

Ho Chi Min City

Tour:	City & China Town Tour –Full day with lunch	
Tour code:	SGN-03	
Duration:	6.5 hours	09:00-15:30
Operates”	Daily	
Pick-up at:	Hotel	
Guide:	English speaking guide	
Meals:	Local Lunch	Included but not beverages

Highlights:

A full day of sightseeing in the bustling commercial capital of Vietnam - Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon), Visits include the Unification Palace; War Museum; Central Post Office; Notre Dame Cathedral; Ben Thanh market; Historical Museum; China Town; Ten-Poo Temple; Vinh Nghiem Pagoda. A local lunch is included.

Program

Drive through the city centre along the French built tree-lined boulevards, public gardens, old ochre coloured buildings and modern sky scrapers to the Unification Palace. The Palace was built on the grounds of the former Norodom Palace, the official residence of the former French Governor Generals. After independence from the French, the Saigon regime built the palace for the President. Continue to the nearby War Museum displaying relics of military equipment and artifacts, photographs and sketches that document the War with America and the war crimes; the well preserved and imposing Central Post Office; Notre Dame Cathedral and City Hall, a magnificent edifice of French architecture. Spend an hour at the Ben Thanh market –a bazaar of local apparels, silks and textiles, jewelry and precious stones, souvenirs, a wet market with a deluge of tasty tropical fruits, preserved snacks and candies and home utensils.

Lunch will be a Vietnamese fare at a local restaurant, an introduction to tasty and fine Vietnamese cuisine. After lunch, we drive to good old Chinatown, reputed to have a population of 4 millions. Drive past the central market, the streets of hardware stores, goldsmiths and fruit stalls and visit the venerable Ten-Poo Temple. Next, for a comparison of religious believes and Asian architecture visit the Vinh Nghiem Pagoda. The last stop would be a lacquer workshop and display centre to shop for your souvenirs of Vietnam.