



# Culture week in Vietnam

This journey offers the perfect balance of cultural discovery, local immersion and relaxation. Based mainly in Ho Chi Minh City with side trips to the Mekong Delta, Tay Ninh and Vung Tau, you'll explore Vietnam's vibrant history, taste its world-famous cuisine and experience the warmth of its people.

# Program description

Vietnam is a country where ancient traditions blend seamlessly with rapid modern growth. In this program you'll wander bustling markets, sample bold street food, and step inside historic French-colonial landmarks. You'll journey into the Mekong Delta to see floating markets and village life, explore the Cao Dai Temple and Cu Chi Tunnels, and relax at one of Vietnam's most beautiful beaches in Vung Tau. Alongside sightseeing, you'll also join cultural and language classes that help you understand and connect more deeply with local life. Each day offers a new layer of Vietnam's story, from city energy to countryside calm.

## Program highlights:

- Explore temples, churches and markets in Ho Chi Minh City
- Taste street food and discover Vietnam's coffee culture
- Learn basic Vietnamese through a fun language and culture class
- Enjoy karaoke nights with your group
- Experience Cai Rang Floating Market and a rice noodle workshop in Can Tho
- Visit the Cao Dai Temple and Cu Chi Tunnels
- Spend a relaxing day at Vung Tau Beach and explore coastal landmarks

# Additional Equipment

- Light breathable clothes for hot weather
- Modest attire covering shoulders and knees for temples
- Swimwear for Vung Tau Beach
- Comfortable walking shoes and sandals
- Light rain jacket (especially May–October)
- Daypack for daily excursions
- Reusable water bottle
- Sunglasses hat and sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Power bank and outlet adapter
- Quick-dry towel
- Locks for bags and hostel lockers
- Personal toiletries eco-friendly if possible
- Snacks for long bus/train journeys
- Reusable shopping bag for markets and groceries
- Light entertainment (book, Kindle, cards)



# Schedule

## Day 1: Arrival and Walking Tour

- Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City and transfer to your accommodation. In the afternoon, join a guided walking tour visiting a local temple and church while tasting authentic street snacks along the way. Evening at leisure.
- Overnight: hotel - Ho Chi Minh City
- Meals: Dinner

## Day 2: Coffee Culture and Language Class

- Wake up like a local with bold coffee, savor fresh bánh mì, and dive into Saigon's vibrant street flavors for the ultimate morning experience. In the afternoon, join a language and culture class to learn basic Vietnamese and explore traditions and customs. Evening karaoke with the group.
- Overnight: hotel - Ho Chi Minh City
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## Day 3: Mekong Delta Journey

- Depart for My Tho in the Mekong Delta. Visit Vinh Trang Pagoda, explore Unicorn Island, taste honey tea, coconut sweets and local fruit, and glide on a sampan through palm-lined canals. After lunch, ride a vintage xe-lam through the countryside and continue to Can Tho. Evening at leisure.
- Overnight: Mekong Daniel Homestay (3-star), Can Tho
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## Day 4:

### (Option 1): Cai Rang Floating Market

- Rise early for a visit to Cai Rang Floating Market, enjoy breakfast from a vendor's boat, and visit a rice noodle workshop. Stop at a local family home to experience rural hospitality before returning to Ho Chi Minh City in the late afternoon. Evening at leisure.
- Overnight: 2 stars hotel - Ho Chi Minh City Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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## (Option 2): Tay Ninh and Cu Chi Tunnels

- Travel to Tay Ninh to visit the Cao Dai Temple and witness the midday prayer ceremony. After lunch, continue to the Cu Chi Tunnels to explore underground passages and wartime relics. Return to Ho Chi Minh City by evening.
- Overnight: 2 stars hotel - Ho Chi Minh City Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## Day 6: Vung Tau Beach Day

- Travel to Vung Tau, just two hours from Saigon. Relax at Thuy Van Beach, enjoy lunch and visit the Jesus Christ Statue, Thang Tam Whale Temple, the White Palace and Cape Nghinh Phong. Return to Ho Chi Minh City by evening.
- Overnight: 2 stars hotel - Ho Chi Minh City Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## Day 7: Departure

- After breakfast, check out and transfer to the airport (not included but available as an optional upgrade). End of program.
- Meals: Breakfast

*\*This schedule can be changed and/or amended depending on weather conditions, local conditions and unforeseen circumstances.*