

## 2025 Tour Program

### Day 1 – 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 (Wednesday): (Arrive Ho Chi Minh City)

Arrive at Ho Chi Minh City's Tan Son Nhat International Airport, where you will meet your driver who will take you to your central city hotel. Check-in and the rest of the afternoon is free.

**Evening: Saigon River Dinner Cruise** ('Join-in' tour):

**Depart hotel:** 6:00pm

**Return:** 9:30pm approx.

A great way to start the tour and meet the other tour members. **Be at the hotel's reception area by 5:45pm** where you will meet the driver who will take you to the wharf area on the Saigon River to board your ship for a relaxing dinner cruise. Enjoy a range of food from a buffet selection while you watch the lights of Ho Chi Minh City go by.

**Meals:** Dinner

**Hotel:** Eden Star Hotel (4 Star) (or similar)

### Day 2 – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (Thursday):

**Morning: Cu Chi Tunnels by Speedboat Tour**

**Depart hotel:** 7:00am

**Finish:** 1:30pm approx.

This will be an enjoyable, exciting and interesting morning.

**Gather in the hotel's reception area by 6:45am.** Travel back to the Saigon River where you will board a 10-12 passenger speedboat for an exciting trip to the **Cu Chi Tunnels**. Along the way, your guide will point out life along the banks of the Saigon River with plenty of photo opportunities.

At the Cu Chi Tunnels, take an informative tour of this 'underground' village complex built by resourceful Vietnamese guerrilla fighters, during the Vietnam War. Different aspects of life in the tunnels such as meeting areas, workshops to make weapons and clothing, as well as kitchens and sleeping areas, have been recreated on the surface.

You will have the opportunity to go through a short section of tunnel and envisage what it was like back then.

Enjoy a traditional Vietnamese lunch before returning to Ho Chi Minh City.

### Price (Per Person):

**1 Person (1 Room): \$1,380**

**2 Persons (1 Room): \$990**

**3 Persons (2 Rooms): \$1,120**

**4 Persons (2 Rooms): \$990**

**Prices valid to:** 31<sup>st</sup> Mar. 2025

**To/From:** Ho Chi Minh City

**Duration:** 4 Days / 3 Nights

**Departs:** 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

**Departure:** Guaranteed

### Inclusions:

- Airport transfers
- Hotel pick-ups/Drop-offs for tours
- Hotel (4 Star) – 3 Nights
- Meals as per program: Breakfast (3), Lunch (2), Dinner (1) *Please note: Drinks are not included.*
- Experienced, English-speaking guide
- Comfortable, air-conditioned vehicle with driver
- All touring as per program



## Day 2 (Cont'd):

### Afternoon: City Tour:

**Depart:** 1:30pm (after lunch)

**Finish:** 5:30pm approx.

Join the tour bus for your afternoon city tour after disembarking your speedboat. Visit the **War Remnants Museum**, a mixed display (sometimes confronting) that shows the Vietnam (American) War from the Vietnamese perspective. A short distance away is the **Independence Palace**. In 1975, when South Vietnam fell to the North, this was the Presidential Palace. It has been restored as it was in 1975 and provides an interesting snapshot of that time. Stop at **22 Gai Street**, an apartment building that became famous as the last CIA evacuation point in the final days of the Vietnam War.

As time allows, visit the **Notre Dame Cathedral** and **Saigon Post Office**, located in the heart of the city, both built in the nineteenth century and noted for their architecture.

Finish this afternoon's tour with a drink at the Rooftop Bar of the famous **Rex Hotel** which was a meeting place for American military officials and foreign correspondents, during the Vietnam War.

### Evening: Street Food Tour:

**Depart hotel:** 6:00pm

**Finish:** 8:30pm approx.

Tonight, you are in for a treat. Depart the Rex Hotel on a **Street Food Tour**. Walk between different food outlets noted for their own speciality, sampling a range of delicious Vietnamese food cooked in front of you.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Hotel:** Eden Star Hotel (4 Star) (or similar)

## Day 3 – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (Friday):

**Full day: Long Tan Memorial (Anzac Day Service), Nui Dat and Vung Tau Tour**

**Depart hotel:** 7:30am

**Return:** 6:00pm approx.

**Assemble in the hotel's reception area at 7:15am** before boarding your bus. Travel out of Ho Chi Minh City to the east and **Phuoc Tuy Province** where the Australians were primarily located during the Vietnam War. Visit locations such as **Ba Ria**, **Binh Ba** and **Horseshoe**. At the site of the **Australian Task Force (ATF) Base at Nui Dat**, visit the **site of the Australian, NZ and US artillery positions** which played a vital role in the Battle of Long Tan. Nearby, is the **ATF HQ**. Here, the bunker and the remnants of the command centre can be seen.

A short distance away is **Kanga Pad** (the helicopter pad) and **SAS Hill**, now a quarry. Also see **Luscombe Airfield**, now a roadway and drive down **Canberra Avenue** to the site of the 6RAR's HQ and the **Nui Dat Memorial**. Pause at the memorial for some time of personal reflection.

## Inclusions (Cont'd):

- All entrance fees
- Historic War Tours – Anzac Day Polo Shirt

## Exclusions:

- All travel to/from Ho Chi Minh City
- Passport & Visa expenses
- Airfares
- Meals and services not mentioned
- Drinks at the Rooftop Top Bar at the Rex Hotel
- Comprehensive travel insurance
- Personal expenses (e.g. telephone, internet, laundry, drinks, souvenirs etc.)
- Tips to Guides and Drivers

*Please note: It is a requirement of Historic War Tours that all customers have comprehensive travel insurance while on tour.*



### Day 3 (Cont'd):

Visit the **Long Tan Memorial** which marks the site of the Battle of Long Tan in which Australian soldiers, heavily outnumbered, engaged the North Vietnamese Army (NVA). Sadly, 18 Australians and about 245 NVA soldiers died. Here, take part in a **private Anzac Day Service** on this important day to all Australians and remember all those who died, in all wars, both military and civilian.

After leaving Nui Dat, visit the **Long Phuoc Tunnels**. A tunnel complex used by the Viet Cong to move around within the Australian controlled area. Enjoy a walk through a small section of the tunnels.

Travel to Vung Tau for a late lunch at the **Grand Hotel**, popular with Australian soldiers. After lunch, stop at the **site of the Peter Badcoe Club** (R&R Centre) and the VC Memorial, the **site of the 1st Australian Logistics Support Group**. Drive by the Front and Back Beaches and if time allows, visit the **Worldwide Arms Museum** featuring a significant display of Australian military memorabilia.

Start your return journey to Ho Chi Minh City visiting the **Long Hai Hills** and **Dat Do** on the way.

Return to Ho Chi Minh City and your hotel.

*Please Note: To comply with Vietnamese Government requirements, tour numbers are strictly limited. The Vietnamese Government reserves the right to withdraw access to the Long Tan Memorial at any time. In such circumstances, a suitable alternate location will be used for the Anzac Day Ceremony.*

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Hotel:** Eden Star Hotel (4 Star) (or similar)

### Day 4 – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (Saturday): (Depart Ho Chi Minh City)

Your day is free as you wish until your driver picks you up from your hotel to take you to the airport in time for your outbound flight from Ho Chi Minh City.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**ADDITIONAL NIGHTS AVAILABLE – Please enquire**





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