

Saigon and the Mekong

4 days | Starts/Ends: Ho Chi Minh City



Discover the best of Ho Chi Minh City, aka Saigon, from its historic landmarks to its bustling markets with a day spent cruising on the palm-fringed waterways of the Mekong Delta, visiting local cottage industries and soaking up the verdant scenery.

- Airport arrival transfer on day 1
- Entrance fees to all included sites
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private air-conditioned vehicles

What's Not Included

- International flights and visa
- Tipping - An entirely personal gesture
- Departure airport transfer

our local representative and transferred to your hotel for check in (available from 2pm onwards) with the remainder of the day free.

Overnight - Ho Chi Minh City

Day 2 : Ho Chi Minh City tour



With the services of a knowledgeable English-speaking local guide, spend the day touring Ho Chi Minh City's most famous attractions, kicking off with the Reunification Palace, the home and workplace of the President of South Vietnam during the Vietnam War and now a museum and venue for official receptions. You can visit the War Room from where the South Vietnamese forces were controlled, and most poignantly, the room where the North Vietnamese army took official control in 1975. Nearby stands the 19th century Notre Dame Cathedral, a major centre of Catholicism in modern Vietnam and one of the city's major landmarks. Next to the cathedral stands the Saigon Central Post Office, a classic French colonial structure with huge

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Saigon - Now known as Ho Chi Minh City and a thriving metropolis in south Vietnam
- Reunification Palace - Important landmark that witnessed the end of the Vietnam War
- Ben Thanh Market - The city's largest shopping destination and perfect for souvenirs
- Mekong Delta - Cruising the waterways on row boats and visiting cottage industries

What's Included

- Breakfast daily and 1 lunch
- 3 nights 4 star hotel (3 and 5 star hotel options available - please enquire)
- Guided sightseeing on days 2 and 3 conducted by a local English speaking specialist guide

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Welcome to Vietnam



Welcome to Vietnam and the start of your mini adventure. Ho Chi Minh City, or Saigon as it's still commonly known, is the original 'Pearl of the Orient' is a bustling metropolis with bundles of history seen in the fascinating museums and the patchwork of buildings that line the streets.

On your arrival at Ho Chi Minh City's international airport you will be met by

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ceilings that still functions as a post office today.

Finally head to Ben Thanh Market, packed to the rafters with everything from fruits to nuts, tourist kitsch to true bargains - it's the perfect place to pick up souvenirs for friends and family back home. In the evening take a walking tour of the city's popular Pho Tay ("Streets of Foreigners") area where you can sample the unique flavors of south Vietnamese gastronomy including Hu Tieu - pork noodle soup, and Banh Xeo - savory fried pancakes. End the day with a cold beverage watching the world go by from one of the many streetside cafes and bars. **Overnight - Ho Chi Minh City (B)**

Day 3 : The Mekong Delta



This morning travel to the Mekong Delta for a day exploring the many waterways and local cottage industries. Travel by road to Ben Tre where you'll embark on a river boat trip making a stop at a brickwork factory to see how bricks are traditionally made from molded clay. Next visit a coconut processing workshop located along the canal and a family workshop run by women making sleep mats. There'll be the chance to enjoy fruit and tea, and chat with the locals.

Leaving the canals behind take a motor cart (xe lô) ride on shady roads, passing by rice fields and vegetable plains where farmers tend their crops. Enjoy a home-cooked lunch with a local family in Ben Tre before returning to the waters in a row boat leisurely cruising along palm-fringed creeks. Later return to the pier where a car will be waiting to return you back to Ho Chi Minh City.

Overnight - Ho Chi Minh City (B, L)

Day 4 : Final day in Ho Chi Minh City

Today marks the end of touring arrangements and you are free to make your own way to the airport for your onward departure flight.(B)

HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.

Edenstar Saigon Hotel

Escape the hustle and bustle at the Edenstar Saigon Hotel in the heart of the city. The comfortable guest rooms are simply furnished with contemporary decor and a neutral palette. Free WiFi is provided. Guests can relax in the massage area or swim in the outdoor pool. Buffet breakfast is served in the hotel's restaurant and an evening beverage can be combined with panoramic views of the city from the hotel's bar.



PRICES / DATES INFO

Prices shown are per person, based on a travelling party of at least 2 adults. The single supplement price needs to be added to the per person price if single rooms are required. If travelling solo, an additional '1-person' supplement will apply.

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