

# SAIGON - VIETNAM 7 days 6 nights

# Saigon

CLIENT: Mrs. Lee Yen Chong

# FOOD NOTE:

01 person doesn't eat fish, seafoods are fine. Mrs. Lee doesn't eat raw food

## **INCLUSIONS:**

- Door-to-door pick-up & drop-off services on 16-seater van
- Experienced English-speaking guide
- Meals as stated in the itinerary (B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner)
- All sightseeing tickets
- Tissues and water on coach
- 24/7 hotline support guaranteed

## **EXCLUSIONS:**

- Incoming and out coming flights
- Beverage, Personal expenses, tips and gratuities
- Travel insurance
- Accommodation and Early check-in and Late check-out (If not specifically mentioned on the program)
- Visa stamping fee on arrival at the airport (Vietnam: 25\$/person Cambodia: 30\$/person)
- Other services not mentioned above

# **BRIEF ITINERARY**

DAY 1 (06 Mar 2020) SAIGON ARRIVAL – ARRANGED BY GUEST DAY 2 (07 Mar 2020) LANDMARKS OF SAIGON – FAMOUS MARKETS (L) DAY 3 (08 Mar 2020) CU CHI TUNNEL AND CAODAI TEMPLE (L) DAY 4 (09 Mar 2020) MEKONG DELTA FULL DAY TOUR (L) DAY 5 (10 Mar 2020) SAIGON COOKING CLASS (L) & DINNER CRUISE ON SAIGON RIVER (D) DAY 6 (11 Mar 2020) FREE LEISURE DAY IN SAIGON DAY 7 (12 Mar 2020) FLY TO HANOI

Please refer to below for the detailed itinerary and price:

#### **DETAILED ITINERARY**

Meal Abbreviations: B,L,D = Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner DAY 1 (06 Mar 2020) SAIGON ARRIVAL – ARRANGED BY GUEST Flight Details: VN780 arrival at 16:00 PM and SQ184 arrival at 15:05 PM Hotel: Vincom Dong Khoi – 45 A Ly Tu Trong Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City. Inclusions: No services

#### DAY 2 (07 Mar 2020) LANDMARKS OF SAIGON - FAMOUS MARKETS (L)

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Hotel: Vincom Dong Khoi – 45 A Ly Tu Trong Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City.



In the morning, we will discover the historical and cultural treasures of Ho Chi Minh City with a private guide at your service.

• Start visiting three iconic architectural landmarks the Notre Dame Cathedral, the Central Post Office built between 1877 and 1883 by renowned designer Gustav Eiffel. Red Cathedral or Tan Dinh Church Saigon, built in 1876 is a Romanian-style church in Ho Chi Minh City, where you can see intricate Gothic and Renaissance elements that have managed to survive Vietnam's turbulent periods. The cathedral still remains an active church with services each day and is favored backdrop for Vietnamese wedding photographs.

• From the cathedral, take a short stroll along Dong Khoi Street to **the Opera House**. From a bomb shelter to housing the parliamentary Lower House, the Opera House has had an interesting history. Restored in 1995 the Opera House has returned to its roots and is once again a theatre.

• Next, visit **the Reunification Palace** also Known as Old President House during Vietnam War, once a symbol of the South Vietnamese Government. It was here on 30 April 1975, that the war ended when a North Vietnamese Army tank crashed through its gates. See the war room, the banquet hall and the presidential office with the unusual gifts which have been received.

## Have Lunch at a local restaurant

• Visit the local market in the afternoon after lunch break. Some of the local markets worth visiting are: Ben Thanh, An Dong, Dan Sinh, Tan Dinh, Binh Tay...

Jade Emperor Pagoda or Thien Hau Pagoda can be visited on the way.

Inclusions: Local Driver and 16 seater van – Sightseeing Fees – English Speaking Guide – Meal as indicated

Important Notes: Lunch should be around 11.30am (as the group have a kid) if the morning visit schedule is too tight, we might cover the rest after lunch. Please drop the group at a restaurant near their hotel at around 18:00 PM so they will take their walk home afterward.

#### DAY 3 (08 Mar 2020) CU CHI TUNNEL AND CAODAI TEMPLE (L)

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Devote a day to see Cu chi tunnels & visit Cao Dai temple enroute.

• This afternoon, be picked-up for lunch at local restaurant at around 11:00 AM. After lunch, make a short stop by the hotel before heading to Cu Chi Tunnel which is around 85 km away from the city inner.

• Explore the underground network of **Cu Chi Tunnels** and be amazed with tenacious spirit and underground lives of Viet Cong soldiers during Vietnam War

• Before entering the tunnels, visitors can watch a short introductory video showing how the tunnels were constructed. You will spend the next hour exploring the tunnels. Afterwards, enjoy tea, cassava (guerrilla's food during the war). We will visit a network of 200 km long underground dug-out which was being used during the Vietnam – USA war. There is little evidence to indicate the intense fighting, bombing and destruction that went on in Cu Chi during the war.

- On the way back to the city, visit Cao Dai Temple.
- Get back to your hotel for the overnight sleep.

Inclusions: Local Driver and 16 seater van – Sightseeing Fees – English Speaking Guide – Meal as indicated

Important Notes: Lunch should be around 11.30am then get back to the hotel before heading to Cu Chi Tunnel

## DAY 4 (09 Mar 2020) MEKONG DELTA FULL DAY TOUR (L) Hotel: Vincom Dong Khoi – 45 A Ly Tu Trong Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City.

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Experience life in Mekong Delta on a private tour from Ho Chi Minh City today. Travel down the narrow canals by rowing boat and get the chance to sample fresh fruits and local candy made by coconut.



In the morning, be picked up at the hotel lobby and transferred to Mekong Delta. Enjoy the scenic journey along the National Highway bordered by green rice fields.

On your arrival at My Tho, visit Vinh Trang pagoda, take a leisurely boat ride along the river, and view stilt houses, fruit plantations and fishing villages along the river bank.

Have a riding horse cart to Tortoise islet, have lunch in the orchard garden. Then ride a boat to An Khanh – a less touristy attraction in Ben Tre, enjoy cruising on a hand-rowed sampan under the shadow of the water coconut trees; enjoy seasonal fruit & honey tea and listen to the sound of "Southern Vietnamese folk music", performed by locals.

Visit a family business which epitomizes the idyllic rural lifestyle, taste the delicious coconut candy & observe the pastoral life as you roam through the fruit plantation and village. Meet the private car and return to HCMC.

16:00 Get on car to return to Ho Chi Minh. Tour ends.

Inclusions: Local Driver and 16 seater van – English Speaking Guide – Meal as indicated – Boat Arrangement – All sightseeing and Admission Fees Important Notes: Private Mekong Delta Tour for 4 people

DAY 5 (10 Mar 2020) SAIGON COOKING CLASS (L) & DINNER CRUISE ON SAIGON RIVER (D) Hotel: Vincom Dong Khoi – 45 A Ly Tu Trong Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City. MORNING - SAIGON COOKING CLASS (L)

Vietnam gastronomy and cuisine have grown to be the big magnet that attracts many tourists

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coming to the most dynamic city of Vietnam. Before your departure, learn how to treat your family, friends or spouses with fantastic authentic Vietnamese cooking recipe that definitely should not be a miss. Moreover, this activity is a great fit for family.

- Explore the local market to observe the local ways of shopping and learn to choose fresh and needy ingredients for the feast on the market tour.

- Enjoy herbal welcome drink at the cooking facility.

- Learn how to cook the real Vietnamese traditional food under the personalized guidance of professional cook

- Savour yourself with four signature culinary delights of Vietnam through your self-made Dishes

- Taste unique and special local wines
- Hassle-free hotel pickup and drop-off
- Be available for vegetarian

Get back to your hotel after the cooking session.

Inclusions: Local Driver and 04 seater van transfer – English Speaking Guide – Meal as indicated Important Notes: Cooking class for 2 people

#### **EVENING - DINNER CRUISE ON SAIGON RIVER (D)**



Tonight, enjoy a 1-hour traditional puppetry art show - a very special moment for grownups and children alike. Take a ride on a cyclo for an adventure winding through the sights, sounds & smells of this historic metropolis - the ideal way to experience the city at night. Conclude the day with an unforgettable 2-hour scenic cruise along the Saigon River in a traditional junk & Vietnamese / Western dinner

Pick up at your hotel to start the trip and transfer to Water Puppet Theater by car.

Enjoy the unique art of a water puppet show, a traditional art form closely connected with the long-standing spiritual life of the Vietnamese people. It is performed in a pool of water with the water surface being the stage. The puppeteers stand behind a screen and control the puppets using long bamboo rods and string mechanisms hidden beneath the water surface.

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A traditional Vietnamese orchestra provides accompanying background music. Singers originating from Northern Vietnam sing songs which tell the story being acted out by the puppets which are carved out of wood. Although the authentic shows are exclusively in Vietnamese, the tales depict rural life in villages and are easy to understand. The shows typically last for one hour and offer a colorful way to enjoy an ancient tradition.

Continue to the harbor by Cyclo for a dinner cruise, enjoy the city lights & panoramic views of HCM city.

Enjoy scrumptious Vietnamese cuisine on this magical dinner cruise aboard a traditional-style Dragon Boat, Indochina Junk

The tour ends. Transfer you to hotel

Inclusions: Local Driver and 16 seater van – Cyclo ride – English Speaking Guide – Meal as indicated – Water Puppet Show Important Notes: Dinner cruise for 5 people.

#### DAY 6 (11 Mar 2020) FREE LEISURE DAY IN SAIGON

#### Hotel: Vincom Dong Khoi – 45 A Ly Tu Trong Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City.

Your family can decide (last minute) if you want to have our 16-seater car for the day around Saigon (max 8 hours). The extra charge for our 16-seater van and a local driver will be at USD/8 hours daily

## DAY 7 (12 Mar 2020) FLY TO HANOI

Hotel: Vincom Dong Khoi – 45 A Ly Tu Trong Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City. Flight Details: VJ140 Departure time 10:45 AM Arrival time 12:50 PM

Today, depend on your flight time, our driver will come and bring you to Tan Son Nhat Airport. Board your flight to Hanoi City.

Inclusions: Local Driver and 16-seater van

#### \*END OF SERVICES\*

#### PRICE

Rest assured that we will keep the tour matches to your child's pace (Lunch at around 11:30 PM and dinner at around 17:30 PM). As you wish, we can break from the tour anytime to get back to your hotel if needed.

USD96/person x 6 Adults FREE OF CHARGE FOR 01 INFANT

Please pay extra if you participate in

- Cooking class: USD48/person Group tour max 8 people
- Dinner cruise in Saigon river: USD50/person 5 people Group
- Mekong Delta Tour Full Day: USD54/person 4 people Group

The last minute 16-seater car renting for Ho Chi Minh City (8 hours): USD65 (car and local driver)

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

#### • Insurance:

We strongly encourage all customers to take a copy of their travel insurance documents (especially relevant international contact numbers) with them while on tour.

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## • Visa:

Entry visas are required by all visitors to Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia and our Visa team can assist you with the process of obtaining a visa letter (AKA visa approval letter or invitation letter). We will supply you with all paperwork and submit the visa letter on your behalf. Visas for Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos are issued with specific start and expiry dates which are based on the dates stated on the visa application form. Travel must be completed within those dates. Please be advised that your passport must have at least six months validity left on it when you arrive back home. Visa letter will be emailed to visitors 15 days prior to departure; if received after this, urgent visa processing fees may be applied.

# • Optional Tours:

Optional tours may be offered in each city you visit during your tour at an additional cost. These tours are not included in the standard itinerary and will only be available if time permits.

## • Dress code:

When visiting temples or mosques, both men and women should dress in conservative, nonrevealing clothing. Full-length trousers with a shirt or t-shirt for men; and pants or skirts well below the knee with a top that covers the shoulders and upper arms for women.

## • Personal Expense:

You will need to take some extra money to cover extra meals, drinks, laundry and souvenirs... Based on the advice of previous customers an approximate amount of USD250 per person per week should be sufficient; however, for those that can't resist a bargain or may wish to participate in all of the optional excursions, consider allocating a higher amount.

#### • Exchange Cash:

US Dollars are easily exchanged throughout Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, however other currencies such as Indian Rupee can generally be exchanged at airports provided notes are new and undamaged. We suggest for your convenience that you ensure your US Dollars are from the new series to avoid any difficulties exchanging money during your trip (should be from the new series from the year 2006 onwards). We suggest exchanging your money before travelling to remote areas and smaller towns, as exchange facilities can be limited.

#### • Tipping:

Local tipping is customary in Asia. However, this can often lead to awkwardness in knowing when it is appropriate to tip and how much, as well as ensuring you have a suitable amount of change available at the time. For your convenience, tipping minimum amount (for any private tours) can be at USD3/person/day/ at the end of the day.

#### • Eating In SEA:

Southeast Asia is home to an incredibly rich food history. Your itinerary has been carefully crafted to introduce you to a wide range of local dishes and we hope that you enjoy the culinary adventure ahead. Meals (excluding drinks) are included in our tours and depend on each tour's itinerary, please pay attention to the meals abbreviations and each day's tour tittles to know which meals are inclusive in the package and which are not. Normally, we have included all breakfast at your accommodation of stay in each cities and Lunch or Dinner depend on daily tours/ or activities. Any special dietary requirements for food should be informed by visitors so that we can arrange daily meals accordingly.

#### • Weather Condition:

Please refer to the hereunder website for detailed temperature charts.

https://www.accuweather.com/en/vn/hanoi/353412/july-weather/353412

In the case of bad weather/risks of tropical storms:

We will keep you updated regarding the weather condition/ risks of tropical storms as soon as possible and will offer different alternatives for you to choose, the possible scenarios that can occur, or amend the refund depend on which services that you had used.

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