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# THE BUSTLING SOUTH

## (Group Tour – Daily departure)

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### OVERVIEW

Group size : Guaranteed departure for bookings from 2 adults up.  
Departure date : Daily from Oct 2024 – Sep 2026  
Duration : 4 days/ 3 nights  
Route : Saigon - Cu Chi -Mekong – Saigon

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Visit to War Remnants Museum – the fifth best Asian tourism attraction in 2013 by Tripadvisor.
- Learn why Vietnamese can claim their independence over American troops by one of the most fascinating example: Cu Chi tunnels with its' an immense network of connecting underground tunnels
- Engage the boat trip to Mekong Delta - the 'rice bowl' of Vietnam, the delta is carpeted in a dizzying variety of greens. It's a water world that moves to the rhythms of the mighty Mekong, where boats, houses and markets float upon the innumerable rivers, canals and streams that criss-cross the landscape like arteries.

### ITINERARY IN BRIEF

DAY 1: ARRIVE SAIGON

DAY 2: SAIGON – CITY TOUR - CUCHI TUNNEL (B/L)

DAY 3: SAIGON – MEKONG DELTA – SAIGON (B/L)

DAY 4: SAIGON – DEPARTURE (B)

### ITINERARY IN DETAIL

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE SAIGON

Welcome to Saigon – Vietnam!

You will be welcomed at the Tan Son Nhat airport and transfer to the hotel to check-in. Overnight in Saigon.

#### DAY 2: SAIGON – CITY TOUR – CUCHI TUNNEL (B/L)

Breakfast at hotel. Take the morning trip to visit Independence Palace, also known as the Reunification Palace, was built on the site of the former Norodom Palace. The Independence Palace is a widely known landmark of Ho Chi Minh City and was designed by the architect Ngo Viet Thu. Continue seeing the beautiful structures from the French Colonial times such as the Notre Dame Cathedral, the historic Central Post Office. Followed by the remarkable site of the War Remnants Museum the museum has a vast display of the both the Indochina wars.

Have lunch at local restaurant.

Depart for Cu Chi tunnel, the trip will take approximately one-and-a-half-hour bus driving. Upon arrival, before exploring the tunnels, you will have some short introduction followed by introductory video about how the tunnels were constructed and how the people survived in the harsh conditions of the war time. Then, spend your time to explore the remaining area and tunnel systems which included the special constructed living areas with kitchens, bedrooms side by side with other martial facilities like storage, weapons factories, field hospitals, and command centers helping whoever lives inside the tunnels meet their basic needs. Besides, there are also many hidden trap doors and dangerous traps within the maze-like tunnels for security purpose during the war. Afterward, special tea and cassava (guerilla's food during the war) will be served. Break time for relax or time for those who want to try the real shooting gun (at own cost). Overnight in Saigon.

Meal: Breakfast at hotel. Lunch at local restaurant.

#### DAY 3: SAIGON – MEKONG DELTA – SAIGON (B/L)

Breakfast at hotel. A smooth one-and-a-half-hour bus ride through rice field scenery along National Highway 1 brings you to the beautiful rural district of Trung Luong.

On arrival at My Tho, after visiting Vinh Trang pagoda, take a leisurely cruise on the Tien River to view the four beautiful islands: Dragon, Unicorn, Phoenix, and Tortoise. Boats pass by the fish rafts along the Tien River, overlooking the Rach Mieu Bridge. Stroll along the village road, visit the orchard and enjoy seasonal fruit & honey tea to the sound of "Southern Vietnamese folk music" performed by locals. Riding a hand-rowed sampan through the Tan Thach canal. Then visit the coconut candy mill and take an amazing rowing boat trip along the small canal on a hand-rowed sampan under the shadow of the water coconut trees along natural canals. Enjoy lunch at the local restaurant. Then the motorboat will take you back to the cruise. Meet on the bus and return to Saigon. Overnight in Saigon

Meal: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch at local restaurant.

#### DAY 4: SAIGON – DEPARTURE (B)

Breakfast at hotel. If your flight is in the afternoon, you will have a half day more for the sightseeing and shopping before the departure. Check out time and transfer to the airport for the departure flight back to your sweet home.

End of services!

**Please note:** Standard check out time is around 12.00.

Have a fantastic trip!

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#### HOTEL LIST (or similar)

City	Standard hotel	Superior hotel	Deluxe hotel
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<b>Saigon</b>	<b>Liberty hotel Saigon Parkview</b> Deluxe room <a href="http://www.libertysaigonparkview.com">www.libertysaigonparkview.com</a>	<b>Happy life grand hotel &amp; Sky bar</b> Lessini Premier <a href="https://happylifeenterprise.com/vi">https://happylifeenterprise.com/vi</a>	<b>New World Saigon Hotel</b> Deluxe <a href="https://saigon.newworldhotels.com/en/">https://saigon.newworldhotels.com/en/</a>
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### **SERVICES INCLUDED**

- ❖ English-speaking tour guides on touring date.
- ❖ Accommodation on twin/double sharing basic
- ❖ Meal plan:
  - ☒ Daily breakfast at hotels.
  - ☒ Lunch or dinner with local food as mention in the program
- ❖ Air-con transfer for airport transfer and touring
- ❖ Boat trip in Mekong delta
- ❖ Entrance fee and Zone fee as per program
- ❖ Water during transfer.

### **SERVICES not INCLUDED**

- ❖ Vietnam Visa arrangement services (single entry)
- ❖ Vietnam Visa stamp fee (USD 25/pax)
- ❖ International, domestic flights and airport departure tax.
- ❖ Meals not mentioned in Detailed Program.
- ❖ Shooting gun fee in Cu Chi Tunnels
- ❖ Early check-in, late check-out surcharge.
- ❖ Surcharge for Christmas and New Year period (to be advised upon booking confirmation)
- ❖ Tipping for Guides (USD 3/pax/day) and Drivers (USD 1/pax/day)
- ❖ Banking fee for payment by bank transfer
- ❖ Other expense not mentioned in the program.

### **TOUR PRICE PER PERSON (USD) – applicable to booking from 2 pax**

#### **2024 - 2025**

##### **Except**

- Xmas and New Year 2024: From Dec 19th, 2024 to Jan 05<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Lunar new year 2025: From Jan 25<sup>th</sup> to Feb 2<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Reunification & Labor day: From Apr 30<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Vietnam national day: From Aug 31<sup>st</sup> to Sep 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

	<b>High season</b> <b>October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025</b>		<b>Low season</b> <b>May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025</b>	
	<b>Tour price per pax in DBL/ TWN room</b>	<b>Single supplement</b>	<b>Tour price per pax in DBL/ TWN room</b>	<b>Single supplement</b>
<b>Standard package</b>	182	65	176	62
<b>Superior package</b>	230	112	227	109

Deluxe package	338	214	324	202
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**SOLO TRAVELLER: 50 USD/pax/ trip**

## 2025 - 2026

### Except

- Xmas and New Year 2025: From Dec 19th, 2025 to Jan 05<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Lunar new year 2026: From Feb 14<sup>th</sup> to Feb 22<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Reunification & Labor day: From Apr 30<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Vietnam national day: From Aug 31<sup>st</sup> to Sep 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

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	Tour price per pax in DBL/ TWN room	Single supplement	Tour price per pax in DBL/ TWN room	Single supplement
<b>Standard package</b>	184	69	180	64
<b>Superior package</b>	236	118	232	114
<b>Deluxe package</b>	350	225	334	212

**SOLO TRAVELLER: 50 USD /pax/ trip**

### IMPORTANT NOTES:

#### TOUR RATE:

- Tour rates are based on current fuel rates and subject to change if the fuel rates increase by 15%.

#### VEHICLE USAGE AND LOCAL GUIDE'S WORKING TIME:

**For airport transfer:** Airport pick up/drop-off for flights from 22:00pm to 6:00 am will require a surcharges for guide fee and vehicle.

#### Guide fee surcharge:

- USD 10/guide/way for group 1 – 10 pax
- USD 15/guide /way for group from 11 pax up

#### Vehicle surcharge:

- USD 10/4-7 seaster car/ way
- USD 15 /15 seaster van/ way
- USD 20/24-35 seaster bus/ way
- USD 30/45 seaster bus/ way

**For sightseeing:** Guide and vehicle, if included, will follow the exact confirmed program. Their maximum working time for sightseeing is from 08:00am to 05:00pm or from 08:30am to 5:30pm. Dinner time is in 2 hours from 07:00 – 09:00pm including pick up/drop off from/to your hotel. Please discuss with your guide about the time you want to start the sightseeing to avoid delay.

#### Over time surcharge:

- USD 20 per hour for guide and vehicle for 4-7s car;
- USD 30 per hours for guide and vehicle for 15s minivan;
- USD 40 per hour for guide and vehicle for 24 minivan bus up

If you need more time for sightseeing or dinner, please inform us in advance to include the cost from begining.

**For lunch and dinner** are not included in the program: transfer and meal cost will be on guests's own arrangement.

*Since our tour guide and driver also need to recharge their health to work well on the next days, your understanding and punctuality are really appreciated.*

**HOTEL CHECK-IN & CHECK OUT TIME:**

- Check-in: from 14.00-15.00
- Check-out: before 11.00-12.00

**Note!** Early check and late check out are subjected to availability with surcharge from the hotels.

**SUGGESTED TIPS POLICY:**

- Group from 1 pax – 5 pax: Minimum USD 6/guests/day
- Group from 6 pax – 10 pax: Minimum USD 4/guests/day
- Group from 11 pax up: Minimum USD 3/pax/day