



Southeast Coast

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Why Go?

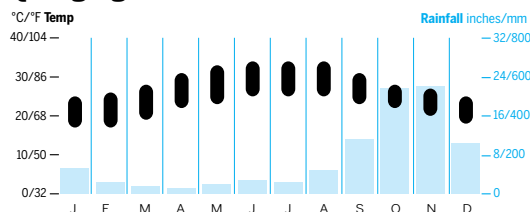
Once the heartland of the Cham civilisation, today this sparkling coastline of ravishing white sands is Vietnam's premier destination for beach holidays.

If your idea of paradise is reclining in front of turquoise waters, weighing up the merits of a massage or a mojito, then you have come to the right place. On hand to complement the sedentary delights are activities to set the pulse racing, including scuba diving, snorkelling, surfing, windsurfing and kitesurfing.

Nha Trang and Mui Ne attract the headlines, but the beach breaks come thick and fast in this part of the country. Set aside a few days to explore more and you'll find hidden coves and lonely lighthouses, and a barefoot vibe is in reach. And for the definitive castaway experience, the fabled Con Dao Islands are the ultimate off-grid destination.

When to Go

Quang Ngai



Jul The perfect time to sample the delights and sights of Nha Trang.

Oct See Cham people celebrate *kate*, or new year, at Po Klong Garai temple.

Dec Enjoy Christmas in Mui Ne with the best kitesurfing and windsurfing conditions.

Southeast Coast Highlights

1 Finding beautiful beaches, snorkelling coral reefs and riding motorbikes along empty coastal roads in the **Con Dao Islands** (p279).

2 Kitesurfing by day and chilling at night in the beach-blessed resort of **Mui Ne** (p265).

3 Coming face-to-face with the horrors of war at the poignant **Son My Memorial** (p236).

4 Taking a road trip between Phan Thiet and Long Hai via a spectacular lighthouse and the endless sands of **Ho Tram** (p273) and **Ho Coc** (p273).

5 Combing white-sand beaches for driftwood and seeking out a whale graveyard in **Tam Hai Island** (p235).

6 Soaking up the unique beach scene or exploring offshore islands by boat in the bombastic town of **Nha Trang** (p247).

7 Eating surf-fresh seafood by the waves in **Vung Tau** (p275).



4 Ho Tram; Ho Coc (40km);
7 Vung Tau (75km); 1 Con Dao Islands (270km)