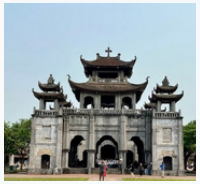
NORTHERN VIETNAM



1. Cathedral of Hanoi (St Joseph's Cathedral) - Ha Noi: Built in 1886 in Gothic style, its twin towers resemble Notre-Dame de Paris. With stunning stained glass, it remains the spiritual heart of Northern Vietnam and a landmark of Hanoi.



2. So Kien Basilica - Ha Nam: One of the region's oldest large-scale churches, blending Gothic-Roman architecture with Asian elements. It serves as a vibrant pastoral centre for the Ha Nam – Ninh Binh Catholic community. A quiet, solemn sanctuary nestled in the rural landscape. This is one of only four basilicas in Vietnam.



3. Phat Diem Cathedral - Ninh Binh: Completed in 1891, this grand cathedral merges Western Gothic-Roman style with Vietnam's communal house and temple roofs. The complex includes 5 churches, bell towers, a lake and grottoes; it was bombed in 1972 and fully restored. Now a national cultural-religious relic and must-see destination.



4. Phu Nhai Basilica - Nam Dinh: Constructed in 1933 and restored in 2004, its 44-meter twin towers honor Saint Peter. The fusion of Gothic and modern styles draws thousands of pilgrims annually. It is a living symbol of faith in Nam Dinh and stands as one of only four basilicas in Vietnam, recognized for its historical and spiritual significance.

CENTRAL VIETNAM



5. Our Lady of La Vang - Quang Tri: Site of the 1798 Marian apparition, it is Vietnam's largest Catholic pilgrimage destination. Despite wartime destruction, it retains an aura of sanctity. Tens of thousands gather annually for the La Vang Festival. It is also designated as a basilica in Vietnam.



6. Phu Cam Cathedral - Hue: Built in the early 20th century in a modern Romanesque style, its vaulted roof and bell tower crown Phu Cam Hill. It serves as the diocesan liturgical center of Hue. A prominent historical and cultural site.



7. Thien An Monastery - Hue: Nestled on a pine-covered hill, Thien An Monastery was founded in 1940 by French Benedictine monks. Its serene Romanesque-style chapel and peaceful gardens create a retreat-like atmosphere ideal for prayer and reflection.



8. Da Nang Cathedral (Pink Church) - Da Nang: Built in 1923 by French missionaries, the Da Nang Cathedral is renowned for its striking pink façade and Gothic-style bell tower crowned. Locals call it the "Rooster Church." It serves as a spiritual heart for the Catholic community of Da Nang and a beloved landmark for visitors.

VIETNAM PILGRIMAGE SITES





9. Our Lady Of Tra Kieu - Quang Nam: Our Lady of Tra Kieu commemorates the miraculous protection granted to local Catholics during the 1885 anti-Christian uprising. The church combines colonial architecture with a hilltop Marian statue, creating a serene destination for pilgrimage and prayer. Every May, thousands of faithful gather here for the annual Marian Festival.

SOUTHERN VIETNAM



10. Notre Dame Cathedral of Saigon: Built in the late 19th century with Marseille bricks, featuring Romanesque-Gothic style and twin towers 57 meters high. Designated as a basilica in Vietnam, it is both a major center of faith and a cultural landmark in Ho Chi Minh City.



11. Christ the King Church - Vung Tau: Located in the heart of Vung Tau, it was founded in the early 20th century to serve the growing Catholic community, including many French residents. Its colonial-style façade is simple yet elegant, crowned with a statue of Christ the King. Today, it remains a welcoming stop for visitors to this coastal city.



12. Our Lady of Bai Dau - Vung Tau: Perched on Bai Dau's green slopes overlooking the East Sea, this Marian shrine dates to the mid-20th century and was rebuilt in 1994. The statue of Our Lady holding the Child Jesus rests in a hilltop chapel, blending modern elements with traditional charm.



13. Our Lady of Nui Cui - Dong Nai: Located atop Nui Cui hill by Tri An Lake, this Marian shrine was inaugurated in 2015. It features a towering 17m statue of Our Lady of Peace in gleaming white, set within a spacious complex blending modern Catholic architecture with open-air landscapes.

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS



14. Kontum Wooden Church - Kon Tum: Built in 1913, Kon Tum Wooden Church blends Romanesque design with Central Highlands stilt-house style. Its dark wood frame, stained-glass windows, and detailed carvings create a warm yet solemn space, making it both a spiritual hub and cultural icon.



15. Our Lady Of Mang Den - Kon Tum: Established in 1971, this shrine stands amid the cool pine forests of Kon Tum's highlands. The simple white statue, missing both hands, has been embraced as a symbol of resilience and hope for the faithful. Pilgrims come year-round to seek peace, healing, and spiritual renewal in its serene mountain setting.

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ABOUT VIETNAM CATHOLIC TOURS



My name is Marie, the founder of Vietnam Catholic Tours.
Growing up in a big family of 8 siblings in a modest little house was never easy, but we had no complaints of hardship, except for me always feeling a burden of life.

At 16, due to my mother's constant advice that the best option for me was to leave home to stay in a convent, I did as told.

However, there was a frequent thought in my mind about what God really wanted me to be for my future. After contemplating for over 8 years, I finally had the courage to make the decision to leave the convent, trusting my own instinct to pursue and embark on another path in order to provide for my big family as well as for the Catholic community.

Upon leaving the convent, working as a Tourist Guide for 7 years provided me with the opportunity to interact with people and to improve my English language skills as well as my communication skills. Later, I decided to start my own tour agency, Vietnam Catholic Tours, officially based in Central Vietnam.

I have not looked back since then, as I always believe that it is another form of contribution and moral obligation to the Catholic community, to the destitute, and to the deprived through CONNECT & SHARE that depicts this purpose.

Looking forward to seeing your participation in embracing the Catholic community through Vietnam Catholic Tours.

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- CAMBODIA
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- INDONESIA
- KAZAKHSTAN
- THAILAND
- MALAYSIA
- MYANMAR

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- GERMANY
- NORWAY
- SWEDEN
- BELGIUM
- CZECH REPUBLIC
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