

Vietnam Impressions



Day 1: AUSTRALIA – HO CHI MINH CITY

Please meet at the airport for your International flight to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2: HO CHI MINH CITY (B)

This morning you will visit the wartime guerrilla stronghold of Chu Chi tunnels, one of the most famous battlegrounds of the Vietnam War. Cu Chi Tunnel (around 70km from HCM), located in an area known during the Vietnam War as the "Iron Triangle" on account of the strength of its Communist insurgency. The Cu Chi tunnel network was established as a means of waging guerilla war against superior French and later American firer power. The network stretches over 250km and extends to three levels underground providing a remarkable insight into the method and determination of Communist forces during the Vietnam War. You will also attend the midday service at the Cao Dai Temple in Tay Ninh. You will then be transferred back to Ho Chi Minh in the late afternoon. The rest of the evening is free for teacher-organised activities.

Day 3: HO CHI MINH CITY – VUNG TAU (B)

This morning you will have a city tour of Ho Chi Minh City. You will see sights such as the Re-Unification Palace, War Remnants Museum which was built in the late 1970s, Notre Dame Cathedral, situated in Paris Square, in the heart of Ho Chi Minh City and Central Post Office to admire its huge hall. Ho Chi Minh City, or Saigon as it is still known to many, is Vietnam's largest city with a growing population of around 7 million. This is a city on the go 24 hours a day, where everybody seems to be busy either buying, selling, studying, working or just enjoying themselves. This afternoon you will board your coach and transfer to Vung Tau where you will stay for the next two nights.

Day 4: VUNG TAU (B)

This morning you will have a sightseeing tour of Vung Tau. Highlights include Back Beach, the longest of the peninsula's beaches, White Villa the restored Governor's residence, the lighthouse which offers 360-degree views of the entire peninsula and the 33 metre high Statue of Jesus, which is hallow so you can climb the stairs to the head of the statue and enjoy an impressive view of the surroundings. Vung Tau is the nearest beach resort to Ho Chi Minh City. Known as Cap St. Jacques by the French, Vung Tau is also a popular weekend getaway for Ho Chi Minh City residents. This afternoon is free for teacher-organised activities.

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Day 5: VUNG TAU – DALAT (B)
Today you will depart Vung Tau and head towards Dalat along the coast road past Phan Thiet & other beaches. Phan Thiet is one of Vietnam's most important fishing areas. Dalat is located on a verdant plateau containing pine forests and lakes 300 km northeast of Ho Chi Minh City. At 1,500 meters above sea level, Dalat's cool climate provides a pleasant respite from the heat and humidity of the lowlands and it was for this reason that the French developed it in the early 1900's as a summer retreat. On arrival in Dalat you will be taken to your hotel.

Day 6: DALAT (B)
This morning you will have a half-day city sights tour of Dalat. Highlights include the colourful local market, Dalat cathedral and Emperor Bao Dai's summer palace, set atop the ridge overlooking DaLat, this residence is one of the more bizarre buildings you can visit. This afternoon you will visit the minority tribal villages on the outskirts of Dalat.

Day 7: DALAT – HO CHI MINH CITY (B)
This morning you will board your coach and be transferred to Ho Chi Minh City. En-route you will stop in Bao Loc, passing many tea and coffee plantations. On arrival in Ho Chi Minh you will be taken to your hotel. The rest of the day is the free for teacher organised activities.

Day 8: HO CHI MINH CITY (B)
Today after breakfast you will have a locally guided tour to the restricted area of Long Tan Cross (War Memorial), Australian War Graves, Long Tan battlefield, Long Dat district (Nui Dat), Vung Tau city (arrival port for Australian troops). You will then be taken back to your hotel, where the day is free for teacher-supervised activities.

Day 9: HO CHI MINH CITY (B)
After breakfast you will visit a Foreign Language College to mix with students and discuss family roles, lifestyles, aspirations, and relationships. You will then have a guided tour to Cu Chi underground tunnel complex. You will then be taken back to your hotel, where the day is free for teacher-supervised activities.

Day 10: HO CHI MINH CITY (B)
Today is free for teacher-organised activities before being transferred by coach to the airport for your flight back to Australia.

Day 11: AUSTRALIA
Arrive home.

Inclusions:

- Return international economy airfares: Australia / Ho Chi Minh / Australia.
- Accommodation: 5 nights Ho Chi Minh City, 2 nights Vung Tau & 2 nights Dalat. Based on 3* hotel with students and staff in twin share.
- Meals: breakfast daily.
- Guided tours: Cu Chi Tunnels, half day tour in Ho Chi Minh City, half day tour in Vung Tau & half day tour in Dalat. Tours include entrance fees to places visited.
- All transfers and tours as per itinerary.
- Return airport transfers in Vietnam.
- Local English-speaking guide.
- Trekset travel wallets.
- Local office in Vietnam

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