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# MVN – 03 03 Nights / 04 Days Ho Chi Minh City 3N

## Day 01: HO CHI MINH CITY (Saigon) - ARRIVAL (30 Mnts / 10 Km approx. one way)

Arrive Tan Son Nhat International Airport, Ho Chi Minh City. Welcome by the representative for pick up and transfer to hotel.

Overnight stay at Saigon hotel.

### Day 02: EXCURTION TO CU CHI TUNNEL (1 ½ Hrs / 70 Km approx. one way)

After breakfast transfer to Enjoy visit the famous Cu Chi Tunnels, an incredible underground tunnel network constructed by Vietnamese resistance fighters during the long struggle for independence.

Overnight stay at Saigon hotel.

#### Day 03: MEKONG DELTA TOUR (2 Hrs / 80 Km approx. one way)

In the morning, take 2 hour drive southwest of Ho Chi Minh City to the Mekong Delta which is known as the rice bowl of Vietnam. Upon arrival, take a boat cruise around islets and tropical orchards through the canal of Vam Xep to reach a small islet, followed by a relaxing walk along shady and palm fringed trails passing by local villages where you can see their peaceful daily life. Stop en route to visit a bee farm, sip special tea with honey and sample fruits with a local family and share their stories of life in the Mekong Delta. Visit a small coconut workshop, just to get a glimpse of typical family run business in this area.

Walk to a lane where a horse-drawn cart awaits you to transfer to visit handicraft village, a coconut candy factory, enjoy tropical fruit, traditional music and then relaxation with rowing boat through the narrow under shade palm, tree-lined canals of Mekong River before returning to My Tho by motorized boat. Back Ho Chi Minh City. Overnight stay at Saigon hotel.

#### Day 04: HO CHI MINH CITY HALF DAY TOUR - DEPARTURE

After breakfast check out from the hotel & start half day city tour. Visit the former Presidential Palace, from there on you will go on foot (the car will be available at all times) to visit the major sights of colonial Ho Chi Minh City: the Notre Dame Cathedral, Old Saigon Post Office, Dong Khoi Street (formerly Rue Catinat), Continental Hotel, Opera House and City Hall. After sightseeing transfer to Tan Son Nhat International Airport, Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon). Tour end with the beautiful memory.

#### **Compulsory Tips Policy (for Guide & Driver):**

- ➤ Group from 2-5 pax: Minimum US\$ 5/ pax/ day
- ➤ Group from 6-10 pax: Minimum US\$ 4/ pax/ day
- Group from 11-30 pax: Minimum US\$ 3/ pax/ day
- Group from 31 pax & above: Minimum US\$ 2/ pax/ day
- \*\*\* It will automatically add on in your final Invoice.

#### **Visa Guideline Vietnam:**

- ➤ E-Visa cost US\$ 35 Per Pax to be paid along with Package booking cost. And you get E-Visa for one-month single entry.
- Visa-on-arrival Cost US\$ 35 Per Pax:
  - Include Visa Approval Letter to Vietnam for Indian passport holders for (US\$ 10/Pax to be paid along with Package booking cost in India).
  - Visa stamp fee to Vietnam is US\$ 25/Pax (paid by guests upon arrival) for one-month single entry. Guest have to fill a visa application form on arrival and attach Pre approved Visa on Arrival letter & fix 2 Passport size photos (white background). And it will take 2-3 hrs in que.
- ➤ Visa fast track service at the airport is US\$ 10/Pax (not compulsory, recommended for big group).



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### **Payment Terms:**

- After confirmation of any Package request: 50% of tour package cost required immediately to book all the respective services.
- 07 Days prior to arrival date: 100% of tour package cost required.
- All payments must be notified by an e-mail format only with attached transaction details.
- Payment terms are subject to change at the time of booking as per Hotel Policy and High Season.

#### **Cancellation Policy:**

- All cancellations must be made in e-mail format only.
- Any cancellation at 45 Days prior to arrival date No charge
- Any cancellation between 45 Days 30 Days prior to arrival date: 25% of tour fare charge
- Any cancellation between 30 Days 15 Days prior to arrival date: 50% of tour fare charge
- Any cancellation between 15 Days 10 Days prior to arrival date: 75% of tour fare charge
- Any cancellation less than 10 Days: 100% of tour fare charge.

### The Do's when Visiting Vietnam:

**Dress appropriately** – Dress conservatively, especially for female travellers. The Vietnamese are quite conservative about their dress, and it would be disrespectful to wear skimpy clothing in public.

**Respect at temples** – When visiting temples and pagodas – keep your arms and legs covered. A sarong is very handy, and make sure your knees are covered at the very least. It is again disrespectful to go to such places if you do not observe these.

**Remove bling** – Do remove unnecessary jewellery, as it shows that you have money, and could make you a target for petty theft.

**Keep you bag safe** – Do hold your bag in front of you wrapped around your shoulder so that you are not a victim of a drive-by bag snatcher. Unfortunately, you need to be vigilant as bag snatching is a big problem, even at temples and pagodas.

**Know where you live** – Do make sure that you have a hotel business card from the reception desk. This will make your return to the hotel in a taxi or motorbike much easier.

**Negotiate and get a fixed price** – Always firmly negotiate the exact price before you get into a taxi or on the back of a motorbike.

**Buy legitimate bottled water** – Do buy bottled water, but not any bottled water. I have seen people on the streets filling water bottles from the taps, and then with a little machine, sealing them. You will need to drink a lot of water because of the humidity, buy from a convenience store of some repute. As beer is cheaper than a bottle of water, you could just drink beer, but remember you do need to stay hydrated with water.

**Ask before you shoot** – Do ask permission before you take a photo of people. Many – particularly in the picturesque UNESCO town of Hoi An will expect payment before you take the photo. Pay it. It is not a lot of dongs, the currency of Vietnam.

*Keep toilet paper with you* – Do carry some toilet paper with you at all times. While there are fewer squats in urban areas, there are still many in rural areas.

*Use chopsticks correctly* - Do us your chopsticks correctly. Sticking them upright in your bowl of rice, for



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example, is considered unlucky, as this is the symbol of two burning joy sticks used for funerals.

**Do eat local food in Vietnam** – Do enjoy the local Vietnamese food, which is some of the best in the world. Consider doing a food tour on the back of a motorbike to get to some of the hidden gems in the back streets of Saigon for example.

#### The Don'ts when Visiting Vietnam:

**Don't end up in jail** - Don't take photos of any military installations and equipment, it is a breach of national security and you could end up in jail, and you do not want to spend your vacations ...and a bit ... at a Vietnamese jail.

**Don't mention the war** - Don't bring up the topic of the Vietnam War which the Vietnamese call the "American war."

*Watch your tootsies* - Don't sit with your feet pointing towards a family altar if you are staying at someone's house.

**No PDA'S** – Don't publically, kiss and cuddle. Here is a guide to kissing etiquette around the world. These personal displays of affection are not considered appropriate in Vietnam. Holding hands is ok, particularly as you cross the manically busy roads.

**Don't stop when crossing a road** – Don't stop as you cross the busy roads. Frightening as it can be, just keep walking. The traffic will avoid you. Pick a spot across the road, stare at it and keep walking, no matter what.

*Be respectful in ethnic minority villages* – Don't take video cameras into the ethnic minority villages. They are considered to be too intrusive by many local people. If you do, always ask permission first.