

# SAIGON MODERN LIFE



04 days - 03 nights from 157\$

Saigon | Mekong Delta | Tay Ninh | Cu Chi | Saigon

## OVERVIEW

Tour code	<b>VNS04</b>
Duration	04days / 03nights
Features	If you have a short stop in the South, let's experience what are not available in other regions of Vietnam: the bustling life on the Mekong tributaries, historical traces of the American war, and exciting life in Saigon – the hub of new cultural flows, the attraction of most hectic people, the rendezvous of modern Vietnamese contrasts.
Extention	Excellent to combine with a short trip to Cambodia by either airway, land way or riverway.

## ITINERARY IN BRIEF

- Day 1 : Arrive and Experience Fascinating Life of Saigon (D)
- Day 2 : Saigon - Mekong Delta - Saigon (B/L)
- Day 3 : Saigon - Tay Ninh – Cu Chi Tunnels - Saigon (B/L)
- Day 4 : Saigon Departure (B)

## ITINERARY IN DETAIL

### DAY 1: ARRIVE AND EXPERIENCE FASCINATING LIFE OF SAIGON (D)

Arrive in Saigon, greeted by your tour guide and transferred to the hotel for refreshing. Afternoon we will start the city tour around 1pm by a walking tour in District 1, the central and commercial district of the city, passing by the Notre Dame Cathedral, the colonial-styled old Post Office, Dong Khoi street, stopover at the City Hall and the Theatre before visiting the City Museum. If time available, we will go on to the China Town at District 5 and contemplate special ambience and beauty of Thien Hau pagoda before having dinner. Visit the night market at Ben Thanh in the evening. Overnight in Saigon. (Lunch by your own for flexibility).

**Please note!** The program will be adjusted in accordance with your arrival time.

### DAY 2: SAIGON - MEKONG DELTA - SAIGON (B/L)

As we should reach the floating market in Cai Be as early as possible today, try your best to start in Saigon at 07.00am and travel southwest for nearly 3 hours, passing the Mekong Delta, which makes Vietnam the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Rice Exporter, and reach Vinh Long province which is famous for tropical fruits in the Mekong Delta. Upon arrival at Cai Be, board our boat along the market to enjoy trading activities of the peasants of the Mekong Delta, who travel to the market in the boats full of fruits and farming

products. Visit family factories and orchards and taste some juicy tropical fruits. Lunch in a charming old-styled house or in a garden house on an island between visits. Back to our car and return to Saigon later afternoon. Overnight in Saigon.

### DAY 3: SAIGON - TAYNINH - CUCHI TUNNELS - SAIGON (B/L)

Our day begins with a visit to Tay Ninh, the centre of Cao daism, a local sect of Buddhism founded by a Vietnamese countryman in early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The road is thru the typical Southern Vietnam delta. Arriving at noontime, we will have the chance to join the daily ceremony at the temple of Cao Dai called Tay Ninh Holysee. In his novel "The Quiet American," Graham Greene described the temple as the "Walt Disney Fantasia of the East". The eye over the main entrance and on the inside ceiling is characteristic of every Cao Dai church, and is a reminder of the Creator of the Universe. Yet, the midday mass is very solemn and respectful. Today, the Cao daism numbers over 2 million members, who are vegetarians, obey the rules of chastity, and lead very simple lives helping the sick and the infirm. They are known for their séances and communications with the spirit world.

On the way back to Saigon is located Cu Chi Tunnels, one of the few remaining monuments to the Vietnam War. Beneath the ground lie 200 km of tunnels, dug by hand and inhabited by the forces of the Vietnamese guerillas during the conflict. At its peak, prior to the Tet Offensive in 1968, the tunnel complex was base to almost 10,000 troops. To this day, it remains one of the most impressive examples of how fierce the war used to be. Return to Saigon late afternoon. Overnight in Saigon.

### DAY 4: SAIGON DEPARTURE (B)

It'll be your own time for relax or shopping in Saigon till your guide sees you to transfer to Tan Son Nhat Airport for the departure flight.

## SERVICES INCLUDED

- English-speaking tour guide
- Land transfer by air-con vehicle
- Twin-shared room
- Meals as mentioned in the program (no drinks)
- Boat trips and admission

## SERVICES not INCLUDED

- Airfare (international and domestic) and airport tax
- Visa to Vietnam
- Early check-in, late check-out surcharge
- Other meals
- Drinks and personal expenses (phone call, laundry, tipping etc.)
- Any services not mentioned in the program.