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# WEEKEND TRIP: WHAT TO DO, EAT & SEE IN HO CHI MINH, VIETNAM

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| Day 1 | place | address | Notes | Directions |
| 1.00pmLunch | [**cuc gach quan**](http://www.cucgachquan.com.vn/en) | 10 Dang Tat, Ward Tan Dinh, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam | Must order: Homemade tofu, claypot fish/pork | 11 mins drive (without traffic) from Tan Son Nhat International Airport |
| 2.30pmHigh Tea | [**café runam**](http://caferunam.com/home) | 96 Mac Thi Buoi Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam | Must order: Vietnamese Coffee | 11 mins drive (without traffic) from Cuc Gach Quan |
| 3.30pmHotel Check in | [**grand silverland hotel & spa**](http://www.silverlandhotels.com/grand-silverland-hotel-spa.html) | 125 Ly Tu Trong, Ben Tanh, District 1, Ho Chi Min City, Vietnam | Free wifi throughout | 5 mins drive (without trafic) from Café Runam |
| 7.00pmDinner | [**la villa French**](http://www.lavilla-restaurant.com.vn/) | 14 Ngo Quang Huy, Thao Dien Ward, District 2, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam | Must order: Pan-seared scallop | 17 mins drive (without traffic) from Grand Silverland Hotel |
| 11.00pmParty | [**chill sky bar**](http://www.chillsaigon.com/) | 26/27th Floor Rooftop, AB Tower, 76A Le Lai, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam | No flip flops and shorts allowed  | 2 mins drive from hotel / 9 mins walk from hotel / 17 mins drive from La Villa French |

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| Day 2 | place | address | Notes | Directions |
| 9.30amShopping | [**ben tanh market**](http://www.tripadvisor.com.sg/Attraction_Review-g293925-d311087-Reviews-Cho_Ben_Thanh_Market-Ho_Chi_Minh_City.html) | Le Loi, Ben Tanh, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam | Most prices are marked up so try to haggle up to 70% off | 4 mins walk from Grand Silverland Hotel |
| 10.30amBreakfast | **Dac San** | 22 Phan Boi Chau, Ben Tanh, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam | Vietnamese street food  | 1 min walk away from Ben Tanh Market |
| 11.30amSightsee | [**central post office**](http://www.tripadvisor.com.sg/Attraction_Review-g293925-d311089-Reviews-Central_Post_Office-Ho_Chi_Minh_City.html) | 2 Cong Xa Paris, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam | Look out for Duong Van Ngo | 3 mins drive (without traffic) / 12 mins walk from Dac San |
| 12.00pmSightsee | [**notre dame cathedral**](http://www.tripadvisor.com.sg/Attraction_Review-g293925-d317896-Reviews-Notre_Dame_Cathedral-Ho_Chi_Minh_City.html) | Ben Nghe, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam | Opening hours vary | 1 min drive (without traffic) / 1 min walk from Central Post Office |
| 12.30pmCafe | [**L’Usine**](http://lusinespace.com/) | 151 Dhong Khoi, Ben Nghe, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam | Free wifi | 5 mins drive (without traffic) / 8 mins walk from Notre Dame Cathedral |
| 1.00pmSightsee | [**saigon opera house**](http://www.tripadvisor.com.sg/Attraction_Review-g293925-d454974-Reviews-Saigon_Opera_House_Ho_Chi_Minh_Municipal_Theater-Ho_Chi_Minh_City.html) | 7 Lam Son Square, Ben Nge Ward, District 1, Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam | Entrance only allowed to those who have show tickets | 3 mins drive (without traffic) / 3 mins walk from L’usine |
| 1.30pmLunch | [**pho 24**](http://www.pho24.com.vn/htmls/index.php?cur=1&language=vn&language=en) | 71 – 73 Dhong Khoi Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam | Many other outlets available across Ho Chi Minh | 3 mins drive (without traffic) / 4 mins walk from Opera House |
| 2.45pmHigh tea | [**phuc long**](https://www.facebook.com/phuclongcoffeeandteahouse) | 63 Mac Thi Buoi, Ben Nghe, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam | Order the iced milk tea | 1 min drive (without traffic) / 2 mins walk from Pho 24 |
| 3.15pmShopping | [**saigon square**](http://www.tripadvisor.com.sg/Attraction_Review-g293925-d2475475-Reviews-Saigon_Square-Ho_Chi_Minh_City.html) | 77 Nam Ky Khoi Nghia, Distrct 1, Ho Chi Minh, City, Vietnam | Many shops sell the same stuff so explore your options before a purchase | 5 mins drive (without traffic) / 13 mins walk from Phuc Long |
| 5.30pmMassage  | [**KL SPA**](http://www.silverlandhotels.com/grand-silverland-hotel-spa/klspa.html) | 125 Ly Tu Trong, Ben Tanh, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam | Grand Silverland Hotel’s in-house spa (7th floor) | 5 mins drive (without traffic) / 14 mins walk from Saigon Square |
| 7.30pmDinner | [**com nieu saigon**](http://www.tripadvisor.com.sg/Restaurant_Review-g293925-d1344965-Reviews-Com_Nieu_Sai_Gon-Ho_Chi_Minh_City.html) | 59 Ho Xuan Huong Street, District 3, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam | Performance of waiters throwing hot rice at each other | 8 mins drive (without traffic) / 19 mins walk from the hotel |
| 10.30pmDrinks | [**eon51**](http://www.eon51.com/) | 50/51 Floor, Bitexco Financial Tower 2, District 1, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam | Located at Bitexco Financial Tower | 7 mins drive from Com Nieu Saigon  |
| 12.30amSupper | Grand Silverland Hotel & Spa | 125 Ly Tu Trong, Ben Tanh, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam | 24/7 Room Service | 4 mins drive away (without traffic) / 15 mins walk away from Bitexco |

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| Day 3 | place | address | Notes | Directions |
| 7.30am | Central Post Office | 2 Cong Xa Paris, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam | Meet day tour guide from [**Urban Adventures**](http://www.urbanadventures.com/ho-chi-minh-city-tour-cu-chi) to visit Cuchi | 10 mins walk from hotel |
| 9.15amSightsee | Cuchi | Cu Chi Village, Cu Chi Tunnels and Cu Chi Shooting Range | USD $43 per pax for the guided tour (inclusive of entrance, transport & tour guide) | 90 mins journey on the coach |
| 1.00pmLunch | Huong Vi Com Tat Viet  | 24 – 26 Ton That Thung, Ben Tanh, District 1, Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam | Free wifi throughout | Free drop-off |
| 2.30pmHigh Tea | Phuc Long | Ly Tu Trong Road, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam |  | 15 mins walk from Huong Vi Com Tat Viet |
| 3.00pmMassage | KL Spa | 125 Ly Tu Trong, Ben Tanh, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam | Grand Silverland Hotel’s in-house spa (7th floor) | 2 mins walk from Phuc Long |