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#### 6 Days Saigon - Cu Chi - Mekong

#### **Draft Itinerary**

Day 1: Arrival – Saigon – City tour

Day 2: Saigon – Tay Ninh – Cu Chi Tunnel

Day 3: Saigon – My Tho – Can Tho

Day 4: Can Tho – Cai Rang floating market – Chau Doc

Day 5: Chau Doc - Saigon
Day 6: Saigon - Departure

#### Program in detail

## Day 1: Arrival - Saigon - City tour

Meal provided: No meal, Optional for Buffet Dinner at local restaurant

**Welcome to Vietnam**. Upon arrival at Tan Son Nhat Airport, obtain your Vietnam visa and then clear Immigration and Customs. After collecting your baggage, exit the airport to meet outside a local driver and guide (FAST TRACK AT THE AIRPORT)

Transfer to visit **Reunification Palace** formerly known as Independence Palace, built on the site of the former Norodom Palace, is a landmark in Hochiminh City.

Our next stop is the **War Remnants Museum**. Operated by the Vietnamese government, an incipient form of museum opened on September 4, 1975, as the "Exhibition House for US and Puppet Crimes, located in the premises of the former United States Information Agency building. Stop to visit **City Hall, Ho Chi Minh Monument and Central Post Office** which was constructed when Vietnam was part of French Indochina in the early 20th century. Right nearby, you can see **Notre Dame Cathedral**, a magnificent building located in the heart of the city and was established by French colonists. This cathedral was constructed between 1863 and 1880. It has two bell towers, reaching a height of 58 meters (190 feet).

#### Stay overnight in Saigon

#### Day 2: Saigon - Tay Ninh - Cu Chi Tunnel

Meal provided: Breakfast, Optional for Buffet Dinner at local restaurant

Drive through typical southern Vietnamese countryside to **Tay Ninh Province** in the west of Vietnam. At Tay Ninh visit the **Cao Dai Great Temple** which was begun in 1933 in a unique architectural style that reflects its blended traditions. The three principal colors of Cao Dai are yellow (for Buddhism), blue (for Taoism), and red (for Christianity), and these appear in worshippers' robes as well as the temple. The most important symbol is the Divine Eye, representing God, which also appears in followers' homes. It is a left eye, because God is Yang, and Yang is the left side. There are four ceremonies with chanting each day: 6:00 am, noon, 6:00 pm, and midnight. An orchestra of 10 musicians and a choir of 20 youths lead the service in prayer and hymns. The hymns sound western, but the accompanying music is traditional Vietnamese.

Transfer to visit the famous **Cu Chi Tunnels**, an incredible underground tunnel network constructed by Vietnamese resistance fighters during the long struggle for independence. The Cu Chi Tunnel system had been created long time back, from 1948 to assist Viet Minh in the combat with French. And it was continuing built over 25 years later. It was an underground city with living areas, kitchens, storage, weapons factories, field hospitals, command centers. In places, it was housed up to 10,000 people who virtually lived underground for years.... getting married, giving birth. During the American War the entire area of Cu Chi was designated a free fire zone and was heavily bombarded. From 1988, two sections of tunnels have been open for visitors.

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#### Day 3: Saigon - My Tho - Can Tho

Meal provided: Breakfast, Optional for Set menu Dinner at local restaurant

In the morning, meet your private guide and car. We leave Saigon behind and head to Vietnam's rice basket of **Mekong Delta.** We will pass through idyllic, rural scenes until we arrive at My Tho, a peaceful town on the bank of the Mekong River, where we will visit the **Vinh Trang Pagoda**.

Take a leisurely **boat ride** along the river, and view the stilt houses, fruit plantations and fishing villages along the river bank. Proceed to **Tortoise islet** and then enjoy a boat ride 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 along natural canals, then enjoy seasonal fruit & honey tea 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

Keep driving to Can Tho. the fifth largest city in Vietnam, and the largest city in the Mekong Delta. It is noted for its floating market, rice paper-making village and picturesque rural canals.

Check in hotel. Stay overnight in Can Tho

#### Day 4: Can Tho - Cai Rang floating market - Chau Doc

Meal provided: Breakfast, Optional for Set menu Dinner at local restaurant

Early morning, take a boat trip to visit **Cai Rang floating market** which is one of the three biggest in the Mekong Delta. The shops and stalls at the market are boat of different sizes. Cai Rang Floating Market is open all day but it is busiest from sunrise to about 9am. The main items sold there are farm products and specialties of Cai Rang Town, Chau Thanh District and neighboring areas. Every boat has a long upright pole at its bow on which samples of the goods for sale are hung. During the early morning market hours, larger sized boats anchor and create lanes that smaller boats weave in and out of. The waterway becomes a maze of hundreds of boats packed with mango, bananas, papaya, pineapple, and even smuggled goods like cigarettes. Sellers do not have to cry out about their goods because their goods can be seen in a distance and their cries would not be heard in the vastness of the river and the noise of boat engines. Small boats that sell beer, wine and soft drinks go among the other boats to serve market-goers and visitors. Heading to Chau Doc. On the way, pay a visit to **Tra Su cajuput forest**, which is renowned for not only its almost-untouched natural beauty but also its sanctuary of flora and fauna. Take a boat trip into the forest, you will immediately feel like you are harmonizing with nature because of all of the impressive pictures of cajuputs, the fragrance of the flowers and the music-like noise of birds, insects and animals making people relaxed and comfortable. From the observation post, you can overlook the forest with an area of nearly 900 ha, home of many birds and animals, including some rare ones.

Check in hotel. Stay overnight in Chau Doc

## Day 5: Chau Doc - Saigon — AO show or My Village show

Meal provided: Breakfast, Optional for Buffet Dinner at local restaurant

A highlight of a visit to Chau Doc is to take a **boat trip** on one of the small paddle boats that collect near the western end of the park. They'll paddle you around the many floating raft houses and fish farms. Doing this at dawn can be very photogenic and rewarding.

Heading back to Saigon.

Transfer to the Saigon Opera House for AO show or My Villagw show.

After the show, drop off at the hotel. Stay overnight in Saigon

## Day 6: Saigon - Departure

Meal provided: Breakfast

Enjoy your free time till being transferred by private car to the airport for flight back to home.

End service.

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### **Including**

- + Complimentary Vietnam visa pre- approval letter with
- + 05 nights at hotels with breakfast on a private double/twin sharing room
- + Meals mentioned in the itinerary
- + Entrance fees for all visits as mentioned in the program
- + See My Village show or AO show (Aah ticket)
- + Travel by private, air-conditioned vehicle with an experienced, safe driver
- + Private boat trip in My Tho/Can Tho/Chau Doc
- + Private English speaking guide with legal license in each region
- + 01 bottle of mineral water/ pax/ day and souvenir
- + All taxes and service charge

#### **Excluding**

- Bank fees for both sides (Prefer cash on arrival)
- Vietnam visa stamping (25 USD per pax for one time entry)
- Single room supplement
- Personal expenses (laundry, telephone, shopping)
- Tipping for guide, driver
- Drinks and other meals which are not indicated in the program
- Travel insurance
- International and domestic air ticket and airport tax
- Any additional expenses caused by reasons beyond our control such as natural calamities (typhoon, flood), flight delays, rescheduling or cancellations, any accidents, medical evacuations, riots, strikes etc...
- Other services which are not mentioned clearly in the "Including" item

#### How to book a tour with us

Step 1: Review/ Customize the proposal

In order to match your expectation, any further discussion for revising or amending if having is highly appreciated Step 2: Confirm & Deposit

Whenever you come to the finalization and ready to have the trip confirmed, the non-refundable deposit of minimum **5**0% and full airfare charges is required before we start to reserve all services and issue the flight tickets to get the best promotion price.

Step 3: Tour documents

Once the services are completed, you are provided with necessary information before the trip

## **Cancellations and changes policy after trip approval:**

In order to cancel an approved and paid trip (even if partially), please send us a message as quickly as possible, by email or phone

Cancellation conditions: despite what is written below, payment will not be refunded for services purchased and paid for by the company such as -

International flights or domestic flights, trains, or hotels or other services.

From the moment of registration until 60 days before departure - the payment will be refunded except for \$100 per person and/or the services purchased for the participant

From 45 - 30 days before departure - 50% of the cost of the trip (and another \$100 registration fee).

From 30 - 15 days before departure - 80% of the cost of the trip (and another \$100 registration fee).

From 15 - 7 days before departure or no-show - 100%.

The company will be entitled to cancel any trip up to 14 days from the date of departure. In such a case, the passenger will be refunded all his money as he paid, up to 30 days from the date of cancellation.

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