

7 MUST-SEE ATTRACTIONS IN SAIGON



Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) is the business and financial hub of Vietnam, with a prominent history going back hundreds of years. It's not hard to find pockets here and there that celebrate its complex history. The architectural imprints of colonial rule still stand, alongside relics of the city's commercial and oriental roots.

If you're a fan of history, LV Travel would like to introduce seven top Ho Chi Minh City attractions in easy walking distance from the centre.





WAR REMNANTS MUSEUM

Address: 28 Vo Van Tan Street, Ward 6, District 3

The War Remnants Museum is a three-story museum holding countless artefacts and graphic photographs, including photographer Nick Ut's Pulitzer Prize-winning shot, "The Terror of War." Out-of-commission planes, tanks, bombs and helicopters decorate the courtyard. It is a sombre experience but one that leaves a lasting impression.



NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL

Address: 1 Cong xa Paris, Ben Nghe, District 1

The twin-spired Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception sits at the head of Dong Khoi Street, a peaceful oasis in the busy downtown area. Built entirely from materials imported from France, the construction of the cathedral lasted nearly two decades, from 1863 to 1880.

SAIGON CENTRAL POST OFFICE

Address: 2 Cong xa Paris, Ben Nghe, District 1

Opposite the cathedral is Saigon's charming general post office. Take a stroll inside, where you'll find a massive foyer flanked by rows of Victorian era wooden phone booths, historic maps on the walls, and a huge portrait of Ho Chi Minh. The architect of the building is sometimes incorrectly credited as Gustave Eiffel, however the design of the complex was based off his blueprints..



THE REUNIFICATION PALACE

Address: 135 Nam Ky Khoi Nghia, Ben Thanh, District 1

On the site of the former Norodom Palace sits the Reunification Palace, also known as the Independence Palace. Designed by architect, Ngô Viết Thụ, the palatial estate was the residential and administrative quarters of the President of South Vietnam. These days, visitors can walk the halls and meeting rooms, upholstered in red carpet.





BEN THANH MARKET

Address: 32-30 Phan Boi Chau, Ben Thanh, District 1

Ben Thanh Market in the centre of the city is a timeless marketplace built atop a reclaimed plot of land which was formerly known as Bo Ret Pond. Today, the indoor market faces Quach Thi Trang Square. Inside, a matrix of aisles sells everything from fresh produce to conical hats, weasel coffee to lacquerware. Toward the end of the hall is a maze of food stalls selling, local food...

CU CHI TUNNELS

Address: Phu My Hung, Cu Chi (70 km from Saigon central)

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NGUYEN HUE STREET AND CITY HALL

Address: 86 Le Thanh Ton, Ben Nghe, District 1

Expansive Nguyen Hue St. has become the new stomping ground for pedestrian activity in Ho Chi Minh City. Skirting the perimeter are dozens of high rises, upscale restaurants, commercial arcades and luxury boutiques. Spanning from City Hall to the Bach Dang Wharf, this walking street is perfect for an afternoon stroll and is at its liveliest at sundown.



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