



0. PLACES IN QUIET AMERICAN - Story Preface

1. HO CHI MINH

2. VIETNAM'S WAR WITH FRANCE

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Ninh Binh—capital of the Province of Ninh Binh in Vietnam—is located in the Red River Delta of northern Vietnam. It is the site of events in *The Quiet American*. This 19th-century illustration depicts the city's citadel as it appeared during February of 1884. The work is by an unknown artist; it appeared in *L'illustration* (a French weekly newspaper, published in Paris, between 1843 to 1944) on February 25, 1884.

Most people who have read Greene's novel, or will see the movie, have not been to Vietnam. To better understand its backdrop, take a virtual tour of some of the most important places featured in the story.

[Rue Catinat](#), the famous Saigon street where many events in the novel take place.

Scenes of [life in Saigon](#).

A common method of transportation in Vietnam is the [trishaw](#).

Phat Diem [Cathedral](#), a place where people sought sanctuary.

Scenes in Ninh Binh - where much of the story takes place:

- [Landscape](#) of Hoa Lu, near Ninh Binh
- [Hua Lu](#), medieval site of the early kingdom of Vietnam, near Ninh Binh
- Statue of medieval [king](#) at Hoa Lu, near Ninh Binh
- [Canal](#) of Ken Ga, near Ninh Binh
- [Villagers](#) transporting stones along the Ken Ga Canal
- Troglodyte [sanctuary](#) near Tam Coc, near Ninh Binh
- Rice [fields](#) among the Karstic Mountains of Tam Coc, near Ninh Binh
- Catholic [tombs](#) in the rice fields near Ninh Binh
- About [Hoi An](#), where the movie was filmed.

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Trishaw

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