

## Sword Lake

Sword Lake has long been associated with the history of the Vietnamese nation and with the spiritual life of many people of the capital city. In the past, the lake was known as Luc Thuy Lake, because the water was green all year round, and then Thuy Quan Lake, because it was a place for military exercises. But, in the 15th century, the lake became associated with the legend of King Le Loi returning a precious sword to the Turtle God, from which it gained the name Hoan Kiem Lake – or Sword Lake.

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Located in the centre of Sword Lake is the Turtle Tower, built between 1884 and 1886 and influenced by French architecture. The image of the Turtle Tower has been imprinted on the minds of the people of Hanoi, so it has become part of their heritage. Sword Lake, with a number of historical and cultural sites, such as Ngoc Son Temple, Turtle Tower, The Huc Bridge, and the King Le Statue, has become a major tourist attraction. On important occasions in Hanoi and the country, people come from all directions to Sword Lake to participate in celebrations.

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When was the Turtle Tower built?

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When did Sword Lake gain that name?

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Who was the king at that time?