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Visitors stroll along a neatly manicured garden walkway outside Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum in Hanoi. This large grey building with imposing square pillars was built between 1973 and 1975, using Vietnamese stone and other local materials. Following the tradition of earlier Communist leaders such as Lenin, Stalin, and Mao Zedong, Ho Chi Minh's body was embalmed in a glass sarcophagus that is set within a monumental building for public viewing.



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