

HO CHI MINH FULL CITY TOUR

Tour code: SGN -

Tour type: Cultural & Historical

City: Ho Chi Minh

<u>Time:</u> Full day (08.30 – 17.00h.)

Overview:

Still referred to the locals as Saigon, this day program is the most vital components of a tour for every first visitor to the South of Viet Nam. Saigon became a magnificent city as "Pearl of the Orient". From the 1960s to the early 1970s, the US Army in combat in the south also cause changes to the city. Many buildings, military buildings were built up. The lifestyle of young people Saigon was also influenced by European and American culture. Saigon – Ho Chi Minh City is now a center of economy, politics, economy, culture and entertainment in the Southern Viet Nam. The city blending between classic European and Asian traditional architecture is a favorite point of foreign tourists. The program includes the War Remnants Museum, then move on to notable striking colonial buildings. In the afternoon, visit the China town, followed by a side walk coffee. End of the day with a shopping at the 100 year old Ben Thanh market.

Itinerary:

Meet our guide at your hotel and take a city tour to visit the **War Remnants Museum** which features a comprehensive collection of the machinery, weapons, photos, and documentation of Vietnam War with the both the French and Americans and the **Reunification Palace** which was the former residence of the President of South Vietnam until end of April 1975. Move to **Notre-Dame Basilica**, a neo-Roman cathedral built over 130 years ago by the colonial French with materials entirely imported from Marseilles and stained-glass windows from Chartres. Next, visit **Sai Gon Post Office**, a fine colonial building which was designed and built in the early 20th Century by the famous French architect Gustave Eiffel Last. Lunch at local restaurant

Afternoon, you will visit the **Jade Emperor Temple** (Phuoc Hai), a rare Taoist structure in Vietnam built in 1909 in dedication to the Lord of Heaven. It's filled with smoky incense and fantastic carved figurines and still buzzing with worshipers, many lounging in the front gardens and continue to visit Cho Lon or the city's China Town and stop off at the Thien Hau temple. The **Thien Hau temple** was built in the early 19th Century dedicated to Thien Hau, the goddess of seafarers

Enjoy a cup of coffee at a local side walk coffee. Afterward, stop for shopping at the **French-built Ben Thanh Market** which dates back to 1870 and whose main entrance clock tower has become a city's symbol and where everything from clothes, sandals, lacquer are sold. Return back to your hotel.

Note: You can change tourist attractions to replace as the list below;

(1) Museums: War Remnants Museum, the Museum of Vietnamese History

Rate is net in USD per person

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	Price	95	58	45	32	29	25	22

Included: Private transportation with English or French speaking guide/Lunch at local restaurant/Coffee, entrance fee & mineral water