



Ho Chi Minh City

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Located near the Mekong River, Ho Chi Minh City is the largest and most exciting city in Vietnam. The population of around 9 million people makes it one of the densest urban areas in the world and it's common that several families share the same living space together.

Travellers will likely be amazed by the vibrant mix of old and new including war relics from the devastating Vietnam War and well-preserved colonial structures. The vibrant nightlife of Ho Chi Minh makes it stand out from other cities in Vietnam.



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THE CITY



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Saigon or Ho Chi Minh City? The first used to be the capital of the French colony and the latter - the former state of South Vietnam until the end of the war in 1975. Yet the locals still lovingly call it Saigon. Upon arrival, you'll immediately be plunged into a lively street atmosphere, cadenced by over 3 million motorcycles, racing along sidewalks dotted with colourful fruit stalls.

Ho Chi Minh did not escape the war but it's now a rapidly growing city. The nation's economic heart has embarked onto important urban and education developments. Some 50 universities and colleges attract over 300,000 students! You will also find dozens of supermarket chains, luxury shopping malls and modern fashion centres. But Ho Chi Minh is also a city with a rich past! Heavily influenced by the French in terms of culture and style in the past, there are still elegant boulevards and historic colonial buildings.

DO & SEE



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Most of the tourist attractions including the Museum of Vietnamese History or the famous Ben Thanh Market are located in District 1. Here you will also find a range of gorgeous temples and architectural buildings, as well as the Museum of Vietnamese History which houses 2,000 years of Vietnam's history and enables you to truly understand the meaning of the temples and buildings around.

Museum of Vietnamese History (bao Tang Lich Su)



Museum of Vietnamese History first opened its doors in 1929. The Museum houses an unique collection of interesting artefacts for introducing Vietnam's history, from ancient times to more modern days. A statue of the Buddha with 1,000 eyes and 1,000 arms is also part of their collections.

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Address: 2 Nguyen Binh Khiem Street, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Tue - Sun 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Phone: +84 28 3829 8146

The Independence Palace



Built in French architectural style, the Independence Palace was once the workplace and living place for the French and Japanese colonist-generations. Despite its historic value, tourists are also attracted by its aesthetic surroundings. Walking through the giant cages, you can see a huge neat lawn full of freshly-mown green grass with an ornamental fountain in the center.

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Address: 106 Nguyen Du, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Sun - Sat 7:30 AM - 11:00 AM 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Internet: www.dinhdoclap.gov.vn/index-en.html

Emperor Jade Pagoda



Many beautiful pagodas (temples) are located in Ho Chi Minh City while the Emperor Jade Pagoda is considered to be the finest and most lavishly decorated temple. To understand more about meaning of the carvings and statues and purpose of different rooms, it is recommended to visit with a local guide.

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Address: 73 Mai Thi Luu Street, Ho Chi Minh City

Phone: +84 28 3820 3102

Cho Lon (Chinatown)



Cho Lon, also well-known as China Town, is a must-see destination in Ho Chi Minh where Chinese immigrants stay and earn their living. In

Cho Lon, the biggest and most crowded hub of trading is Tan Binh Market, where you can find a wide range of clothings, arts and handicrafts with very competitive price.

Photo: Nguyen Nguyen/Shutterstock.com

Address: Cho Lon, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Sun 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Wed 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Sat 12:00 AM - 11:59 PM

Vinh Nghiem Temple



This is a seven layer temple and southern Vietnam's most majestic one. It was the first pagoda in Vietnam that was built in Vietnamese traditional architecture style but with concrete. Here you will find a large standing monument of Buddha and a beautifully decorated pagoda awaits you upstairs.

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Address: 39 Nam Ky Khoi Nghia, Ho Chi Minh City

Phone: +84 28 3848 3153

Notre Dame Cathedral



Notre Dame Cathedral is the harmonious combination of Roman architecture and the late medieval Gothic features. Until now, the Church still remains its untouched state due to special bricks that were designed and created originally in France and directly transported to Vietnam. It is now becoming a popular gathering spot for young people in Ho Chi Minh and is considered as the idiosyncratic symbol when people first think of this city.

Photo: Preto Perola/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ben Nghe Ward, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Phone: +84 28 3822 0477

Cao Dai Temple



Also known as Holy See, Cao Dai Temple is the center of Cao Dai faith, an indigenous Vietnamese religion that incorporates the

teachings of Taoism, Buddhism, Confucianism as well as part of Islam and Christianity. The balcony on the 2nd floor is the best vantage point where you can have view the religious ceremony.

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Address: Long Thanh Bac Commune, Ho Chi Minh City

Museum of Fine Arts



Housed in a restored building, the Museum of Fine Arts offers a beautiful selection from Vietnamese to foreign artwork and ancient

artifacts to contemporary works. You will be amazed by the number of pottery, sculpture and weapons exhibitions and how detailed the information is.

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Address: 97A Pho Duc Chinh, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Tue - Sun 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone: +84 28 3829 4441

War Remnants Museum



The War Remnants Museum was opened to public for restoring the heroic evidence of the war against cruel colonialism and contains

a lot of cultural, traditional and national significance reflecting strong determination, restless effort and deep devotion towards people enduring the hardship of Revolution of Vietnamese. More than 20,000 valuable war documentations, artifacts and films are being exhibited here.

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Address: 28 Vo Van Tan Street, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Tue - Sun 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Phone: +84 28 3930 5587

Internet: warremnantsmuseum.com

Cu Chi Tunnel



The tunnels of Cu Chi hides the whole world including classrooms, kitchens and medical facilities underground.

Today you can see the tunnels from above and even try to go down in one so as to understand the hardships that Vietnamese soldiers had been through during the wartime. One may utterly be amazed by the determination and endurance of those people who dug up tons of solid soils, gravels and sands to construct this 200-kilometer (125 miles) long underground network.

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Address: TL15 Phu Hiep, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Sun - Sat 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone: +84 28 3794 8830

Mekong Delta



The Mekong River flows from the Tibetan Plateau and ends in the area close to Ho Chi Minh in Vietnam. The delta, assigned as a 'biological

treasure trove', is also home to over 17 million people that live their daily life on the river. There are several different tour operators that offer day and overnight trips to the Mekong Delta. On these tours you will get to see both the magic nature and the floating market.

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Address: Mekong Delta

Bitexco Financial Tower Skydeck



From the 49th level in Bitexco Financial Tower you can enjoy the panoramic view over the city and its surroundings. With its modern

architecture, the design of the tallest building in the city is inspired by a Lotus bud, makes it stand out from the city skyline.

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Address: 36 Ho Tung Mau Street, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Sun - Sat 9:30 AM - 9:30 PM

Phone: +84 28 3915 6156

Internet: www.bitexcofinancialtower.com

Dam Sen Water Park



To cool you off from the hot and bustling city, Dam Sen Water Park offers several swimming pools, water slides and rides that will keep you

occupied and excited for a whole day. It is a very family-friendly destination where you can try

different levels of water slides, from easy one to challenging one.

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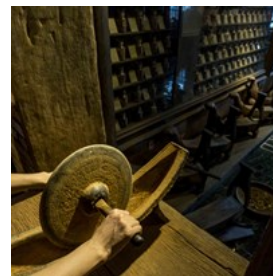
Address: 3 Hoa Binh Street, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Wed - Mon 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Phone: +84 28 3858 8418

Internet: www.damsenwaterpark.com.vn/en

Museum of Traditional Vietnamese Medicine



Though it is quite small, the modern exhibition rooms shows a range of interesting history from the influences of the Chinese and Indian

during different periods to history of traditional Vietnamese medicine. You can easily understand everything with help of English speaking guide.

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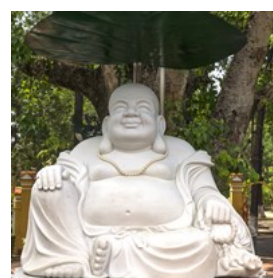
Address: 2 Nguyen Binh Khiem Street, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Tue - Sun 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Phone: +84 28 3864 2430

Internet: www.fitomuseum.com.vn

Giac Lam Pagoda



Built in 1744, Giac Lam Pagoda is one of the oldest and most popular Buddhist pagoda that people usually visit during the Tet Holiday. It

was officially accredited as national cultural and historic site by Vietnamese Department of Culture and Information. In addition, there are a lot of precious statues of Buddha and Bodhisattvas made of both wood and bronze in the Pagoda.

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Address: 565 Lac Long Quan, Ho Chi Minh City

Phone: +84 28 3865 3933

Central Post Office



Saigon Central Post Office is a famous tourist attraction in Ho Chi Minh City located close to Notre Dame Cathedral. One interesting fact

about the Post Office is that it was designed and constructed by famous French Eiffel Tower's architect Alexandre Gustave Eiffel. Mr. Eiffel had derived his artistic inspiration from Western neoclassical architecture style and Asian style of decoration before harmoniously mixing them up and starting to construct the Central Post Office.

Photo: Efired/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2 Paris Commune Street, Ho Chi Minh City

Pham Ngu Lao Street



Pham Ngu Lao Street is a renowned place for gathering foreign visitors as it offers a chance to sense the sophisticated lifestyle of the local

people while local youngsters meeting each other, having a cosy chat or even dancing and singing together here up all night, liberating themselves after a day full of stressful works.

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Address: Pham Ngu Lao Street, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Sun - Sat 12:00 AM - 12:00 AM

DINING



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The colonial influence from France is still apparent to Vietnamese cuisine until now. On the local side, the Vietnamese dishes are made with fresh vegetables and meat. For a fast and efficient lunch break, try the Pho, the typical beef noodle soup. One of the best places to taste the authentic and cheap local food is Thi Sach street which is lined with many small restaurants.

Nam Giao



Another recommended venue for enjoying Vietnamese food, Nam Giao offered a range of excellent Hue-styled central Vietnamese

cuisine including nem lụi and bánh nậm.

Although the food price is slightly higher than the others, the relaxing atmosphere is favorable for family and friend gatherings.

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Address: 136/15 Le Thanh Ton, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Sun - Sat 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Phone: +84 28 3825 0261

Song Ngu Seafood Restaurant



Song Ngu is one of the best venues for enjoying seafood and don't forget to try the seafood hotpot with a wide selection of fresh seafood. Short shows of traditional dances and old folk music are offered so you can enjoy traditional arts here.

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Address: 70-72 Suong Nguyet Anh Street, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Sun - Sat 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Phone: +84 28 3832 5017

Internet: www.songngu.com

Email: info@songngu.com

Asian Kitchen



Asian Kitchen, which is one of the favourites among the community of backpackers, serves wonderful Asian food including curry chicken

and a range of vegetarian options with high value for money.

Photo: sta/Shutterstock.com

Address: 185/22 Pham Ngu Lao, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Sun - Sat 7:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Phone: +84 28 3836 7397

Cyclo Resto



Would like to try some homemade Vietnamese food? Cyclo Resto is your ideal place to go. More than enjoying fresh and authentic Vietnamese

food, you will be served with attentive service and a like-a-family atmosphere. Want to make your trip more memorable? You can even cook

yourself with instructions from chefs and enjoy the results afterwards.

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Address: 6 Cach Mang Thang Tam Street, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Sun - Sat 12:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Phone: +84 28 6680 4235

Internet: www.cycloresto.com.vn

Email: cycloresto@gmail.com

La Villa French Restaurant



As you can guess from the name of this restaurant serves French food. To accompany the delicious cuisine, the wine selection offers a

wide array. Enjoy your dinner in the beautiful dining room or in the lush and lovely garden by the swimming pool.

Photo: Visionsi/Shutterstock.com

Address: 14 Ngo Quang Huy, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 11:45 AM - 1:30 PM 6:45 PM - 9:30 PM

Phone: +84 28 3898 2082

Internet: www.lavilla-restaurant.com.vn

Email: reservation@lavilla-restaurant.com.vn

More Info: Dress code: Smart Casual

Ciao Bella



At Ciao Bella, the waiters and the staff take well care of their guests in the welcoming dining room. Home-made bread and dip are complimentary

upon arrival and high quality Italian dishes come out from the kitchen. The cosy setting makes this restaurant perfect for a romantic evening.

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Address: 11 Dong Du Street, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Sun - Sat 7:30 AM - 11:00 PM

Phone: +84 28 3822 3329

Internet: www.ciaobellavietnam.com

Email: info@ciaobellavietnam.com

Baba's Kitchen



This restaurant provides Indian flavours in a bustling and well-visited ambience. Baba's Kitchen is located in the backpacker district of the

city and attracts young and old travellers searching for a good place for a drink and someone to chat with in the evenings.

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Address: 274 Bui Vien, Pham Ngu Lao, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Sun - Sat 11:00 AM - 10:30 PM

Phone: +84 28 3838 6661

Internet: www.babaskitchen.in

Pizza 4P's



Pizza 4P's is a contemporary restaurant with a not so common theme: Italian and Japanese fusion. The Japanese chef makes

delicious pizzas with their home-made cheese in a wood-fired oven. Since the opening of Pizza 4P's in 2010, it has been mentioned in several magazines and shown in different TV-shows.

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Address: 8/15 Le Thanh Ton Street, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Sun - Sat 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Phone: +84 28 3622 0500

Internet: www.pizza4ps.com

Email: pizza4psd1@gmail.com

Hum Vegetarian Cafe & Restaurant



For the vegetarian visitors of the city and everyone else that wants some meat-free cuisine, Hum Vegetarian Cafe & Restaurant is a the place

to go. With its small garden with lotus-flowers, this is a peaceful and quiet venue in the bustling city for enjoying a range of cuisine including basil fried rice and crispy veggie chips.

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Address: 32 Vo Van Tan Street, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Sun - Sat 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Phone: +84 28 3930 3819

Internet: www.hum-vegetarian.vn

Le Bordeaux



One of the best restaurants serving contemporary French cuisine and wines, Le Bordeaux offers a wide range of French food with

high value for money including crab tartar and soufflé and you will be served with attentive service.

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Address: 72 Nguyen Gia Tri Street, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Sun - Mon 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Phone: +84 28 3899 9831

Internet: www.restaurantlebordeaux.com

Restaurant 13



Restaurant 13 serves traditional and flavourful Vietnamese food at reasonable prices and has become a popular restaurant for travellers.

Ask for the Clay Pot dish and you can even make the food on your own.

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 Address: 15 Ngo Duc Ke, Ho Chi Minh City
 Opening hours: Sun - Sat 9:00 AM - 11:00 PM
 Phone: +84 28 3823 9314

CAFES



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This is not the city of cafés, but with its French influence, the one you find, will never let you feel disappointed. American coffee chains are also starting to take their way into the city so the selection of relaxing venues steadily increases.

Eden Coffee House



Eden Coffee House offers you a wide range of premium local coffees and international food including poached eggs with mashed avocado and all day breakfast. So enjoy the food and relax in the inviting courtyard.

Photo: vichie81/Shutterstock.com
 Address: R3-85 Khu Pho Hung Phuoc 1, Ho Chi Minh City
 Opening hours: Wed - Mon 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM
 Phone: +84 12 6490 1905
 Email: mark1958@hotmail.com

Café 343



This café brings western European coffee and beverage culture to Vietnam. In an elegant setting you can relax here with a wide selection of drinkings including freshly pressed juices and smoothies or a light lunch. The menu in both Vietnamese and English makes ordering easier.

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 Address: 343 Nguyen Trai Street, Ho Chi Minh City
 Phone: +84 28 3920 0988
 Email: cafe343@hcm.vn.vn

Bread & Butter



If you are trying to meet other travellers, Bread & Butter is your ideal destination which is located close to the backpacker's district. The great food like steak and fries, as well as attentive service makes it become a good place to enjoy a nice lunch with other travellers.

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 Address: 40/24 Bui Vien Street, Ho Chi Minh City
 Opening hours: Sun - Sat 11:00 AM - 1:00 AM
 Phone: +84 28 3836 8452

ABC Bakery



ABC Bakery offers you a range of unique pastries and is the perfect place for enjoying bread and lovely croissants. The menu, also offers a wide array of drinks including coconut coffee and light meal like sandwich and cheesecake.

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Address: 223-225 Pham Ngu Lao Street, Ho Chi Minh City
 Opening hours: Sun - Sat 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM
 Phone: +84 28 3837 0489
 Internet: phamngulao.abcbakery.co
 Email: abcpnl@gmail.com

Shalom Coffee



This place is not only a splendid coffee shop but also a roasting-house so the coffee brewed here is outstandingly fresh. In addition to the popular coffee, the café brings you a wide selection of salads, sandwiches, chocolates and smoothies.

Photo: Alena Haurylik/Shutterstock.com
 Address: 53 Vo Truong Toan Street, Ho Chi Minh City
 Opening hours: Sun 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Mon - Sat 6:30 AM - 7:00 PM
 Phone: +84 90 366 0922
 Email: jonasvb@eliasinternational.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Ho Chi Minh City is very intense at night. You will find dozens of featured bars and pubs, wine and cocktail bars or backpackers' bars. District 1 is the best place to stay when the sun goes down, especially around Hai Ba Trung and Dong Khoi. In Saigon, you can have fun and dance to the loudest sound all night long. Like the bars, the best nightclubs are also in District 1. They usually have a cover charge and no particular

dressing code to get in. Go as you are.

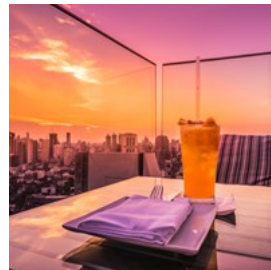
Hoa Vien Brauhaus



In this popular micro-brewery you'll find some of the best Saigon beers. This venue can host over 600 guests and is a paradise for beer and European food lovers as it offers black and light beer, as well as Czech and German specialties.

Photo: DisobeyArt/Shutterstock.com
 Address: 18 Bis Nguyen Thi Minh Khai Street, Ho Chi Minh City
 Opening hours: Sun - Sat 9:00 AM - 11:00 PM
 Phone: +84 28 3829 0585
 Internet: www.hoavien.vn
 Email: hoavienbia@vnn.vn

Rooftop Garden Bar



Being one of the best bars in Vietnam, Rooftop Garden Bar offers you a breathtaking view over the city, lovely drinks, local cuisine and a great atmosphere. So you can savour your favourite cocktail at sunset here,

Photo: Kawin Ounprasertsuk/Shutterstock.com
 Address: 141 Nguyen Hue Boulevard, Ho Chi Minh City
 Phone: +84 28 3829 2185
 Internet: www.rexhotelvietnam.com/dining/rooftop-garden

Cloud9 Bar



Situated right next to the turtle lake, Cloud9 Bar brings you a great combination of top design, amazing view and a great place to chill out. What surprises you is the fantastic roof terrace

with a tropical setting of well-placed trees, bamboo and plants, that makes you have a sense of being in a tropical rainforest.

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Address: 110 Pasteur, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Sun - Thu 3:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Phone: +84 98 316 0521

Ruong Pub & Hub



Looking for a pub to spend your night with new friends and good beer? Ruong Pub & Hub is the place to go. This pub offers you a wide choices of beer including craft beer so you can enjoy it with friends from around the world in a relaxed atmosphere.

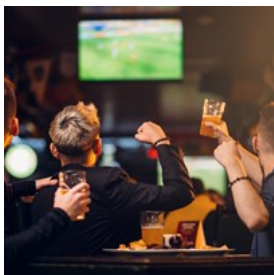
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Address: 33 Nguyen Trung Truc, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Sun - Sat 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Phone: +84 91 920 0227

Game on Sports Pub



Looking for a place to enjoy the games? Game on Sports Pub allows you to enjoy watching games with large screens and even provides you with free BBQ sausage sandwiches. This is the ideal place for gathering a lot of sports lovers and spend a night in a great atmosphere.

Photo: Nomad_Soul/Shutterstock.com

Address: 81 Nguyen Cong Tru, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Sun - Sat 8:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Phone: +84 28 6273 0178

Internet: gameonsaigon.com

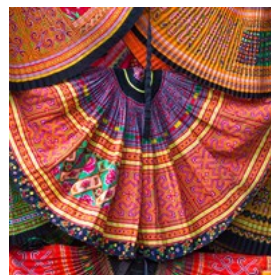
SHOPPING



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Welcome to paradise for shoppers! And those who like haggling will get endless pleasures here! Most of the items without a price sticker can be bought for about two third of the price initially quoted. You will find plenty of shops with beautiful handicrafts but there is also a lot of tourist junk. Lacquer items are found around District 1. Boxes, vases or rosewood bowls make wonderful gifts.

Tan Dinh Market



If you are looking for some locally made fabrics or some home made snacks, Tan Dinh Market is a place you shall not miss. You can also find a lot of street food stalls or even spot some surprising drinks like excellent Melbourne quality coffee. Not to forget, experience and immerse yourself into the crowded atmosphere here.

Photo: Tony albelton/Shutterstock.com

Address: Tan Dinh Ward, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Sun - Sat 5:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Phone: +84 28 3829 9280

Saigon Outcast



Saigon Outcast is a great place for young people to buy various kinds of beer and make friends from all around the world through playing music, wall

climbing and other interesting activities like beer festival and music festival. Don't hesitate, come and share your stories together.

Photo: UfaBizPhoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: 88/1 Nguyen Van Huong Street, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Tue - Sun 10:00 AM - 12:00 AM

Phone: +84 90 236 5780

Vincom Center



Conveniently located in central town, Vincom Center offers you a spectrum of both local and foreign cuisines that satisfy needs of different

people and at a very reasonable price. More than food, this huge shopping mall also offers trendy clothes from a range of famous brands.

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Address: 72 Le Thanh Ton, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Sun - Sat 9:30 AM - 10:00 PM

Phone: +84 93 706 0197

Takashimaya Ho Chi Minh City



The reputable brand Takashimaya from Japan starts a shopping mall that offers you not only food stalls and coffee shops, but also

international brands of fashion such as Tommy Hilfiger and cosmetics like M.A.C.

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Address: 92-94 Nam Ky Khoi Nghia Street, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Sun - Sat 9:30 AM - 9:30 PM

Phone: +84 28 3821 1819

Internet: www.takashimaya-vn.com/en

Vietnam By Scooters



Longing for an exciting food adventure with your family? Vietnam By Scooters is your ideal choice! Scooters will bring you to every corner

for exploring local Vietnamese cuisine including 6-colour sticky rice and fresh seafood or even experience the night life here.

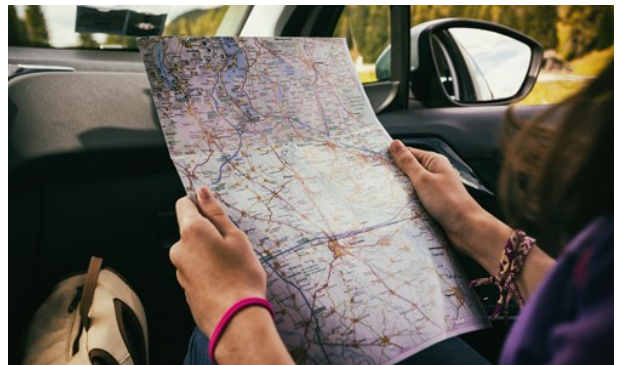
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Address: 12 Ton That Thuyet, Ho Chi Minh City

Opening hours: Sun - Sat 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Phone: +84 90 335 0115

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Passport / Visa



Short (some as short as 15 days) visa-free stays are possible for citizens of Cambodia, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Malaysia, Singapore,

Thailand, The Philippines, Brunei, Myanmar,

Belarus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Norway, Russia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom. Citizens of Chile can enter the country for 90 days, visa-free.

Citizens of a further 46 world countries are eligible for an E-visa as of February 2017, these are granted for a period of 30 days. To confirm whether or not you will need a visa to enter Vietnam, please contact your local consulate.

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Best Time to Visit



From December to April, Ho Chi Minh City enjoys a dry season of moderate temperatures and light rainfall which is also the best time to visit. Noted

that the hottest months are from March to May with temperatures reaching as high as 39°C and less humidity, which makes it much more bearable.

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Airport



Located 7 km north of the city centre, Tan Son Nhat International Airport is the largest international airport in Vietnam. The air-conditioned airport

bus is the cheapest way into the city while one way ticket costs between 12 000 and 40 000 VND.

If you choose to take taxi, make sure the driver uses the meter and wears an official badge. A taxi from the airport to the the city takes around

15-30 minutes and costs about VND150,000 - 200,000 including the mandatory toll fee.

Photo: Juan Garces

Public Transport



Since 2004, Ho Chi Minh City has started an efficient public transit bus network. It's cheaper and safer than many of the alternatives. The

buses are green and there are 150 routes throughout the city. The ticket is bought from the fare collector on the bus.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Phone: +84 28 3854 6110

Internet: www.saigonbus.com.vn

Taxi



Taxis are the most comfortable way of getting around with very affordable price. It's easy and safe to catch one anywhere or anytime and

make sure the meters work properly.

Pharmacy



Pharmacies are scattered around Ho Chi Ming City and provide reasonable pricing and the latest medicine to patients.

Some of the pharmacies

are as followed:

Luke's Pharmacy

Address: No.2 Pham Van Nghi Street, Ho Chi Minh City

Tel: +84 28 5410 6630

Opening hours: Sun - Sat 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Guardian Crescent Mall

Address: Crescent Mall, Ho Chi Minh City

Tel: +84 28 5413 7511

Opening hours: Sun - Sat 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Photo: Gemma Garner

Post



The main post office is located on Dong Khoi in District 1. Even if you don't need to visit it in the purpose of sending mail, it is worth visiting

since the building is designed and constructed by the famous architect Gustave Eiffel. Postal services such as mailing, money exchange, postcards are also offered here.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: 2 Paris Commune Street, Ho Chi Minh City

Telephone



Country Code: +84 Area code: 08

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



220 Volts, 50 Mhz

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

8.8 million

Currency

Vietnamese dong (VND)

VND 10,000 ~ US \$0.43

Opening hours

Government office: 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM from Monday to Friday

Banks: 7:30 AM/ 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM from Monday to Friday

Supermarket and other stores: 8:00 AM/ 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM/ 10:00 PM every day

Newspapers

Sai Gon Giai Phong (Liberated Saigon)

Tuoi Tre (Youth)

Nguoi Lao Dong (Labourer)

The Thao (Sports)

Saigon Times

Emergency numbers

Police: 113

Fire: 114

Ambulance/ First Aid: 115

Tourist information

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