

## Vietnam North & South

This journey will take you to the must-see locations in the North and South of Vietnam. Use the chance to get to know the different facets of this breathtaking country in one week.

### Day - 5 Saigon

#### **SAIGON: CU CHI TUNNELS & CITY TOUR** (*L, D*)

After breakfast at hotel, meet your guide and transfer about 75 km North-west of downtown Ho Chi Minh City. Discover the famous **Cu Chi Tunnels**, which were once a major underground hideout and resistance base of **Viet Cong** forces during the two wars against the French and the Americans. The tunnels, entirely **hand-dug**, formed a highly intricate network of **interlinked multilevel passageways** at times stretched as far as the **Cambodian border** and totaling over **120 km in length**. Its complexity was beyond imagination containing **meeting rooms, kitchens, wells, clinics, schools, depots, trenches** and **emergency exits** all aimed for **guerrilla warfare**. The tunnels were deep and strong enough to withstand destructive **bombings** and self-contained enough to outlast prolonged sieges. Return to the city at noon time for a lunch at local restaurant. In the afternoon, you will take a tour through the city starting with **Saigon Notre-Dame Basilica**, a **neo-Roman cathedral** built over 130 years ago by the colonial French with materials entirely imported from Marseilles and stained-glass windows from Chartres. Next, visit **Sai Gon Post Office**, a fine colonial building which was designed and built in the early 20th Century by the famous French architect Gustave Eiffel, visit the **Jade Emperor Temple** (Phuoc Hai), a rare Taoist structure in Vietnam built in 1909 in dedication to the **Lord of Heaven**. It's filled with **smoky incense** and **fantastic carved figurines** and still buzzing with **worshippers**, many lounging in the **front gardens**. In the **evening**, joining **Saigon Foodtour** which will take you around this busy city by back of the **bike**.

**Overnight:** Saigon

### Inclusions

- 6 nights in your chosen accommodation
- Domestic flight from Hanoi to Saigon
- Meal as specified in itinerary  
(B = Breakfast, BR = Brunch, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- Activities and excursions according to itinerary
- Tours and excursions in mini buses/buses  
or with public transportation according to itinerary
- English speaking tour guide
- Admission fees according to itinerary

### Exclusions

- International flights
- Meals other than mentioned in itinerary
- Tours and Excursions other than mentioned in itinerary
- Early check-in and late check-out at hotels
- Personal travel insurance
- Personal expenses and tips for driver/guides
- Visa fees