

SAIGON CLASSIC

SAIGON – TAYNINH – MEKONG DELTA

5Days 4Nights
(Tour ref.: APTT 01-05-5)

Day 1 Arrival in Saigon (D)

Upon arrival in Saigon we will be greet and transferred to our hotel. We will then be free and at our own leisure until dinner time. We will meet our guide again and go to a local restaurant for our Welcome dinner.

Stay overnight at hotel in Saigon.

Day 2 Saigon – City tour (B,L,D)

We depart from our hotel for the Reunification Palace, the former Presidential Palace for the president of the South of Vietnam. Afterwards we will visit the War Remnants Museum, where you can see countless artifacts, photographs and pictures documenting the second Indochina war. Before lunch we will stop at Notre Dame Cathedral and the Old Post office where you can get some good shots of the biggest city in Vietnam. A delicious lunch will be served at a “Pho 2000” restaurant in the central city.

Stay overnight at hotel in Saigon.

Day 3 Saigon – Cu Chi and Cao Dai Great Temple (B,L,D)

In the morning, we will leave Saigon for the Cu Chi tunnels, otherwise known as the 'Iron Triangle' or 'Iron Land'. On our way there we will drive through pleasant countryside, rubber plantations and rice paddies. Before entering the tunnels, we will see a short introductory video showing how they were constructed, followed by an exploration of the maze of tunnels, some of which have been widened to allow tourist access. Also on display are various mantraps and the remains of an American tank as well as numerous bomb craters made by B52 bombers.

Next we drive to Tay Ninh town near the Cambodian border. This is home to the unique Cao Dai sect whose patron saints include Joan of Arc, Victor Hugo and Winston Churchill to name but a few. This religion is an odd mix of Buddhist, Taoist, Confucianism and Christianity. Join Cao Dai worshippers for their daily noontide ceremony where hundreds of worshipers attired in lively red, yellow blue and white, chant religious hymns. This is followed by lunch on our way return to Ho Chi Minh City.

In the afternoon we will visit Ben Thanh market and China town, which has its own unique Binh Tay market. Here you can experience our Southern Vietnamese daily life. We will return to our hotel after visiting Giac Lam pagoda, one of the oldest and finest pagodas in Ho Chi Minh City. It is very relaxing here.

Stay overnight at hotel in Saigon.

Day 4 Mekong - Day trip – Saigon (B,L,D)

We leave Saigon behind and head to Vietnam's rice basket, the Mekong Delta. We will pass through idyllic, rural scenery until we arrive at My Tho, a peaceful town on the bank of the Mekong River, where we will visit the Vinh Trang Pagoda. Next, we will have a boat ride on the Mekong, visit local homes and orchards, a coconut candy workshop, a honeybee farm, take a sampan ride on palm-shaded creeks, try a taste of seasonal fruit and honey tea and enjoy a performance of traditional Southern singing.

Stay overnight at hotel in Saigon.

Day 5 Departure – Saigon (B)

After breakfast at hotel, free at leisure till transfer to the airport to take the flight home.