

Southern Vietnam Coastal Escape & Mekong Delta – 8 Days

8D / 7N

Duration

Easy

Difficulty

Group

Tour Type

USD 679 / pax

Starting From

Experience the vibrant energy of Ho Chi Minh City, explore the historic Cu Chi Tunnels, navigate the serene waterways of the Mekong Delta, and unwind on the pristine beaches of Ninh Thuan Province on this comprehensive 8-day journey through Southern Vietnam.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Ho Chi Minh City → Can Tho

TOUR OVERVIEW

Southern Vietnam: City, Delta & Beach Relaxation

This 8-day itinerary offers a perfect blend of cultural exploration and tranquil beach relaxation across Southern Vietnam. Begin your adventure in the bustling metropolis of Ho Chi Minh City, where you'll delve into its rich history and modern developments. Journey to the iconic Cu Chi Tunnels to understand a pivotal era of Vietnamese history, then venture into the lush landscapes of the Mekong Delta, experiencing local life along its intricate waterways.

The tour culminates with several days of leisure on the untouched shores of Ninh Thuan Province, providing a peaceful retreat. This meticulously planned trip ensures a balance of engaging activities and ample time to unwind, making it an ideal choice for travelers seeking both discovery and relaxation.

Tour Highlights

Explore the historic Cu Chi Tunnels, an intricate underground network.

Experience a scenic cruise along the Ham Luong River in the Mekong Delta.

Visit traditional coconut workshops and mat-weaving houses in Ben Tre.

Enjoy a Xe Loi or bicycle ride through the picturesque Ben Tre countryside.

Navigate the narrow canals of the Mekong Delta by traditional sampan boat.

Discover the vibrant atmosphere and diverse goods at Ben Thanh Market.

Unwind with multiple days of relaxation on the beautiful beaches of Ninh Thuan.

Admire French colonial architecture in Ho Chi Minh City, including the Opera House and Notre Dame Cathedral.

Route Summary

The journey begins in Ho Chi Minh City, serving as your base for exploring the city's landmarks and undertaking a day trip to the Cu Chi Tunnels. From there, you'll venture into the Mekong Delta, including Ben Tre and Can Tho, before transferring to Ninh Thuan Province for several days of coastal relaxation. The tour concludes with a return transfer to Ho Chi Minh City.

Who This Tour Suits

This tour is designed for seniors, couples, and honeymooners who appreciate a flexible travel pace. It caters to those interested in cultural insights, natural beauty, and opportunities for relaxation. The itinerary balances guided excursions with free time, making it suitable for travelers who enjoy a mix of structured activities and personal exploration.

Practical Information

Accommodation for this tour includes 7 nights in comfortable hotels. Transportation throughout the journey is provided by car, cruise, and shuttle bus, ensuring seamless transfers between destinations. Most breakfasts and some lunches are included, allowing for flexibility in evening dining. An English-speaking guide will accompany you on all in-tour activities, and entrance fees

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- * Explore the historic Cu Chi Tunnels, an intricate underground network used during the Vietnam War.
- * Cruise along the serene Ham Luong River, observing local life in the Mekong Delta.
- * Visit traditional coconut processing workshops and mat-weaving houses in Ben Tre.
- * Enjoy a Xe Loi ride or bicycle tour through the verdant countryside of Ben Tre Province.
- * Navigate winding canals of the Mekong Delta aboard a traditional sampan boat.
- * Discover the bustling energy and diverse offerings of Ho Chi Minh City's Ben Thanh Market.
- * Relax for multiple days on the pristine, tranquil beaches of Ninh Thuan Province.
- * Admire the French colonial architecture of Ho Chi Minh City, including the Saigon Opera House.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1

Ho Chi Minh City Arrival & Free Exploration

Meals: NA | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City | Transport: Car

Upon your arrival at Tan Son Nhat International Airport in Ho Chi Minh City, a dedicated driver will be waiting to provide a seamless transfer directly to your centrally located hotel. After checking in, you'll have the remainder of the day at your leisure to relax and settle in following your journey. The standard check-in time is 14:00, with early check-in potentially incurring an additional charge.

You are encouraged to begin your independent discovery of this dynamic city. Consider a leisurely stroll through the nearby streets to absorb the local atmosphere, or perhaps seek out a traditional Vietnamese coffee shop. The evening presents an opportunity to explore the city's culinary scene or simply unwind at your hotel.

Activities: Airport transfer to hotel
Check into accommodation
Free time for independent city exploration

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Day 2**Cu Chi Tunnels & Ho Chi Minh City Landmarks Tour***Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City | Transport: Car*

Start your day with an early breakfast before heading out for an engaging exploration of Ho Chi Minh City's significant sites. The morning begins with a drive to the Cu Chi Tunnels, a remarkable historical underground complex. Upon arrival, you'll watch a documentary film that provides valuable context about the Cu Chi region and its crucial role during the Vietnam War. For those feeling adventurous, there's a chance to navigate short, reconstructed sections of the narrow tunnels, offering a glimpse into the challenging conditions faced by soldiers. An optional activity, available for an extra fee, is visiting a nearby shooting range to try various weapons under expert supervision. The experience concludes with a taste of traditional guerilla food, special tea and tapioca, before returning to the city for a light lunch.

The afternoon shifts to an architectural and cultural tour within Ho Chi Minh City. Your first stop will be the grand Saigon Opera House, a stunning example of French colonial design built in 1898. Next, you'll visit the exquisite People's Committee Hall, formerly the city hall, another architectural marvel from the French colonial era. Continue to the revered Notre Dame Cathedral and the Saigon Central Post Office, both showcasing a blend of Gothic and Renaissance styles. Please note that Notre Dame Cathedral is currently undergoing renovations. The day concludes with a visit to the vibrant Ben Thanh Market, where you can observe local commerce and find souvenirs, before being driven back to your hotel.

- Activities:** Drive to Cu Chi Tunnels
Watch a documentary film at Cu Chi
Crawl through tunnel sections (optional)
Taste traditional guerilla food
Visit Saigon Opera House
See The People's Committee Hall
View Notre Dame Cathedral (exterior due to renovation)
Explore Saigon Central Post Office
Shop at Ben Thanh Market

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Day 3**Mekong Delta Exploration: Ben Tre & Can Tho**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Can Tho | Transport: Car, Cruise, Xe Loi/Bicycle, Sampan boat

Your day begins with a convenient hotel pickup in Ho Chi Minh City, embarking on a scenic drive to Ben Tre Province. As you travel, enjoy the picturesque views of lush landscapes and observe the rhythm of local life in the countryside. Upon reaching Ben Tre, you'll board a tranquil cruise along the Ham Luong River, one of the Mekong Delta's nine tributaries, offering serene vistas perfect for photography.

During the cruise, a stop at a local coconut workshop provides insight into the traditional process of crafting various products from coconuts. You'll interact with local artisans and learn about Ben Tre's distinctive coconut culture. A leisurely walk then leads to a mat-weaving house, where you can witness intricate craftsmanship and understand the cultural significance of these items. Here, you'll also savor fresh tropical fruits and a fragrant local tea. The adventure continues with a ride on a Xe Loi (motorized rickshaw) or a bicycle, allowing you to explore the vibrant countryside, passing fruit orchards and peaceful villages, and experiencing the authentic charm of daily life in Ben Tre.

After a delicious lunch, you'll board a traditional sampan boat for a serene journey through the Mekong Delta's narrow, winding canals. This peaceful ride offers a close-up perspective of the dense greenery and diverse flora lining the waterways, creating an immersive natural experience. As the day concludes, you will depart for Can Tho, where you will check into your hotel.

Activities: Drive from Ho Chi Minh City to Ben Tre
Cruise on Ham Luong River
Visit a local coconut workshop
Walk to a mat-weaving house
Enjoy tropical fruits and local tea
Ride a Xe Loi or bicycle through the countryside
Board a traditional sampan boat through canals
Transfer to Can Tho and check into hotel

Day 4**Departure from Ho Chi Minh City to Ninh Thuan Beach**

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Ninh Thuan | Transport: Car, Shuttle Bus

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel, marking your final morning in Ho Chi Minh City. Take some time to relax or revisit a favorite spot before your transfer. A driver will pick you up for the journey to Ninh Thuan Province, a beautiful coastal destination. Upon arrival in Ninh Thuan, you will check into your hotel, ready to embrace the serene beach atmosphere. The remainder of the day is yours to unwind by the sea, taking in the stunning coastal landscape and enjoying the tranquil environment.

Activities: Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
Transfer from Ho Chi Minh City to Ninh Thuan
Check into hotel in Ninh Thuan
Relax at the beach

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Day 5**Leisure Day in Ninh Thuan**

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Ninh Thuan | Transport: NA

Today is dedicated to relaxation and personal exploration in Ninh Thuan, a peaceful coastal region renowned for its unspoiled beaches, crystal-clear waters, and laid-back local ambiance. After a leisurely breakfast at your hotel, the entire day is yours to enjoy at your own pace.

You might choose to spend your morning unwinding by the beach, soaking up the sun, or enjoying a refreshing swim in the calm ocean. The tranquil setting is also ideal for reading a book, taking a stroll along the shore, or simply enjoying the gentle sea breeze. Consider exploring nearby areas independently or indulging in local seafood. The flexibility of the day allows you to tailor it perfectly to your preferences for rest and rejuvenation.

Activities: Enjoy a relaxed breakfast
Free time to relax by the beach or pool
Independent exploration of Ninh Thuan

Day 6**Ninh Thuan Coastal Exploration & Cham Tower Visit**

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Ninh Thuan | Transport: NA

Another refreshing day awaits in Ninh Thuan, offering further opportunities to enjoy its natural beauty and cultural sites. Following breakfast at your hotel, you have the flexibility to design your day. You might continue to relax on the pristine beaches, perhaps discovering a new secluded spot along the coastline.

For those interested in local culture, consider an excursion to the Po Klong Garai Cham Towers. These ancient towers represent some of the most beautiful examples of Cham architecture in the region, offering a glimpse into the rich history of the Champa Kingdom. Explore the intricate carvings and learn about the spiritual significance of the site, often referred to as a 'Cham Tower' in local parlance. The afternoon can be spent enjoying the serene environment, perhaps by the pool or with a walk through a nearby village.

Activities: Enjoy breakfast
Free time for beach relaxation
Optional visit to Po Klong Garai Cham Towers
Explore local Cham architecture

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Day 7**Relaxation at Ninh Thuan's Beaches & Vinh Hy Bay***Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Ninh Thuan | Transport: NA*

Savor your final full day in the tranquil coastal paradise of Ninh Thuan. After a leisurely breakfast, the day is entirely dedicated to relaxation and enjoying the region's stunning natural beauty. The area is famed for its crystal-clear waters and expansive sandy beaches, providing the perfect backdrop for a day of unwinding.

You have the freedom to spend your time as you wish, whether it's lounging on the beach, swimming, or simply enjoying the peaceful ambiance. Consider taking an optional excursion to Vinh Hy Bay, a picturesque cove known for its breathtaking scenery and clear turquoise waters, ideal for snorkeling or boat trips. This day offers a wonderful opportunity for a truly relaxing beach experience before your departure.

Activities: Enjoy breakfast
Free time for beach activities
Relax by the clear sea and sandy beach
Optional visit to Vinh Hy Bay

Day 8**Ninh Thuan Departure & Return to Ho Chi Minh City***Meals: Breakfast | Stay: NA | Transport: Shuttle Bus*

Enjoy your final breakfast at the hotel in Ninh Thuan, taking a moment to savor the last views of this beautiful coastal region. You will have some free time in the morning to relax or complete any last-minute souvenir shopping. By 12:00 PM, you will check out from your hotel. A driver will then pick you up to facilitate your transfer back to Ho Chi Minh City via shuttle bus. This marks the conclusion of your Southern Vietnam adventure.

Activities: Enjoy breakfast
Free time in Ninh Thuan
Check out from hotel
Transfer back to Ho Chi Minh City

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- ✓ 7 nights hotel accommodation in twin/double sharing rooms.
- ✓ All transport, including airport pick-up and drop-off, by car, cruise, and shuttle bus as per itinerary.
- ✓ 5 breakfasts and 2 lunches as indicated in the program.
- ✓ All in-tour stationed local English-speaking guide.
- ✓ Entrance fees for all specified Vietnam attractions.

NOT INCLUDED

- ✗ International flights.
- ✗ Meals not specified in the itinerary.
- ✗ Personal expenses and tips.
- ✗ Optional activities and surcharges (e.g., shooting range at Cu Chi).
- ✗ Early check-in fees.

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AVAILABLE DEPARTURES

Departure Date	Return Date	Price / Person	Availability	Languages
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	USD 700	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	USD 865	Available	–

CANCELLATION POLICY

Flexible booking changes available.

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