



Street of Flowers - HCMC



Tet at Local Home - HCMC

SGNMT 09.23
TET with Saigonese
(half day)

Spring time in the south is also the time in which apricot blossoms are in bud. The yellow colour of the flowers blooming at first moments of the New Year is believed to bring good luck, fortune and longevity to all. That is why the apricot blossom heralds spring in the south. Joining Saigonese and sharing the pervasive "Tet" atmosphere in every nook and cranny of the largest and most dynamic city in Vietnam will be an unforgettable experience to all foreign visitors. The tour features Tet flower fairs, pagodas, a pedicab ride (1 hour) and a visit to a local home with traditional dishes. The trip is applicable only on the Tet occasion of the Year of the Ox from January 26 - 29, 2009 (Lunar New Year's day 1 - day 4).



Street of Flowers - My Tho

SGNMT 09.24
TET in My Tho (day tour)

Enjoy a full day excursion to My Tho, a peaceful town on the bank of the Mekong River and located 75km south of Saigon. My Tho is a popular tourist destination in the Mekong Delta where you can explore Thoi Son Islet, Vinh Trang Pagoda and the daily life of the locals. Especially on the New Year occasion, this tour offers a fresh corner of My Tho which opens during the Tet season. Have a stroll at the Tet season's flower fair in Thu Khoa Huan garden, and then take a cruise on the Mekong River to visit floating fish market. Drive along the country road and stop by the season's watermelon market. This kind of fruit is one of traditional produces served for Tet Holidays. Pay further visits to some local homes living on floriculture, who supply flowers and ornamental bonsai for Tet celebration, and then a crocodile farm. The tour is highlighted with a traditional lunch with the family members and a cooking show of "Banh It" and "Banh Tet", the two essential kinds of country cakes made of sticky rice and green peas. After lunch, have a walk on the village road to a small business of making sticky noodle before proceeding to My Phong bridge to get back on your vehicle for a drive to My Tho market.

Note: the trip is applicable only on the Tet occasion of the Year of the Ox from January 18 - 25, 2009 (last lunar month's day 23 - day 30).



City Hall in Tet - HCMC



Wrapping "Banh Tet" - Can Tho

SGNMT 09.25
TET in Can Tho
(2D/ 1N Program)

Ho Chi Minh City - Vinh Long - Can Tho
- Ho Chi Minh City

Day 1: Ho Chi Minh City - Vinh Long - Can Tho (-, L, -)
Morning pick up at your hotel in downtown Ho Chi Minh City and drive to Cai Be. Start a boat ride on the Mekong River to Binh Hoa Phuoc Islet. You will have a chance to see locals prepare food for Tet and learn the secrets of their bonsai gardening. A typical Vietnamese lunch at a local home will be arranged. Afternoon leave Vinh Long for Can Tho. On arrival, visit the 130-year old house and Binh Thuy communal house in Binh Thuy ward, 5 km from downtown Can Tho. Stay overnight in Can Tho.

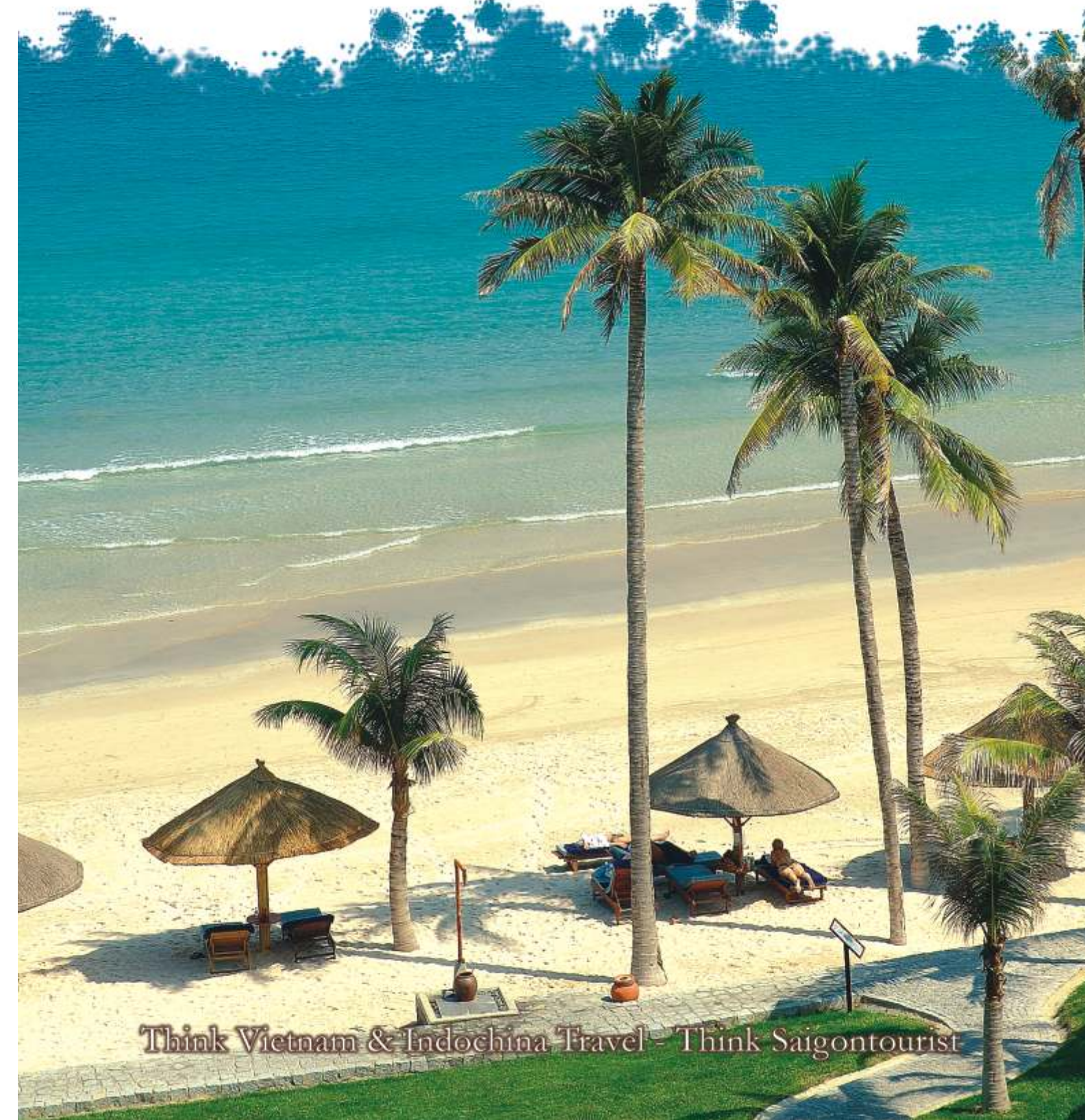
Day 2: Can Tho - Ho Chi Minh City (-, -, -)
Depart from Ninh Kieu river wharf at 7 AM for a boat ride along Can Tho River to the retail Phong Dien floating market, where you can view many boats loaded with produce from nearby orchards of the Mekong Delta, local people selling and buying vegetables, fruits, etc. in daily life. The floating market is more colorful and livelier during the week before Tet (closed during Tet holidays). Then, have a hand-rowed sampan ride through canals. Enjoy the riverside scenery to and from the market. Visit a local market before driving back to Ho Chi Minh City (170 km). Drop off at your hotel.

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NB: B: breakfast, L: lunch, D: dinner.

Beach Holidays in Vietnam

(ADD-ON TOUR MODULES)



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