

The Wonders of Son Doong Cave

Son Doong is the largest cave in the world and has many fascinating features. It has two sinkholes, called dolines, where the ceiling of the cave has collapsed, creating "skylights". The natural light from these holes shines down, creating a tropical forest in the cave. Beneath one of them, there are herbs and small ferns, but beneath the other, there are trees up to 30m high.

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The cave also has stalactite columns up to 70m high and contains a world of emeralds – spherical, flat, or ovoid stones – often formed on calcium terraces. Son Doong is also home to many fossils of both animals and plants, from fossils of 300-million-year-old sea coral to fossils of hoofed animals.

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The last special feature is the Vietnam Wall. This giant wall of stalactites is 100 meters high and spans the width of the main cave where it connects to a lake that is 500 meters long. This is part of the fractured rock that formed during the movement of the Earth's crust that created Son Doong cave.

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What kinds of fossils have been found in Son Doong cave?

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What is the Wall of Vietnam?

What created Son Doong cave?