

SOME GENERAL INFORMATION OF VIETNAM AND HO CHI MINH CITY

Country information

Full name of the country:	Socialist Republic of Vietnam
Area:	330.991 sq.km/127.796 sq. miles
Population:	about 82 million
Languages:	Vietnamese is the official language (English, French, Russian and Chinese area also spoken)
Time zone:	GTM + 7
Country code:	84
Religion:	Buddhism is the principal faith
Currency:	VN (Vietnam Dong), USD and most credit cards accepted at major hotels, restaurants.

Ho Chi Minh City

Geography

In the core of the Mekong Delta, Ho Chi Minh City, formerly known as Saigon, is second the most important in Vietnam after Hanoi. It is not only a commercial center but also a scientific, technological, industrial and tourist center. The city is bathed by many rivers, arroyos and canals, the biggest river being the Saigon River. The Port of Saigon, established in 1862, is accessible to ships weighing up to 30,000 tons, a rare advantage for an inland river port. Climate: The climate is generally hot and humid. There are two distinctive seasons: the rainy season, from May to November, and the dry season, from December to April. The annual average temperature is 27°C. The hottest month is April and the lowest is December. It is warm all year.

History

Many centuries ago, Saigon was already a busy commercial center. Merchants from China, Japan and many European countries would sail upstream the Saigon River to reach the islet of Pho, a trading center. In the year of 1874, Cho Lon merged with Saigon, forming the largest city in the Indochina. It had been many times celebrated as the Pearl of the Far East. After the reunification of the country, the 6th National Assembly in its meeting of the 2nd of July, 1976, has officially rebaptized Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City. The history of city relates closely with the struggle for the independence and freedom of Vietnam.

Climate

HCM City lies in the tropical climate region near the equator. Like southern provinces, it has a high temperature all the year and two distinct seasons, the dry and the rainy. The rainy season lasts from May to November and the dry season from December to April. The mean temperature is 27°C.

At Tan Son Nhat Airport

Money-exchange agents and telephone

When you have passed the customs and leave the passenger zone, you will find money exchange at your right-hand side, next to the arrival exit. Do not change to much money there. These agencies are slightly more expensive than banks elsewhere. It is advisable to get at least 500,000 VN dong (approx. 30 US dollar).

Just a little further, at the end the hall on your left-hand side, you will find a room with public telephones. You can call telephone or buy telephone cards at this place.

From Tan Son Nhat Airport to Rex Hotel

Important warning: crossing streets in Hochiminh city

Here's some important advice we want to give you right from the start: Always watch the traffic when you cross a street, even when you are on a pedestrian crossing, and even if the pedestrian light is green. Motorists sometimes fail to notice traffic lights, or notice them too late, at high speed.



+ Taxi

A lot easier than the bus, but also more expensive is taking a taxi. First of all we have to warn you: when you come out of the passenger zone of the airport you can be approached by persons offering you a taxi: ignore them. They are not taxi driver official taxi company, and most of the times they charge far too much money of a ride. The official taxi's that have a license for Tan Son Nhat Airport are waiting right in front of the airport building. The normal price for getting to downtown should be around 60,000 VN dong (approx. 4 US dollars).

Tell the taxi-drivers you want to go to Rex Hotel (141 Nguyen Hue street, Hochiminh city, Vietnam) or your place that you already booked.

+ Bus

The cheapest way to get from Tan Son Nhat Airport to Rex Hotel or your hotel is by bus number 152 (from Tan Son Nhat Airport to Ben Thanh Market) or you can access the website of Hochiminh transport corporation at http://www.yptourist.com.vn/YPTourist/Bus_e.asp, <http://www.buyttphcm.com.vn/>. The normal price should be around 3,000 VN dong (one time) for use only once (approx. 0.15 US dollars).

Please contact to the Conference Secretariat if you have any problems.

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SOME HOTELS AROUND REX HOTEL

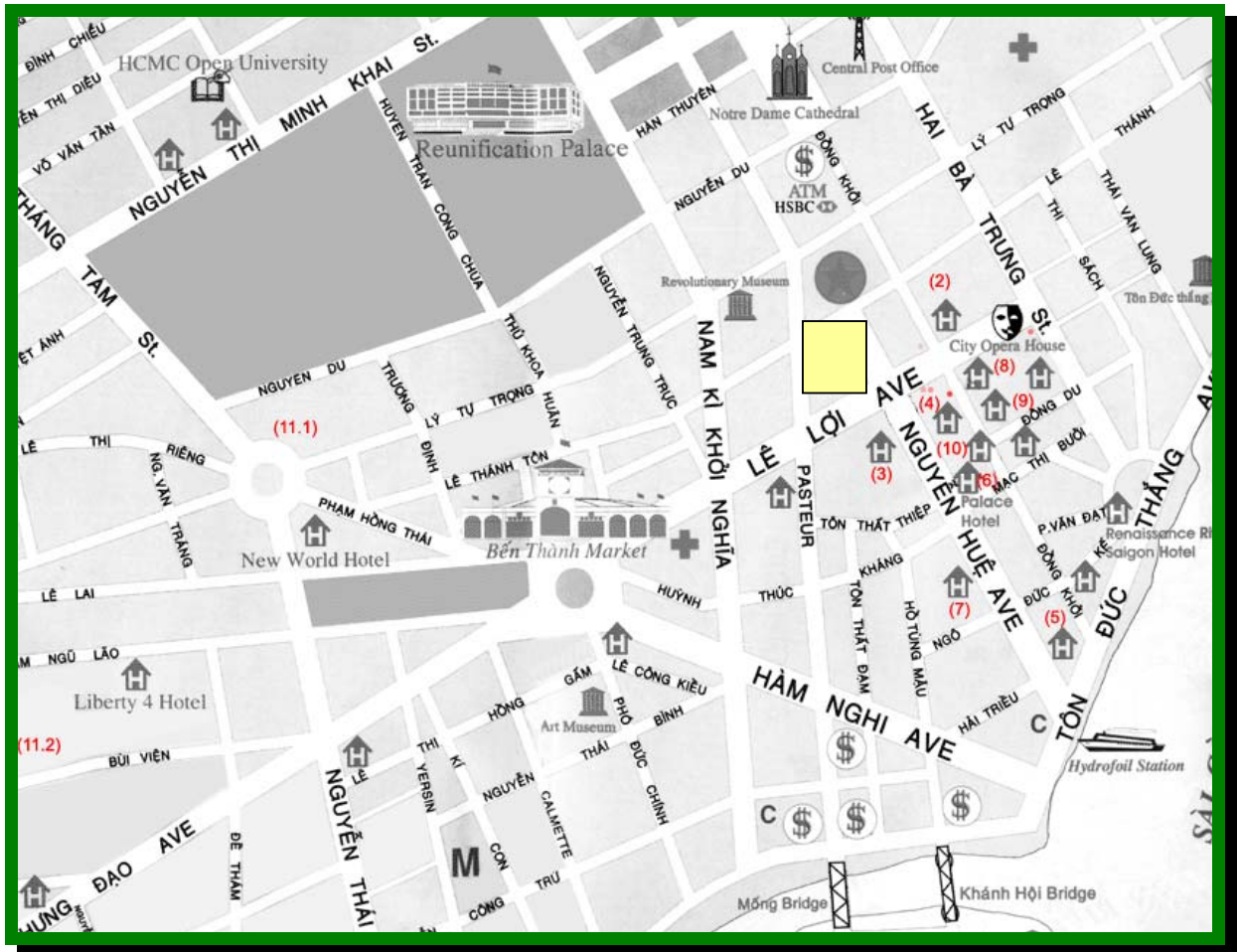


Figure 1. Locations of hotels:

- 1 REX HOTEL
- 2 Continental Hotel
- 3 Kim Do Hotel
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1 REX HOTEL

Add: 141 Nguyen Hue St., Dist. 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

Tel: (84.8) 829 2185 - 829 3115

Fax: (84.8) 829 6536 - 829 1469

Email: rexhotel@sgtourist.com.vn

Website: www.rexhotelvietnam.com

Room Tariff 2006

(Valid from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006)

Room Rates (US\$)

Room Type	Single Occupancy	Double Occupancy	Extra
Superior	US\$ 80++	US\$ 90++	N/A
Deluxe	US\$ 90++	US\$ 100++	N/A
Rex Suite	US\$ 100++	US\$ 110++	US\$ 15++
Apartment	US\$ 110++	US\$ 120++	US\$ 15++
Super Suite	US\$ 130++	US\$ 140++	US\$ 20++
Executive Suite	US\$ 280++	US\$ 280++	US\$ 50++

Above rates are subject to 10% VAT, 5% service charge and inclusive of:

- Daily International Buffet Breakfast.
- Complimentary local calls, mineral water, daily newspaper, fresh fruit and 20% off Minibar charge.
- Children under 12 sharing bed with parents are free of charge (with breakfast, limited to 02 per room).
- Check-out time to be at 2.00 PM at the least.
- Free use of Gym, Swimming pool.
- 20% off other Mimosa Club's services (except Rex Membership and Happy hours).
- ****Executive Care Program (unapplicable for children under 12):**
- **1** Coupon **"Night Cap Cocktail"** at Rooftop Garden, included 1 house cocktail/Soft drink/beer and enjoy the Filipino Band live show (23:00 - 01:00).
- **2** Complimentary laundry items/guest/day(except dry-cleaning).
- **1** Hour FOC internet access/guest/per stay.
- **1** Coupon **"Passion Night"** at Paradise Coffee, including 1 coffee set (17:00 - 21:00).

For reservation and information, please contact: Reservation Dept. : Tel (848) 8 296 046 -

Fax: (84 8) 8 296 536 or

Sales & Marketing Dept: Tel: (848) 8 299 084

For corporate contract rates, please feel free to contact Sales & Marketing Department

at Tel: (848)-8299084, Email: sales.rex@sgtourist.com.vn

2 CONTINENTAL HOTEL

Add: 132 - 134 Dong Khoi St., Dist. 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

Tel: (84.8) 8299 201 - 8299 252

Fax: (84.8) 8241 772 - 8290 936

Email: continental@hcm.vnn.vn

Website: <http://www.continentalvietnam.com>

2.1 Guest Rooms

83 elegant rooms in four categories: Standard, First class, Deluxe, Suite. All rooms are extremely large with high ceiling, windows, terrace, hotel garden, well-equipped in harmony with traditional style: wooden furniture, private bath, hair dryer, hot water, air conditioning, IDD telephone, Satellite TV with 15 channels, in-house-movies, minibar, safe box. Complimentary: Magazine & Newspaper, Fruits, Fresh Flowers, Tea & Coffee. Express laundry service, dry cleaning.

2.2 Room Tariff (US\$)

Type of rooms	Custom rate		Discount rate for foreign clients		Discount rate for Vietnamese clients	
	Single	Double	Single	Double	Single	Double
Superior Room	80	90	75	85	60	70
Deluxe Rooms	90	100	85	95	70	80
Rex Suite	100	110	90	100	80	90

Taxes, service charge and breakfast included.

2.2.1 Notice:

- 1 child under 12 sharing room with parents is free of charge
- 2 child under 12 sharing room with parents should bear the extra

2.2.2 Commodities:

- 4 storey French colonial style
- 4 star Deluxe Hotel
- 86 spacious guest-rooms of 5 types: Executive Suite, Continental Suite, Junior Suite, Deluxe & Superior.

3 KIM DO HOTEL

Add: 133 Nguyen Hue Ave., Dist. 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

Tel: (84.8) 822 5914 - 822 5915

Fax: (84.8) 822 5913

Email: kimdohotel@fmail.vnn.vn

Website: <http://www.kimdohotel.com>

3.1 Guest Rooms

- 130 guest rooms and suites
- All guest rooms and suites are elegantly designed and tastefully decorated for your comfort and convenience. Each room is fully equipped in harmony with wooden furniture, make-up table, air-conditioning, IDD phone, HCD service, color satellite television, minibar, tea & coffee making facilities, hair dryer, personal electronic safe, bedside console, and Jacuzzi in executive suites.

3.2 Room Tariff (US\$)

Room Type	Custom rate		Discount rate for group	
	Single	Double	Single	Double
Superior	60++	72++	55++	67++
Junior	70++	82++	65++	77++
Deluxe	80++	92++	75++	87++
Orient Deluxe	90++	102++	85++	97++
Deluxe Suite	125++	137++	120++	132++
Executive Suite	145++	157++	140++	152++

- 5% service charge & 10% tax will be added

4 OSCAR SAIGON HOTEL HO CHI MINH CITY

Address: 68A Nguyen Hue Boulevard, Dist. 1, HCM City, Vietnam

Tel: (84.8) 8292958 / 8292959 - Fax: (84.8) 8222958 / 8292732

E-mail: rsvn.oscar@bdvn.vnd.net

Website: <http://www.oscarsaigon.com/>

4.1 Guest Rooms

90 guest-rooms all well furnished to international standard. Facilities include IDD telephone, in-room safe, complimentary shoe shine service, colour television with satellite TV, mini-bar and hairdryer. Room services are available 24 hours a day.

4.2 Room Tariff (US\$)

Room Type	Single	Double
Standard	44++	49++
Senior Standard	49++	54++
Superior	54++	59++
Senior Superior	59++	64++
Deluxe	64++	69++
Senior Deluxe	69++	74++
Executive Oscar Suite	109++	119++

5% Service charge and 10% Government tax will be added to all rates quoted

- Rates include Western and Asian buffet breakfast
- Room upgraded (subject to availability and not applicable to Suite room)
- Children under 12 sharing with parents are FOC
- Extra bed: US\$ 12.00 including buffet breakfast
- Airport pick-up available at US\$ 13.00++/car/way and US\$ 20.00++/van/way
- Free one way transfer (HTL - APT) upon check-out
- Free use of Fitness Center
- Complimentary late check-out until 2:00 pm
- Daily newspaper
- Welcome fruit basket and mineral water in room
- 5% discount on Massage
- 10% discount on Laundry
- For long stay of 7 nights or more, guests will receive free airport pick-up & 50% discount on Laundry
- Group rate will be discussed for further details (ad-hoc)

5 HOTEL MAJESTIC

Add: 01 Dong Khoi St., Dist. 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

Tel: (84.8) 829 5517

Fax: (84.8) 829 5510

E-mail: majestic@majesticsaigon.com.vn

Website: <http://www.majesticsaigon.com.vn/>

5.1 Guest Rooms

The Majestic's 175 rooms and suites offer both splendor and comfort, where decorations and furniture reflect the elegance of an architecture, which one half is empowered with Saigon River view and the other half overlooks the graceful swimming pool.

5.2 Room Tariff (US\$)

Internet Special Room rates :

Room type	Single	Double/Twin	Extra bed
Superior (33 - 37 sqm)	US\$ 95	US\$ 105	N/A
Deluxe Pool view/City view (35 - 40 sqm)	US\$ 105	US\$ 115	N/A
Deluxe River view (35 - 45 sqm)	US\$ 125	US\$ 135	US\$ 20
Executive Floor			
Superior (33 -37 sqm)	US\$ 107	US\$ 115	N/A
Deluxe Pool view/City view (35 - 40 sqm)	US\$ 117	US\$ 125	N/A
Deluxe River View (35 - 45 sqm)	US\$ 137	US\$ 145	US\$ 20
Junior Suite (60 - 67 sqm)		US\$ 189	US\$ 20
Senior Suite (67 - 90 sqm)		US\$ 209	US\$ 20
Majestic Suite (90 - 100 sqm)		US\$ 259	US\$ 20
Executive Family Suite (120 sqm)		US\$ 399	US\$ 20

- The above room rates are in US Dollars, subjected to 10% VAT & 5% Service charge.
- Extra bed is not available for Superior, Deluxe Pool / City View.
- Extra bed charge is including International Buffet Breakfast.

6 THE PALACE HOTEL

Add: 56 - 66 Nguyen Hue St., Dist. 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

Tel: (84.8) 829 2860-829 2840

Fax: (84.8) 824 4229

E-mail: palace@hcm.vnn.vn

Website: <http://www.palacesaigon.com>, <http://www.palacesaigon.com.vn>

6.1 Guest Rooms

- 146 guest rooms and suites with balcony looking down on the bustling streets
- Completed with modern service and facilities.

6.2 Room Tariff (US\$)

Room type	RACK RATES		INTERNET RATES	
	Single (USD)	Double(USD)	Single (USD)	Double (USD)
Superior	75++	85++	49++	59++
Deluxe	90++	100++	59++	69++
Suite	105++	120++	69++	79++
Executive Suite	130++	145++	89++	99++

7 DUXTON HOTEL SAIGON

Address : 63 Nguyen Hue Boulevard District 1
Saigon Vietnam
Telephone : 84 8 822 2999
Facsimile : 84 8 824 1888
E-mail : enquires@saigon.duxton.com.vn
Website: <http://www.duxton.com/ho.htm>

7.1 Room Tariff (US\$)

Deluxe	Saigon Experience - Single or Twin	\$105
Executive	Executive Traveller	\$120
DUXTON HOT DEAL	Website Special - Run of House Room	\$85

195* - where dates have an * this means that restrictions apply, please rest your cursor over the date for details.

- Room rates are based on occupancy using existing bedding in each room type. If requested, an additional fee will be charged for extra bedding.
- Rates for Australian and New Zealand Hotels include GST. Rates for Duxton Hotel Saigon does not include GST or applicable taxes. All rates are quoted in the currency of the destination (Vietnam in US Dollar).

\$195 - Dates with the sample colour. This means that cancellations or amendments to reservations are not allowed for this day.

8 CARAVELLE HOTEL

Add: 19 Lam Son Square, District 1
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.
Phone : (84-8) 8234 999
Fax : (84-8) 8243 999
Email: hotel@caravellehotel.vnn.vn
Website: <http://www.caravellehotel.com/>

8.1 Guest Rooms

• The Caravelle has 335 superbly appointed rooms, suites, exclusive Signature Floors, Signature Lounge, non-smoking floors, specially equipped room for the disabled and luxurious serviced apartments. Amenities include IDD telephone, high-speed internet, satellite television channel, CD, DVD, facsimile, mini-bar, tea and coffee-makers and in-room safe.

8.2 Room Tariff (US\$)

Room Type	Published Rates US\$
Deluxe	230
Deluxe River View	245
Deluxe City View	260
Premium Deluxe	280
Signature Floor	
Signature Deluxe	330
Signature Premium Deluxe	345
Junior Suite	380
Signature Suite	440
Executive Suite	490
Opera Suite	550
2-Bedroom Suite	620
Presidential Suite	1200

- Check-in time: 14:00 hrs.
- Check-out time: 12:00 hrs.
- Non-smoking rooms are available
- Extra bed available at \$35

9 SHERATON SAIGON HOTEL & TOWERS

Add: 88 Dong Khoi Street · District 1 · Ho Chi Minh City · Vietnam

Phone: (84)(8) 827 2828

Fax: (84)(8) 827 2929

E-mail: sheratonsaigon@sheraton.com

Website:

<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=1449>

9.1 Guest Rooms

- 382 deluxe rooms and suites
- 92 Executive Residences
- Executive Club floors with VIP rooms, private lounge

9.2 Room Tariff (US\$)

Bed Type	Room Features	Average Daily Rate Per Room
1 King	Deluxe Pool View, Sweet Sleeper Bed, Highspeed Internet For A Fee, Separate Shower/Bath, Massage Shower Head	USD 200.00
2 Single Beds	Deluxe City View, Sweet Sleeper Bed, Highspeed Internet For A Fee, Separate Shower/Bath, Massage Shower Head	USD 210.00
2 Single Beds	Deluxe Pool View, Sweet Sleeper Bed, Highspeed Internet For A Fee, Separate Shower/Bath, Massage Shower Head	USD 200.00
1 King	Deluxe City View, Sweet Sleeper Bed, Highspeed Internet For A Fee, Separate Shower/Bath, Massage Shower Head	USD 210.00
1 King	Deluxe Pool View, Sweet Sleeper Bed, Highspeed Internet For A Fee, Separate Shower/Bath, Massage Shower Head	USD 210.00
2 Single Beds	Deluxe City View, Sweet Sleeper Bed, Highspeed Internet For A Fee, Separate Shower/Bath, Massage Shower Head	USD 220.00
2 Single Beds	Deluxe Pool View, Sweet Sleeper Bed, Highspeed Internet For A Fee, Separate Shower/Bath, Massage Shower Head	USD 210.00
1 King	Deluxe City View, Sweet Sleeper Bed, Highspeed Internet For A Fee, Separate Shower/Bath, Massage Shower Head	USD 220.00

10 BONG SEN HOTEL

Add: 117-123 Dong Khoi St., Dist.1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

Tel: (84.8) 829 1516

Fax: (84.8) 829 8076

Email: bongsen@hcm.vnn.vn

Website: www.hotelbongsen.com

Room Tariff (US\$)

Room Type	Single	Double
Superior	59++	69++
Deluxe	64++	74++
Junior Suite	69++	79++
Suite	100++	110++
Executive Deluxe	84++	114++
Executive Suite	114++	144++
Executive Bong Sen	134++	164++

- Above rates are subject to 5% service charge and 10% VAT. Rates are subject to change without prior notice.
- No charge for children 12 years old sharing room with their family members. Baby cots are available free of charge.
- Extra bed charge: 10 USD
- Payment: American Express, JCB, Master, Visa.

Discount for group:

Superior Single	49++
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11 SOME CHEAP MINIHOTELS

11.1 Huynh Anh Minihotel

Address: 26A/2 Do Quang Dau, Dist. 1, Ho Chi Minh city

Contact:

Phone: 9203577 Fax: 9203588

Rate:

Room Type	Price	Discount price (for group)
Double	USD 16	USD 14.5
Triple	USD 19	USD 17.5

11.2 Thang Loi Minihotel

Address: 6/29 Cach Mang Thang Tam, Dist. 1, Ho Chi Minh city

Contact: Ms Loan

Phone: 8230470

Rate: USD 14 for double room

TOURIST TRIPS IN AND AROUND HO CHI MINH CITY

- 1 Morning city tour (half day)
- 2 Saigon River cruise (evening)
- 3 Cu Chi tunnels (half day)
- 4 Tay Ninh & Cu Chi (full day)
- 5 Vinh Long (full day)
- 6 Deeper Mekong Delta (2 days/ 1 night)
- 7 Beauty care (half day)

Contact:

Saigontourist Holding Company (abb: Saigontourist)

Office: 23 Le Loi, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Tel: (84.8) 8292 291 - 8225 874 - 8225 887 - 8295 000

Fax: (84.8) 8243 239 - 8291 026

Email: saigontourist@sgtourist.com.vn

Website: <http://www.saigon-tourist.com>

12 MORNING CITY TOUR (HALF DAY)

12.1 Description:

As the country's most dynamic city, Ho Chi Minh City is truly a vital economic hub with bustling life. The afternoon tour offers the varied sights, sounds and flavours of this enchanting city. Discover Ben Thanh Market and the famous XQ embroidery workshop where you can find exquisite handicraft souvenirs and come into close contact with the people in daily routines. A pedicab ride roaming around lively commercial streets in Chinatown (1 hour) is countless unique waiting to be experienced. The tour also focuses on historical highlights including ancient Giac Lam Pagoda and War Remnants Museum.

12.2 Tour details

- Including air-con transfer, English-speaking guide & admission.
- Requests for guides speaking other foreign languages can be fulfilled at extra-cost.
- Children policy: free for children under 6 years old and 50% off for children 6–12.
- Cancellation charge: 40% of the tour fare (applicable to cancellations made after 15:00 on the day before the departure day).
- Daily departure at the Saigontourist Travel Service Co. or hotel pick-up in District 1 only.
- Start 08:00 * Return 12:00

Rate: USD 13/pax

13 SAIGON RIVER CRUISE (EVENING)

13.1 Description:

A sunset cruise on the Saigon River with fresh gentle breezes and pastoral scenery will bring visitors to the Binh Quoi Tourist Village. Set on verdant grounds with coconut-shaded creeks and thatched cottages, the village offers a reminiscence of the Mekong Delta in bygone days. It is time to watch a fascinating cultural show presenting a traditional wedding with a bridal procession on water, solemn rituals and vibrant dances. Visitors will enjoy an elaborately prepared Vietnamese dinner served indoors by the riverside before their return to downtown Ho Chi Minh City by car.

13.2 Tour details

- Including air-con transfer, English-speaking guide, boat ride, cultural show and dinner.
- Children 0- 5 years free, 6-12 years 50% off above price.
- Requests for guides speaking other foreign languages can be fulfilled at extra-cost.
- Cancellation charge: 40% of the tour fare (applicable to cancellations made after 15:00 on the day before the departure day).
- Departure on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at the Saigontourist Travel Service Co. or hotel pick-up in District 1 only.
- Start 17:00 * Return 21:30
- Schedule is subject to change without any prior notice.

Rate: USD 30/ pax (2 pax up)

14 CU CHI TUNNELS (HALF DAY)

14.1 Description:

Cu Chi used to be a bitter battleground for many years during the Vietnam War. Visitors to our country cannot miss a visit to this “underground village” with the intricate network of over 200-km tunnels at Ben Duoc, 75 km from Ho Chi Minh City. It may be incredible if you don’t experience a short, exciting trip through this labyrinth of interlaced tunnels and stop over at the Ben Duoc War Memorial to over 40,000 martyrs who sacrificed to Cu Chi. Then challenge yourselves with rifle shooting at shooting range (optional with surcharge).

Note: no shorts, no sleeveless tops inside the Ben Duoc temple

14.2 Tour details

- Including air-con transfer, English-speaking guide & admission.
- Requests for guides speaking other foreign languages can be fulfilled at extra-cost.
- Children policy: free for children under 6 years old and 50% off for children 6–12.
- Cancellation charge: 40% of the tour fare (applicable to cancellations made after 15:00 on the day before the departure day).
- Daily departure at the Saigontourist Travel Service Co. or hotel pick-up in District 1 only.
- Start 8:00 * Return 12:30

Rate: USD 25/ pax

15 TAY NINH & CU CHI (FULL DAY)

15.1 Description:

Going all the way to Tay Ninh to visit the Great Caodai Holy See, a place of pilgrimage for quite a few south Vietnamese people who are followers of Caodaism. In time for its noontide prayer service, you will join a peculiar but solemn ceremony with the congregation attired in lively red, yellow, blue and white and chanting religious hymns. Followed is a delicious lunch in Tay Ninh. Then return to Ho Chi Minh City, with a stop at the “underground village” at Ben Duoc in Cu Chi district, which was used by the guerillas during the Vietnam War.

Note: no shorts, no sleeveless tops inside the Caodai temple

15.2 Tour details

- Including air-con transfer, English speaking guide, admission & lunch.
- Requests for guides speaking other foreign languages can be fulfilled at extra-cost.
- Children policy: free for children under 6 years old and 50% off for children 6–12.
- Cancellation charge: 40% of the tour fare (applicable to cancellations made after 15:00 on the day before the departure day).
- Departure on weekends (Saturday and Sunday only) at the Saigontourist Travel Service Co. or hotel pick-up in District 1 only.
- Start 8:30 * Return 17:30

Rate: USD 43/ pax

16 VINH LONG (FULL DAY)

16.1 Description:

Some 136km from Ho Chi Minh City, Vinh Long occupies a core area in the Mekong Delta. After three-hour drive, a boat takes you to the Cai Be floating market with sellers and buyers bargaining and exchanging goods from their boats, and then to Binh Hoa Phuoc Islet where the maze of shady creeks will surely fascinate you. You will have a chance to mingle with local peasants, learn the secrets of their bonsai gardening and take a look at local products. A typical Vietnamese lunch at a local home will be arranged.

16.2 Tour details

- Including air-con transfer, English speaking guide, admission, boat ride & lunch.
- Requests for guides speaking other foreign languages can be fulfilled at extra-cost.
- Children policy: free for children under 6 years old and 50% off for children 6–12.
- Cancellation charge: 40% of the tour fare (applicable to cancellations made after 15:00 on the day before the departure day).
- Departure on weekends (Saturday and Sunday only) at the Saigontourist Travel Service Co. or hotel pick-up in District 1 only.
- Start 8:00 * Return 18:00

Rate: USD 49/ pax

17 DEEPER MEKONG DELTA (2 DAYS/ 1 NIGHT)

17.1 Description:

The tour takes visitors deeper into the Mekong Delta to survey the vast rice fields and waters of Vinh Long and Can Tho. It gives a close contact with traditional rural life in Vietnam by stop-overs at orchards on Binh Hoa Phuoc Islet and the Cai Rang floating market, and a boat ride on the criss-cross waterways of the Mekong Delta always proves to be a fascinating and rewarding experience for all visitors.

17.2 Tour details

Day 1: Ho Chi Minh City – Vinh Long - Can Tho (L)

Pick up and transfer to Cai Be, boat ride on the Mekong River to Binh Hoa Phuoc Islet, visit to local homes. Lunch at a local home. Proceed to Can Tho. O/N in Can Tho.

Day 2: Can Tho – Ho Chi Minh City (B)

AM: Boat ride on the Mekong River to the Cai Rang floating market and local homes. PM: Transfer to downtown Ho Chi Minh City.

- Including air-con transfer, English speaking guide, admission, boat ride, meals & twin-sharing accommodation (3-star).
- Children 0- 5 years free, 6-12 years 50% off above price (sharing bed with parents).
- Requests for guides speaking other foreign languages can be fulfilled at extra-cost.
- Cancellation charge: 40% of the tour fare (applicable to cancellations made after 15:00 on the day before the departure day).
- Daily departure at the Saigontourist Travel Service Co. or hotel pick-up in District 1 only.
- Single supplement: USD 18/ pax.
- Start 8:00 * Return 18:30 (on the following day)

Rate: USD 129/ pax (2 pax up)

18 BEAUTY CARE (HALF DAY)

18.1 Description:

La Maison de L'Apothiquaire, a favourite among the up-scale spas in Saigon, is a refuge that provides a complete wellness centre catering to every beauty, health and relaxation lover's needs. It offers many ways to rejuvenate your body, mind and spirit with a special package (3 hours) for both ladies and gentlemen including highly professional facial, body treatment and foot pressure therapy using 100% natural cosmetics. Fantastic to prevent jetlag and release all accumulated tensions, come and enjoy an unforgettable experience that will leave you fresh and relaxed for the rest of your trip. A must do!.

18.2 Tour details

- Including air-con transfer, English-speaking guide & spa package (1 hour facial, 1 hour body relaxation therapy, 1 hour foot pressure therapy).
- Requests for guides speaking other foreign languages can be fulfilled at extra-cost.
- Cancellation charge: 40% of the tour fare (applicable to cancellations made after 15:00 on the day before the departure day).
- Daily departure at the Saigontourist Travel Service or hotel pick-up in District 1 only.
- Start 15:00 * Return 19:00

Rate: USD 59/ pax (2 pax up)