



**Meeting and  
sample program**  
5 Days/4 Nights  
60-70 PAX  
Destination: Ho Chi Minh City

## **ITINERARY**

**Day 1: Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City,  
welcome cocktail party.**

**Day 2: Business session x 2, Lunch,  
afternoon group tour and group dinner**

**Day 3: Business session x 2, lunch,  
afternoon at leisure**

**Day 4: Optional activity or at leisure.  
Evening Gala Dinner**

**Day 5: Optional activity or at leisure.**

# Day 1: Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City

## **Suggested flight**

Brisbane to Singapore

Singapore to Ho Chi Minh City

Ho Chi Minh City - also called Saigon by many locals, has a population of over 8 million and is the largest city in Vietnam as well as the center of industry, commerce, tourism and international communication. It was also called "Pearl of the Far East" formerly and nowadays is a must-see place for visitors to Vietnam.

Arrival at Tan Son Nhat airport, Ho Chi Minh City, in the evening. Border formalities.

**Suggestion:** Airport welcome (outside arrival lobby) by 2 Vietnamese hostesses dressed in a traditional Ao Dai costume who will present lotus flowers to each participant.

Transfer to the hotel - approx 40 mins. An ice-box with cold mineral water and tissues is always available on board.

Luggage will be transported separately by trucks to the hotel with portage service at the airport and at the hotel.

**Option:** If taking the overnight flight and early check-in in the morning and breakfast at the hotel.

**Option:** Tailor will take measurements for a traditional Ao Dai dress for every woman and a silk shirt for every gentleman, to be worn at one of the dinners.

**Overnight at chosen Hotel**



## Day 2: Full day conference and dinner

Buffet breakfast at hotel.

**Breakfast**

**Business Session Part 1**

**Lunch**

**Business Session Part 2**

**Afternoon activity**

Transfer to the **Golden Dragon Theatre (privatized for the group)** to see a performance of Saigon's water puppets, one of Vietnam's cultural attractions. Traditionally shows are given during the rice harvest season or during the village festivals and held on ponds that act as natural backdrop for the puppets that represent characters and animals of the countryside or folk mythology.

**SPECIAL:** get one or more of the VIPs the day before to be introduced to this art and participate to a representation in the water with surprise revelation at the end.

**Dinner - Dinner at a local restaurant or Bonsai Cruise (see page 9)**

**“LOCAL IMMERSION ” with dinner at a Bia Hoi.**

This is one of the traditional “pastimes” of the Vietnamese. After work they meet at one of the huge Bia Hois (beer garden) very popular in Saigon and all over Vietnam. It is loud and busy as the Vietnamese come to unwind or to meet friends and colleagues. The restaurant serves local brewed beer whilst also serving local delicacies to accompany the local brew. It is a chance to see up close Vietnamese enjoying themselves.

*It is not high class and 5\*, but it certainly an evening to remember and it brings group very close to a local ambiance. Note: on purpose non-exclusive; some restaurants can cater to 1000 + pax*

**Overnight at chosen Hotel**



# Day 3: Full day conference and leisure time

**Breakfast**

**Business Session Part 1**

**Lunch**

**Business Session Part 2**

**Afternoon at Leisure - optional activities**

**Dinner at Leisure**

## **Optional afternoon cooking class**

A cooking class can teach you in a matter of hours some of the most popular Vietnamese dishes. Take a guided trip to the colourful food market and learn about the local ingredients, including 'nuoc mam' (fish sauce) which is ubiquitous to Vietnamese cooking. Partake in a hands-on cooking class where you will learn and practice traditional techniques for creating delicious Vietnamese food before feasting on a delicious dinner of your creations.

## **Optional afternoon visit to the Chu Chi Tunnels**

Get a first-hand look at the Vietnam-American war history with this half-day tour of the Cu Chi Tunnels. Travel 1.5-hours northwest of Ho Chi Minh City where you will be lead through the jungle as your guide explains the history of the war, the ingenuity of the Cu Chi residents and the daily activities of the people. You will even have a chance to crawl through the tunnels before returning to the city.



## Day 4: Optional trip to the Mekong Delta

### Buffet breakfast at the hotel

8.30 Departure from Ho Chi Minh City for a drive to Cai Be (120 km, 3 hours). As you leave the bustling city behind the scenery changes to lush rice paddies, in the area referred to locally as the rice bowl of Vietnam.

On arrival in Cai Be, a short walk along a beautiful canal will lead you to [Le Longanier Restaurant](#), a superb Indochinese villa located in a lush tropical garden by the river, surrounded by fruit orchards. Lunch at Le Longanier

After lunch embark on local boats and cruise to some interesting home factories to see how rice paste is made, but also rice cookies, coco candies, as well as dried longan fruits.

Stop at an ancient mandarin house dating back to the 19th century and cruise through the remains of Cai Be's colorful floating market, most busy in the early morning hours and where local sampans come to sell fruits and vegetables.

On Dong Hoa Hiep Island, start a biking trip on narrow lanes through Mekong Delta villages. The islands still remain unknown and little visited.

Return to your bus by boat and drive back to Saigon.

Dinner at [Xu Lounge Restaurant](#), in walking distance from the hotel

Overnight at chosen hotel.



## Day 4: Gala dinner at Au Manoir De Khai restaurant

Au Manoir de Khai exudes a colonial charm and luxurious beauty that is different and unique! The moment you step in, be fascinated and awed by lush green, earth nature and tropical, paradise garden. Simply colorful and enchanting! The warm and cozy interior furnishings fill you with impeccable attention to the finest detail and everything awaits your grand arrival to treat you in dignified honour.

You will be pampered and spoilt with an irresistible, spread of gourmet choices that leave you mesmerized and hypnotized in a world of exotic dining experience. The aroma and fragrance of the French cuisine will transform your appetite into a state of desire and passion.

One-way transfer for dinner after a round of the city center by night by antique Vespa with a Vietnamese driver. **Gala dinner at Au Manoir De Khai restaurant**

- Exclusive venue for the group
- Welcome cocktail with some kinds of canapés in the court yard
- Opening speech (if any)
- Set Gala menu will be served in the fine dining room upstairs
- A Quartet or Trio will serve music during dinner (2 hours)

Alternative Gala Dinner at the Fine Art Museum (see page 8) or at Hotel



## Day 5: Departure

### Buffet breakfast at the hotel restaurant

Free at leisure or shopping until check-out. Check-out time is at noon. Late checkout can be arranged.

### Optional

#### Half Day Spa Indulgence - Ho Chi Minh City

Indulge yourself in a luxurious spa treatment in one of Ho Chi Minh City's most elegant spas. Housed in a unique 1950's French colonial mansion, L'Apothiquaire Spa provides a wide range of massages and body therapies perfect for easing tired muscles. Classes such as yoga, Tai Chi and Pilates are also on offer. Return transfer is provided in a stunning vintage Mercedes and this half-day of indulgence is highly recommended for couples.

### Optional

#### A Round of Golf (18 Holes)

Located an hour outside of Ho Chi Minh City you can choose between Song Be Golf Resort, widely regarded as one of the most challenging courses in the country with 10 lakes and tree-lined fairways or the most established club in Ho Chi Minh City, boasting 36 holes the Vietnam Golf & Country Club.

Luggage will be transported separately to the airport in advance with portering service at the airport and the hotel.

Meet your guide for airport transfer, arrival at the airport, formalities for the onward international flight back home.

### END OF SERVICES

#### Suggested flight

Ho Chi Minh to Singapore

Singapore to Brisbane



## Alternative: Gala dinner at Fine Art Museum

Hồ Chí Minh City Fine Art Museum was set up as the result of a decision of the City's People's Committee in September 1987, but it was not officially opened until 1991. The museum is charged with collecting, keeping, preserving and displaying fine art works typical of the Vietnamese people in Hồ Chí Minh City and the southern provinces. The building comprises three floors of exhibition space; the third floor exhibits antiquities ranging from artefacts recovered from the Óc Eo archaeological site in the Mekong Delta to Chẵm sculpture and 17th-20th century decorative Vietnamese furniture; the second floor displays paintings, sculptures and lacquerware by many leading Vietnamese artists of the last 50 years and the first floor is utilised for special exhibitions. The contemporary Blue Space Contemporary Art Centre, located near the entrance, is run by the museum.

### Gala dinner in Vietnamese theme at the Fine Arts Museum

- Exclusive venue for the group with the back-up inside
- Outside catering fee, generator, industrial fans
- Nice decoration in "Vietnamese theme" with lightings, flowers, balloons
- Waiter & waitress in local costume
- Demonstration of artisan / handicraft activities (Calligraphy, Embroidery, To He)
- Welcome drink on arrival
- Vietnamese or International buffet menu
- Entertainment: traditional games, traditional music and dance during dinner (2 hours)
- Free flow of beers, soft drinks and house wine during dinner (2 hours)



# Bonsai Cruise

Made of high class "Sao" wood (Hopea odorata) from Khanh Hoa Province and built from scratch in 2004, the Bonsai is 40 meters long, 9 meters wide and about 11 meters high.

The wooden dining and meeting platform can carry up to 160 passengers next to its 50 piece-crew and weighs over 340 tons.

The two decks are occupied by 2 stylish bars (Cocktail Lounge, Village Bar), the large buffet and dining deck, live cooking stations, show stage, wheel house and a fully operating kitchen.



# Quan An Ngon Restaurant

Located in the center of Ho Chi Minh city, just a few steps from the Reunification Palace, Quan An Ngon offers you plenty of choices of wonderful Vietnamese street food in a comfortable and elegant setting.

Food stalls with specialties from different regions shown in “ghánh”, a kind of shoulder pole & hangers used to carry goods by rural people are scattered around the restaurant.

As the restaurant serves popular Vietnamese dishes, it is also a favorite venue of the locals and it a chance for you to mix with Saigonese.



# Nam Kha Restaurant

Stepping into Nam Kha brings you back in time to the imperial dynasty period through its décor of velvet, silk and rich colors associated with the monarchy.

Every signature dish is prepared meticulously to appease the appetite of the discerning gourmet guests.

2 levels which can be entirely or separately privatised.



# Le Longanier Restaurant

Located just three hours drive south of Ho Chi Minh City in the heart of the emerald Mekong Delta between My Tho and Vinh Long, Le Longanier Restaurant is accessible by road as well as by boat, only a few minutes from Cai Be.

The fine dining restaurant specializes in traditional Vietnamese cuisine with some French influences.



# Xu Restaurant & Lounge

Xu Restaurant Lounge is at the forefront of the evolution of modern Vietnamese Cuisine.

Modern Vietnamese Cuisine sometimes involves the simplification of a complex dish to emphasise particular ingredients, or applying new techniques to traditional and well-loved meals, Xu Restaurant Lounge, in the heart of Saigon's fashion, food and lifestyle district, embraces fine Modern Vietnamese Cuisine in a casual dining atmosphere and with a capacity of 120 persons.

