

7 Days | Vietnam Adventure: Mekong Delta Experience with Flights (from Melbourne)

Ho Chi Minh - Mekong Delta - Cu Chi - My Tho

From **\$1,299** Typically \$1,999 ✈ pp twin share



Return international airfares from Melbourne with Bamboo Airways

6 Nights Accommodation with breakfast in Ho Chi Minh City

Adventure out to Cu Chi and explore the famous Cu Chi tunnels

Enjoy a full day tour out to the Mekong Delta and its surrounds

Optional Extensions to Phu Quoc, Hoi An or Hanoi Available!

Description



Ho Chi Minh City, formerly known as Saigon, is a bustling metropolis in southern Vietnam with a rich history and culture. Visitors can explore the city's many museums, temples, and markets, as well as sample delicious Vietnamese cuisine.

One of the must-see attractions near Ho Chi Minh City is the Cu Chi Tunnels, an underground network used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Visitors can crawl through some of the tunnels and learn about the ingenious tactics used by the guerrilla fighters.

Another popular destination in the region is the Mekong Delta, a fertile area of rice paddies and waterways that is home to many traditional villages and floating markets. Visitors can take boat tours to explore the delta's waterways and experience the local way of life.

A trip to Ho Chi Minh City, the Cu Chi Tunnels, and the Mekong Delta is an unforgettable experience that offers a glimpse into Vietnam's history, culture, and natural beauty.

Itinerary

Day 1

Melbourne ✈ Ho Chi Minh

Today you will check in and board your Bamboo Airways flight for Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam. Arrive at Tan Son Nhat international airport. Your guide and driver will be there to greet you and transfer you to the hotel. Take some time to relax and depending on your arrival time, enjoy the afternoon or evening at your leisure.

Meals: Inflight Menu

Accommodation: California hotel (Premier Deluxe)

Day 2

Ho Chi Minh

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. You will have a free morning to relax or enjoy the sights of Ho Chi Minh city. At around 2PM your motorbike tour guide will pick you up at the hotel for the 4 hour motorbike tour of Ho Chi Minh including dinner at local eateries.

After a short riding instruction and program introduction, you will hop on the motorbike. The first stop is at the tourist attractions in District 1 including Saigon Notre Dame Cathedral, Saigon Central Post Office where you can admire the beauty of the old French architectural works, learn more about history and culture, as well as taking the most beautiful photos in the city. A lovely book street next to the post office is worth wandering. You will visit Venerable Thich Quang Duc Monument. We will tell you some less-known history and stories about the monk and his unburned heart. Head to District 3 and a Nguyen Thien Thuat apartment buildings which were built in the 1960s and have been home to lots of Saigon people. There you can see the real Saigon local life. Before reaching the coffee shop, we stop at one of Saigon's Top 3 Banh mi shops, see how they make a great Vietnamese sandwich with crispy crust and amazing fillings. Drive to a small street food stall which is over 20 years old to learn how they wrap and grill one of top Saigon street foods – Grilled banana & sticky rice in banana leaves. It is a big chance to stop at Cheo Leo cafe – an 80-year coffee shop hidden in an alley and famous for its distinct “Vot” coffee. There you sit around a table, take a rest, enjoy the drink, eat Vietnamese bread, Grilled banana in sticky rice, and chat leisurely with the guide as a friend like locals. You also learn how to make a cup of “Vot” coffee and interact with the nice owner of the coffee shop. Then we head to District 10 and stop at Ho Thi Ky flower market – a huge wholesale flower market where you have a chance to see thousands of colorful flowers, fresh vegetables, live animals, and many strange things. After that, we drive around hidden parts including fashion street, painting street, medicine street, electronic market, fabric market, lantern market, fruit market, bird market gives you an insider view of the hidden city which is missed on normal city tours by car/bus. Escaping from the noisy and busy streets, we head to Thien Hau Temple to listen to mysterious stories, learn more about the unique architecture and religious life. On the way to District 1, we stop to eat again at an over 20-year-old restaurant known as Top 5 Places to eat Vietnamese pancake in Saigon. The guide shows you how the cook makes thin, large, and crispy pancakes skillfully, how to wrap the cake in vegetables and eat. There we also enjoy Rice noodles with grilled pork/fried roll – a specialty food of the city. Guide drive back to your hotel after passing by Ben Thanh Market. It is time to say goodbye, the Private Saigon Sightseeing & Food Tour by Motorbike ends but memories last forever.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Accommodation: California hotel (Premier Deluxe)

Day 3

Ho Chi Minh

Breakfast is at your hotel. Today you have the whole day for your leisure. If you would like to book or get recommendations for day tours and activities, please contact our Customer Service team.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: California hotel (Premier Deluxe)

Day 4

Ho Chi Minh

After breakfast at your hotel, we will visit the famous Cu Chi Tunnels. Located 60km from HCMC. Cu Chi is now a popular spot for both Vietnamese & foreign tourists. The network of over 200km of tunnels became legendary when they played a vital role in the War. In their day, the tunnels were functioning underground cities including numerous trap doors, specially constructed living areas, storage facilities, weapons factories, field hospitals, command centers & kitchens.

Today, ducks and water buffalos happily co-exist in the rivers along the side of the road. However, the peaceful rural rice paddy scenery belies the area's violent history. Visitors will find it hard to imagine the destruction, damage & defoliation over this whole area, caused by bombing and mines. There is plenty of evidence of the fierce battle that took place here during the 1960s when Cu Chi was a "Free Target Zone". You will start the tour in the morning, before entering the tunnels visitors can watch a short introductory video showing how the tunnels were constructed. You will spend the next hour exploring the tunnels. Afterwards, enjoy tea, cassava (guerrilla's food during the war). You will then return to Ho Chi Minh.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: California hotel (Premier Deluxe)

Day 5

Ho Chi Minh Mekong Delta

After breakfast, we head to the city of My Tho. On the way, we will visit Vinh Trang pagoda, the biggest pagoda in the Mekong delta. Upon arrival in My Tho, we will take a boat trip along the Mekong River, where you can see fish cages and floating houses on the river. The boat takes you to a small canal, where you can totally escape from the busy town. The boat cruise in the coconut trees canal takes you to a coconut island in Ben Tre. We disembark and have a walk around the village. Stop at a local family home to enjoy tropical fruit, taste the honey tea, honey wine and listen to Vietnamese traditional music, performed by the villagers.

Stop by the village coconut candy shop, learn how to make candy, and see some handicraft made out of coconut trees. Take a walk through the village and admire the fruits, flowers, trees, local houses, children and people. Then, we enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. After that, we go for a walk around the area and transfer back Saigon.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Accommodation: California hotel (Premier Deluxe)

Day 6

Ho Chi Minh

Breakfast is at your hotel. Today you have the whole day for your leisure. If you would like to book or get recommendations for day tours and activities, please contact our Customer Service team.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: California hotel (Premier Deluxe)

Day 7

Ho Chi Minh Melbourne

This morning enjoy breakfast at the hotel. You check out will be at noon. You will have the day at leisure until your transfer time to the airport for your flight back home.

Meals: Breakfast and Inflight Menu

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- Economy class International airfare with Bamboo Airways.
- 3 star Shared Accommodation in twin/double room with daily breakfast at the below indicated room types (see hotel category list below), check in and check out around 12PM.
- All transfers and transportation with air-con vehicles (types of vehicles depending on the number of passengers).
- Local ENGLISH speaking guides.
- Meals (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner) as indicated in the program (Vietnamese Local food).
- 2 bottles of mineral water per person per day on bus on days of transfer and sightseeing only.

About your airline: Bamboo Airways

Established in 2017, Bamboo Airways is the first private airline in Vietnam aiming to provide international-oriented services. With the tagline of 'more than just a flight', Bamboo aims to provide exceptional service in the air, at an affordable price. They have expert on-board staff, premium lounges in a variety of cities and a young and up-to-date fleet.

About your aircraft: Boeing 787-Dreamliner

The aircraft of choice for many airlines, the Boeing 787-Dreamliner provides exceptional comfort and less fatigue on long-haul flights. Equipped with state-of-the-art technology to optimise performance, provide cleaner air and a smaller carbon footprint, you can be assured of a comfortable journey on this popular aircraft.

About your Accommodation:

- 3 star program: California hotel (Premier Deluxe)
- 4 star program: Central Palace hotel (Deluxe room)
- 5 star program: Grand Saigon (Deluxe room)

Should the hotel be fully booked, an alternate hotel within the same category will be used.

Visas: Australian passport holders need to apply for a visa to visit Vietnam. The visa-free stay period is counted from THE DATE OF ENTRY. Please apply E-Visa to Vietnam at least 15 days before the date of entry. For the Vietnam visa, it can be easily obtained online via this link: <https://evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn>

It takes 3-5 working days for the visa to be issued. The VISA STATUS can be checked at : <https://evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn/web/guest/tra-cuu-thi-thuc> after entering the registration code, email, and date of birth. Once the visa is issued, the PDF file can be downloaded and printed. It is advisable to have 2 printed copies to enter/exit Vietnam.

Exclusions

- Meals & drinks (not mentioned in the itinerary)
- Visas
- Insurance (highly recommended)
- Tips/Gratuities
- Early check in or late check out
- Optional excursions and activities

- Items of a personal nature (Phone calls, laundry, beverages...)
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary

Important information:

Black out period: 08/12/2023- 07/02/2024

Child policy: Children are allowed on this tour and are at the same cost as a travelling adult.

Travel Insurance: We recommend Covermore travel insurance. To quote and book, please click [HERE](#).

Travelling Solo: A solo supplement of \$250 applies for this program. If upgrading to 4 Star, \$400 is payable and for 5 Star it is \$550.

Upgrades to your Accommodation: Wanting to upgrade you hotel accommodation? Simply choose your upgrade option on checkout.

Optional Extensions: Choose from a below extension for \$500 pp twin share based on a 3 star program:

4 Days/3 Nights on Phu Quoc Island with Flights

- Staying at the Sea Star Resort in a standard room
- Breakfast daily
- Return airport transfers

4 Days/3 Nights in Hoi An with Flights

- Staying at the Kim An Hotel Hoi An in a superior room
- Breakfast daily
- Return airport transfers

4 Days/3 Nights in Hanoi with Flights

- Staying at Chalcedony in a superior room
- Breakfast daily
- Return airport transfers

To upgade your extension to a 4 or 5 star program or for a single supplement costing, please contact our Customer Service team.