

Mũi Né

Phan Thiết · Vietnam

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Mũi Né is a beach strip on the south-central coast, a short way east of Phan Thiết. It is known for red and white sand dunes, a busy fishing harbour, a small canyon and steady wind.

Most visitors stay two to three nights. Days are for the dunes, the Fairy Stream and the beach. The wind makes Mũi Né one of Vietnam's main places for kitesurfing and windsurfing. Resorts line the main road along the sea.

When to visit

The dry season from November to April is the best time. Skies are clear and the wind is strongest for kitesurfing. Mũi Né is one of the drier parts of Vietnam. The rainy season runs from May to October. Rain comes in short showers, and the sea is rougher.

Dune sunrise and sunset are the best times for photos and for cooler temperatures. Midday on the sand is very hot.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Great Great for the beach	29° / 31°	22° / 20°	Muggy, humid air · UV 9 (Very high)
February	Great Great for the beach	30° / 31°	23° / 20°	23 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · UV 11 (Extreme)
March	Great Great for the beach	30° / 32°	24° / 21°	26 sunny days · Oppressive humidity · UV 12 (Extreme)
April	Great Great for watersports	31° / 33°	25° / 23°	24 sunny days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 12 (Extreme)
May	Fair Fair for watersports	31° / 34° Feels like 35°	26° / 24°	22 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 11 (Extreme)
June	Fair Fair for watersports	31° / 33°	26° / 24°	20 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · UV 10 (Very high)
July	Poor Poor for watersports	31° / 33°	25° / 24°	21 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · UV 10 (Very high)
August	Fair Fair for watersports	31° / 33°	25° / 24°	19 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · UV 11 (Extreme)
September	Poor Poor for watersports	30° / 33°	25° / 24°	21 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · UV 11 (Extreme)
October	Poor Poor for watersports	29° / 31° Feels like 33°	24° / 23°	22 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high)
November	Good Good for watersports	29° / 32°	24° / 22°	Oppressive humidity · UV 8 (Very high)
December	Great Great for watersports	29° / 31°	23° / 21°	Muggy, humid air · UV 8 (Very high)

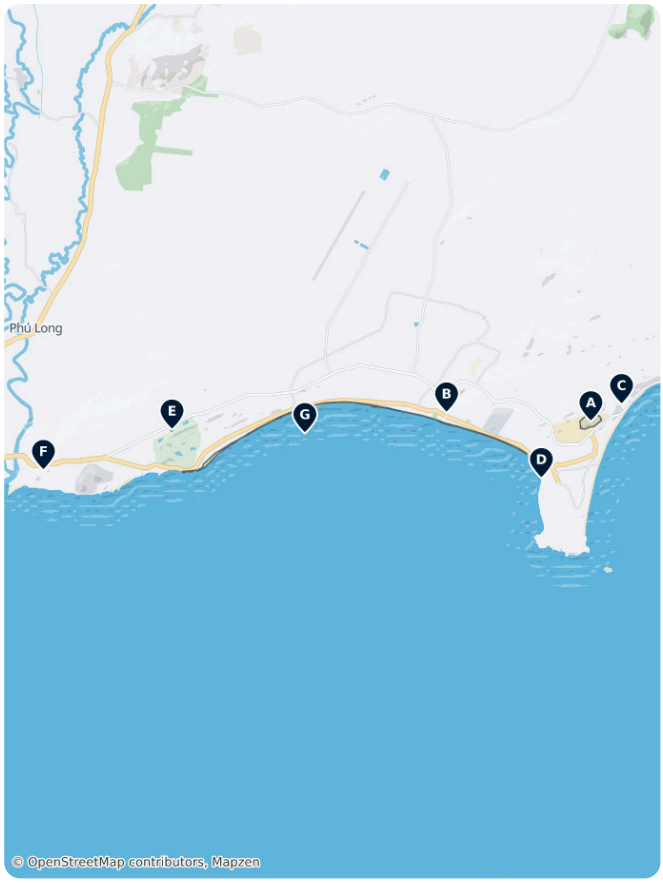
Best months: January, February, March, December

Climate data: NASA POWER + Copernicus ERA5-Land and ERA5 · 1996–2025

Top sights

- A Mui Ne Red Sand Dunes lie close to the main road. Visitors slide down the slopes on plastic sheets. Sunrise and sunset are best.
- B Fairy Stream is a shallow stream that you walk up barefoot. Red and white sand walls rise on both sides.
- C Red Canyon is a small gorge of eroded red and cream rock, north of the village.
- D Fisherman's harbor is the fishing harbour, with hundreds of round basket boats and colourful fishing boats. Go early in the morning.
- E Wine Castle is a castle-style winery near Phan Thiết that offers tours and tastings.
- F Po Sah Inu Cham Towers is a Cham tower complex near Phan Thiết.
- G Ham Tien Beach is a sandy beach on the Phan Thiết side of the strip.

The White Sand Dunes lie about 25 km north of the village. Most visitors reach them on a jeep tour.



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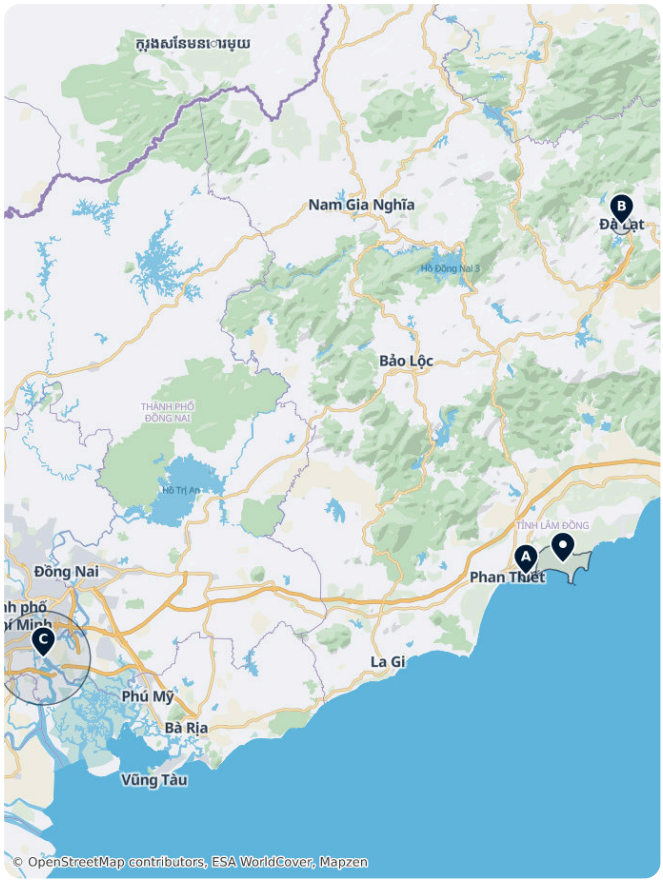
What to experience

- **Kitesurf or windsurf**: Schools along the beach offer lessons and rentals. The best months are November to April.
- **Sandboard on the dunes**: Slide down the slopes at sunrise or sunset.
- **Jeep tour at sunrise**: A set route links the White Dunes, the Red Dunes, the Fairy Stream and the harbour.
- **Walk the Fairy Stream**: A short barefoot walk in shallow water.
- **Eat fresh seafood**: Beach restaurants cook the day's catch.

Day trips

- **White Sand Dunes**: about 45 min north by jeep or car. A large dune field with a small lake. Quads are also available.
- Ⓐ Phan Thiết: 20 to 30 min by car. The city has a fish market, the Cham towers and local restaurants.
- Ⓑ Da Lat: about 4 to 5 hours by road. Combine it with an overnight stay.
- Ⓒ Ho Chi Minh City: about 4 to 5 hours by bus or car.



Where to explore

- **Nearby**: Phan Thiết is the city that Mũi Né belongs to.
- **Highlands**: Da Lat is a cooler hill town reached by a mountain road.
- **Coast to the north**: Nha Trang is a larger beach city.
- **Big city**: Ho Chi Minh City is the main gateway.

Getting there

- **By air**: There is no airport in Mũi Né. Most visitors fly into Ho Chi Minh City and continue by road.
- **By bus**: Tourist buses and limousine vans run from Ho Chi Minh City and take about 4 to 5 hours. Buses also run from Da Lat and Nha Trang.
- **By train**: A few trains stop near Phan Thiết. A taxi or bus continues to Mũi Né. Vietnam Railways
- **By car**: A private car from Ho Chi Minh City is a comfortable choice for groups.

Getting around

- **Motorbike and scooter**: The most common way to move along the strip. Wear a helmet.
- **Taxi and Grab**: Available on the main road. Agree the price or use the meter.
- **Jeep tours**: The usual way to see the dunes, the Fairy Stream and the harbour in one trip.
- **Bicycle**: Good for the flat beach road, but the sun is strong at midday.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Low

Sights lie along a long beach road, so walking only works near your hotel.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

The beach road is flat, but heat and traffic make long rides tiring.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?** A driver helps if you want the dunes, the harbour and the stream in one day. For the beach strip, taxis and scooters are enough.
- **Roads**: The main beach road is straight and busy with scooters. Night driving is harder.
- **Parking**: Resorts offer free parking. Dune and stream sites have small paid lots.

Food & drink

Mũi Né is a fishing coast, and seafood is the main food. Fish sauce from Phan Thiết is famous across Vietnam. Look for grilled fish, squid, shrimp and sour fish soups at beach restaurants. Local noodles and rice pancakes are common for breakfast.

The harbour area has simple seafood places. Dried squid and fish sauce make good gifts from the market.

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

Mũi Né is a relaxed beach area, but a few things need care.

- Sun is strong. Use sunscreen, a hat and water, especially on the dunes.
- Currents and wind can be strong. Swim only where the beach is calm, and follow warnings.
- Scooter accidents are common. Wear a helmet and drive slowly.
- Agree on prices for jeeps and quads before you start.
- Keep valuables out of sight on the beach.

History

Mũi Né grew from a fishing village on the coast of the old Cham lands. Cham towers near Phan Thiết, such as Po Sah Inu Cham Towers, remain from that time. The area is also known for its fish sauce industry.

Tourism began to grow in the 1990s. Wind conditions brought kitesurfing and windsurfing, and resorts spread along the beach road.

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

Mũi Né Highlights

Sand dunes, a fairy-tale stream, a colourful fishing harbour and laid-back beaches define Vietnam's kitesurfing capital.



A Fairy Stream

(10.95201, 108.25670)



B Mui Ne Red Sand Dunes

Scenic viewpoint set amidst striking reddish sand dunes along the coast.

Vietnam (10.94966, 108.29597)

C Red Canyon

(10.95425, 108.30433)

D Fisherman's harbor

Local fishing harbour offering views of traditional boats and coastal maritime life.

(10.93446, 108.28252)

E Ham Tien Beach

Sandy stretch of coastline offering classic seaside views and beachside relaxation.

(10.94650, 108.21814)

F mui ne cape

Coastal viewpoint situated on the rocky headland of the cape.

(10.91642, 108.28444)

G Chợ Mũi Né

Local indoor market featuring daily commerce and regional goods.

(10.93577, 108.28681)

H Vita Garden Mini-Zoo

Compact zoo in Phan Thiết, open daily from morning until early evening.

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