# Southern Vietnam Family Discovery: Ho Chi Minh City & Mekong Delta – 5 Days

| 5D / 4N | Easy | Private | USD 560 / pax |
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*This private 5-day family tour explores the dynamic urban landscape of Ho Chi Minh City before venturing into the tranquil waterways and vibrant local culture of the Mekong Delta, offering interactive experiences for all ages.*

## DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

**Ho Chi Minh City**

## TOUR OVERVIEW

Overview of Your Southern Vietnam Family Adventure
Embark on a specially curated 5-day private journey through Southern Vietnam, perfect for families seeking both urban excitement and serene rural charm. This trip balances the historical grandeur and modern pulse of Ho Chi Minh City with the authentic riverine lifestyle of the Mekong Delta. Designed with interactive activities for all generations, it promises engaging cultural encounters and memorable shared experiences.
Tour Highlights
Explore historical landmarks and French colonial architecture in Ho Chi Minh City.
Engage in a hands-on art workshop suitable for both adults and children.
Witness traditional candy nugget production at Cai Be Market.
Learn about honey production and taste local honey tea at a bee farm.
Sail through narrow canals on Tan Phong Island and enjoy tropical fruit gardens.
Participate in a traditional Mekong Delta fish-catching activity.
Learn to make authentic Vietnamese dishes with a local chef.
Discover traditional crafts like rice paper, banana rope hammock, and water hyacinth weaving.
Experience local folk music performances and cultural exchanges on Tan Phong Island.
Journey Through Ho Chi Minh City & Mekong Delta
Your adventure begins in Ho Chi Minh City, where you'll spend your initial days uncovering its rich history and vibrant contemporary life. From significant historical sites to lively markets and creative workshops, the city offers a diverse introduction to Southern Vietnam. The itinerary then transitions to the picturesque Mekong Delta, specifically Tan Phong Island, for an immersive dive into local traditions, nature, and culinary experiences. The tour concludes with a return to Ho Chi Minh City for your departure.
Who Is This Tour Designed For?
This private tour is ideal for families, seniors, and couples looking for a personalized and engaging exploration of Southern Vietnam. It caters to those interested in cultural immersion, relaxation amidst natural beauty, and direct interaction with local communities. The flexible nature of a private tour allows for a comfortable pace, making it suitable for travelers of various ages and interests.
Important Travel Information
Departures are arranged upon customer request, offering maximum flexibility for your travel plans. All transportation throughout the tour is provided in air-conditioned private vehicles, ensuring comfort and convenience. Accommodation includes stays in well-appointed hotels in Ho Chi Minh City and a unique overnight experience at a Mekong Ecolodge, providing a blend of urban

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## DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

### Day 1 Ho Chi Minh City Arrival & Leisurely Exploration

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

Upon your family's arrival at the airport, a dedicated guide will extend a warm greeting and ensure a smooth, comfortable transfer directly to your centrally located hotel for check-in. Please note that the standard check-in time is typically 2:00 PM; however, arrangements for an earlier check-in can be explored if needed. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at a relaxed pace, offering ample opportunity to settle in and begin your independent discovery of Ho Chi Minh City's vibrant surroundings.

This free afternoon provides a chance to unwind after your travels or to take a preliminary stroll around the neighborhood of your accommodation. Should you wish to enhance your initial experience, various optional activities are available. You might consider an elegant luxury dinner cruise along the Saigon River, offering unique city views as evening falls. Alternatively, for a more adventurous perspective, a Saigon night life tour by motorbike could provide an exhilarating introduction to the city's nocturnal energy. Our team can assist with arranging any additional excursions to tailor your first day perfectly.

**Activities:** Airport reception and private transfer to city accommodation.
Check into your hotel upon arrival.
Enjoy free time to relax or begin independent exploration of Ho Chi Minh City.
Consider optional evening activities like a luxury dinner cruise on the Saigon River or a motorbike night tour.

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*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City | Transport: Car*

Begin your day with a delicious breakfast at your hotel. Around 8:00 AM, our team will pick you up for an engaging morning sightseeing tour, exploring several of Ho Chi Minh City's most captivating destinations. Your first stop is the iconic Reunification Palace, a site of profound historical significance that once served as the presidential residence and workplace. Today, it stands as a prominent tourist attraction, offering insights into Vietnam's past. The city also showcases strong French cultural influences, evident in architectural marvels like the impressive neo-Romanesque and Gothic design of the Notre Dame Cathedral, though please note this site may be undergoing renovation and access might be limited.

Continuing your exploration, you will admire the unique architectural blend of neo-classical European and Asian styles at the historic Saigon Central Post Office. This beautifully preserved building remains a functioning post office and a popular photo opportunity. Conclude your morning adventure with a stop at Ben Thanh Market, a bustling hub perfect for browsing local goods and finding unique souvenirs. After a busy and informative morning, it's time to relax and savor the local flavors. You'll enjoy a delightful lunch at a local restaurant, experiencing authentic Saigon cuisine.

The afternoon segment of your itinerary features a visit to a lively art workshop hosted at a local school. Here, both adults and children can participate in simple yet enjoyable activities, fostering creativity and offering a unique cultural interaction. This hands-on experience is designed to be engaging and fun for the entire family. Following the workshop, you will return to your hotel, where you can unwind at your leisure. Whether you prefer a leisurely stroll through the surrounding areas or simply enjoying the comfort of your room, take time to relax after a day filled with exploration and artistic expression.

**Activities:**
Visit the historic Reunification Palace.
Admire the architecture of Notre Dame Cathedral (renovations noted).
Explore the Saigon Central Post Office.
Shop for souvenirs at Ben Thanh Market.
Enjoy a traditional Vietnamese lunch.
Participate in an interactive art workshop at a local school.
Return to the hotel for relaxation.

## Day 3 Mekong Delta Journey & Tan Phong Island Immersion

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Overnight at Mekong Ecolodge | Transport: Car, Boat, Dinghy*

Your day begins with a pickup from Saigon at 8:00 AM, embarking on a fascinating journey towards the Cai Be tourist pier. Upon arrival, step into the vibrant atmosphere of Cai Be Market, a bustling hub where you'll witness the enchanting process of crafting candy nuggets at the Com Candy Craft Village. This provides a wonderful opportunity for your family to taste freshly baked sweet nuggets. Next, a visit to a charming bee farm awaits, offering insightful glimpses into the intricate world of bees. You'll learn about honey production and have the chance to savor delightful honey tea, a perfect natural wonder discovery for all ages.

The adventure continues with a picturesque sail to Tan Phong Island, renowned for its garden tourism. Here, you can explore local specialty fruit gardens, featuring a variety of seasonal delights such as Durian, Rambutan, Longan, Plum, and Jackfruit. Children will particularly enjoy tasting these fresh tropical fruits. At a local house, immerse yourselves in a lively garden folk music exchange, performed by talented local artists. You'll be treated to traditional tea and various fruits provided by your host, offering a genuine connection with local culture. Following this cultural interlude, the journey continues with an exhilarating

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dinghy sailing experience along the narrow canals of Tan Phong Island, providing a close-up view of the serene waterways. After checking into your accommodation, the Mekong Ecolodge, you will enjoy a delicious lunch, marking a delightful conclusion to this morning of exploration and cultural immersion. The afternoon invites a leisurely stroll around the lodge's expansive campus, where you can soak in the beauty of lush fruit gardens and vibrant flower displays. Your family is welcome to pick and savor a variety of fresh fruits like Apples, Cherry, Guava, Strawberry, and To Nu jackfruit, all available at no extra cost. Engage in the delightful activity of slapping the ditch to catch fish, a traditional Mekong Delta method that adds an adventurous touch to your day. Venture into the garden to personally handpick fresh vegetables, preparing for a delectable dinner. Work alongside a skilled chef, as your family learns to prepare mouthwatering dishes using the freshly caught fish and handpicked vegetables, creating a flavorful and interactive culinary experience.

**Activities:** Travel from Saigon to Cai Be tourist pier.
Explore Cai Be Market and observe candy nugget production.
Visit a bee farm and sample honey tea.
Sail to Tan Phong Island and tour local fruit gardens.
Enjoy a garden folk music performance.
Experience a dinghy ride through small canals.
Check into Mekong Ecolodge and have lunch.
Pick fresh fruits and engage in traditional fish catching.
Participate in a cooking class using local ingredients.

## Day 4 Tan Phong Island Traditional Crafts & Saigon Return

*Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City | Transport: Bicycle, Ferry, Car*

Get ready for an active morning starting at 8:00 AM, as bicycles are provided for everyone to kickstart your island exploration. Begin the day by visiting a local house to witness the mesmerizing process of making rice paper rolls. You'll marvel at the locals' dexterity as they expertly craft the delicate rice paper. Next, head over to another local residence where the intricate art of weaving hammocks using banana rope unfolds. Children will be fascinated by the detailed patterns and may even have the opportunity to try their hand at creating their own mini hammocks.

Continuing the cultural adventure, you can learn the traditional craft of knitting with water hyacinth. Under the guidance of local artisans, your little ones can create beautiful handmade gifts to take home, serving as cherished mementos of their time on Tan Phong Island. The journey proceeds to another stop where you'll witness the unique process of making nail files using locally sourced bamboo sticks. This is a special chance for kids to learn about sustainable practices and the ingenious ways natural materials are utilized in the community. After these enriching experiences, bid farewell to the craftspeople and cycle back for the next exciting activity.

Join in to learn the art of making jackfruit leaf cake, a renowned specialty of Tan Phong Island. Your family will have the chance to prepare these delectable cakes from scratch and savor the flavors together, creating a sweet culinary memory. By 12:00 PM, it's time for a memorable experience as you embark on the Tan Phong Ferry alongside locals, crossing the picturesque Hiep Duc Ferry. Following the ferry ride, a comfortable car will be waiting to transfer you back to Ho Chi Minh City, concluding your immersive Mekong Delta experience.

**Activities:** Begin the day with a bicycle ride around Tan Phong Island.

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Learn about weaving hammocks from banana rope.
Try knitting with water hyacinth.
Discover how nail files are crafted from bamboo sticks.
Learn to prepare jackfruit leaf cake, a local delicacy.
Take the Tan Phong Ferry to Hiep Duc.
Transfer by car back to Ho Chi Minh City.

## Day 5 Ho Chi Minh City Departure

*Meals: Breakfast | Stay: NA | Transport: Car*

As your incredible journey through Southern Vietnam draws to a close, you will have the morning at your leisure. Enjoy a final breakfast at your hotel and take some time to relax or perhaps do some last-minute souvenir shopping. Please note that the standard hotel check-out time is 12:00 PM; a surcharge may apply for late check-out requests.
At the appropriate time, we will facilitate a seamless transfer from your hotel to the airport for your scheduled flight back home. Alternatively, if your travel plans involve extending your adventure to other captivating cities or regions, we will ensure a smooth transition to your next destination, providing all necessary arrangements for your continued journey.

**Activities:** Enjoy free time until hotel check-out.
Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- v 4 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 1 Dinner
- v Car transport throughout the tour
- v 3 nights hotel accommodation, 1 night at Mekong Ecolodge
- v Overnight in shared Twin/Double room with Air-condition (AC) at hotel.
- v All transport during tour on air-conditioned vehicle as per itinerary (including airport pick up & see off)
- v All in-tour stationed local English speaking guide.
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### NOT INCLUDED

## PRICE INCLUDES

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## AVAILABLE DEPARTURES

| Departure Date | Return Date | Price / Person | Availability | Languages |
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| **01 Dec 2025** | 20 Dec 2026 | **USD 569** | Available | – |
| **01 Dec 2025** | 20 Dec 2026 | **USD 649** | Available | – |
| **01 Dec 2025** | 20 Dec 2026 | **USD 739** | Available | – |
| **21 Dec 2026** | 20 Dec 2027 | **USD 587** | Available | – |
| **21 Dec 2026** | 20 Dec 2027 | **USD 669** | Available | – |
| **21 Dec 2026** | 20 Dec 2027 | **USD 762** | Available | – |

## CANCELLATION POLICY

*Tour Code: IMP-71B0DDDC8570*