

# Phong Nha - Ke Bang National Park Tour

## Highlight

*Adventure level: Easy • Age 12-70 years old*

Welcome to the Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where nature's magic and human's resilience are revealed through ancient wonders. The park covers more than 123,000 hectares of limestone mountains and forests, hiding over 450 caves, even though only 30% of the park has been explored. Many secrets await you in this mysterious land.

Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park is located in Quang Binh Province, which was known as "the most bombed place in the world" during the Vietnam War. Between the East Coast and the Laos border, a distance of only 50 km, this place witnessed many historical battles. Despite the hardships, the Vietnamese spirit never gave up.

Tra Ang Bridge, a silent witness of the war, reminds us of the value of human lives. Likewise, in the quietness of Eight Ladies Cave, the tragic story of the young female volunteers who sacrificed their lives still echoes. Their sacrifice will always be a symbol of their determination and bravery.

Phong Nha-Ke Bang offers more than just a glimpse of war history. Our one-day exploration of the park takes you to the heart of the "cave kingdom", a place blessed with natural beauty by Mother Nature. You will explore the primeval forests, a magnificent cave, and the underground rivers.

Become a real caver to explore the hidden wonder of nature, Nuoc Nut Cave, this cave is the last one in the cave system that includes Hang En, Son Doong, and Hang Va. It is formed by the Rao Thuong River, which originates from U Bo Peak, the highest point of the park. You will see the beautiful caves with large chambers, colorful stalactites, sandy beaches, and clear emerald lakes. You will also explore the sparkling underground river inside the cave.

After the jungle trek is complete, your next stop is serenity. Hop on a kayak at Chay Lap and glide across the crystal-clear water, flanked by lush hills and giant limestone mountains in the distance. On the paddling route, visitors can see local people fishing on the river. This kayaking activity is the perfect ending to your journey.

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- ✓ **Tra Ang Bridge:** Where whispers of history meet the roar of a hidden river. This war-scarred sentinel once choked a crucial artery - the fuel lifeline to the south. Now, Son Doong's mighty waters thunder beneath, a testament to both resilience and nature's hidden veins.
- ✓ **Eight Ladies Cave:** A hushed chamber echoing with tales of sacrifice. Eight young volunteers sought refuge here, only to be sealed in by a cruel twist of fate. Their story whispers through the shadows, a poignant reminder of the human cost etched in stone.
- ✓ **Nuoc Nut Cave:** A hidden wonder of nature. Enter this vast cave and see the light from the entrance illuminate the rock formations. Admire the clear pools of water, the hanging stalactites, and the sandy passages that connect to Hang Va Cave and receive water from Son Doong Cave.
- ✓ **Beyond the Caves:** Move from jungle trails to tranquil waters for kayaking at the Chay River. With crystal ribbons between emerald hills and limestone giants. Watch local fishermen in their timeless dance, nets slicing through mirrored water. A serene finale to your jungle adventure.

## Itinerary

Due to the weather conditions the itinerary may need to be changed at short notice. The paths can be muddy and slippery after rain.

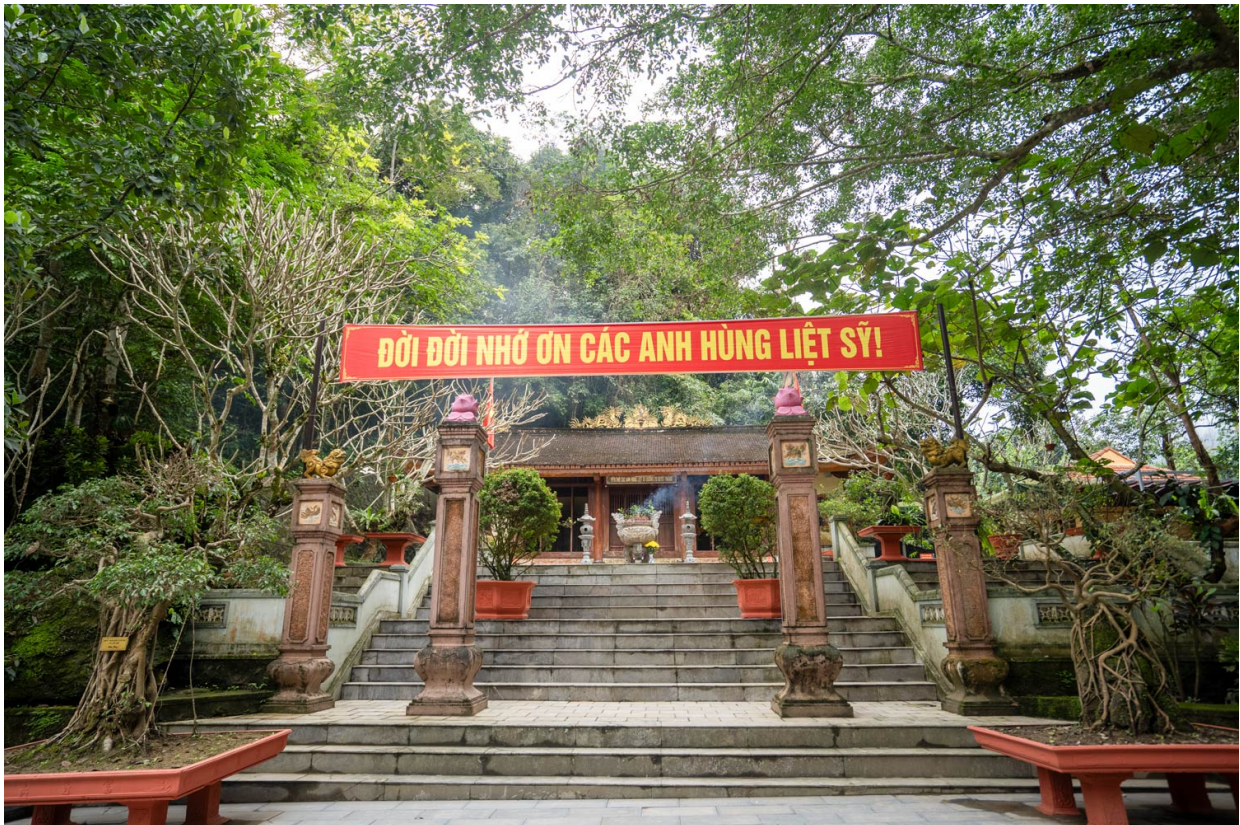
[Download the itinerary](#)

### Morning

Please arrive in Phong Nha before 07:00 AM on the tour day to ensure a timely departure. Oxalis offers free dorm rooms with 6 comfortable beds at Oxalis Home (Oxalis Office) for those who want to rest a bit before the tour. (Please let us know in advance if you need this service).

Between 07:30 and 08:00, the guide and driver will pick you up at your hotel in Phong Nha town. After driving for 30 minutes on Ho Chi Minh Highway West, the bus will stop at Tra Ang Bridge, where you can stretch your legs and breathe some fresh air. This place was a battlefield where the US air force tried to bomb and cut off the supplies from the north to the south. After Tra Ang bridge, the group will continue to 8 Lady Cave, which is 3km away. You will visit the memorial temple for the volunteer youths who died on Highway 20, and the cave where 8 ladies were trapped by the bombing and died.

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Eight Lady Cave - The memorial temple for the volunteer youths who were trapped by the bombing and died.

Nuoc Nut Cave: After a short hike through the dense forest and easy trails, you will arrive at the cave's entrance. You will get a helmet and a headlamp to help you navigate the cave. The cave is dark, except for some natural light that filters through the roof into the main chamber. You will marvel at the various rock shapes, the sandy shores, and the lake. You will also have the opportunity to swim in the underground river, a unique experience that few people have ever had.

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Nuoc Nut Cave

A picnic lunch will be provided at the entrance of Nuoc Nut Cave.

## **Afternoon**

Leaving behind the stalactites and spelunking, you trade cave shadows for sunshine! A friendly driver with a cooler full of chilled drinks awaits on the west branch of Ho Chi Minh Road, ready to scoop you up and reunite you with the rest of your intrepid crew.

Kayaking on the Chay River: Following the jungle adventure, you will head to the Chay Lap Riverside where you will receive a kayak. You can paddle solo or with a partner for two hours on the Chay River, which has clear water from the Nuoc Mooc Spring and the Dark Cave. Along the way, you might encounter local fishermen or water buffaloes.

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Enjoy the fresh air, admire the majestic mountain scenery when kayaking on the Chay River.

The tour ends at about 17h00 on the same day, and the guide and driver will drive customers back to their hotel in Phong Nha.

## Photos





