# Southern Vietnam Highlights: Ho Chi Minh, Mekong Delta & Mui Ne – 11 Days

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*Experience the diverse landscapes and vibrant culture of Southern Vietnam over 11 days. This journey takes you from the dynamic energy of Ho Chi Minh City to the serene waterways of the Mekong Delta, the cool highlands of Da Lat, and the sandy beaches of Mui Ne.*

## DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

**Ho Chi Minh City → My Tho → Vinh Long → Can Tho → Da Lat → Mui Ne**

## TOUR OVERVIEW

Overview of Your Southern Vietnam Adventure

This immersive 11-day tour invites you to uncover the multifaceted charm of Southern Vietnam. Begin your exploration in the bustling metropolis of Ho Chi Minh City, a hub of history and modern life. From there, venture into the tranquil, verdant expanse of the Mekong Delta, famous for its intricate waterways and vibrant floating markets. The journey then ascends to the refreshing climate of Da Lat, a highland city known for its French colonial heritage and agricultural bounty, before concluding on the sun-kissed shores of Mui Ne, offering relaxation and unique desert landscapes.

Journey Highlights

Discover the historical Cu Chi Tunnels, an intricate underground network.

Experience a comprehensive city tour of Ho Chi Minh, visiting key landmarks.

Navigate the waterways of the Mekong Delta by boat, observing local life and traditional crafts.

Ascend Liang Biang Mountain for panoramic views of Da Lat and explore Tuyen Lam Zen Monastery.

Visit various agricultural farms in Da Lat, showcasing local produce like tea, strawberries, and flowers.

Relax on the beaches of Mui Ne and explore its distinctive red and white sand dunes.

Enjoy traditional Southern Vietnamese

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

## DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

### Day 1 — Ho Chi Minh City Arrival & Leisure Time

*Stay: Silverland Ben Thanh Hotel | Transport: Private air-conditioned vehicle*

Upon your arrival in Ho Chi Minh City, a dedicated guide and driver will be waiting at the airport to provide a comfortable transfer to your centrally located hotel. After checking in and settling into your accommodation, the remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at your own pace. You might choose to relax after your journey, or perhaps take a preliminary stroll around the immediate vicinity of your hotel to get a first impression of this dynamic city.

Ho Chi Minh City, also widely known as Saigon, serves as Vietnam's largest city and economic hub. Its streets are a captivating blend of historical architecture and modern developments, offering a vibrant atmosphere. This initial free time allows for personal discovery, whether it's sampling local street food, observing daily life, or simply unwinding before the adventure

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**Activities:** Airport pickup and transfer; Leisure time

## Day 2 Cu Chi Tunnels Exploration & Ho Chi Minh City Tour

*Meals: Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Silverland Ben Thanh Hotel | Transport: Private air-conditioned vehicle, Saigon River Cruise*

Your day begins with a morning drive approximately 65 kilometers (about 1.5 hours) from Saigon to the historic Cu Chi Tunnels. Along the journey, observe the rural landscapes and daily lives of local people engaged in various agricultural activities, such as cashew nut farming, duck breeding, and rice cultivation, including the production of rice paper, a staple in Vietnamese cuisine. Upon arrival, you will explore the intricate underground network of tunnels, a testament to the ingenuity of Viet Cong guerrillas during the war. This complex system includes living areas, kitchens, storage, armories, hospitals, and command centers.

After a local lunch, you will return to Ho Chi Minh City for an afternoon city tour. The itinerary includes significant historical and cultural sites. Visit the former Presidential Palace, also known as the Reunification Palace, a landmark of Vietnamese history. Continue to the War Remnants Museum, offering poignant insights into the country's wartime past. You'll also see the French colonial architectural marvels of Notre Dame Cathedral and the Saigon Central Post Office. A stop at Ben Thanh Market provides an opportunity to experience a bustling local market, and you'll visit a lacquerware workshop to observe traditional craftsmanship.

The evening concludes with a delightful dinner aboard a Saigon River Cruise, offering scenic views of the city lights from the water, before returning to your hotel.

**Activities:** Travel to Cu Chi Tunnels; Explore Cu Chi Tunnels; Observe rural life and crafts; Lunch; Ho Chi Minh City tour; Visit former Presidential Palace; Visit War Remnants Museum; See Notre Dame Cathedral; See Saigon Central Post Office; Explore Ben Thanh Market; Visit lacquerware workshop; Dinner on Saigon River Cruise

## Day 3 Mekong Delta Excursion: My Tho, Local Life & Can Tho Transfer

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Wink Hotel Can Tho | Transport: Private air-conditioned vehicle, Boat, Cow Cart*

The morning commences with your guide and driver picking you up at 8:00 AM for an enriching excursion to My Tho, a tranquil city nestled in the Mekong Delta. The scenic journey takes you through fertile paddy fields, where you might spot water buffalo grazing. Upon reaching My Tho, you will embark on a full-day exploration of the Mekong Delta's unique aquatic environment. A boat trip along narrow waterways will lead you to various orchards and local homes, offering a glimpse into traditional delta life. During your visit, you'll have the chance to see how rice paper is made and enjoy a tasting of tropical fruits accompanied by a traditional Southern Vietnamese "Tai Tu music" show. Lunch will be a memorable experience at a local island restaurant, featuring the regional specialty, Elephant's Ear Fish. Following lunch, enjoy a charming one-hour ride on a cow cart through a village, providing an authentic rural perspective.

After these delightful experiences, you will transfer by private vehicle to Can Tho. En route, a stop will be made to visit the ancient Vinh Trang Pagoda, known for its beautiful architecture. Upon arrival in Can Tho in the afternoon, you will check into your hotel and have some free time to relax or explore the city at your leisure.

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**Activities:** Travel to My Tho; Boat trip along Mekong Delta waterways; Visit orchards and local houses; Observe rice-paper making; Enjoy tropical fruits and “Tai Tu music” show; Lunch with Elephant’s Ear Fish; Cow cart ride; Transfer to Can Tho; Visit Vinh Trang Pagoda; Hotel check-in and leisure time

## Day 4 Cai Rang Floating Market & Return to Ho Chi Minh City

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Silverland Ben Thanh Hotel | Transport: Boat, Private air-conditioned vehicle*

After breakfast at your hotel, you will be transferred to the pier to begin a boat ride on the Mekong River, renowned as one of Asia's longest and most prosperous rivers. The highlight of the morning is a visit to the famous Cai Rang Floating Market, a bustling hub where local people conduct their daily business, selling a variety of products directly from their boats. This vibrant spectacle offers a fascinating insight into the unique commerce and culture of the Mekong Delta.

Following the market visit, your boat will navigate through smaller canals, leading you to a local family's orchard. Here, you'll have the opportunity to taste fresh tropical fruits and enjoy some refreshing green tea, experiencing the hospitality of the delta residents. After this pleasant visit, you will board a private vehicle for your return journey to Ho Chi Minh City. The scenic drive back allows for reflection on the day's experiences in the delta.

You are expected to arrive back at your hotel in Ho Chi Minh City around 5:00 PM, concluding your immersive exploration of the Mekong Delta and its vibrant floating markets.

**Activities:** Boat ride on Mekong River; Visit Cai Rang Floating Market; Cruise small canals; Visit local family orchard; Taste tropical fruits and green tea; Transfer back to Ho Chi Minh City

## Day 5 Flight to Da Lat & Highland City Exploration

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Mercure Dalat Resort | Transport: Private air-conditioned vehicle, Domestic flight, Cable car*

Following breakfast, your guide will arrange your transfer to the airport for a morning flight to Da Lat. Upon arrival at Da Lat airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel in the city center. After settling in and enjoying lunch, your afternoon will be dedicated to discovering the charms of Da Lat, often called the “City of Eternal Spring” due to its pleasant climate.

The city tour begins with a visit to Liang Biang Mountain, which stands approximately 2167 meters above sea level. From its peak, you can enjoy expansive panoramic views of the entire Da Lat city and its surrounding landscapes. Next, you will proceed to the Da Lat Cable Car Station, where you'll board a cable car for a scenic ride spanning 300 meters. This aerial journey offers another breathtaking perspective of the city as you descend towards your next destination.

The cable car will take you to Tuyen Lam Zen Monastery, a serene and picturesque complex situated by Tuyen Lam Lake. This monastery, the largest Zen university in Vietnam, is nestled amidst stunning natural beauty, resembling a tranquil paradise. Here, you'll also have the chance to admire a beautiful flower garden located on top of Phoenix Hill. The tour continues to Datanla Waterfall, where you can marvel at its fantastic cascades. Finally, you will return to your hotel for an evening at leisure.

**Activities:** Transfer to airport; Flight to Da Lat; Transfer to hotel; Lunch; Da Lat City tour; Visit Liang Biang Mountain; Ride Da Lat Cable Car; Visit Tuyen Lam Zen Monastery; Explore flower garden on Phoenix Hill; Visit Datanla Waterfall

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## Day 6 Da Lat Farm Tour: Agriculture & Local Produce

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Mercure Dalat Resort | Transport: Private air-conditioned vehicle*

Today is dedicated to an extensive farm tour, showcasing why Da Lat is celebrated as Vietnam's highland city for its fresh produce, including vegetables, strawberries, and numerous varieties of orchids. This full-day excursion provides a fascinating insight into local agricultural practices and the diverse bounty of the region.

Your tour will include visits to several distinct farms and gardens. You'll explore the expansive Cau Dat Tea Plantation, learning about tea cultivation and processing. Discover innovative farming techniques at a High-tech Vegetable Garden and a High-Tech Strawberry Garden, where you can see modern agricultural methods in action. The itinerary also includes a visit to a Dalat Orchid Garden, showcasing the region's beautiful floral diversity, and a Mushroom Farm, where you can observe different types of fungi being cultivated.

Further stops include the vibrant Van Thanh Flower Village, known for its floriculture, and a Giant Pumpkin Garden, alongside a Black Tomato Garden, highlighting unique local produce. This comprehensive tour offers a deep understanding of how local farmers contribute to Da Lat's reputation as a rich agricultural center, providing ample opportunities to see, smell, and even taste the fresh products of the highlands.

**Activities:** Visit Cau Dat Tea Plantation; Explore High-tech Vegetable Garden; Tour High-Tech Strawberry Garden; Visit Dalat Orchid Garden; See Mushroom Farm; Explore Van Thanh Flower Village; Visit Giant Pumpkin Garden; See Black Tomato Garden

## Day 7 Scenic Transfer to Mui Ne Beach City

*Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Seahorse Resort | Transport: Private air-conditioned vehicle*

After enjoying breakfast at your hotel in Da Lat, prepare for a scenic transfer to the coastal city of Mui Ne. Da Lat is situated approximately 160 kilometers from Mui Ne, and the journey by car typically takes around 3.5 hours, offering picturesque views as you descend from the highlands to the coast.

At 8:00 AM, your driver will meet you at your hotel to commence the transfer. The route provides a changing landscape, from the cool, mountainous terrain of Da Lat to the warmer, drier coastal environment of Mui Ne. This direct transfer ensures a comfortable and efficient journey, allowing you to relax and enjoy the changing scenery.

You are expected to arrive in Mui Ne Beach City around 12:00 PM. Upon arrival, you will check into your hotel. The remainder of the day is yours to unwind and enjoy at your leisure. You might choose to relax by the beach, take a dip in the ocean, or explore the immediate surroundings of your resort, preparing for the coastal adventures ahead.

**Activities:** Transfer to Mui Ne; Hotel check-in; Leisure time

## Day 8 Mui Ne Coastal Wonders: Fairy Stream, Fishing Village & Sand Dunes

*Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Seahorse Resort | Transport: Private air-conditioned vehicle*

Your Mui Ne exploration begins in the afternoon, with a departure from your hotel at 1:30 PM. The first destination is the enchanting Fairy Stream (Suoi Tien), a unique natural wonder where a small stream flows between striking red and yellow canyons. You'll have the option to walk through the shallow stream, experiencing its distinctive landscape. Opportunities for

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ostrich riding are available here at your own expense.
Next, the tour continues to a local fishing village. Here, you can observe the daily lives of the fishermen, witnessing their catch being hauled ashore and the colorful fishing boats lining the coast. This provides an authentic glimpse into the traditional livelihoods of the Mui Ne community. The journey then takes you to the magnificent White Sand Dunes, vast expanses of pristine white sand.
At the White Sand Dunes, you can engage in thrilling activities such as riding quad-bikes over the dunes (additional charge) or sliding down the slopes with sandboarding (at your own expense). Following this, you will visit the Red Sand Dunes, which feature less steep slopes than their white counterparts. These dunes offer a fantastic opportunity for photography, with the striking red sand creating a beautiful contrast against the background scenery. The day culminates with observing a spectacular sunset over the sand dunes, a truly memorable sight, before returning to your hotel in Mui Ne.

**Activities:** Visit Fairy Stream; Optional ostrich riding; Visit fishing village; Explore White Sand Dunes; Optional quad-biking and sandboarding; Visit Red Sand Dunes; Observe sunset over sand dunes

## Day 9 Mui Ne Beach Leisure Day

*Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Seahorse Resort*

Today is dedicated entirely to leisure, allowing you to fully enjoy the beautiful coastal environment of Mui Ne. With no scheduled activities, you have the freedom to design your day as you wish, focusing on relaxation and personal enjoyment. Mui Ne is renowned for its long, sandy beaches, perfect for sunbathing, swimming, or simply strolling along the shore. You might choose to spend your time unwinding by the sea, enjoying the gentle ocean breeze and the warm tropical sun. Alternatively, you could explore the various water sports available in the area, such as kite surfing or windsurfing, for those seeking more active pursuits (at your own expense).
Beyond the beach, Mui Ne offers a relaxed atmosphere with numerous cafes, restaurants, and local shops. You could indulge in fresh seafood, try local delicacies, or simply find a quiet spot to read and enjoy the peaceful surroundings. This day is designed for you to recharge and savor the coastal charm of Mui Ne at your own pace.

**Activities:** Leisure time for beach activities

## Day 10 Mui Ne Beach Additional Leisure Day

*Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Seahorse Resort*

An additional day is provided for you to continue enjoying the relaxed atmosphere and beautiful natural surroundings of Mui Ne. This extended leisure time allows for further exploration or simply more relaxation by the beach, ensuring a truly rejuvenating experience.
You might revisit some favorite spots from previous days or discover new hidden gems in Mui Ne. Perhaps you'll opt for a spa treatment, enjoy a leisurely swim in the hotel pool, or take a long walk along the coastline, collecting seashells. For those interested in local culture, there might be opportunities to visit small markets or interact with local vendors, experiencing the everyday life of this coastal town.
This day offers flexibility to cater to your individual preferences, whether it's soaking up the sun, trying out a new water sport, or

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simply enjoying the tranquility of the resort. It's a perfect opportunity to reflect on your journey through Southern Vietnam before your departure.

**Activities:** Leisure time for beach activities

## Day 11 Mui Ne Departure to Tan Son Nhat International Airport

*Meals: Breakfast | Transport: Private air-conditioned vehicle*

Your final day in Mui Ne is reserved for a relaxed morning. After breakfast at your hotel, you will have free time to enjoy at your leisure. This could be an opportunity for a final stroll along the beach, some last-minute souvenir shopping, or simply enjoying a peaceful coffee before your journey home.

At the appropriate time, a private transfer will be arranged to take you from your hotel in Mui Ne directly to Tan Son Nhat International Airport (SGN) in Ho Chi Minh City. The transfer ensures a comfortable and timely journey, allowing you ample time for your departure flight back home.

This concludes your 11-day Southern Vietnam adventure, filled with diverse experiences from vibrant city life and tranquil delta waterways to highland charm and coastal relaxation.

**Activities:** Free time; Transfer to Tan Son Nhat International Airport for departure

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

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## PRICE INCLUDES

## CANCELLATION POLICY

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