

A QUICK GUIDE TO HANOI



THE GARDEN SHOPPING CENTER



NEM (SPRING ROLL)



CHA CA LA VONG (GRILLED FISH)



BANH RAN (DEEP-FRIED GLUTINOUS RICE BALLS WITH SOYA PASTE)

SHOPPING

The below suggestions are Western type malls close to the hotel. For more information or descriptions on shopping, speak to the concierge at the hotel. There is a few minute away from the hotel by taxi.

THE GARDEN SHOPPING CENTER (10MINS)
The Manor urban area, Me Tri St., South Tu Liem District, Hanoi
Opening hours: 9:30 – 22:00

INDOCHINA PLAZA HA NOI (20MINS)
A dynamic central plaza connects visitors from the eastern and western gateways, offering a fine combination of enjoyable dining and unique shopping experience for every lifestyle need.
Opening hours: 9:300 – 22:00

VINCOM ROYAL CITY (25MINS)
A huge under-ground shopping complex combined with many indoor activities such as skiing, Water Park, cinema, food court and supermarket.
Opening hours: 9:30 – 22:00

POPULAR DOWNTOWN RESTAURANTS

PHO 24
61 Van Mieu, Dong Da, Hanoi - 04.37474840

SEASON OF HA NOI
95b Quan Thanh, Ha Noi - 04.38435444

WILD LOTUS
55a Nguyen Du, Ha Noi - 04.39439342

CLUB DE L'ORIENTAL
22 Tong Dan, Ha Noi - 04.38268801

QUAN AN NGON
18 Phan Boi Chau, Ha Noi - 04.39428162

MADAME HIEN
15 Chan Cam, Hanoi - 04.39381588

CHA CA LA VONG (GRILLED FISH)
14 Cha Ca, Ha Noi - 04.38253929

LY CLUB
4 Le Phung Hieu, Ha Noi - 04.39363069

LA BADIANE
10 Nam Ngu, Hoan Kiem, Ha Noi - 04.39424509

EL GAUCHO
11 Trang Tien, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi - 04.38247280

PORTE DE ANNAM
22 Nha Tho, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi - 04.39382688

NEARBY RESTAURANT SUGGESTIONS

NGON RESTAURANT (15 MINS)
1st floor, 25T2 Hoang Dao Thuy, Cau Giay Dist, Ha Noi
Telephone: 04.35560868
Website: www.ngonhanoi.com.vn

AO TA RESTAURANT (15 MINS)
31 Huynh Thuc Khang, Dong Da District, Ha Noi
Telephone: 04.38359118
Website: www.aota.com.vn



Shops generally open at 8am and close by 9pm seven days a week. Other prominent shopping areas include:

- Downtown at Hang Gai, Hang Trong and Nha Tho (Hanoi Cathedral)
- Dong Xuan Market (General), Cho Hom Market (fabric)
- Vincom Tower, Royal City and Trang Tien Plaza are the main shopping centers

TIP – Hand-embroidered tablecloths and lacquerware are very popular in Hanoi. The hill tribes also sell colorful woven bags and clothing in the city. Good souvenirs are ceramics from Bat Trang village, silk paintings and hand-painted greetings cards are also popular souvenirs.

THINGS TO SEE & DO



For further information about things to see and do in Hanoi, please seek assistance from the Concierge at the JW Marriott Hanoi (ext: 1609)



THE OLD QUARTER

Hanoi's Old Quarter is an enchanting maze of 36 narrow streets named after the products that were traditionally sold here – such



as 'paper street' and 'medicine street' – and home to the amazing tunnel houses which have a very narrow frontage hiding very long and deep rooms. Now the streets are more likely to have a mix of shops including places selling household items, silk clothes, funerary items and traditional medicine. Interspersed will be bars, boutique hotels and even karaoke clubs. A great way to see the Old Quarter is to cruise through the chaotic traffic in a cyclo.



THE TEMPLE OF LITERATURE

This beautifully preserved temple dating from 1070, originally dedicated to Confucius, became the first university in Vietnam where the sons of mandarins were educated. The temple is an oasis of calm in the heart of Hanoi. The central entrance gate was reserved for the king and the two side entrances for the mandarins. The interior is divided into walled courtyards with both sides of one courtyard lined with stone stela mounted on the backs of tortoises engraved with the names and birthplaces of the graduates who passed their royal exams.

- Address: Van Mieu, Dong Da, Hanoi
- Entrance fee: VND 20,000
- Opening hours: 8:30 - 16:30



TRAN QUOC PAGODA

Visitors to Asia in general often skip temples and pagodas, but a visit to the Tran Quoc Pagoda in Hanoi is well worth your time as it is one of the oldest in Vietnam. This well-used pagoda is perfect to watch the locals performing simple ceremonies. They don't seem to mind the visitors mingling around them as they pray and make offerings. Attractively located on an islet on the West Lake, it has a tranquil garden and a spectacular centerpiece.

- Address: Thanh Nien Road, Ba Dinh District, Hanoi, Vietnam



HO CHI MINH MUSEUM

Designed by Soviet architects, and the shape said to represent the lotus flower, Hanoi's Ho Chi Minh museum is dedicated to the life and achievements of the former president, with displays and photographs relating to his life and featuring many of his personal items. Inaugurated on what would have been Ho Chi Minh's 100th birthday in 1990, it depicts his epic struggle for the liberation of Vietnam from imperial powers.

- Address: 19 Ngoc Ha, Ba Dinh, Ha Noi
- Opening hours: 8:00 - 16:30 (Everyday except Monday and Friday afternoon)
- Entrance fee: VND 25,000
- Website: www.baotanghochiminh.vn



HO CHI MINH'S HOUSE

This simple stilt house in Hanoi is modeled along the lines of a traditional communal house and was where Ho Chi Minh occasionally lived when he was president, until his death in 1969. The two simple rooms, a study and a bedroom, still contain many of his personal effects, and his cars are on display nearby. He is said to have preferred to live and work here, next to a large pond containing carps, rather than use the stunning colonial Presidential Palace next door which was originally built for the Governor General of Indochina.

- Address: 19 Ngoc Ha, Ba Dinh, Ha Noi
- Opening hours: 8:00 - 11:00 and 13:30 - 16:00 (Everyday except Monday and Friday afternoon)
- Entrance fee: VND 25,000

HO CHI MINH'S MAUSOLEUM

Former President 'Uncle Ho' lies in the state here, despite his request for being cremated and that his ashes scattered around Vietnam, and people come from all over the country and the world to pay their respects. His embalmed body is displayed in a granite monolith modeled after Lenin's tomb in Moscow, and visitors have to walk round his body in a respectful silence. No photos are allowed inside so bags and cameras have to be checked at the entrance.

- Entrance fee: Free
- Opening hours: 8:00 - 11:00, except for Monday & Friday

THANG LONG WATER PUPPET THEATER

One of the must-sees in Hanoi is a traditional performance of water puppets, a form of entertainment originating in the rural communities and performed in the flooded rice paddies.



Puppets depict scenes from rural life, such as planting, fishing, local festivities and parades accompanied by musicians playing traditional instruments. The performances are colorful, intricate and there is a lot of humor as well. The water puppets show regularly tours overseas.

- Address: 57b Dinh Tien Hoang, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi, Vietnam
- Website: www.thanglongwaterpuppet.org



HANOI OPERA HOUSE

The Hanoi Opera House was left in disrepair for many years, but its renovation has turned it into a beautiful building which showcases orchestra, choir, pop, ballet and theatrical works. International performers regularly appear here. You won't need to break the bank to see many of the performances but for some, expect to pay near-international prices. Tickets can be purchased online or in person.

- Address: 1 Trang Tien St, Hanoi, Vietnam
- Programme and tickets: www.ticketvn.com

