

## **SOUTH VIETNAM ADVENTURE**

### **HOCHIMINH – CUCHI TUNNELS – DONGTHAP - NAMCATTIEN**

7Days 6Nights  
(Tour ref.: APTT 01-07-13)

#### **DAY 1 Ho Chi Minh City Arrival**

Arrive at Tan Son Nhat International Airport, pick up and transfer to your selected hotel.  
Overnight in Ho Chi Minh city.

#### **DAY 2 Ho Chi Minh City – Cu Chi Tunnels & Wildlife Rescue Centre (B,L)**

After breakfast, leave the city for Cu Chi District. Upon arrival, we start the visit of the famous Cu Chi Tunnels which consist of an incredible underground tunnel network constructed by Vietnamese resistance fighters (Viet Cong) during both the French and American wars. Start the visit with the Ben Dinh sections of the tunnel.

Continue visiting the Wildlife at Risk Rescue Center. Located close to the Cu Chi Tunnels is the Wildlife at Risk (WAR) rescue centre. The centre is the first multi-species wildlife hospital and holding facility in southern Vietnam and its main purpose is to help stop the endangered wildlife trade in Vietnam. You'll be taken on a guided tour through the centre where educational displays and information about the country's biodiversity can be seen as well as some of the animals themselves.

Transfer back Saigon in the afternoon  
Overnight in Ho Chi Minh city.

#### **DAY 3 Ho Chi Minh City – Dong Thap/ Xeo Quyt - Tam Nong National Park (The 2000<sup>th</sup> Ramsar In The World) – Gao Giong (B)**

After breakfast, transfer by road to Dong Thap with stop to visit Xeo Quyt that served as the headquarters of the Party Committee of Kien Phong Province (the name used during the US and Saigon puppet administration) founded in late 1959. Now it becomes a wildlife reserve covering 20 hectares of the flooded indigo forest in My Phong and My Hiep Communes (Cao Lanh District). During the tough anti-US resistance, amidst the dense military posts of the US and the puppet troops and brutal raids and bombardments, this headquarters survived indomitably.

The base area during the anti-US war has been preserved intact under the canopy of the indigo forest and lygodium that used to shelter small camps, paths, canals, and bomb shelters and midfields of the provincial Party Committee headquarters until the liberation of the South (1975).

To tour around Xeo Quyt, you can row a boat or walk (in dry season).

Then transfer to Tram Chim - Tam Nong National Park, watching Grus-Antigone( still named 'Hac'), which is a rare, precious bird specie in the world in extinction(visitors can sightsee Grus-Antigone from December of this year to May of next year).

Transfer to the pier to take a boat to Gao Giong Eco-Tourism Zone  
Overnight in Gao Giong.

#### **DAY 4 Gao Giong – Ho Chi Minh City (B)**

Early morning, take a walk to observatory, climb up to the highest of observatory to sightseeing natural bird yard when they wake up.

Back to the Central for breakfast

After breakfast, rowing sampan boats through the cajupet forest, sightseeing natural bird yard with species: stork, comorant, heron, night heron... Going up the to observatory for seeing the

whole view of Gao Giong Eco-Tourism zone with diverse vegetational covers such as lotus, cajupet, water-lily, and other wild plants..

In the afternoon, take the boat back the pier for transfer by road back Saigon

Overnight in Saigon

**DAY 5 Ho Chi Minh City – Nam Cat Tien National Park (B,L,D)**

Depart early in the morning to Cat Tien National Park, a bout 150km Northwest of Saigon, one of the largest areas of lowland tropical rainforests left in Vietnam. Upon arrival, check in at the National Park's Guesthouse and relax. After lunch, walk around to explore the fauna and flora system, visit the 400-year-old conifer and a Bang Lang tree which is almost 300 years old. Have dinner at a local restaurant, then back to the National Park to see nightlife of nocturnal animals such as porcupine, squirrel, etc.

Over night in the National Park

**DAY 6 Nam Cat Tien National Park – Ho Chi Minh City (B,L)**

After breakfast, take a boat trip on Dong Nai River to visit T'Chai Village of Chau Ma and X'Tieng ethnic people. Meet and talk with local residents to learn more about their daily life. Have lunch at a local restaurant and then drive back to Saigon.

Overnight in Saigon

**DAY 7 Ho Chi Minh City Departure (B)**

After breakfast, free time until transfer to the airport for your departure flight.