from Hanoi is about \$40 to \$45. Some reputed firms:

– Hoang Long bus. Add: Giap Bat bus station – km 6 Giai Phong street – Hoang Mai district, Tel: +84-024-3664.6617 or My Dinh bus station – 20 Pham Hung – My Dinh, tel: +84-024-3795.1776

– Sinh Cafe (open tour). 38 Ly Nam De street – Hoan Kiem district – Hanoi.

Renting motorbike or car in Nha Trang

Most of hotels in Nha Trang have leasing vehicles service with price from \$4 to \$5 / day, you may contact the receptionist. Else, you may contact few others:

– Mr. Nam. +84-0905.111.541, \$4/day and delivery.

– +84-0984.080.357, I don't remember his name.

Motels and [hotels in Nha Trang](#)

- The hotel is close to Binh Tan bridge, on Nguyen Tat Thanh highway. Very romantic view with overlooking the river. Price \$9/day, if you stay 2 or 3 days, you can negotiate for price \$7,5 / day.
- Hon Chong area, Pham Van Dong street. Hotels and motels abound in this area with all sorts of prices. It's also close to famous cuisine area of Nha Trang city. The prices are quite good compared to the center area, range from \$7.5 to \$10 / day.
- Anh Thu motel at 24/19 Hung Vuong street. About \$6/day/single room, \$10/double room. I saw few cheap motels near Binh Tan hospital, on Da Tuong street.
- Khanh mini hotel on Hung Vuong street, not far from beach. The cheapest price is \$10 / night. If stay many days, you can negotiate for cheaper price.
- Nu Huong hotel (queen hotel) at 62 – Hong Bang street. The hotel is slightly far from beach but near the cuisine area. Price of room for 2 people is \$10/day, 4 people is \$15 – \$18/day.
- Friendly hotel at 15 C2 Hoang Hoa Tham street. \$10 / day
- Trang Vang motel (golden moon motel) at 98C/5 Tran Phu street. Price from \$10 to \$15 / day.

What to eat in Nha Trang

Eating seafoods you NEVER step into Muoi Do restaurant (quán Mươi Đô). NEVER listen to the instructions of Taxis and motor taxis.

- Let's rent a motorbike and stroll around the city, cross Tran Phu B bridge then turn left into the riverbank, Thap Ba street, seafood restaurants abound and clear prices.
- You may try eating style Nha Trang sidewalk: Come to the beach, rent a canvas and buy few squids and beers from a hawker.
- Sau Phong restaurant, on Nguyen Thi Minh Khai street, is famous for goat hot pot.
- Que Huong restaurant is near the airport, on Hoang Dieu street. The restaurant has seafoods and bushmeats, tasty and cheap.
- Spider crab. You come to Binh Tan bridge, on Nguyen Tat Thanh street (the road to airport). At here, the spider crab is sold in kg, about \$9/kg, fresh, tasty and cheap. A tip when choosing spider crab, don't pick the big one, medium one is tastiest.

Rice (cơm, the most important dish of Vietnamese) and noodle restaurant

- The rice restaurant at traffic cycle Nguyen Chanh street, close to Thai Nguyen school. \$0.7 / plate.
- Com Nieu (rice in a earthen pot) at Ngoi Do restaurant, 9 – Le Thanh Ton street. I like this restaurant alot, very good service but very popular price. Me and 3 others ate at here and very satisfied.
- Ca keo (a fish) hot pot on Le Thanh Phuong street, close to Khanh Hoa Children house.

Night eating

- Duck porridge on Han Thuyen street. A plate of duck is 4\$, add a bowls of porridge is too enough for 2 people.
- Noodle, prices from \$1 to \$2. Reputed places: Bac Hai noodle (phở Bắc Hải) on Quang Trung street. Hong noodle (phở Hồng), \$2/bowl, at the end of To

Hien Thanh and Le Thanh Ton streets.

Cafe and bar in Nha Trang

- Paramount cafe has spacious, on Tran Phu street, close to Novotel hotel.
- Hoa Dong Noi cafe in a big alley on Nguyen Thi Minh Khai street, opposite Me Linh street, close to Ngoc Trai restaurant. This's the biggest and most beautiful cafe in Nha Trang coastal city.
- Moka at 74 Hung Vuong has cute space. 2nd floor has a very nice aquarium. Very tasty Drinks of Italy.
- Hon Chong cafe at Hon Chong (Hòn Chồng) attraction. Sea view, cool air, spacious and very cheap. About 4.30pm come here to drink coffee and watch extreme romantic sunset.
- The most special is cafe and bar Altitude at 28th floor of Sheraton Nha Trang hotel. You can see panorama of Nha Trang city, very romantic, suitable for couples. Prices of drinks from \$4 to \$8, open time from 4pm to 11pm.
- You may try drinking Cafe sidewalk in many streets, only \$0.3/glass.
- Some Bars: Yasaka hotel, Lode hotel, Sailing club on Tran Phu street. Night club on Hung Vuong street. Rocky bar on Nguyen Thi Minh Khai.

Specialties for giving

- Dried squid is sold very much in Nha Trang with price 20\$/kg (2.2 pound). You can buy squid at Hoang Van Thu street or near Thap Ba.
- Salanganes Nest is famous specialty of Nha Trang. There're many places selling them but Nha Trang – Khanh Khoa is best. Salanganes Nest has many types with prices range \$8 to \$15 / box, depend on quality and volume. You should buy Nest at agents for genuine goods.
- Seahorse is sold at Cau Da port and Nha Trang Institute of Oceanography with price \$1/one. They will put seahorses in a wine bottle to preserve. Seahorse wine is believed to be very good for gentleman.
- Fermented pork roll. Every time visiting Nha Trang, I bought this dish at restaurant opposite Binh Tan post office, beside a pharmacy to gift my family and friends. I see it very tasty, price is \$5/kg (2.2 pound) or \$3/0.5kg (1.1 pound).

Top things to do in Nha Trang

There are many attractions in Nha Trang, however, you should focus on following main sites: Hon Chong (Hòn Chồng), Ponagar tower of Cham ethnic (tháp Chăm Ponagar), tour 4 islands, Vinpearl Land.

Nha Trang Vinpearl Land

Travel Nha Trang you shouldn't miss Vinpearl Land. With \$23, you will be played freely in the biggest tourist resort of Nha Trang coastal city. Vinpearl Land is divided into 3 area: Outdoor park includes thrilling games. Indoor park with video games and movies. Water park, aquarium and water music scene. If want to visit all of the resort, you may have to spend 1 day, from 9am to 7.30pm (7pm has the first show of water music). Morning, you play in outdoor and indoor park. Lunch with fast foods and rest in tent on sidewalks. Afternoon, play in water park and aquarium then watch water music show at 7pm.

Tour 3 or 4 islands

There're many different prices depending on services which tour firms provide, so you should carefully consider before booking. You should bring some foods for lunch, because the lunch on ship is slightly bad. Renting ship by yourself to visit island.

Ship will start at Cau Da port (cảng Cầu Đá), near Nha Trang Institute of Oceanography (Viện hải dương học Nha Trang). Contact to buy tickets at Cau Da port.

If you travel with big group, you may rent 1 cano (7-seat) or ship. Contact: Mr. Cuong, owner Con Se Tre resort, 090.350.8876 or Tu Hai Brothers Boat Trip at 100 Tran Phu street.

Scuba diving

Nha Trang is known as paradise of scuba diving in Vietnam with best services, beautiful and blue sea. To join this sport in Nha Trang, you may contact following firms:

- Blue Diving Club at 66 Tran Phu – Nha Trang. +84-0258-3825.390
- Coco Dive Center at 2E Biet Thu. +84-0258-3812.900
- Rainbow Divers at 2 Tran Quoc Khai. +84-0258-3826.166
- Jeremy Stein's Rainbow at 72 Tran Phu street – Nha Trang. +84-0258-3829.946

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