

# 4DAYS \_ SOUTHERN CLASSIC OF VIETNAM

- Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh – Cu Chi tunnels – My Tho – Ho Chi Minh)

## **1. OVERVIEW**

What most worth to be seen and experienced of Southern Vietnam is all packed in this round tour. See the glamor and feel the energy of Ho Chi Minh City while navigate the crowded streets past numerous striking French colonial buildings. Come to witness the unthinkable vitality of Vietnamese at the Cu Chi underground tunnels, the former resistance base of Viet Cong forces. And out in the vast openness of the Mekong delta, you will enjoy a lush rural landscape, local music “Don Ca Tai Tu”, observe people make coconut candy and taste seasonal fruit and home-made products.

## **2. ITINERARY IN BRIEF**

DAY	ITINERARY
1	HO CHI MINH – ARRIVAL
2	HO CHI MINH – CITY TOUR – CUCHI TUNNELS
3	HO CHI MINH – MYTHO (MEKONG DELTA)
4	HO CHI MINH – DEPARTURE

## **3. THE TOUR**

### **DAY 1: HO CHI MINH ARRIVAL**

Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City, welcome by our guide and transfer to hotel for check in. Ho Chi Minh City formerly named Saigon is the largest city and economic center of Vietnam always bustling with activities of modern life. It is where businesses converge and shoppers indulge themselves into unlimited choices. However the city also carries with it a rich historical legacy in contrast with its dazzling glamor.

Afternoon, take a half-day city tour to visit **Saigon Notre-Dame Basilica**, a neo-Roman cathedral built by the colonial French with materials entirely imported from Marseilles, Saigon Central Post Office, which was designed and constructed in the early 20th Century by the famous French architect Gustave Eiffel.

**Meals: Dinner**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Ho Chi Minh (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

### **DAY 2: HO CHI MINH – CITY TOUR – CUCHI TUNNELS**

Morning, take a half-day tour to the **Cu Chi Tunnels**, 75 km Northwest of downtown Ho Chi Minh City, which were once a major underground hideout and resistance base of Viet Cong forces during the two wars against the French and later on Americans. The tunnels, entirely hand-dug,

formed a highly intricate network of interlinked multilevel passageways at times stretched as far as the Cambodian border and totaling over 120 km in length. Its complexity was beyond imagination containing meeting rooms, kitchens, wells, clinics, schools, depots, trenches and emergency exits all aimed for guerrilla warfare. The tunnels were deep and strong enough to withstand destructive bombings and self-contained enough to outlast prolonged sieges. Back to Ho Chi Minh City and spend time at leisure. Lunch at a local restaurant.

Afternoon, take a half-day city tour to visit the **War Remnants Museum**, which features an extensive collection of exhibits including weaponry, photos and documentation on Vietnam's wars with the French and Americans, and the **Reunification Palace** the South Vietnam President's residence and symbol of the Southern Administration's reign until end of April 1975.

**Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Ho Chi Minh (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

### **DAY 3: HO CHI MINH – MYTHO (MEKONG DELTA) 65km–2hour driving**

Morning, after breakfast, travel by road to the **Mekong Delta**, the world's largest delta and Vietnam's largest rice bowl. On arrival in My Tho City, capital of Tieng Giang Province, embark on a boat and navigate through intricate canals while observing the local daily life up close as well as the landscape of waterways and lush islands. Land on the Unicorn Island to enjoy wandering through verdant orchards, tasting fresh fruits and listening to some Southern style traditional music. Move on to the second delta province, Ben Tre, where you will watch local villagers make coconut candy in a rural workshop, walk around briefly and try riding a horse-pulled carriage. More cruising to some bee-keeping households to taste fresh homegrown honey and honey tea. Go back Ho Chi Minh City and spend time at leisure.

**Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Ho Chi Minh (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

### **DAY 4: HO CHI MINH – DEPARTURE**

Free at leisure until transfer to airport for departure flight.

**Meal: Breakfast**

#### **4. EXTENSION TOURS:**

Add-on beach relaxation or tours to neighbor countries; Laos, Cambodia and Thailand or Myanmar

**5. PRICE: All rates are per person sharing DBL or TWN/FB Basis, in US dollar, net and non-commissionable.**

**Date valid: 01 Oct 2015 - 30 Apr 2016 & 01 Oct 2016 - 31 Dec 2016:**

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supp
First class -3*	341	299	235	207	63
Superior – 4*	394	352	288	260	103
Deluxe – 5*	507	465	401	373	190

**Date: 01 May 2016 – 30 Sep 2016**

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supp
First class -3*	335	294	229	201	58
Superior – 4*	386	344	280	252	97
Deluxe – 5*	478	436	371	344	168

### **WHAT IS INCLUDED**

- Accommodation in a twin or double room with daily breakfast
- Lunch or dinner as specified in the itinerary
- Private transportation with English or Mandarin speaking guide
- Services of a driver and private air-conditioned vehicle during all tours and transfers.
- Private boat for sightseeing in My Tho
- Entrance fees for all visits as mentioned in the itinerary
- Mineral water is available as complementary

### **WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED**

- International & Domestic flight tickets
- Meals, if not specified in the itinerary
- Gratuities for guides and drivers
- Visa stamping fee at the airport (45US\$ in Vietnam paid by cash at the airport)
- Travel insurance (we highly recommend that you purchase adequate insurance)
- Personal expenses, such as laundry, telephone, drinks, etc. All other services not specified in the itinerary
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### **LIST OF HOTELS USED:**

Place	First Class (3*)	Superior (4*)	Deluxe (5*)
Hanoi	Kingston hotel Or Similar	Golden Central Hotel Or Similar	New World Saigon Or Similar

### **Tour Policy & Notes:**

- Infant below 2 years old sharing same room with parents is free of charge.
- Child below 12 yrs old sharing same room with 1 ADL is charged for 90%.
- Child below 12 yrs old with extra bed and sharing same room with parents is charged for 65%.
- Child below 12 yrs old No extra bed & sharing same room with parents is charged for 55%
- Tipping for guide and driver (suggestion):
  - Group from 2 – 4 pax: USD 5/ pax/ day
  - Group from 5 – 9 pax: USD 4/ pax/ day
  - Group from 10 – 15 pax: USD 3/ pax/ day
  - Group above 15 pax: USD 2/ pax/ day
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### **Surcharge for Chinese New Year:**

- Surcharge for booking during Lunar New Year from **06.Feb – 12Feb 2016:**
  - US\$25/ pax/ day for FIT booking from 1-4pax
  - US\$15 / pax/ day for FIT booking from 5-9pax
  - US\$10 / pax/ day for GIT booking from 10pax up