



Program Summary

Date	Section & Activity	Meeting Place	Time	Registration Contact
Saturday 12 Apr	City Walk: Ngũ Xã Island, the bronze-making village, and Quán Thánh Temple English	Part 1: In front of Đức Đồng Ngũ Xã shop, 178 Trần Vũ, on Ngũ Xã Island Part 2: Phở Cuồn sidewalk diner at the corner of Nguyễn Khắc Hiếu and Ngũ Xã	Part 1: 9:00 AM (3 hrs) Part 2: 1:00 PM (2 hrs)	Roman Szlam FVH.CityWalks.English@gmail.com
Saturday 19 Apr	Excursion: Discover Daily Life in Nôm Traditional Village in Hưng Yên Province and Bò Dương Water Puppet Village English	Outside of the Sofitel Plaza Hotel; On Yên Phụ Rd, at the corner of Thanh Niên Rd	8.30 am (8.0 hrs)	Mai phmai@fpt.vn
Sunday 20 Apr	City Walk: Back Alleys of Hàng Da market area English	Hồng Hà theatre, 51 Đường Thành Street	9:30 AM (3 hrs)	Loan phuongloan2704@gmail.com
Wednesday 23 Apr	City Walk: Lãn Ông Street Japanese	24 Hàng Gai (at the corner of Hàng Gai and Lương Văn Can streets)	9:30 AM (2 hrs)	Yuko Kanetaka herijapan@yahoo.co.jp
Sunday 27 Mar	City Walk: St Joseph's Cathedral and the surrounding area English	In front of St Joseph's Cathedral on the corner of Nhà Thờ and Nhà Chung streets	9:00 AM (2.5 hrs)	Jura jura.cullen@cantab.net

Friends of Vietnam Heritage (FVH) is a non-formal group of mainly Hà Nội residents from many countries who work voluntarily to promote and preserve Vietnamese cultural and historical heritage. With a cadre of dedicated volunteers and limited financial resources, FVH is proud to offer an array of events like those listed above and detailed on the following pages.

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Program Details

Discover Hanoi City Walk:

Ngũ Xã Bronze Casting Village and Đền Quán Thánh – the temple of Trấn Vũ, Protector of the North

Saturday, 12 April, 9:00am – 3:00pm
(English)



Part 1, 9:00 - 12:00: Learn about bronze casting and its history in northern Vietnam, visit a “kitchen” foundry, see the largest single pour bronze statue in Vietnam – all on tiny Ngũ Xã island on the east end of Hồ Trúc Bạch.

12:00 – 1:00: We’ll stop for lunch/refreshments.

Part 2, 1:00 – 2:30: Then, walk with us to discover Đền Quán Thánh, the very important, old, almost purely Taoist temple and its 3.7-ton 350-year-old bronze statue of Trấn Vũ, Hanoi’s Protector of the North. On the way, learn about the history of Hồ Trúc Bạch.

Place: Part 1: 178 Trấn Vũ, in front of Đức Đồng Ngũ Xã shop, Ngũ Xã Island, *east end* of Trúc Bạch Lake

Part 2: Phở Cuốn sidewalk diner at the corner of Nguyễn Khắc Hiếu and Ngũ Xã

Cost: 70,000 VND each part

Limit: Part 1: 16 people – strict!
Part 2: 22 people

Registration: Roman, FVH.CityWalks.English@gmail.com,
Please leave your mobile phone number so we can contact you in case of any last minute changes.



Notes: Dress appropriately for the weather and use plenty of sunscreen as we’ll be outside the entire time. Please bring comfortable walking shoes, sun hat, possibly an umbrella, and plenty of water. There will be places to sit down in the shade, and places for toilet and water breaks.



Excursion:

Discover Daily Life at Nôm Traditional Village in Hưng Yên Province and Bô Dương Water Puppet Village

Saturday, 19 April, 8:30 AM – 05:30 PM
(English)

We will visit the countryside to the east of Hanoi, the homeland of rice fields in Hưng Yên Province.

8.30am: take a 1-hour drive to Nôm Traditional Village in Van Lam District, Hưng Yên Province. The village is protected by the Hưng Yên Province Authority as an intact traditional village where complete structures of an old village such as the market, stone bridge, gate, old houses, village ponds, and the overall look of an old village are preserved, along with the giant beautiful Nôm Pagoda. Enjoy the morning country market.



10.30am: continue via highway 5 to Thanh Miện, then arrive in Bô Dương Village, the home of the Hồng Phong Water Puppet Guild. Enjoy the water puppet show in the village pond.



12.30pm: lunch at a home stay family in the village (order in advance), or at a village floating restaurant by yourself, or take your lunch box.

1.30pm: visit the village communal house, old houses, and walk to the surrounding fishing ponds and rice fields and learn how to grow rice.

3.00pm: get on the coach and return to Hanoi.

5.30pm: back in Hanoi.

Place: Outside of the Sofitel Plaza Hotel; On Yên Phụ Rd, at the corner of Thanh Niên Rd
Cost: 580.000 VND per person including private group transport, entrance ticket if any, puppet show fee, 1 bottle of waters, and travel insurance.

Limit: 22 people

Registration: Mai, phmai@fpt.vn or 0917-2949-23

Please leave your mobile number so you can be contacted in case of any last minute changes.

Notes: Lunch is not included, you can choose one of the options below:

- **Lunch with a local family in Bô Dương Village:** order with Mai. Menu includes: boiled chicken, grilled river fish, stir fried morning glory, tofu in fresh tomatoes served with rice, local fruit. Cost for lunch: 150.000vnd per person, food only.
- **Lunch at the only restaurant of the village:** order by yourself when you get there
- **Bring your own lunch box**

Registrants after Friday 18 Apr 2014 will not receive insurance, other benefits of the excursion unchanged.

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Discover Hanoi City Walk:
Back Alleys of Hàng Da Market Area
Sunday, 20 April, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
(English)

Hidden pagodas, small communal houses dedicated to patrons of craft guilds, narrow streets full of local life, Chinese merchant mansions, legends you haven't heard before, bits of the old citadel, and more characterize this charming walk through the small streets and alleys surrounding the old leather market.



Place: 51 Đường Thành St, in front of the Hồng Hà Theatre

Cost: 70,000 VND

Limit: 10 people

Registration: Loan phuongloan2704@gmail.com

Please leave your mobile phone number so we can contact you in case of any last minute changes.

Notes: Dress appropriately for the weather and use plenty of sunscreen as we'll be outside the entire time. Please bring comfortable walking shoes, sun hat, possibly an umbrella, and plenty of water. There will not be many places to sit or toilets.

Discover Hanoi City Walk:

Lãn Ông Street
Wednesday, 23 April, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
(Japanese)

We will take you to Lãn Ông Street (herbal medicine) to show and explain some of the herbs, architecture, history, and religious buildings etc. Then we will come back down Chả Cá Street with its 100-year-old famous fish noodle restaurant.



Place: 24 Hàng Gai, on the corner of Hàng Gai and Lương Văn Can Sts.

Cost: 70,000 VND

Limit: 8 people

Registration: Yuko Kanetaka, herijapan@yahoo.co.jp;

Please leave your mobile phone number so we can be contacted in case of any last minute changes.



Discover Hanoi City Walk:
St Joseph's Cathedral and the surrounding area
Sunday, 27 April, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
(English)

This walk commences at St Joseph's Cathedral and travels through some streets of the Old Quarter, including Lý Quốc Sư, Yên Thái, Hàng Quạt, and Hàng Trống Sts. It also includes visits to two important pagodas (or Chùa) and two community houses (or Đình).



Place: St Joseph's Cathedral on the corner of Nhà Thờ and Nhà Chung streets

Cost: 70,000 VND

Limit: 8 people

Registration: Jura, jura.cullen@cantab.net

Please leave your mobile phone number so we can contact you in case of any last minute changes.

Notes: It may still be hot, or it may be rainy, so please bring a hat, sunshade (umbrella) and bottle of water..



Get Involved, Volunteer!

Arts & Antiquities / Lectures Section Head

Main Duties:

- Contact lecturers, experts and teachers to set up date, time and subject of lecture or demonstration (one lecture/demonstration to be held each month)
- Submit information for the newsletter and calendar
- Send a reminder to all who sign up for the activity (four days before activity)
- Attend lecture or demonstration
- Check attendees and collect money for activity
- Submit monthly section report and financial report for activity
- Attend monthly Governing Council meeting (first Tuesday of each month)

Expected output: Plan one activity each month; prepare an alternate activity two months in advance

Estimated workload: 5 hrs per month

For more information: Please email fvheritage@gmail.com

Films Co-Section Head

Main duties:

- Help choose a film for monthly viewing
- Assist the Section Head to set up a speaker to pair with the film (director, producer, actor, special speaker, etc)
- Schedule time and date with Cinematheque
- Submit information for the newsletter and calendar
- Keep track of sign ups
- Send reminders to all who sign up for the activity
- Check-in attendees and collect money for activity
- Contribute to the monthly section report and financial report for the activity
- Attend monthly council meeting when the Section Heads is unavailable
- Supports the Section Head with other FVH tasks upon request

Expected output:

- One program per month (except during summer months)

Estimated workload: 8 hrs per month

For more information: Please email fvheritage@gmail.com





Traditional Beliefs Section Head

Main duties:

- Contact a knowledgeable person
- Arrange for an introduction and participatory session
- Help find and arrange a suitable venue
- Attend the event, check-in attendees, and collect the event fee

Expected output: One activity each month if possible (except during summer months)

Estimated time: 5-10 hrs per month

For more information: Please email fvheritage@gmail.com



Walking Guide

Have you ever been on one of FVH's fabulous walks and thought to yourself: "Wow! I want to be a guide just like that!?" Well, now you too have the chance – we have a very limited number of walks that need guiding, and you could be the lucky person to guide one of these walks!

Main duties once every 3-6 months:

- Schedule the walk by sending in a pre-written template to the FVH newsletter publisher
- Register and keep track of attendees
- Send out a reminder e-mail before the walk
- Guide the walk, check-in attendees, and collect the event fee
- Submit a follow-up report

Expected output: One activity every 3-6 months (except during summer months)

Estimated time: 3 hrs per month

For more information: Please email fvh.citywalks.english@gmail.com





Museum Spotlight

Vietnam Museum of Ethnology

Bảo Tàng Dân Tộc Học Việt Nam

Nguyễn Văn Huyền Road, Cầu Giấy, Hà Nội

Tel: (84-4) 3756-2193

Email: vme18@vme.org.vn

www.vme.org.vn

Bus Routes: 7, 14, 27, 28, 30, 38, 45

Hours: 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM daily except Mondays

Ticket Price: 25,000 VND for regular admission
5,000 VND for children and students
Free for children under 6 years of age and people of Việt Nam ethnic minorities

Tour Prices: 30,000 VND for tours in Vietnamese, 50,000 VND in French and English

Water Puppets: Performances every Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM, 2:30 PM and 4:00 PM. Show tickets are 40,000 VND for adults, 10,000 VND for children, children under six are free, 15,000 VND for student. This fee is in addition to the regular museum entrance fee and goes directly to the puppet troupe. After the performances there are opportunities to talk to the artisans about traditional puppetry in Việt Nam. The performance is held in the outdoor exhibition space. Special performance for private parties and events can be arranged.



Hanoi Museum

Bảo Tàng Hà Nội

Phạm Hùng Street, Từ Liêm

The first two floors of the Vietnam National Museum of History house a permanent collection of bronzes, photos, plants, pottery and miscellaneous artifacts, along with a small cafe and shop. At the entrance to the second floor exhibits there is magnificent silk embroidery. The third and fourth floors are still under development but currently display an extensive temporary collection of ceramic pieces from 1000BC to the 20th Century, Đông Sơn drums and both metal and stone tools.

This new museum is completely wheelchair accessible. There is a ramp on the left of the stairs leading to the front door and a circular ramp spirals to each of the four floors. There is also an elevator.



Items are labeled in both Vietnamese and English and are well lit and displayed. Groups are welcome.

Location: Next to the Conference Center near the Mỹ Đình National Stadium

Hours: 8:30-11:30 AM, 2:00-4:30 PM. Closed on Mondays.

Admission: Free until further notice. English Translator available, donation requested

Bus Routes: 5, 29, 33, 39, 44, 50



The Vietnamese Women's Museum **Bảo Tàng Phụ Nữ**

36 Lý Thường Kiệt, Tel: (84-4) 3825-9936
www.baotangphunu.org.vn

Bus Routes: Any bus that runs on Lê Duẩn,
Hai Bà Trưng, or Trần Hưng Đạo
Hours: Daily from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Ticket Price: 30,000 VND for Expats



"Story of Market" Exhibition

Date: 6 March – 15 April 2014

Location: The Vietnamese Woman's Museum, 36 Lý Thường Kiệt, Hanoi

This exhibition is meant to celebrate International Women's Day, 8 March. Documentary photos and videos which are about vendor's lives or women shopping every day will be on display in the exhibition.

Vietnam Museum of Fine Arts **Bảo Tàng Mỹ Thuật**

66 Nguyễn Thái Học, Tel: (84-4) 3823-3084
www.baotangmythuat.vn

Bus Routes: 2, 18, 23, 25, 27, 32, 34, 38, 39, 41, 45, 50
Hours: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM daily
Ticket Price: 20,000 VND for adults
7,000 VND for students and children under 12
FVH Liaison: John Reilly, left-handed2hanoi@yahoo.com

The Vietnam Museum of Fine Arts has an excellent collection of the following:

- Fine arts in the early historic times, pre-11th century
- Religious art
- Fine arts from 11th to 19th century
- Paintings and sculptures from the 20th century
- Lacquer paintings
- Paintings on silk
- Applied decorative arts
- Vietnamese ceramics from 11th to 20th century







The National Museum of Vietnamese History

Bảo Tàng Lịch Sử

1 Tràng Tiền Street,

Tel: (84-4) 3824-1384 / 3825-7753

Email: banbientap@nmvnh.org.vn

www.baotanglichsu.vn

Bus Routes: 2, 3, 4, 9, 11, 23, 34, 36, 40, 45

Hours: 8:30 AM – 11.30 AM & 1.30 PM - 4:30 PM
(daily except Monday)

Guided tours: Available on request

Guide Contact: Mrs Nguyen Thu Hoan, Deputy of Exhibition
and Education Department, office: (84-4) 824-
1384, mobile: (84) 094-536-8086
tuyentruyenbt@baotanglichsu.vn

Ticket Price: 20,000 VND for adults
10,000 VND for students
2,000 VND for children

Photo/Video Charges:

Video: 800,000 VND per day if showcases are opened; 400,000 VND per day if showcases
are not opened

Research photographs: 20,000-600,000 VND per day (depending on needs)

Personal video: 30,000 VND

Personal camera: 15,000 VND





Publications

Friends of Vietnam Heritage produce a number of publications. All publications are **60,000 VND**. If you would like to purchase any of these books just contact FVH at fvheritage@gmail.com. Books are also sold at all FVH events or at Bookworm.

1. Bạch Mã Temple Guidebook (White Horse Temple)

Learn about King Lý Thái Tổ's dream and why the temple honors the White Horse Deity. This guidebook offers detailed information on the history of Bạch Mã Temple on Hàng Buồm Street, including temple layout, translation of panels written in Chinese characters, as well as information about the symbolism used in the temple. The guided walk contained at the end of this guidebook provides an opportunity to explore and experience some of the same streets where the craft guilds and merchants set-up within the third enclosure of the citadel.

Published 2001

2. Quán Thánh Temple Guidebook

This publication details the legends of Huyền Thiên Trấn Vũ, also known as the 'genie who guards the Dark Heaven.' This guidebook contains detailed information on the history of Quán Thánh Temple, as well as translations of the many parallel sentences and poems on the walls and columns of this magnificent Taoist Temple. A walking tour of the bronze-casting village of Ngũ Xã, with its Chùa and Đình and the enjoyable atmosphere around Trúc Bạch Lake is included.

Published 2002, reprinted 2008

3. Trấn Quốc Pagoda Guidebook

The Trấn Quốc Pagoda on Thanh Niên Road was founded some 1400 years ago, and it is one of the most ancient Buddhist pagodas in Hà Nội. Nestled between West Lake and Trúc Bạch Lake, the pagoda is considered a magnificent symbol of Buddhism in Việt Nam, and is one of the most visited sites in the capital. This guidebook covers the history of Buddhism, the temple layout, and describes in detail the different areas of the pagoda. A fascinating publication, which includes especially commissioned drawings and photographs.

Published 2003, reprinted 2006

4. Phủ Tây Hồ Guidebook (West Lake Palace)

Have you ever wondered who these doll-like statues in glass cabinets, in blue, white, red or green attire may be? Phủ Tây Hồ at the far end of the Tây Hồ peninsula is the most impressive pagoda dedicated to the cult of the Mother goddesses in Hà Nội, an indigenous cult that seems to permeate the lives of all Vietnamese women in varying degrees. The guidebook describes in detail the complex itself, then discusses the religion of the Mother goddesses, including its philosophy, pantheon and rituals.

Published 2004

5. Lãn Ông Street Guidebook (Traditional Medicine Street)

Traditional medicine is very much alive on this particular street of the Old Quarter. This guidebook not only describes the area in its historical context and current set-up, but also offers information on a variety of Vietnamese herbal teas for the health conscious as well as a comprehensive pictorial of Lãn Ông Street.

Published 2005, reprinted 2005



6. Bát Tràng Traditional Pottery Village: A Self-Guided Walk

This guidebook focuses on the old section of the pottery commune of Bát Tràng, a village with a long history hitherto unknown to many outsiders. The guidebook is based on a self-guided walk. There are three different circuits lasting from 45 minutes to two hours, all shown on a map.

Published 2006, reprinted 2009

7. Hoàn Kiếm Lake, its Legends and Temples: A Self-Guided Walk

The area around Hồ Hoàn Kiếm represents the physical heart and spiritual soul of Hà Nội. Continuing the tradition of FVH to promote the understanding of Việt Nam's history and culture, this guidebook focuses on the history and legends, the temples and pagodas surrounding the lake. Also included is information on the large Báo Ân Pagoda complex, which was razed between 1886-1889 and left only the Hòa Phong tower still standing today.

Published 2007

8. Vignettes of French Culture in Hà Nội

This guidebook provides an insight and appreciation of the influence on Hà Nội of the French colonial period from 1873 until 1954. The three guided walks contained in this guidebook provide an opportunity for the reader to explore and experience aspects of what the people of Hà Nội have absorbed and made their own as a result of eighty years of French presence in their city.

Published 2008

9. Hồ Tây – Walks Around West Lake

Hồ Tây continues to inspire writers, artists and photographers with its beauty, history, culture and religious aspects, but it also provides for its local residents a source of fish, water and a rich soil to cultivate a variety of plants and vegetables. This guidebook covers the legends of the lake, as well as its history and future plans for this rapidly expanding part of Hà Nội. Included are five self-guided walks identifying those places of interest both old and new around the entire West Lake shore.

Published 2009

10. Văn Miếu Walking Tour (Temple of Literature)

This guidebook introduces visitors to the Văn Miếu, or the Temple of Literature, one of the foremost architectural treasures of Việt Nam and its capital city Hà Nội. The Văn Miếu - Quốc Tử Giám ranks third in Việt Nam's register of national historic sites. A leafy oasis in the centre of the bustling city, it is a magnet for the citizens of Hà Nội and for visitors to the city who wish to spend a quiet moment contemplating its rich past. This guidebook contains a history of the school and the temple, a description of each courtyard and its meaning as expressed through its architecture, translations of all the plaques, as well as quick guides to Confucianism and the Royal Examinations

Published 2010



Resource Center

Hanoi City Library Thư Viện Hà Nội 47 Bà Triệu, 4th floor Hà Nội, Việt Nam

The Friends of Vietnam Heritage's Resource Center is on the 4th floor of the Hanoi City Library (Thư Viện Hà Nội), located on the corner of Trần Hưng Đạo and Bà Triệu streets. The FVH collection includes books and journals that focus on Vietnamese art, history and culture.

In order to access the collection you need to get a Reader's Card. Go to the office (just inside the main entrance of the library), fill out a simple form, and attach one photograph. You'll also need to show your passport and pay an annual fee of 22,000 VND. After becoming a member, show your card whenever you go in.



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Library Opening Times: Every day Monday to Friday except Thursday morning of the first and third week of the month. Daily times: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:30 – 5:00 PM. Closed on weekends and national holidays.

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The Last Page

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Bookmark the Friends of Vietnam Heritage website where you will find the monthly program and further information about FVH, including a photo page and links.

Email: fvheritage@gmail.com
Address all correspondence to the Friends of Vietnam Heritage email address.

Program: To receive our free monthly program, please send an email to fvheritage@gmail.com.

Participation: Our programs are open to all people. FVH programs and events are in English or translated into English, unless noted otherwise.

Volunteering: If you are interested in serving on the FVH Governing Council or in volunteering for a specific section, please send an email to fvheritage@gmail.com. Also visit the "Get Involved" section of our website for current volunteer openings. FVH does not have an office, so all volunteers work from home.

Council Meetings: The FVH Council usually meets every first Tuesday of the month at the Fine Arts Museum. However, times and dates may change. Everyone who receives this program is welcome to attend the meetings as an observer. If you are interested in attending, please email fvheritage@gmail.com to verify date and time.

Executive Committee: John Reilly - Chair; Yuko - Treasurer
Helen Huntley - Vice Chair;

Student Invitation

FVH would like to invite Vietnamese students to join our events for half of the activity cost. Please contact the event coordinator to reserve a place (subject to availability, as determined by the coordinator). Students are required to present their current student identification card.

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