

My Son Sanctuary Bicycle Tour

Full day tour: 7:30 am - 4 pm

SHORT INFORMATION

- **Tour Style: History - Culture - Riding**
- **Dist. 27 Km (17 miles)**
- **Start: 7:30 am - Return: 4pm (8,5 hours)**
- **Level: 2**
- **Group Size: Min 2 - Max 8 people**

Adult: \$69
Child 6-12 years: \$34
Child 4-5 years: \$12

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The My Son Temple site is very popular and attracts many tourists. Unlike many other temples you may visit, the My Son Sanctuary is definitely worth the trip. Lost in the middle of a natural circus at the foot of the Cat Tooth Mountains, surrounded by a magnificent natural environment.

Our itinerary takes you far beyond the visit to the temples and had been specially designed to make your day simply unforgettable.

Together, we will travel 30km on flat, quiet roads with little or no traffic with occasional short breaks to stop and meet the locals

During our visit, one of the local families will welcome you into their traditionally made wooden home—a rare opportunity to learn more about the customs and traditions of Vietnamese families in this region first-hand.

Along the way, we will make stops in an ancient « silk weaving » village. Unlike the Hoi An “silk village” tourist trap, this “authentic” village has now converted to cotton weaving. This will be your chance to meet a family of weavers and see their work, made by using weaving looms dating from the colonial era.

A stop in a small, local market is the ideal moment to see the produce typical of the countryside and (if you're brave enough) do some tasting, or not!

OUR PROGRAM

Meeting point at our office (61 Ngo Quyen).

After your check-in, our team will help you select a bicycle for your tour among the different models and sizes available. They will recommend the bike best suited to your body type and adjust it for you (seat, height, handlebars, etc.).

At 7h30, we will set out on minibus for the 1-hour ride to the My Son temple site. Our visit to the sanctuary will begin around 8h30.

Your guide will accompany you during the entire visit and explain the secrets, history, and legends that surround the temples and the people who built them.

After the visit, we will set out on bicycles along the small country roads, making stops along the way to do some sightseeing and to take photos of the magnificent scenery in this region.

You will enjoy lunch in a small local « restaurant ».

At the end of the cycle route, we will embark on a relaxing 1-hour boat ride along the Thu Bon river, taking you directly to Hoi An, only 50 meters from our office.

ABOUT THE MY SON TEMPLES AND THE CHAM PEOPLE

Artifacts from the Cham civilization date back to the second century AD.

The Cham people lived in the southern part of Vietnam and were in conflict with the kingdom of the Dai Viet (the Vietnamese) and the Khmers for several centuries. They also suffered under the Chinese to whom they donated a tribe.

Their civilization declined in the 15th century. Today, there are now only 200,000 Chams living near Phan Thiet. (numbers vary depending on the source)

The temples of My Son were built by the Cham people between the 7th and 15th centuries. After having fallen into oblivion and covered by the jungle, they were rediscovered by the French explorer, Camille Paris in 1889.

Surrounded by mountains, this sacred sanctuary was reserved for kings. It consisted of 75 temples, a large majority of which were destroyed by bombing during the war with the Americans.

Still, very little is known about this civilization, and new discoveries continue. We keep abreast of this research so we can provide you with the most recent information on the archaeologists' findings during your visit.

My Son remains an essential destination to visit during your stay in Vietnam.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Times and Dates:

- Meeting point at our location at 7:15 am and departure at 7:30 am ([see map](#)).
- Return: You will return to our location at around 4:00 pm.

Difficulty:

- This tour is recommended for people in good physical condition.
- The trip is approximately 27 km (17 miles), and follows a little dirt path. The roads are flat and in good condition. The planned stops along the way allow you to rest, take photos and meet the locals.
- The heat could make the tour more challenging, especially during the months of May to August (summer in central Vietnam), but this tour is relatively easy during the rest of the year. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Distance:

- This tour is about 27 km (17 miles) with several stops.

Don't forget:

- Suntan lotion.
- Hat or cap.
- Sunglasses.
- Rain Coat

Note:

- **We need a minimum of 2 guests to run this tour. If you are alone, please contact us to join one group.**
- Maximum: 8 participants per group (unless otherwise requested).
- Cycling helmet available upon request.

The Price includes:

- A lunch with a Vietnamese specialty.
- Bicycle available for this tour: Mountain bike, Hybrid bike
- A French or English language guide (please indicate your preference when making your reservations)
- Minibus Transfer.
- Visits.
- A Guide Assistant, if more than 3 guests.

The price does not include:

- Drinks.
- Insurance.

