

Da Lat

Lâm Đồng · Vietnam

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Da Lat is a hill town in the Central Highlands, about 1,500 m above sea level. The air is cool and fresh, which is rare in Vietnam. The French founded it as a mountain retreat. Pine forests, lakes, flower gardens, coffee farms and French-style villas still shape the town.

It suits two or three nights. Days are for waterfalls, gardens, cafes and short trips into the hills. Many Vietnamese travellers come here for the cool weather and to relax.

When to visit

November to April is the dry season and the best time. Days are sunny and nights are cool. December and January are the coolest, so bring a jacket for the evening. May to October is the rainy season. Rain usually comes in the afternoon, and the hills are green.

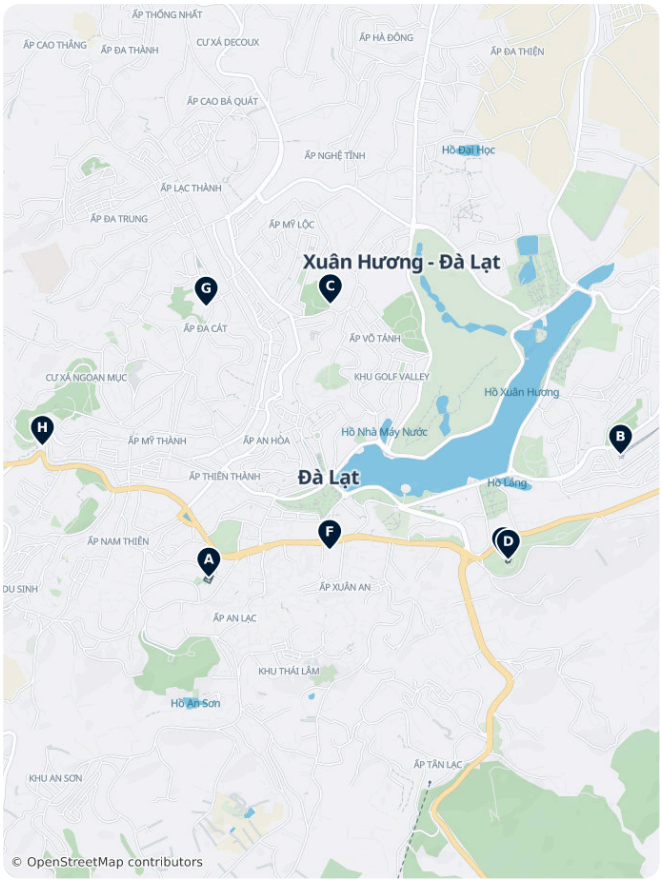
The **Da Lat Flower Festival** is the main event. It takes place every two years, around the end of December. Gardens, streets and Xuan Huong Lake are decorated with flowers.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Great Great for sightseeing	19° / 22°	11° / 8°	Dry air · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high)
February	Great Great for sightseeing	21° / 26°	12° / 9°	20 sunny days · Dry air · Calm winds · UV 11 (Extreme)
March	Great Great for sightseeing	23° / 28°	13° / 10°	20 sunny days · Calm winds · UV 11 (Extreme)
April	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 30°	15° / 13°	Calm winds · UV 11 (Extreme)
May	Good Good for sightseeing	25° / 29°	16° / 15°	17 rainy days · Humid air · Calm winds · UV 11 (Extreme)
June	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 27°	16° / 15°	17 rainy days · Humid air · Calm winds · UV 10 (Very high)
July	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 27°	16° / 15°	20 rainy days · Calm winds · UV 10 (Very high)
August	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 27°	16° / 15°	19 rainy days · Calm winds · UV 10 (Very high)
September	Fair Fair for sightseeing	23° / 26°	16° / 15°	22 rainy days · Humid air · Calm winds · UV 10 (Very high)
October	Fair Fair for sightseeing	21° / 24°	15° / 13°	23 rainy days · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high)
November	Good Good for sightseeing	20° / 23°	14° / 12°	19 rainy days · Calm winds
December	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 21°	13° / 9°	13 rainy days

Best months: January, February, March, April

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

Top sights



- A Hang Nga Crazy House is an unusual guesthouse and gallery with curved, tree-like buildings. It was designed by the architect *Dang Viet Nga*.
- B Ga Đà Lạt is a railway station from the 1930s with a decorated front. A small tourist train runs from here to a nearby village.
- C Chùa Linh Sơn is a pagoda with a large white Buddha and a dragon made of glass pieces.
- D Governor Palace is a French colonial villa on a hill. It was a residence of the French governor.
- E Dinh Bao Dai 2 is a former palace of the last Vietnamese emperor *Bao Dai*. It keeps rooms in their original style.
- F Nhà thờ Chánh Tòa is a pink church from the French period. Its tall tower is a landmark.
- G Nhà Thờ Domain de Marie is a quiet church and convent on a hill outside the centre.
- H Thác Cam Ly is a small waterfall near the city centre.
- Xuan Huong Lake lies in the middle of town. A walk around it takes about an hour.

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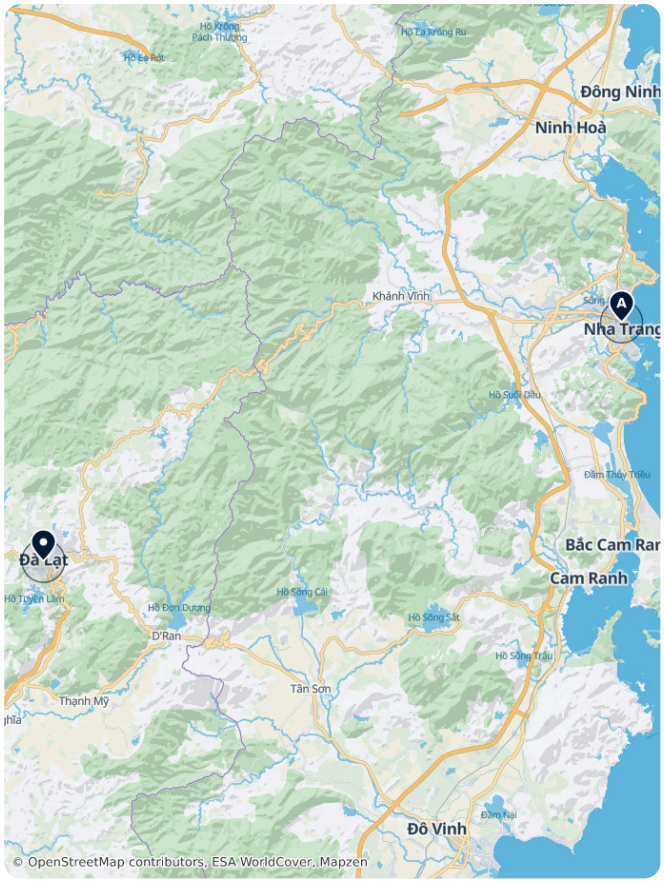
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What to experience

- **Tourist train ride**: Ride the old train from the station to a nearby village, for the ride itself.
- **Coffee farm visit**: Walk through a plantation and taste local coffee, including weasel-style coffee.
- **Canyoning or waterfall rappelling**: Da Lat is Vietnam's main centre for canyoning.
- **Night market**: Eat grilled street snacks and warm drinks at the market in the evening.
- **Hot drink in a cafe**: Cool evenings suit hot soy milk or a ginger drink at a cafe with a view.

Day trips

- **Datanla Waterfall and Prenn Pass**: about 15 min south. A cable car or alpine coaster leads to the falls.
- **Langbiang Mountain**: about 30 min north. Jeeps run to a viewpoint above the valley.
- **Coffee farms and Cau Dat tea hills**: 30 to 60 min by car. Walks among the plants, with tastings.
- **Truc Lam Zen Monastery**: about 10 min south. A cable car goes to the temple above the lake.
- Ⓐ Nha Trang: about 4 hours by road. A common next stop for beach time.



Where to explore

- **Coast**: Nha Trang is the nearest big beach resort.
- **Region**: Lâm Đồng is the province around Da Lat, with highlands, waterfalls and farms.
- **South**: Ho Chi Minh City is the main gateway by road or air.

Getting there

- **By air**: Lien Khuong Airport (DLI) is about 30 km south. A taxi or Grab takes 40 min, and an airport bus also runs. Flights come from Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City and other cities.
- **By bus**: Buses and sleeper coaches connect Da Lat with Ho Chi Minh City (about 6 to 8 hours), Nha Trang (about 4 hours) and Mui Ne.
- **By car**: The roads from the coast climb through mountain passes. Allow extra time for fog and rain.
- **By train**: The old line has no regular service to the rest of the country. There is only a short tourist train.

Getting around

- **On foot**: The centre around the lake and the market is walkable, but hills are steep.
- **Taxi and Grab**: The simplest way to reach the waterfalls, gardens and the Crazy House.
- **Motorbike**: Common for visitors, but mountain roads are steep and wet in the rainy season. Take care.
- **Cable cars**: Cable cars serve Truc Lam Monastery and Datanla Waterfall.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

The centre is walkable, but the hills are steep.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Low

Steep hills and busy traffic make cycling hard.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?** Only for day trips to the hills. In town, taxis, Grab and walking work well. A car with a driver is best for mountain roads.
- **Parking**: Hotels and sights have parking. Space is tight near the market.
- **Restrictions**: Mountain roads can be foggy and wet. Drive slowly and avoid night driving.

Food & drink

Da Lat is known for fresh vegetables, strawberries, coffee, artichoke tea and avocado. Try *banh trang nuong*, a grilled rice paper snack, and hot pot dishes for cool evenings. Hot soy milk is a common street drink.

Eat at the night market and on the streets around it. The market is a good place for snacks and local produce.

What to eat & drink

BREAKFAST

Pho · Phở
Beef or chicken noodle soup with a fragrant broth, fresh herbs, and rice noodles; commonly eaten for breakfast.

LUNCH

Bun Cha · Bún chả
Grilled pork patties and slices served with rice vermicelli, herbs, and a sweet-sour dipping sauce; a Hanoi specialty.

Bun Bo Hue · Bún bò Huế
A spicy, lemongrass-scented beef noodle soup from the city of Hue.

Cao Lau · Cao lầu
A noodle dish unique to Hoi An, with thick chewy noodles, pork, and greens, traditionally made with local well water.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Banh Mi · Bánh mì
A French-influenced baguette sandwich filled with pork, pate, pickled vegetables, and herbs.

Banh Xeo · Bánh xèo
A crispy turmeric rice-flour crepe filled with pork, shrimp, and bean sprouts, wrapped in lettuce and herbs.

Goi Cuon · Gỏi cuốn
Fresh (uncooked) spring rolls filled with shrimp, pork, herbs, and vermicelli, wrapped in rice paper.

SWEETS & DESSERTS

Che · Chè
A category of sweet dessert soups or puddings made with beans, fruit, jelly, and coconut milk, served hot or over ice.

DRINKS

Ca Phe Sua Da · Cà phê sữa đá
Strong drip coffee served over ice with sweetened condensed milk; Vietnam's signature drink.

Bia Hoi · Bia hơi
Cheap, light draft beer brewed fresh daily and sold at street-side stalls, especially in Hanoi.

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Safety & health

Da Lat is safe. Petty theft can happen in markets.

- Bring a warm layer. Nights are cool, especially in December and January.
- Mountain roads can be slippery and foggy. Be careful on motorbikes.
- Canyoning and other adventure trips need a licensed operator with good safety gear.
- Heavy afternoon rain is common in the wet season.

History

The doctor *Alexandre Yersin* explored the highlands in 1893 and suggested a mountain resort here. The French built roads, villas and a railway to the new town, which became a retreat from the heat of the coast. Ga Đà Lạt and Governor Palace date from this period.

The last emperor, *Bao Dai*, kept palaces in Da Lat. One of them is Dinh Bao Dai 2. Today, Da Lat is a popular holiday town for Vietnamese visitors.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Vietnam at a glance:

CURRENCY

VND ₫

ELECTRICITY



Type A / Type C / Type F
220 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES

Vietnamese

TAP WATER

Not safe to drink

Đà Lạt's Must-See Treasures

Đà Lạt's landscape is defined by its French colonial heritage and unique high-altitude architecture. This collection highlights the 1932 Art Deco railway station, the pink-walled Domaine de Marie convent, and the Romanesque St. Nicholas Cathedral. Architectural exploration continues at the surreal Crazy House and Bao Dai's summer palace. Natural and cultural landmarks include the central Xuan Huong Lake, the bustling night market known for regional street food, and the cable car route providing views of the surrounding pine forests and Truc Lam Zen Monastery.





A Hang Nga Crazy House

Hằng Nga guesthouse, popularly known as the "Crazy House", is an unconventional building designed and constructed by Vietnamese architect...

Huỳnh Thúc Kháng 3, Da Lat City (11.93461, 108.43069)

Mo–Su 08:30–19:00

crazyhouse.vn, 0633822070



B Linh Sơn Pagoda

Linh Sơn Temple is a notable Buddhist temple in the resort town of Đà Lạt, Vietnam.

101 Đường Nguyễn Văn Trỗi, Phường 2 671659, Vietnam (11.95004, 108.43769)

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Linh_S%C6%A1n_Pagoda



C Da Lat Railway Station

Dalat station is a railway station on the Da Lat–Thap Cham Railway line in Vietnam, serving the town of Da Lat in Lâm Đồng Province.

(Unnamed Road), Phường 10, Vietnam
(11.94155, 108.45443)



D Da Lat Night Market

A central hub for regional street food like grilled rice paper (Bánh Tráng Nướng), fresh produce, and textiles. The market transforms into a pedestrian zone in the evenings, offering local snacks and second-hand clothing.

1 Đường Nguyễn Thị Minh Khai, Phường 1 671556, Vietnam (11.94249, 108.43697)



E Domain de Marie

A 1940s Catholic convent and church complex featuring distinctive pink limestone walls. The architecture blends 17th-century French styles with the traditional "Rông" house design of Vietnam's Central Highlands ethnic groups.

4 Đường Ngô Quyền, Phường 6 671806, Vietnam (11.94991, 108.43054)



F Cathédrale Saint Nicolas

Known as the "Rooster Church" due to the copper bird ornament atop its spire, this Romanesque-style cathedral was built by the French between 1931 and 1942. It remains the largest church in the city.

(Unnamed Road), Đà Lạt, Vietnam (11.93617, 108.43766)

G Hồ Xuân Hương

A 5-kilometer-circumference man-made lake at the heart of Đà Lạt. Named after a famous 18th-century Vietnamese poet, it is surrounded by gardens and serve as a central landmark for recreation.

(11.94143, 108.44518)

H Bao Dai Palace 2

Built in 1933, this Art Deco mansion served as the summer residence for Vietnam's last emperor and the Governor-General of French Indochina. It retains original furnishings and offers views of the surrounding pine-covered hills.

(11.93576, 108.44768)



Da Lat Cable Car

A 2.3-kilometer aerial lift connecting Robin Hill to the Truc Lam Zen Monastery. The ride provides panoramic views of the city, Tuyen Lam Lake, and the surrounding mountain ranges.

(Unnamed Road), Đà Lạt, Vietnam (11.92304, 108.44343)

Mo–Su	08:00–11:30, 13:30–17:00

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