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Your destination:

SAIGON, VIETNAM



Ho Chi Minh, formerly named and still also referred to as Saigon, is the largest city in Vietnam. It was once known as Prey Nokor, an important Khmer seaport prior to annexation by the Vietnamese in the 17th century. Under the name Saigon, it was the capital of the French colony of Cochinchina and later of the independent republic of South Vietnam 1955–75. On 2 July 1976, Saigon merged with the surrounding Gia Định Province and was officially renamed Ho Chi Minh City after revolutionary leader Hồ Chí Minh (although the name Sài Gòn is still unofficially widely used).

PARAGON SAIGON HOTEL

Paragon Saigon hotel is one of the luxurious 4 star hotel suitable for both leisure and business trips. Our hotel contains 173 fully renovated rooms and suites refreshed with style, which compliments beauty and functions, creating a unique blend of elegance and standard. We help our guests crafting the finest memories with our outstanding service and superior facilities. We are keen to provide the best beauty services, family room, 24-hour room service to make your stay unforgettable. We also offer fully equipped gym, spa, steam bath, business center, lobby bar, free WIFI and so on, which makes Paragon Saigon hotel one of the top most hotel in Ho Chi Minh City.



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8 May 2017: Arrival in Saigon



Upon arrival, meet the guide with logo and transfer to the hotel with guide escort

Making a short orientation excursion Saigon by the bus, then transfer to hotel for check-in

In the evening, our guide will meet you at the hotel and drive to the pier for welcome dinner on the cruise with traditional dance and music, including 1 soft drink or 1 mineral water.

Meals: Dinner

Accommodation: Paragon Saigon hotel / ROH

<http://paragonsaigon.com/en.html>

9 May 2017: Saigon – Mekong Delta / CSR



In the morning, leave Saigon for Ben Tre town. Ben Tre is located at the end-stream of Mekong River, is one of the 13 provinces that make up the Mekong Delta. The Province has a natural land area of 2,315 square kilometers and a population of 1.4 million. It has a flat terrain, with sand elevations intermittently intermingling with orchards, coconut woods and rice fields. There are almost no woodlands here, and the main land is surrounded with rivers and sea waters. The people of Ben Tre are very generous, charitable, hospitable, and respectful of talent. They are keen not only to deferentially inherit but also to promote excellent traditional values.



Upon arrival, transfer to the schools to teach English, play game with the pupil, clean some classrooms and courtyard and you can offer some small gifts (pencil, notebook, school bag) to the difficult students. Then, enjoy lunch (traditional food: Vietnamese bread, egg, snack, fruit, soft drink or water) at the school before driving back to homestay.

After lunch, make a tour to visit countryside and garden by bicycle and enjoy fruit before return to homestay.



In the evening, a small BBQ party at the homestay with traditional music “Don Ca tai Tu” including 1 soft drink or 1 mineral water and 1 coconut juice during dinner

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Homestay / share room

10 May 2017: Team building

In the morning, enjoy breakfast at homestay with local meal.

After breakfast, we will have a team building “Vietnam Discovery” with cooking class at the home stay



There are 4 stations to complete in an order that will be determined by your guide



- **Station 1: local Market – 20 minutes**

Rules for Activity:

1. Each team will be provided with 100,000 VND to purchase 5 items from a list which will be provided by your guide
2. Items must be purchased at the market
3. Time duration for locating and buying: 20 minutes

Important Notes:

1. Useful phrases

- ✓ Xin chào (Hello)
- ✓ Cái này giá bao nhiêu (How much does it cost)
- ✓ đắt quá (so expensive)
- ✓ giảm giá (discount)
- ✓ đồng ý (agree), cảm ơn (thank you),
- ✓ tạm biệt (good bye)

2. Use only the money provided to your team (please do not use your own money)
3. You should bargain, but please keep a smile and be respectful

Team will be judged on:

- ✓ Lowest cost for goods purchased
- ✓ Best interaction with locals
- ✓ Quality of the purchased items
- ✓ Purchasing the correct goods

- **Station 2: Basket Boat Racing – 20 minutes**



Rules for Activity:

1. Each team will learn how to row a sampan from a local expert.
2. Then they have 5 minutes of practice.
3. Each team has 5 minutes carry all of the team to the ending point.

Important Notes:

1. Be patient to follow the instructions. It's not a race.
2. Each sampan has 1 expert to keep the sampan safe by keeping the tail.
3. In case, you give up in the middle, ask the expert to row for you.

Team will be judged on:

- ✓ The technical skill of rowing
- ✓ Time consumed.

- **Station 3: Net Fishing – 20 minutes**



Rules for Activity:

1. Each team has to work in harmony: some taking out of water from pond, some using fishing tools to catch fish...
2. After finishing, you can have bath or wash in the restrooms.
3. Wear the cloths provided and use the proper tools given with guidelines how to use.
4. Time for the challenge: 5 minutes

Important Notes:

1. Don't worry about the mud and pond; water is low and safe.
2. Be careful when using to tools though they are so simple.
3. Be careful with the fishes you catch, they are alive.

Team will be judged on:

- ✓ The technical skill of rowing
- ✓ Time consumed.

- **Station 4: Mat weaving– 20 minutes**



Rules for Activity:

1. Each team will learn the complete procedure of making a mat.
2. Each team has 10 minutes to make their own mat with the correct pattern.

Important Notes:

1. It's not about the time consumed, it's skillful task. Be patience and work in team in harmony.
2. You may need some advise from the local expert. Don't hesitate.

Team will be judged on:

- ✓ The technical skill
- ✓ Quantity and quality of the product

Then all teams will be back to homestay to cook and enjoy lunch including 1 soft drink or 1 mineral water



Note: transportation between stations: bicycles

After team building and lunch, drive back to Saigon and the rest of the day is leisure

In the evening, enjoy dinner at Koto restaurant including a soft drink or a mineral water

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Paragon Saigon hotel / ROH

11 May 2017: visit Cu Chi tunnels and Street food tour



In the morning, a testament to the tenacity of the Vietnamese people, the amazing Cu Chi Tunnels are a labyrinth of narrow passages used as hideouts during the war. Located approximately 40km northwest of Saigon, you will explore sections of the extensive network that served as an underground city in the not-too-distant past. Finish the trip, transfer back to Saigon and enjoy lunch at a riverside restaurant en route including a soft drink or a mineral water.



In the evening, pick up from your hotel at 06:00 pm before continuing by vehicle to the starting point of the walking tour. The first stop is a public park where local people enjoy some dancing exercises. They gather here when the sun goes down to socialize and dance together. It is up to you to dance with them or just watch. Then, after a short walk, try your first meal of the evening. “Banh xeo” is a large rice pancake filled with vegetables, shrimps and pork. Hidden in a small alley, this local street restaurant has become very famous and serves some of the best “banh xeo” of Saigon. The second stop is a street food place located near Tan Dinh Market. There, enjoy a delicious local soup, inspired by Chinese recipes. After another short walk, enjoy a delicious local soup, inspired by Chinese recipes. After another short walk, it is time for a tasty “com suon non nuong muoi ot”, a local dish from HCM with rice and pork ribs. After crossing a busy intersection, indulge yourself with a delicious dessert and a Vietnamese café. Finally, after 10 minutes walking, enjoy the end of this evening at a live music café playing piano or Vietnamese songs. At the end of the tour returns to your hotel (around 10:30 pm).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Paragon Saigon hotel / ROH

12 May 2017: Saigon departure



The morning is at leisure before checking out at the hotel at 12:00 noon and driving to the airport for your onward flight.

Meals: Breakfast

End of the services!

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HOME STAY





Tam Khiem homestay (riverside)

4 bedroom: 3 rooms (max 4 persons per room)

3 bedroom: 3 rooms (max 3 persons per room)

2 bedroom: 5 rooms (max 2 persons per room)

Total: 31 persons

Mai's House homestay (riverside)

4 bedroom: 2 rooms (max 4 persons per room)

2 bedroom: 2 rooms (max 3 persons per room)

10 bedroom: 1 room (max 10 persons per room)

Total: 22 persons