

## Ti Top Island and Beach

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***Got its name from Ghermann Titov, a former Soviet Union hero, Ti Top Island displays a beach shaped like a crescent moon and sand that has been washed to a snowy white by the tide.***

### **An interesting story...**

In 1962, this tiny island had the honour of receiving a visit from astronaut Ghermann Titov, a hero of the former Soviet Union, accompanied by President Ho Chi Minh. To perpetuate the remembrance of their visit, Uncle Ho named the place Ti Top Island. It has now become an attractive beach for tourists and has various of tourist services.

Thirty-five years afterwards, in 1997, Ti Top returned to the island having his name. Deeply moved, he wrote in the souvenir book of the Management Board of Halong Bay: "My deepest thanks to destiny, which has allowed me to come back to this tiny island." It has become a beach attracting many visitors.

### **Then being an attractive island**

Located about 14 km east from Bai Chay Wharf, Ti Top Beach takes the shape of a crescent

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encompassing the island. Small though it might be, it wins kudos for its quiet and airy atmosphere, as well as its alluring landscape.

The beach boasts pristine white sand, clear and blue water and small waves, which make it ideal for recreational activities like swimming and other sea sports. At present, there has a



bar in the island which also provides swimming costumes, floats and lukewarm shower. Fresh water was carried to the island from inland. Swimming at Ti Top Beach is really enjoyable. After swimming, you can enjoy fresh sea food specialities in an ideal environment of immense sky and sunshine.

This beach is very beautiful and is well worth a visit to cool off when the heats starts to get to you. If you spend a day at the beach and elect to take a deckchair, you will be asked to buy either a baguette, some lovely pineapple or a drink, otherwise you will have to pay for the seat. During the full moon, you are able to wander around until late at night.

*The island has become a popular tourist destination. On summer holidays, the famous beach of Ti Top Island cools off visitors heading to Quang Ninh Province and you will surely have a chance to join in an interesting journey to the natural wonder...*

Most of tours in Halong bay these days, whether day tours or longer duration ones, usually include Ti Top island in their itineraries with a few hours free time so that tourists can enjoy

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swimming or playing around on the beach. There are a lot of travel agencies that provide Halong bay tours from Hanoi for tourists with tour duration ranging from one day tour to two or even three-day tours. For those with flexible time on their trips, staying on a cruise overnight to enjoy sunset on the sea at Halong bay might be a beautiful experience. However, if you don't have a lot of time for leisure, there are a lot of day tour from Hanoi to Halong to choose from. Those interested in Hanoi - Halong one day tours can take a look at a recommended itinerary [here](#)  
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