

## Sai Gon – Me Kong – Hoi An – Hue

### Day 01: Ho Chi Minh city arrival ( formerly Sai Gon)

Upon arrival, met and transferred to hotel for check in. Rest of the day at leisure. Stay overnight in HCM city.

### Day 02: Cu Chi tunnels - City tour (B/L)

After breakfast, Leave SGN for Cu Chi tunnels. The Cu Chi Tunnels consist of more than 200 km of underground tunnels. This main axis system has many branches connecting to underground hideouts, shelters, and entrances to other tunnels. The tunnels are between 0.5 to 1 m wide, just enough space for a person to walk along by bending or dragging. However, parts of the tunnels have been modified to accommodate visitors

13:30 City tour including: War museum which primarily contains exhibits relating to the American phase of the Vietnam War, and is a major tourist attraction, Reunification Palace which was the workplace of the President of South Vietnam & was then known as Independence Palace. Visit Notre Dame Cathedral, the spiritual and cultural crucible of the French presence in the Orient & the General Post Office, the ancient & with French colonial architecture style. Stay overnight in HCM city.

### Day 03: Mekong delta – Danang - Hoian (B/L)

8:00 Take a full day trip to the watery world of the Mekong Delta , My Tho province where is famous for its extensive orchards and immense rice fields. Take a cruise on Mekong river to visit islands. Here, you can have chance to visit coconut candy workshop & to taste fresh candy- specialty. Enjoy tropical fruits, honey tea & listen to Southern traditional music. Get on a small boat to discover a natural canal of Ben Tre province. Take a short walk in the coconut farm to visit a typical house in Mekong Delta. Short horse drawn cart. Back to big boat by rowing boat on small canal. Visit Vinh Trang pagoda prior to drive back to Ho Chi Minh City for short flight to Da Nang. Upon arrival, met and transferred to hotel in HOI AN for check in. Stay overnight in Hoi An.

### Day 04: Hoi An city tour(B)

The ancient architecture of Hoian is a fascinating combination of Vietnamese with Chinese and Japanese influences. There is plenty to see in this delightful town, including the famous Japanese Covered Bridges, Pottery Museum, Chua Ong Pagoda and the vibrant market. Today we include these sights on a walking tour past many low tiled houses scattered along the small streets and assembly halls, which reflect the town's multi-cultural past.

In the afternoon, drive to Hue with stop on route for visiting Marbles mount. O/n in Hoi An.

### Day 05 Hue day trip (BL)

07:30 drive north to ancient capital city of Hue. We visit the Citadel and the Purple Forbidden City. This royal residence was all but destroyed during the 1968 Tet Offensive; however it is still fascinating to walk among the ruins. 30 minutes show of folk royal music and dance at the renovated royal theater would be a highlight of the tour. We drive to visit King Tu Duc's tomb and Khai Dinh's one. The tomb of Tu Duc, a 19th century Emperor who lived in the most splendid opulence, is regally set among groves of frangipani and pine trees. The tomb of the 20th century Emperor Khai Dinh is grandiose but, unlike that of Tu Duc and the others, is a melange of Eastern and European architectural styles which perhaps accurately reflects the changing political currents which were taking place in the country at the beginning of the century. While moving from one to another, we make stop at some road side families which are making incenses and conical hats.

16:00 Leave Hue for Hoi An. O/n in Hoi An.

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**Day 06 Free day (B)**

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**Day 09 Hoi An departure (B)**

Transfer back to the airport for departure flight.

**Hotels or similar**

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| Saigon: | Palace hotel - Superior room <a href="http://www.palacesaigon.com">www.palacesaigon.com</a>             |
| Hue:    | Eldora hotel – superior room <a href="http://www.eldorahotel.com">www.eldorahotel.com</a>               |
| Hoian:  | Hoi An silk marina resort <a href="http://www.hoiansilkmarina.com/">http://www.hoiansilkmarina.com/</a> |