



2-day Ho Chi Minh City Itinerary



Ho Chi Minh City



Ho Chi Minh City: A Journey Through History and Modern Vietnam

Welcome to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam's largest metropolis and economic hub. This comprehensive 2-day guide will take you through the city's rich historical heritage, vibrant culture, and dynamic urban landscape, perfect for first-time visitors.

Historical Overview

Ho Chi Minh City, formerly known as Saigon, has a complex and fascinating history. From its humble beginnings as a fishing village to its role as the capital of South Vietnam, and now as Vietnam's economic powerhouse, the city tells a compelling story of resilience and transformation. Today, it stands as a testament to Vietnam's rapid development while preserving its historical significance.

Iconic Landmarks

- War Remnants Museum: A powerful reminder of Vietnam's wartime history, featuring extensive photographic documentation and military equipment displays.
- Independence Palace: The former presidential palace, preserved as it was in 1975, offers a glimpse into a pivotal moment in Vietnamese history.
- Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica: A stunning example of French colonial architecture, this cathedral stands as a symbol of the city's diverse cultural heritage.
- Saigon Central Post Office: Designed by Gustave Eiffel, this magnificent building combines French colonial and Asian architectural elements.

Cultural Treasures

- Cu Chi Tunnels: An extensive network of underground tunnels that played a crucial role during the Vietnam War.
- Ben Thanh Market: A historic market where you can experience local life, shop for souvenirs, and sample Vietnamese cuisine.
- Bitexco Financial Tower: A modern architectural marvel symbolizing the city's economic progress.
- Nguyen Hue Walking Street: A pedestrian-friendly boulevard showcasing

the city's contemporary urban design.

Charming Neighborhoods

The city offers diverse districts, each with its own character, from the historic District 1 to the modern developments of District 7. Local markets, street food scenes, and hidden alleyways provide authentic glimpses into daily life.

Vietnamese Lifestyle

- **Cuisine:** Famous for pho, banh mi, and com tam, the city's street food culture is unparalleled.
- **Café Culture:** Experience the unique Vietnamese coffee culture in both traditional and modern settings.
- **Shopping:** From traditional markets to modern shopping centers, the city caters to all shopping preferences.

Practical Travel Tips

- **Transportation:** Utilize grab bikes, taxis, or walking for shorter distances.
- **Best Times to Visit:** December to April for cooler, drier weather.
- **Language:** Basic Vietnamese phrases are helpful; English is widely used in tourist areas.
- **Safety:** Exercise normal precautions and be mindful of traffic when crossing streets.

2-Day Itinerary Highlights

Day 1: War Remnants Museum, Independence Palace, Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica, Saigon Central Post Office

Day 2: Bitexco Financial Tower, Ben Thanh Market, Nguyen Hue Walking Street

This guide presents a carefully curated selection from over 30 locations, allowing you to customize your Ho Chi Minh City experience. Each destination offers unique insights into the city's fascinating blend of history and modernity.

Ho Chi Minh City is more than just a destination; it's a vibrant metropolis where history, culture, and progress converge. As you explore its bustling streets, sample local delicacies, and immerse yourself in its rich heritage, you'll discover a city that perfectly balances its historical significance with its dynamic future.

Let this energetic city captivate your senses and create unforgettable memories during your journey. Enjoy your adventure in Ho Chi Minh City!



Itinerary Preview

2 days

DAY 01

War Remnants Museum
Notre Dame Cathedral of Saigon
Saigon Central Post Office
Independence Palace

DAY 02

Bitexco Financial Tower
Ben Thanh Market
Nguyen Hue Pedestrian Plaza





Daily Events



Day 1

09:00

War Remnants Museum

Phố Nguyễn Văn Linh 6, Quận 3, Hồ Chí Minh 700000, Vietnam

11:00

11:30

Notre Dame Cathedral of Saigon

01 Công xã Paris, Bến Nghé, Quận 1, Hồ Chí Minh 70000, Vietnam

13:30

14:00

Saigon Central Post Office

02 Công xã Paris, Bến Nghé, Quận 1, Hồ Chí Minh 70000, Vietnam

16:00

16:30

Independence Palace

Ben Thanh, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

18:30

Day 2

10:00

Bitexco Financial Tower

2 Đ. H_ài Tri_êu, B_ên Ngh_ê, Qu_ên 1, H_à Chí Minh 700000, Vietnam

12:00

13:00

Ben Thanh Market

Ben Thanh, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

15:00

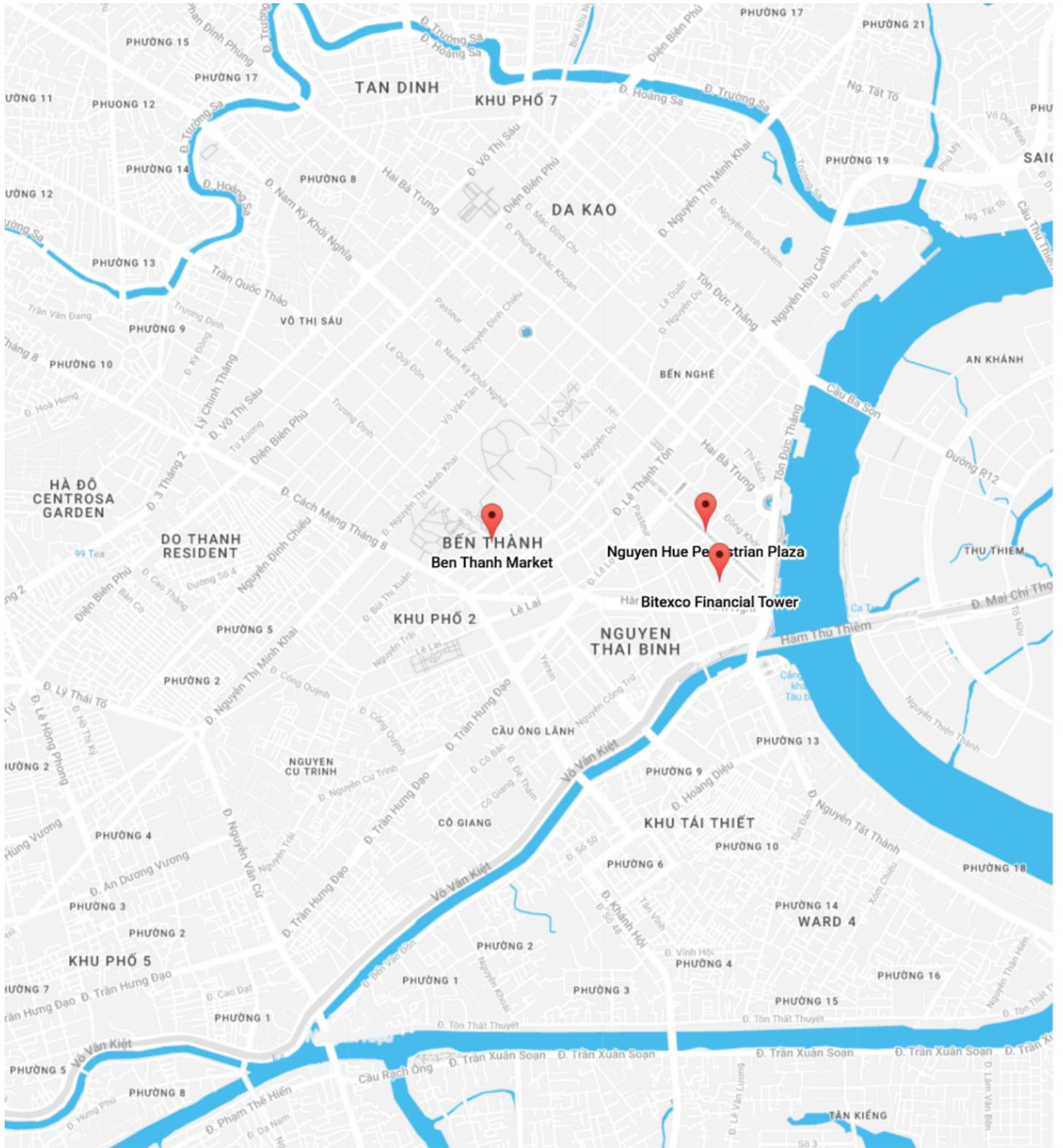
16:00

Nguyen Hue Pedestrian Plaza

Qu_êng tr_êng Nguy_ên Hu_ê, B_ên Ngh_ê, Qu_ên 1, H_à Chí Minh,
Vietnam

18:15

Map for Day 2





Spots



Saigon Skydeck

36 Đ. Hùng Vương, Quận 1, Hồ Chí Minh, Vietnam

Summary:

Glass-enclosed observation deck on the 49th floor of the Bitexco Financial Tower with scenic views.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:30 AM - 9:30 PM

Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 9:30 PM

Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 9:30 PM

Thursday: 9:30 AM - 9:30 PM

Friday: 9:30 AM - 9:30 PM

Saturday: 9:30 AM - 9:30 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM - 9:30 PM



Bãi biển Cần Giờ

Bãi biển Cần Giờ, Long Hoà, Cần Giờ, Hồ Chí Minh, Vietnam



Museum of Traditional Vietnamese Medicine

41 Hoàng D[?] Kh[?]ng, Ph[?]ng 12, Qu[?]n 10, H[?] Chí Minh, Vietnam

Summary:

Traditional Vietnamese medicine is the focus of this eclectic museum with a replica pharmacy.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone:

028 3864 2430



Ton Duc Thang Museum

5 Tôn Đ[?]c Th[?]ng, B[?]n Nghệ, Qu[?]n 1, H[?] Chí Minh, Vietnam

Summary:

Established in 1988, the museum's galleries explore the life of Vietnamese politician Ton Duc Thang.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Phone:

028 3829 7542



South-Vietnamese Women Museum

202 Đ. Võ Thị Sáu, Phường Võ Thị Sáu, Quận 3, Hồ Chí Minh, Vietnam

Summary:

Historical museum celebrating Vietnamese woman with exhibits of clothing, pictures & artifacts.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 7:30 - 11:30 AM, 1:30 - 5:00 PM
Tuesday: 7:30 - 11:30 AM, 1:30 - 5:00 PM
Wednesday: 7:30 - 11:30 AM, 1:30 - 5:00 PM
Thursday: 7:30 - 11:30 AM, 1:30 - 5:00 PM
Friday: 7:30 - 11:30 AM, 1:30 - 5:00 PM
Saturday: 7:30 - 11:30 AM, 1:30 - 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 - 11:30 AM, 1:30 - 5:00 PM

Phone:

028 3932 7130



Tue Thanh Assembly Hall

710 Nguyễn Trãi, Phường 11, Quận 5, Hồ Chí Minh, Vietnam

Summary:

This 18th-century pagoda honoring a sea goddess features colorful, ornate Chinese architecture.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 6:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Tuesday: 6:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Wednesday: 6:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Thursday: 6:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Friday: 6:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Saturday: 6:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Sunday: 6:00 AM - 5:30 PM



KIM TRAVEL - Daily Tours - Cu Chi Tunnels - Mekong Delta Tour from HCM city

17 Th^đ Khoa Huân, Ph^đng B^đn Thành, Qu^đn 1, H^đ Chí Minh 700000, Vietnam

Opening Hours:

Monday: 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Tuesday: 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Wednesday: 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Thursday: 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Friday: 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Saturday: 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM



Phone:

0985 370 437

Ben Nghe Street Food

134 Đ. Nam Kỳ Kh^đi Nghĩa, B^đn Nghé, Qu^đn 1, H^đ Chí Minh, Vietnam

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 11:55 PM
Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 11:55 PM
Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 11:55 PM
Thursday: 9:00 AM - 11:55 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM - 11:55 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM - 11:55 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM - 11:55 PM

Phone:

0901 262 830



Bui Vien Street Hostel

28, 28/23-25 Đ. Bùi Viện, Phường Phạm Ngũ Lão, Quận 1, Hồ Chí Minh 700000, Vietnam

Phone:

0908 826 897



Saigon Opera House

07 Công trường Lam Sơn, Bến Nghé, Quận 1, Hồ Chí Minh 710212, Vietnam

Summary:

Ornate 19th-century French colonial opera house that is now home to the city's ballet & symphony.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM



Jade Emperor Pagoda

73 Mai Thị Lê, Đa Kao, Quên 1, Hà Chí Minh 700000, Vietnam

Opening Hours:

Monday: 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday: 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday: 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thursday: 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday: 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday: 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM



Ho Thi Ky Flower Market

Hàm 52 Hà Thị Kỳ, Phố Đông 1, Quên 10, Hà Chí Minh 700000, Vietnam

Summary:

Vendors with colorful bouquets of flowers line this busy outdoor market also offering street food.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours



Tân Định Parish Church

289 Hai Bà Trưng, Phường 8, Quận 3, Hồ Chí Minh, Vietnam

Summary:

Catholic church dating to the 1870s & known for its vibrant pink facade & Gothic pillars.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:30 - 11:30 AM, 2:00 - 5:00 PM
Tuesday: 8:30 - 11:30 AM, 2:00 - 5:00 PM
Wednesday: 8:30 - 11:30 AM, 2:00 - 5:00 PM
Thursday: 8:30 - 11:30 AM, 2:00 - 5:00 PM
Friday: 8:30 - 11:30 AM, 2:00 - 5:00 PM
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: Closed

Phone:

028 3829 0093



Crescent Mall

101 Đường Tôn Đức Tiên, Tân Phú, Quận 7, Hồ Chí Minh 07000, Vietnam

Summary:

Bright, contemporary venue with 5 floors of stores & restaurants, plus a lakeside green space.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Phone:

028 5413 3333



Tao Dan Park

Ben Thanh, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Summary:

Leafy public park featuring manicured gardens, a Buddhist temple, play areas & sports facilities.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Tuesday: 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Wednesday: 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Thursday: 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Friday: 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Saturday: 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM



Vincom Center

72 Đ. Lê Thánh Tôn, Quận 1, Hồ Chí Minh, Vietnam

Summary:

Modern indoor shopping mall with a mix of domestic & international retailers, plus a food court.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Saturday: 9:30 AM - 10:00 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM - 10:00 PM

Phone:

0975 033 288



Independence Palace

Ben Thanh, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Summary:

Historical building of the Vietnam War era, with tours of government offices, war rooms & artifacts.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Phone:

028 3822 3652



Diamond Plaza

34 Lê Duẩn, Bến Nghé, Quận 1, Hồ Chí Minh, Vietnam

Summary:

Multi-floor department store for clothing, cosmetics, toys & home goods also featuring a restaurant.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:30 AM - 10:00 PM

Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 10:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 10:00 PM

Thursday: 9:30 AM - 10:00 PM

Friday: 9:30 AM - 10:00 PM

Saturday: 9:30 AM - 10:00 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM - 10:00 PM

Phone:

028 3822 5500



SC VivoCity

1058 Đ. Nguyễn Văn Linh, Tân Phong, Quận 7, Hồ Chí Minh, Vietnam

Summary:

Indoor shopping center with 5 floors of stores, eateries & kids' play areas, plus occasional events.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Phone:

028 3776 1018



Ho Chi Minh City Museum of Fine Arts

97 P. Đúc Chính, Phường Nguyễn Thái Bình, Quận 1, Hồ Chí Minh, Vietnam

Summary:

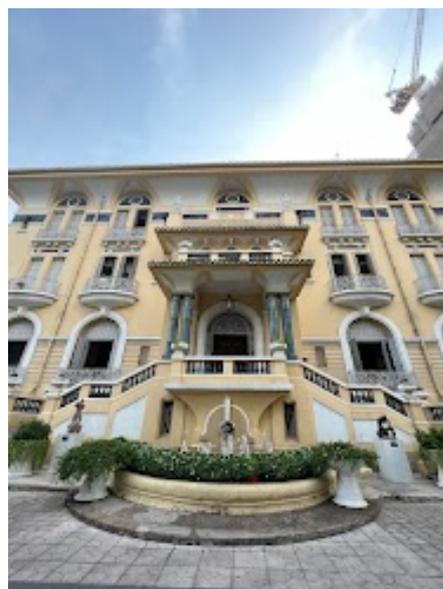
Classical to contemporary Vietnamese & foreign artworks on display in an elegant colonial building.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone:

028 3821 6331



Ben Thanh Market

Ben Thanh, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Summary:

Well-known standby for handicrafts, souvenirs, clothing & other goods along with local eats.



Cu Chi Tunnel

Phú Hiệp, Củ Chi, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Summary:

Sprawling underground tunnel complex used by Viet Cong soldiers, plus exhibits & war memorials.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone:

028 3794 8830



Saigon Central Post Office

02 Công xã Paris, Bến Nghé, Quận 1, Hồ Chí Minh 70000, Vietnam

Summary:

Monumental central post office, completed in 1891, with a vaulted main hall & period finishes.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM



Nguyen Hue Pedestrian Plaza

Quảng trường Nguyễn Huệ, Bến Nghé, Quận 1, Hồ Chí Minh, Vietnam



Bitexco Financial Tower

2 Đ. Hai Triều, Bến Nghé, Quận 1, Hồ Chí Minh 70000, Vietnam

Summary:

Iconic 68-floor skyscraper featuring an observation deck, retail shops, dining & a cineplex.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:30 AM - 9:30 PM

Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 9:30 PM

Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 9:30 PM

Thursday: 9:30 AM - 9:30 PM

Friday: 9:30 AM - 9:30 PM

Saturday: 9:30 AM - 9:30 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM - 9:30 PM

Phone:

028 3915 6868 ext. 100



Notre Dame Cathedral of Saigon

01 Công xã Paris, Bến Nghé, Quận 1, Hồ Chí Minh 70000, Vietnam

Summary:

1880s Catholic cathedral built with French bricks & featuring 58m-tall Romanesque bell towers.

Phone:

0914 122 229



War Remnants Museum

Phố Nguyễn Văn Linh, Quận 3, Hồ Chí Minh 700000, Vietnam

Summary:

Memorial museum exhibiting photographs, weapons & other objects from the Vietnam & Indochina wars.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Tuesday: 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Wednesday: 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Thursday: 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Friday: 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Saturday: 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Phone:

028 3930 5587

