

# 4DAYS \_ SOUTHERN HIGHLIGHT OF VIETNAM

- Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh – Cu Chi Tunnels – Vung Tau – Mekong Delta (My Tho) – Ho Chi Minh)

## **1. OVERVIEW**

This tour is designed to gain a more insight into the South of Vietnam. Begin with a strolling through the hustle and bustle of Ho Chi Minh City, then head to Cu Chi tunnel for a better understanding of the life of the Vietnamese people during wartime. Next, you will drive to Vung Tau, a civilized-looking city of broad boulevards and imposing colonial-era buildings. Back to Ho Chi Minh for a boat cruise along the intricate canals of the Mekong Delta, traditional music, local workshops and interaction with warm-hearted locals.

## **2. ITINERARY IN BRIEF**

DAY	ITINERARY
1	HOCHIMINH – ARRIVAL
2	HOCHIMINH – CUCHI TUNNELS - VUNG TAU
3	VUNG TAU – HOCHIMINH
4	HOCHIMINH – MYTHO (MEKONG DELTA)
5	HOCHIMINH – DEPARTURE

## **3. THE TOUR**

### **DAY 1: HOCHIMINH 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 bustled 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 (Viet Heritage restaurant)**

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

### **DAY 2: HOCHIMINH - CUCHI TUNNELS – VUNG TAU**

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.

Drive to Vung Tau, beautiful seaside resort with golden sandy beaches and warm water all year around. Arrival Vung Tau, check in and free at leisure for swimming and relaxing at the beaches. Dinner at restaurant.

**Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (Liberty 4 restaurant/Con so vang restaurant)**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Vung Tau (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

### **DAY 3: VUNG TAU – HO CHI MINH**

Morning, city tour to visit the Summer Palace of the Emperor Bao Dai, the Jesus Monument, which overlooks the Peninsula and the Pacific Ocean. Next, visit Whale Temple Christ Hill, Goddess of Mercy, Thuy Van Beach. Lunch at Ganh Hao restaurant

Afternoon, drive back Ho Chi Minh city free for shopping at local market.

**Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (Quan Tre restaurant/Viet Village restaurant)**

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

### **DAY 4: HOCHIMINH – 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. Dinner on Indochina traditional Boat cruise

**Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (Mien Tay riverside restaurant/Indochina cruise)**

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

### **DAY 5: HOCHIMINH – 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*	479	421	328	289	84

<b>Superior – 4*</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>134</b>
<b>Deluxe – 5*</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>230</b>

**Date: 01 May 2016 – 30 Sep 2016**

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<b>First class -3*</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Superior – 4*</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>127</b>
<b>Deluxe – 5*</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>208</b>

### **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:**

<b>Place</b>	<b>First Class (3*)</b>	<b>Superior (4*)</b>	<b>Deluxe (5*)</b>
<b>Ho Chi Minh</b>	<b>Kingston hotel</b> <i>Or Similar</i>	<b>Golden Central Hotel</b> <i>Or Similar</i>	<b>New World Saigon</b> <i>Or Similar</i>
<b>Vung Tau</b>	<b>The Coast Hotel</b> <i>Or Similar</i>	<b>Dic Star Hotel</b> <i>Or Similar</i>	<b>Imperial Vung Tau</b> <i>Or Similar</i>

### **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