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A Journey Through Time in the Heart of Saigon Step into the vibrant streets of Ho Chi Minh City and uncover the echoes of a bygone era. This walking tour takes you on a 2.6 km journey through history, weaving through French colonial landmarks, wartime relics, and modern-day cultural hotspots.

TOUR DETAILS

Time: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Total Distance: 2.6 km
Group Size: 20-50 guests, divided into 3 groups, with 01 English-speaking guide leading each group
Date: 31 May 2025
Duration for each stop: 10-15 minutes
Group 1 departs at 3:00 PM
Group 2 departs at 3:05 PM
Group 3 departs at 3:10 PM

REMARKS

This tour is only for customers who have registered through the form. Customers registering at the start of the tour will not be allowed to join. Please arrive at the hotel 15-20 minutes before the tour starts. You may bring a hand fan, umbrella, and a water bottle in case of strong sunlight or rain.

TOUR FEE

4 USD/PAX

Including

Licensed English-speaking guide.
01 bottled mineral water per person per day.
Domestic travel insurance
Government tax and service charge.
Tips for guide and driver

3:00 PM – MEETING POINT: CARAVELLE HOTEL

STOP 1: SAIGON OPERA HOUSE (outside look only)

Built in 1898, the Saigon Opera House (or Municipal Theatre) is a masterpiece of French Baroque architecture, designed to bring Parisian elegance to Indochina. Originally a performance venue for French elites, it now hosts world-class concerts and cultural events.

STOP 2: HO CHI MINH CITY PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE (outside look only)

One of the most iconic French colonial buildings in Saigon, this grand city hall was built in 1902 with stunning classical European influences. While it is not open to the public, the exterior is a must-see, especially at night when it is beautifully illuminated. -

STOP 3: HO CHI MINH CITY MUSEUM (outside look only)

This grand structure was once the French governor's residence before becoming a museum dedicated to Saigon's history. Inside, you'll find exhibits showcasing the city's transformation, from ancient times to the war period and modern-day development.

STOP 4: INDEPENDENCE PALACE (outside look only)

The Independence Palace is the most famous political landmark in Vietnam, marking the end of the Vietnam War on April 30, 1975, when a tank from the North Vietnamese army crashed through its gates. Designed by architect Ngô Viết Thụ, the palace is a fascinating mix of modernism and traditional feng shui elements.

STOP 5: NOTRE-DAME CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAIGON (outside look only) and CENTRAL POST OFFICE (inside look is possible)

A symbol of French colonial heritage, Notre-Dame Cathedral was constructed between 1877 and 1880. The twin 60-meter bell towers make it one of the most recognizable landmarks in Ho Chi Minh City. Its red bricks were imported from Marseille, giving it a distinct European aesthetic.

Right next to the cathedral stands the Central Post Office, a historical treasure designed by Gustave Eiffel, the architect behind the Eiffel Tower. Opened in 1891, this grand post office features intricate ironwork, antique telephone booths, and a stunning arched ceiling, making it one of the most beautiful post offices in the world.

STOP 6: NGUYEN HUE WALKING STREET & CAFÉ APARTMENT (outside look only)

Nguyen Hue Walking Street is the beating heart of modern Saigon, filled with street performers, vibrant nightlife, and architectural wonders. This lively pedestrian boulevard is a popular gathering place for both locals and tourists.

6:00 PM – TOUR ENDS

