

HO CHI MINH CITY

Ho Chi Minh City (commonly known as Saigon) is a city in southern Vietnam famous for the pivotal role it played in the Vietnam War.

The Absolute Best Things to see in Ho Chi Minh City

Binh Tay Market

Also known as Cholon Chinatown Market, Binh Tay Market occupies a two-storey building along Thap Moui Street. Travellers can also find an assortment of handicrafts, lacquerware, and textiles that are sold in bulk, though goods are not varied compared to other (more touristy) markets in downtown Hanoi. Along with the interesting historical and cultural aspect of Cholon, Binh Tay Market is great for experiencing the local lifestyle and sampling unique Vietnamese-Chinese delicacies.

Opening Hours: Daily 08:00 – 17:00 | Address: 57A Thap Moui, District 6, Ho Chi Minh City

Cu Chi Tunnels

This marvellous tourist attraction lets visitors experience what it must have been like for soldiers who used an extensive network of tunnels to move around undetected by their enemies. There is an informative movie to watch, followed by a guided tour of some mock recreations of daily life for the Viet Cong hiding in the jungle. Burnt out tanks make for a great photo prop and then everyone gets to crawl through a small section of the tunnels which has been widened and supported with concrete.

Opening Hours: Daily 07:00 - 17:00 | Location: 70km northwest of Ho Chi Minh City | Tel: +84 83 794 8820

Cao Dai Temple

Cao Dai Temple is the centre of the Cao Dai faith, a religion that has taken bits of Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Taoism and Confucianism. Tourists are welcome to visit the temple and learn more about this faith that is practiced by a few dedicated followers.

Opening Hours: Daily 06:00 - 17:00 | Location: 60 miles northwest of Ho Chi Minh City

Jade Emporor Pagoda

Jade Emperor Pagoda is one of the most revered temples in Ho Chi Minh. Originally built in 1909 by Chinese immigrants this Taoist temple now welcomes Buddhist worshipping and is incredibly atmospheric with incense smoke hanging heavy in the air. Intricate architecture, carvings, statues of Gods and Goddesses and Chinese characters create an exotic and timeless ambiance.

Opening Hours: Daily 08:00 – 17:00 | Address: 73 Mai Thi Luu, District 3, Ho Chi Minh City

Bitexco Tower and Sky Deck

Bitexco Tower is an ultra modern office tower in Ho Chi Minh, with a characteristic oval extension which acts as a helicopter landing pad. Standing at 262 metres tall, this 68 storey building is the highest in all of Vietnam with a sky deck offering 360 degree views of the city and surrounding area as well as a fantastic sky bar called Alto where you can see all of Ho Chi Minh while enjoying a cocktail and some tapas style international dishes.

Opening Hours: Daily 09:30 - 21:30 | Address: 36 Ho Tung Mau Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City

Notre Dame Cathedral

Saigon Notre Dame Cathedral, built in the late 1880s by French colonists, is one of the few remaining strongholds of Catholicism in the largely Buddhist Vietnam. Located in Paris Square, the name Notre Dame was given after the installation of the statue 'Peaceful Notre Dame' in 1959. A Virgin Mary statue also stands in front of Saigon Notre Dame Cathedral, which locals claimed to have shed tears in October 2005. While this incident was refuted by the Catholic Church of Vietnam, thousands of visitors still flock to this statue in hopes of witnessing a miracle.

Opening Hours: Daily 08:00 - 17:00 | Address: 1 Cong Xa Paris, Ben Nghe, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City

Hotel details 03-06th March or 14th March

Sheraton Saigon Hotel and Towers 5*

Deluxe room 1 king bed pool view - *Rs 65500 incl breakfast and taxes for 3 nights for double occupancy (Avg Rs 21800 per night)*

Renaissance Riverside Hotel Saigon 5*

Deluxe room city view - *Rs 47000 incl breakfast and taxes for 3 nights for double occupancy (Avg Rs 15600 per night)*

liberty Central Saigon citypoint 4*

Deluxe room - *Rs 32000 incl breakfast and taxes for 3 nights for double occupancy (Avg Rs 10600 per night)*

Silverland Jolie Hotel and spa 4*

Deluxe room - *Rs 20000 incl breakfast and taxes for 3 nights for double occupancy (Avg Rs 6600 per night)*

Note: The above rates are valid as of now and can change anytime without notice

How to get there ...

There are Daily connecting flights available from Mumbai as well as Delhi via Bangkok to get to Ho Chi Minh city (Saigon).