

Dawn in Hoi An

If you want to see simple and rustic Hoi An, wake up before dawn. At that time, the city is very quiet, time seems to stop, and space seems to be reshaped. Woven into every corner of the street, the moss clings to the wall still damp with dew. On the road, several silhouettes enjoy the fresh and cool morning air. On the river, scattered people continue their journeys.

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Occasionally, a few tourists stroll around with cameras to capture the morning's beautiful moments. On street corners, shops start to display their products. When the first rays of sunlight hit the roofs, the old walls flush pink, and the day of the ancient town begins.

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Around 6 am, the city becomes busier with pedlars and bicycles. Some people get up early to exercise, go to the market, or read newspapers. Little girls in white dresses head to school, and, in the early sunshine, Hoi An is as clear and peaceful as a painting.

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The atmosphere gradually changes as visitors wake up. Hoi An calmly returns to its image of a tourist area with shops and footsteps, but sipping coffee and eating crunchy bread is the way that Hoi An people welcome the new day.

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Can you name three things that people do in Hoi An before the tourists arrive?

Hoi An is filled with the sound of motorbike horns in the morning; is this true?

The walls of Hoi An turn pink with the sun, but what else can you say about them?