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VIDOTOUR IN FOCUS

2026 WINNERS' NIGHT – ASIA HOSPITALITY AWARDS

Vidotour was honoured with the **2026 Asia's Leading Destination Management Company Award** (for the European & US Market) at the [Asia Hospitality Awards](#), held on 26 June 2026 at Dragon Pearl Cave, Quang Ninh, Vietnam.

The recognition highlighted Vidotour's commitment to delivering high-quality, tailor-made travel experiences across Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos, reinforcing its position as a trusted Destination Management Company with over 35 years of experience.



CAPTURING CREATIVITY AT VIDOTOUR

In June, Vidotour launched an amateur photography course for all company staff, aimed at developing both basic and advanced smartphone photography skills.

A large number of employees from Hanoi and Saigon offices joined the course with great enthusiasm, eager to learn how to take better photos for both personal use and professional purposes.

In addition to theory sessions, the course will include field trips and a creative photography competition, giving participants the opportunity to practise their skills and develop their creativity.

We wish all participants great success on this learning journey.



At the end of the course, the **Creative Photo Awards 2026** will be held separately in the Saigon and Hanoi offices. Participants will have the chance to show their creativity and capture memorable moments with their smartphones.

See the nominated photos and winners in our **August news**.

TRAVEL UPDATES

VIETNAM

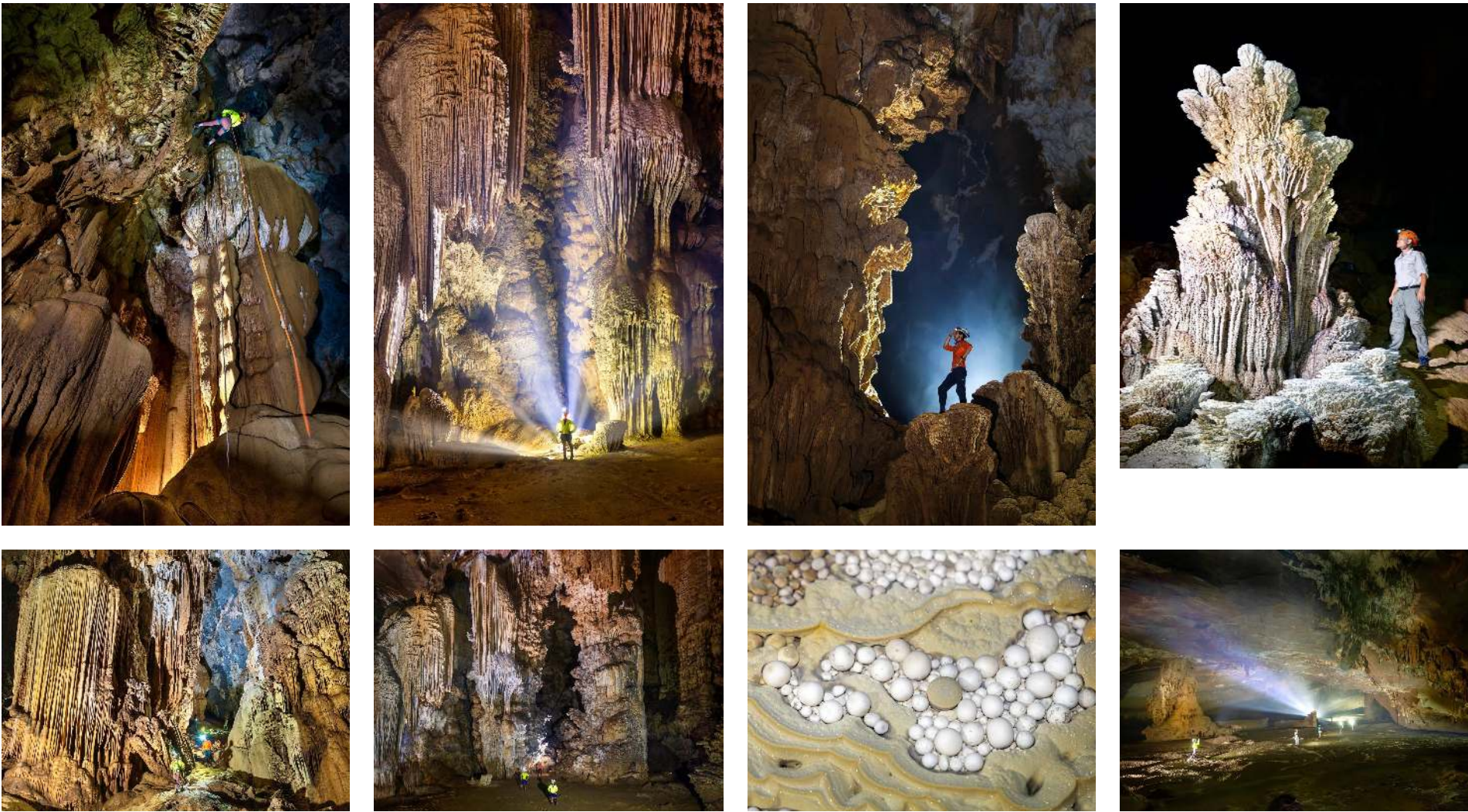
A newly discovered cave in Phong Nha–Ke Bang National Park

Hang Thắng (Victory Cave), was named after the local resident who discovered it. Located between Elephant Cave and Ma Da Lake, it lies within the strictly protected zone of the national park.

The cave stretches for around 3,000 metres, with an average width of 70 metres and sections exceeding 100 metres. Explorers must abseil approximately 20 metres to enter a spectacular “palace of stalactites”, featuring columns up to 50 metres high, vast stalagmites, stone curtains and rare clusters of cave pearls.

Jungle Boss Co. Ltd has proposed adding Victory Cave to its two-day, one-night Ma Da Valley–Tra Ang Cave expedition, a plan that has received initial approval from the National Park Management Board.

Victory Cave promises to become a spectacular new highlight, adding strong appeal to journeys through Quang Tri’s pristine landscapes and magnificent underground wonders.



Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum Temporarily Closed for Annual Maintenance

The Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum will be closed for annual maintenance from **5 September to 3 November 2026**. During this period, visitors may view the exterior and visit nearby attractions, including Ba Dinh Square, Ho Chi Minh’s Stilt House and the One Pillar

Pagoda.

For the remainder of 2026, the mausoleum will also be closed every Monday and Friday, except when special openings are announced for national holidays.



Con Dao continues to develop as a combination of historical, spiritual and eco-tourism, with improved ferry access and increasing international cruise calls.

Phu Quy Express II Connects Ho Chi Minh City and Con Dao

Phu Quy Express 02 was inaugurated in June 2026, with scheduled services between Ho Chi Minh City and Con Dao.

- Operated by Thanh Thanh Phat Passenger Transport Co., Ltd., the high-speed trimaran departs from Nha Rong–Khanh Hoi Port in District 4 and arrives at Ben Dam Port in Con Dao.
- The journey takes approximately 5 to 5.5 hours, depending on weather conditions.
- Departures from Ho Chi Minh City on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 6:30 am, with return services from Con Dao on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays at 12:00 noon.



Long Thanh Airport is not open yet

Long Thanh International Airport has been delayed and is currently expected to begin commercial operations in **late 2026**, although the opening could be delayed until early 2027. Until then, Tan Son Nhat remains the main international gateway to Ho Chi Minh City.



Lien Khuong Airport to Reopen

Lien Khuong International Airport, the main gateway to Dalat, is expected to resume operations on **19 August 2026** following a major infrastructure upgrade.

The project includes improvements to the runway, taxiways, safety systems and navigation equipment. Domestic airlines are preparing to restore services, with initial flights expected from Ho Chi Minh City, Hanoi and Danang.

Expected flight schedule:

- Hanoi (HAN) ⇌ Lam Dong (DLI): 2 daily flights
- Ho Chi Minh City (SGN) ⇌ Lam Dong (DLI): 4 daily flights
- Danang (DAD) ⇌ Lam Dong (DLI): 1 daily flight

Services will be operated by Vietnam Airlines, Pacific Airlines and VASCO, mainly using Airbus A321 aircraft.



Explore Son Doong Cave Through a New 5D VR Experience

The new Son Doong 5D VR Expedition at the Phong Nha Cave Exploration Information Centre offers a realistic journey into the world's largest cave without going underground.

The 15-minute simulation combines 8K visuals, 180-degree projections, surround sound, wind, mist and temperature effects. The centre also displays cave maps, exploration equipment and information about 472 surveyed caves covering 254 km.

The exhibition is free and includes multilingual audio guides. The VR experience costs VND 500,000 per person.

Opening hours: Daily, 8:00 am–5:30 pm.



Pullman Ninh Binh Opens the First International Five-Star Hotel

Ninh Binh is becoming increasingly suitable for longer upscale stays following the opening of Pullman Ninh Binh on 20 April 2026. Managed by Accor, it is the province's first internationally branded five-star hotel.

Rising 29 storeys in the city centre, the hotel features 283 contemporary rooms and suites, all with private balconies overlooking the surrounding limestone mountains or cityscape.

Facilities include several restaurants and bars, three swimming pools, a spa, a 24-hour fitness centre and a children's play area. The rooftop Bublx Champagne Bar offers panoramic views towards the Trang An landscape.



Restaurant & Gastronomy

The Michelin Guide Vietnam 2026 now covers 193 establishments in Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City and Da Nang:

- 11 one-Michelin-star restaurants
- 72 Bib Gourmand restaurants
- 110 Michelin Selected restaurants
- 3 Michelin Green Star restaurants

The two new one-star restaurants are **ONVIT** in Hanoi and **Upstairs Tasting Room** in Ho Chi Minh City. Tales by Chapter in Ho Chi Minh City received a new Green Star for its sustainable and zero-waste approach.

This makes gastronomy programmes increasingly attractive, particularly:

- Hanoi Korean and contemporary fine dining
- Modern Vietnamese tasting menus in Ho Chi Minh City
- Michelin street-food and Bib Gourmand trails
- Sustainable and plant-based dining experiences



ONVIT



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ONVIT



Upstairs Tasting Room



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CAMBODIA

Amana Hotel & Residences Opens Near Techo International Airport

Opened on 15 May 2026, Amana Hotel & Residences offers a convenient stay **near Phnom Penh's Techo International Airport**, ideal for early departures, late arrivals and extended stays.

The property features 105 spacious rooms and suites, many with fully equipped kitchens, along with a swimming pool, fitness centre, restaurants and a rooftop bar offering panoramic views.



Restaurants & City Experiences

Phnom Penh’s contemporary Khmer dining scene is becoming more interesting.

- **Pi Sa**, opened in a restored colonial building, serves seasonal Cambodian cuisine using local market produce and was recognised among notable new restaurants for 2026.
- **Bai Sor**, near the historic Post Office, represents another modern interpretation of Khmer food.
- The capital has also introduced the **Chaktomuk Walk Street**, a weekend pedestrian area along the riverfront with Khmer street food, handicrafts, performances and live music. This can be used as a light evening activity rather than offering only a traditional restaurant dinner.



Pi Sa



Pi Sa



Pi Sa



Bai Sor



Bai Sor



Bai Sor

HANDPICKED STAYS & SPOTS

VIETNAM

DA NANG INTERNATIONAL FIREWORKS FESTIVAL (DIFF) 2026

Don't miss the grand finale, **"United Horizons,"** featuring the two best teams, on **11 July in Da Nang City.**



ĐÔNG DƯƠNG RESTAURANT

Set in a historic French villa, Dong Duong Restaurant blends Indochine architecture with traditional Vietnamese details, creating an elegant, nostalgic setting. Its refined cuisine celebrates flavours from Vietnam's three regions, preserving authentic tastes through sophisticated preparation and presentation.

Add: 26 Truong Dinh, Xuan Hoa Ward, Ho Chi Minh City

FB: https://www.facebook.com/dongduongsgn/?locale=vi_VN



CoCo Dining – Progressive Vietnamese Cuisine

Representing Vietnam at the 2026 World Gourmet Festival is a tremendous honor for our team and Head Chef Võ Thành Vương. As Vietnamese cuisine continues to evolve, we are proud to contribute our perspective to the global culinary conversation and share the flavors of Vietnam with guests from around the world.

Add: 143 Nam Ky Khoi Nghia, Xuan Hoa Ward, Ho Chi Minh City

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/cocodining.sg/>



HỢP 合 Skybar

Vibe: An immersive open-air rooftop experience with electronic music, local and international DJs, craft cocktails and panoramic views of the Saigon skyline.

Add: Centec Tower, 72 Nguyen Thi Minh Khai, Xuan Hoa Ward, Ho Chi Minh City



TOUR OF THE MONTH

VIETNAM

THE SOUL OF TONKIN 3 Days / 2 Nights

A three-day journey through ancient craft villages, ethnic communities and scenic countryside, including an overnight stay in the heart of Ba Vi National Park.

Day 1: Hanoi – Duong Lam – Ba Vi (L)

Explore Duong Lam Ancient Village, its laterite houses and traditional crafts. Continue to a rural village for a home-cooked lunch, herbal foot bath and visits to family workshops. Meet a local war veteran, learn about green-tea cultivation and overnight in Ba Vi National Park. Overnight in Ba Vi NP

Day 2: Ba Vi – Hoa Binh – Mai Chau (BLD)

Visit the ruins of a French church in Ba Vi National Park, then discover a Muong ethnic village and enjoy lunch in a traditional house. Continue to Mai Chau for a cycling tour through Thai villages and rice fields. Overnight in Mai Chau

Day 3: Mai Chau – Hanoi (BL)

Walk approximately 10 km through peaceful Thai villages, terraced fields and gardens around Mai Hich. Have lunch before driving back to Hanoi.



Duong Lam Ancient Village



Ba Vi

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