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(9D/8N Program)

Ho Chi Minh City - My Tho - Can Tho - Dalat - Nha Trang - Ho Chi Minh City

Day 1: Arrival in Ho Chi Minh City (B, -, -)
Saigontourist representative will greet and pick you up at Tan Son Nhat airport in Ho Chi Minh City. Transfer to your hotel for check-in. Enjoy an evening water puppet show, a theatrical genre reflecting the agricultural civilization of thousands of years ago. Stay overnight in HCMC.

Day 2: Ho Chi Minh City - Cu Chi - Ho Chi Minh City (B, -, -)
Have a morning sightseeing tour of Ho Chi Minh City. Visit the History Museum (closed on Monday), the Reunification Palace, the Central Post Office, then have a short walk along the shopping Dong Khoi Street from Notre Dame Cathedral to the Municipal Theatre. Drive to bustling Cho Lon (Chinatown). Drop into the lively Binh tay wholesale market before visiting Thien Hau temple. In the afternoon drive 70 km to Cu Chi, famed for its elaborate network of over 200 km of three-story underground tunnels hand-dug by local people during the Vietnam War. Crawl down a tunnel to feel the underground life, and then test your marksmanship with an AK rifle at a local rifle range (optional with surcharge). Stay overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

Day 3: Ho Chi Minh City - My Tho - Can Tho (B, L, -)
Drive 75km to My Tho, a peaceful town on the bank of the Mekong River. On arrival board a private boat for a boat cruise along one of the Mekong River's main tributaries to an islet. Once at there, visit some local homes and orchards where you can taste seasonal fruits and honey tea and enjoy a performance of traditional southern singing. Continue with a sampan ride through palm-shaded creeks. Lunch of Mekong specialties is served at local restaurant. Travel to Can Tho, recognized as the capital city of all the Mekong Delta provinces. Stay overnight in Can Tho.

Day 4: Can Tho - Ho Chi Minh City (B)
Take a boat ride along Can Tho River to the well-known Cai Rang floating market where you can view local people selling and buying vegetables, fruits, etc. in daily life. Join them to buy some fruits if you like. Your boat trip goes on through canals and stop over at Cai Nai canal. Continue with a hike for about 2 Km on the country roads to Cai Da canal viewing daily activities of local peasants en route. Then visit a local market, the 130-year old house and Binh Thuy communal house before driving back to Ho Chi Minh City. Stay overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

Cu Chi Tunnels - HCMC

Day 5: Ho Chi Minh City - Dalat (B, -, -)
Morning depart for a scenic drive through rubber and tea plantations en route to the cooler climes of Dalat, 310km from Ho Chi Minh City. Have a rest stop at Bao Loc town, where you can taste special flavor of local tea and coffee. Stay overnight in Dalat.

Day 6: Dalat (B, -, -)
Spend this day to discover the romantic city of Dalat, established on a plateau some 1,500 meters above sea level in 1912 and reminiscent of an alpine town with its French chalets and pine forests. In the morning, visit Dalat Flower Garden and take a 40-minute train ride (the train was used during the French domination and is now only used in Dalat) to Trai Mat. Enjoy the nice scenery of vegetable, flower, and fruit gardens along the route. Have a short-distance walk to Linh Phuoc Pagoda. In the afternoon visit former summer residence of Emperor Bao Dai (the last emperor of Vietnam), Truc Lam Thien Vien (Truc Lam Meditation Retreat) and the hand embroidery village of "XQ History". Stay overnight in Dalat.

Floating Market - Mekong Delta

Thien Hau pagoda - HCMC

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

Southern Highlights

Nha Trang beach

Day 7: Dalat - Nha Trang (B, -, -)
Visit the 110-year old Dalat market before drive on the new road for Nha Trang (150km) via Hon Giao Pass, the longest pass of Vietnam (33 km). During the journey, enjoy the spectacular views of green hills and mountains, simple and small villages of Cil and K'Ho ethnic groups, flower farms, Bidoup primitive forest with Pinus Krempfii - a rare species of pine trees. In the afternoon, take a pedicab tour (1 hour) along the beachfront to the Po Nagar Towers. Spend the rest of the day exploring one of the most beautiful beaches of Vietnam. Stay overnight in Nha Trang.

Day 8: Nha Trang (B, -, -)
Full day relax on the beach and enjoy resort and spa facilities. Stay overnight in Nha Trang.

Day 9: Nha Trang - Ho Chi Minh City & Departure (B, -, -)
Transfer to Cam Ranh airport (40km) to catch a morning flight to Ho Chi Minh City. On arrival at Tan Son Nhat airport, connect your international flight for departure.

Note: *The tour itinerary is sometimes subject to small modifications depending on weather and road conditions, flight/train schedules, hotel room availability.*

Da Lat City

Nha Trang beach