

## SOUTH VIETNAM (5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS)



### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

4 Nights' accommodation based on twin share

Meals as per itinerary

Transfers

Entrance fees

Government tax and surcharge

English speaking guide

Day 1: Saigon, city explorer

Day 2: Cu Chi tunnels, boating and cycling

Day 3: Saigon – Mekong delta

Day 4: Mekong delta – Saigon

Day 5: Saigon, departure

## ITINERARY IN DETAILS

### Day 1: Saigon, city explorer (L)

We depart from your hotel at 8.30am. The first part of the morning, we tour around the district 1 on a gentle orientation walk to discover some of the major colonial landmarks that give the historical character to the modern metropolis. We will see the post office, the cathedral and have a drink at the terrace of the Continental hotel (one non-alcoholic beverage included). We then transfer to the Chinese district, Cho Lon, and go around by **cyclo** (for 1 hour). Make yourself comfortable and let the lively streets make the scene. We visit a temple and a market before going for lunch. In the afternoon we visit the museum of traditional medicine FITO. Wander around the 5 floors of the building, exploring this impressive collection of information and objects that explains history and philosophy of the traditional medicine. We take you back to the hotel, end of the day at leisure.

Optional day trip: Hop on gleaming vintage Vespa scooters at sundown and venture on a fun pillion ride to discover the city by night. Sample local foods, witness daily life going and let your driver's points out the hidden and lesser known parts of the city.

Overnight at the Novotel Saigon in a Superior Room

### Day 2: Cu Chi Tunnels, boating and cycling (B, L)

At 7.00am we pick you up at your hotel lobby and drive to the pier. We board a nice boat and venture on the Saigon River. We let the bustling city behind and the riverside quickly offers wilder nature made of lush green and mangrove. We disembark a little before 9.00am and get our bicycles. Get ready for a 25-km ride on the less traveled trails and roads of the region. This is a great opportunity to go off the touristic routes and see some genuine quaint countryside. We end the ride around noon and will explore the Cu Chi tunnels. This is an incredible maze of underground tunnels that served during war time. We then enjoy a late lunch before making our way back to Saigon



Overnight at the Novotel Saigon in a Superior Room

### Day 3: Saigon – Mekong Delta (B, L)

The guide meets you at 7am in the hotel's lobby. We make our way out of Saigon and reach the doorstep of the Mekong delta. We leave the tourist places behind and keep driving to Sadek town. A charming little town, with its canals, narrow streets and flower fields. We take time to enjoy all of this before heading to Cai Be... in style, on a private lunch cruise. We reach after about 2 hours a little pier that only few know about and that gives access to a less travelled area. Opportunities to cycle the rural lanes of the area as well, meet locals, discover their crafting or cooking skills and immerse in their lush orchards. In the late afternoon we check in hotel.



Overnight at the Mekong Riverside Boutique Resort and Spa in a lake View Room

#### Day 4: Mekong Delta - Saigon (B)

Easy morning. The choice of activities will be yours. Relax by the swimming pool, go fishing, cycling, sampan riding on the arroyos of the river. Lunch will be on your own, either at the lodge or on the drive back to Saigon in a local restaurant. We give you the freedom to arrange this directly with your guide. On our drive back to the giant metropolis, we stop to visit a temple of Caodaism near the town of My Tho. We arrive at the hotel in the mid-afternoon. End of the day at leisure.

#### **Optional extra: attend the current top art performance in the country**

The Show is a contemporary arts performance telling stories of the Vietnamese folklore. We will hand you the tickets and explain you how to get from the hotel to the theatre.

Overnight at the Novotel Saigon in a Superior Room



#### Day 5: Saigon, departure (B)

Day at leisure until we pick you up to drive you to the airport to catch a flight to your following destination.