



# HELLO HOIAN VIETNAM

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## PRECIOUS HERITAGE MUSEUM

A must see during this walk. Allow yourselves some extra time to go through the whole 2 floors of soulful photographs of over 54 ethnic tribes accompanied by their stories.

Not your typical Gallery, it shows the history of Vietnam in a way you won't see anywhere else.

For more information go to <https://www.rehahnphotographer.com/precious-heritage-museum/#> or at the Gallery...



## ARTIST DISTRICT ► HOI AN

### Phan Boi Chau Street

*Walking tour of well known Artists in Ancient Town Hoi An.*

*Lets take a walk on the "art" side of Hoi An!!*

*Rues des Arts...is where we are heading. Phan Boi Chau street. The street which was once the main street of the French quarter now plays host to some of the towns most renowned artists, painters and craftsmen. But take a slower walk and there are a few other hidden gems to explore!!*

I begin this journey at the main market entrance on Hoan Dieu. This is where you can begin your creative experience for the day by having tailors help you choose fabric and design your next wardrobe! **I highly recommend Shop 41**, and ask for Huong.

Cross the road and step into your next creative piece of heaven, **Lac Viet**.

Purchase your own fashion accessory here either by what they have on show, or maybe you have something you have seen somewhere you want them to make for you. Either way this jewellery designer has been going for a long time and will always go that extra mile to design the piece you've been looking for. I can personally vouch for their integrity and craftsmanship.

Stay on the same side of the road, but head towards the river and turn first left. You are now about to enter the

true heart of the Rue Des Arts district. It is, along this street you can mooch your way through some of the most well known artists, designers and photographers in the country. Start your journey down this street by allowing a good amount of time to visit the most talked about **Precious Heritage Art gallery Museum** in Vietnam. No 26. There are two floors to this building which contain a collection of photographs by Rehahn, accompanied with their stories and history in English, French and Vietnamese. Upstairs you will find more than 40 original tribal costumes donated to the museum. It is a memorable journey through the tribal past of Vietnam and one you will never forget. Plus its free!! Try and walk out without buying one of his charismatic photographs...I dare you!

# STILL DOING THE ART WALK?



## Traditional lacquered art at - Ly Ly Gallery!

If it is oil paintings and lacquered works you are seeking, then **Ly Ly Gallery** is your next stop. No 68 Phan Boi Chau, this beautiful selection of work is truly representative of a very old art form and always has a place on any wall in your home.

If you have time, don't miss checking out **Phap Gallery**, where you can take drawing classes. Art and design has no limits, and once you see how it is transformed to fabric you will be amazed at the quality and talent hidden away in many small boutiques in this street.



## is it time for coffee? nearly!

### Coffee at last... Mia Coffee it is ...!

Only a few more metres down the same side of the street, on the corner is the regular haunt for Expats, Mia Coffee. Grab a sneaky coffee with the best Pannini in town for less than 150,000 Dong/ about \$8AU.

## On Location

### March Gallery

Here you will see original paintings by the delightful Bridget March and an exclusive range of other artists works amongst gifts and jewellery. It's a delightful experience and well worth the pop in. Say hello to Bridget for me! [marchgalleryhoian.com](http://marchgalleryhoian.com)

### Hoi An Photo Tour

Newly located as part of the March Gallery shop you will find the work of local photographer **Etienne Bossot**. His Tours called - **Hoi An Photo Tours** offer a range of experiences in and around Hoi An. Etienne is a highly regarded photographer of long standing in Hoi An, and while he is French he is a genuine local with a real talent and lots of local knowledge.

I recommend you book a tour with him to capture the best holiday pics of Hoi An. Check out his work and book your photo tour at [www.hoianphototour.com](http://www.hoianphototour.com)





*While the weather in Hoi An is almost always warm, always take time out to refresh yourself with a cool fruit juice or water. There are some great spots along the river and as we finish up your tour for the day, I have a great spot in mind!*  
**Brothers Café.**

## Walk through to the river

Why not stop at one of my favourites in this street, and only about 25m from March Gallery you will find **Brothers Café**. Walk through the main restaurant entrance, and their beautiful gardens and you will find tables with white tablecloths overlooking the river. It's a delightful way to end your day with a light meal or cool drink!



# WHERE THE ARTISTS ◀ HANG OUT

Walk on the wild side around this part of town is a real treat. Mostly because it is a little bit more relaxed... less traffic and more people musing through the various galleries and places of interest. *If you want to get away from the madness of central Old town, head to Phan Boi Chau St.*

## Getting around Hoi An is so easy!

One thing you will pick up very quickly when you arrive in Hoi An is how easy it is to navigate. You will cover most of the Old Town on foot, where the outer areas can easily be seen riding a bicycle or if it's too hot arrange for a driver and plan out a day of sightseeing. I will be doing more guides where I think there is a need, so watch out for them on my facebook page #hellohoianvietnam.

Enjoy your tour and have a great time in Hoi An.

*Kerry*

## Last thoughts...

### Maybe I should have put this at the beginning!!

A few things to be aware of when walking around Hoi An during the day. It is mostly hot, so be prepared for the heat with hat, sunscreen, water .....you know the drill!

**Because** this is a self guided tour, with no restrictions on when you decide to do it, you might want to consider doing it in the cooler parts of the day. To ensure the places mentioned are open, check their websites as locals tend to open different hours depending on the

time of year!

### **Be on the look out for motor bikes!**

I know this is stating the obvious, but I had to mention it!! You may like to do this tour during the **bike free zones (zoned areas motor bikes not allowed)**

9am – 11am

3pm – 9pm

These times can vary slightly depending on the season.

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