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Luxury Ladies Only Vietnam – Fully Escorted Journey



20-MAR-18 (TUESDAY): MOUNT GAMBIER - MELBOURNE

Fly from Mount Gambier to Melbourne with Regional Express Airlines at 4.35pm (Melbourne)

Overnight in Melbourne at the Park Royal Melbourne Airport.
Includes; 3 course dinner with matching wines & breakfast.

21-MAR-18 (WEDNESDAY): MELBOURNE - SAIGON

Fly from Melbourne to Saigon with Singapore Airlines via Singapore. (Ho Chi Minh City)

Upon arrival, meet and greet and transfer to hotel.

Upon clearing Customs and Immigration, you are met by our guide who will be carrying an sign which will note your name of your group. Your guide will present you with a welcome packet including all necessary documentation and vouchers and all contact information of your guide and local offices.

Transfer

Transfer to/from restaurant

Restaurant : Local Restaurant for Dinner

Overnight in Saigon

22-MAR-18 (THURSDAY): SAIGON (B)

Sightseeing in Saigon

Saigon was called as the Pearl in the East because of the art deco French style buildings in the early of 20th Century. After bearing witness to the ups and downs of Saigon, nowadays this atmospheric relic from the past stands surrounded by the ever increasing modern high rise buildings and shopping malls. You will have a half day to visit the city's main sites.

Visit the Reunification Palace (1.5 hours)

Reunification Palace, the Independence Palace of the South Vietnamese president, was stormed by tanks on the 30th April 1975, signifying the fall of South Vietnam. It has been preserved in its original state.

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Visit War Remnants Museum (1.5 hours)

The War Remnants Museum exhibits collections of weapons, photographs and memorabilia from two Indochina wars along with the original French 'Guillotine' brought here in the early 20th century.

Walking tour in Cho Lon (3.5)

Transfer to the Chinatown locally known as Cho Lon. Explore the small hidden alleys and witness the lively local street life. Away from the tourist trail, pass by different themed streets and narrow alleys, home to a diverse array of goods grouped by theme such as fabrics, house wares, and apothecary street stalls, to name a few.

The walking tour starts with the Quan Am temple which offers excellent opportunities for photos with smoking incense and hundreds of elaborate wood sculptures. Onward to the next block and stroll through some narrow alleys home to various industry including that of ornamental fish breeders, scissor smiths, and lantern makers. Walk into busy back streets specialized in fabric and garment accessory. Hop on a cyclo for a ride around the central quarter of the Chinatown with arrays of merchant houses making up the largest bulk goods market in Saigon. The cyclo ride stops at a small church built in colonial Gothic style which is a historical landmark attached to the Coup d'Etat in 1963 dethroning the 1st president of South Vietnam. Get back on the vehicle and transfer back to the hotel.

Overnight in Saigon



23-MAR-18 (FRIDAY): SAIGON (B, L)

Excursion to Cu Chi and enjoy the cooking class (private)

Leave Saigon for Cu Chi to join in cooking class starts with a brief tour around the great surrounding farm. You will pick and identify the various vegetables which you will be using for the cooking. Taste your dishes as for lunch.

After lunch, visit Cu Chi tunnels which were an important Vietcong base during the American War. Stretching over 200 km, this incredible underground network, dug by hand out of hard laterite, connected command posts, hospitals, shelter and weapon factories. Today, you can walk through the area and learn about the day-to-day life of the Vc, see the cleverly disguised entrances and elaborate booby-traps, and even venture inside the tunnels, some of which have been modified to accommodate tourists.

Restaurant : Meals incl. in itinerary (Vietnam)(Lunch),

Overnight in Saigon

24-MAR-18 (SATURDAY): SAIGON (B)

Old Saigon Walking Tour (3.5 hours)

Take a walk through the city streets to unearth the secrets of Saigon.

Set off from your hotel to a thriving local market to see how these bustling and vibrant markets play a major role in the daily lives of Vietnamese people. From here stroll through the colourful back alleyways lined with flower shops and breathe in the aromas of the freshly cut blooms.

Pass through another street where mechanics specialise in restoring vintage Vespa scooters. Take in the scenes of local life as you wander these narrow lanes. Stop for a refreshing traditional iced coffee in a hidden cafe frequented by locals. The oldest coffee shop in Saigon, this old fashioned establishment has a colourful history stretching back over seven decades. Continue the walk through some other back lanes the go along to another famous street filled with shops selling locally-made guitars.

Continue on foot through adjacent blocks with some old yet lively apartment compound and where one will encounter authentic life scenes of the urban working class. Walk toward an interesting museum which displays an amazing collection of more than 3,000 artifacts relating to the history of Vietnamese traditional medicine. After the visit, hop on the vehicle and drive back to your hotel.

Afternoon at leisure

Transfer from/to Bitexco Building

Enjoy a drink at Bitexco Tower (Heli bar - 52 floor)

Overnight in Saigon



25-MAR-18 (SUNDAY): SAIGON (B, L)

Day trip in Ben Tre (5.5 hours)

Leave Saigon to embark on a 2 hour drive through the countryside toward the less visited town of Ben Tre perching on the bank of Ham Luong River, an outflow of the mighty Mekong. When in town, visit An Hoi village hall, a structure dedicated to the worship of village deity. The interior of the hall preserve some very fine wood carving works. Continue to the riverside when you board the motorized sampan and start the river cruise. Make the first stop at a local village well known for making rice wrappers. Walk into the village and visit a family to see how the products are made. You can participate in the process, let's say, pouring flour to make a thin round wrapper or weaving a coconut leave mesh for sun drying.

Continue by boat through narrow canals shaded by scenic vegetation. Along the ride, you can witness the daily activities of the locals passing by and enjoy the opportunities of great photos. Visit a family run coconut processing workshop and you will be amazed by the way they scoop out the flesh from thousands of coconuts. Cycle rural tracks or hop on an Lambretta tuk-tuk for a ride through palm shaded lanes to a local garden where you will enjoy

a Vietnamese lunch. Relax and enjoy the peacefulness of the garden or walk around to explore the lush neighbourhood. Hop on a hand rowed wooden sampan and for another ride through scenic canals toward the river. Get over to the motorboat and travel back to the pier where you board the vehicle for the return drive to Saigon.

Restaurant : Meals at Local Restaurant for Lunch

Overnight in Saigon

26-MAR-18 (MONDAY): SAIGON (B, D)

Coach available for use (8am-12pm/1pm-5pm, within city limits) (100 kms)

Enjoy foot beauty & treatment at L'Apothiquaire Spa Saigon (3 hours)
 100% Organic "Relaxation" Herbal Tea.
 Foot Scraping. Foot Paraffin Treatment. Foot Pressure Treatment. Pedicure.

Enjoy High Tea at Park Hyatt

Transfer to/from restaurant

Restaurant : Mandarine Restaurant (Saigon)(Dinner),

Overnight in Saigon



27-MAR-18 (TUESDAY): SAIGON (B)

All day at leisure

Transfer to Saigon Airport for your Singapore Airlines flight via Singapore to Melbourne.

28-MAR-18 (WEDNESDAY): ARRIVE MELBOURNE

Arrive Melbourne with Singapore Airlines at 10.20am.

Depart Melbourne with Regional Express at 3.35pm, arriving Mount Gambier 4.15pm

AIRLINES

ZL3772	20 MARCH	MOUNT GAMBIER	MELBOURNE	1635	1815
SQ238	21 MARCH	MELBOURNE	SINGAPORE	1125	1605
SQ186	21 MARCH	SINGAPORE	SAIGON	1735	1845
SQ185	27 MARCH	SAIGON	SINGAPORE	1940	2240
SQ237	27 MARCH	SINGAPORE	MELBOURNE	2355	1020 + 1
ZL3771	28 MARCH	MELBOUNRE	MOUNT GAMBIER	1535	1615

INCLUDED:

- Domestic Economy Class flights with Regional Express from Mt Gambier to Melbourne return
- International Economy Class flights with Singapore Airlines from Melbourne to Saigon (Ho Chi Minh) return
- 1 nights' accommodation at the Park Royal Melbourne Airport
- 6 nights' accommodation at the Renaissance Riverside Hotel in a Deluxe River View Room
- Daily Breakfast
- 3 Course Dinner & Matching Wines at the Park Royal Melbourne Airport
- Welcome & Farewell Dinner
- 2 Lunches
- Sightseeing as per itinerary + Private Cooking Class & Manicure & Pedicure
- 1 complimentary bottle of water & 1 cold towel per person half day tour / 2 bottles of water & 2 cold towels per person per full day tour
- Sightseeing includes admission fees as per itinerary
- English speaking local guides
- Ground transportation in private a/c coach
- Vietnam Visa

NOT INCLUDED:

- Tips to drivers and guides
- Porterage
- Passport
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenditure eg: laundry, drinks and souvenirs etc.

From \$3,900.00* per person twin share

Travel Insurance

B&P Travel & Cruise advise all of our clients to take out a travel insurance policy to cover their upcoming holiday plans. We offer competitive insurance options.

Terms & Conditions:

The above itinerary and booking conditions is a guide only. Upon confirmation of your booking these conditions may be revised, please allow for this.

- All costings remain subject to change without notice due to unforeseen increases in air arrangements and also subject to exchange rate fluctuations. Final payment at the time of booking would guarantee all prices.
- This quote is subject to space being available at the quoted rates at the time of booking. Book early to avoid disappointment.
- If you proceed with a booking a non-refundable deposit is required within 7 days of confirmation of the booking. The amount of the deposit will depend on your overall travel arrangements.
- Final payment deadline will vary depending on the airline chosen and the details of your final arrangements.
- Guaranteed tour departure is based on minimum numbers.