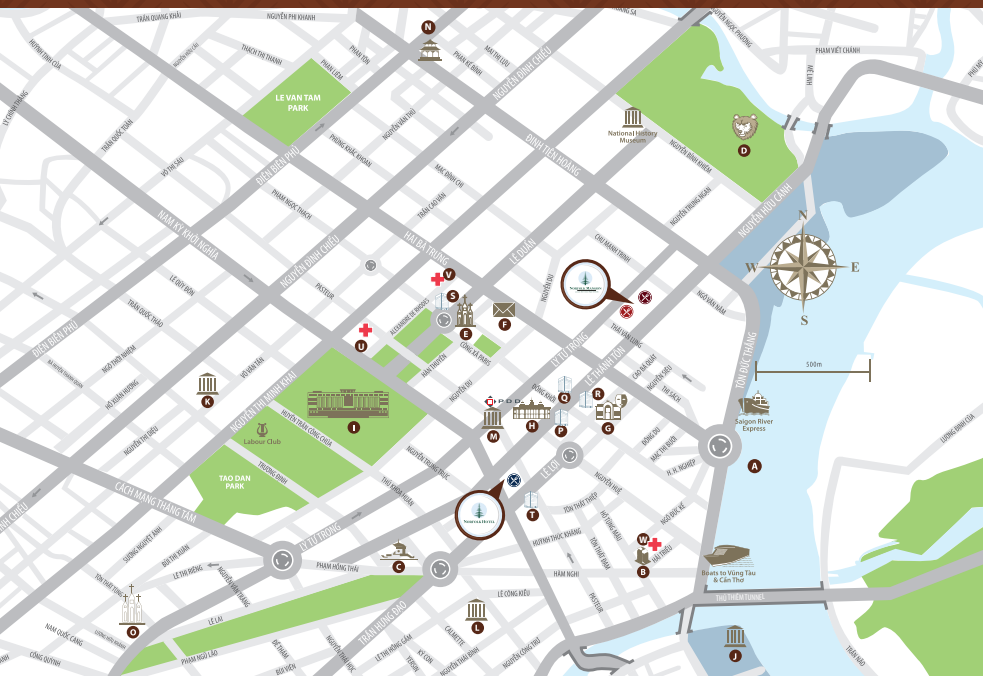




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# SAIGON *map*



## WHAT TO SEE

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|--|---|---|
| <b>A</b> Saigon River                      | <b>F</b> Saigon Central Post Office     | <b>L</b> Ho Chi Minh City<br>Fine Arts Museum |
| <b>B</b> Bitexco                           | <b>G</b> Saigon Opera House             | <b>M</b> The Ho Chi Minh City Museum          |
| <b>C</b> Ben Thanh Market                  | <b>H</b> City Hall / People's Committee | <b>N</b> Jade Emperor Pagoda                  |
| <b>D</b> Saigon Zoo<br>& Botanical Gardens | <b>I</b> Independence Palace            | <b>O</b> Huyen Sy Church                      |
| <b>E</b> Notre Dame Cathedral              | <b>J</b> Dragon House Wharf             |   |
|  | <b>K</b> War Remnants Museum            |   |

## WHERE TO SHOP

- P** Union Square Shopping Centre
- Q** Vincom Shopping Centre
- R** Parkson Dong Khoi
- S** Diamond Plaza Shopping Centre
- T** Takashimaya Shopping Centre

## HOSPITAL/ CLINICS

- U** Colombia Asia  
International Clinic
- V** Family Medical Practice
- W** FV Saigon Clinic

## DINING OUTLETS

- X** Corso Steakhouse & Bar
- Y** Shang Palace
- Z** Terrazzo Cafe

# CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS



## Ben Thanh Market

*Le Loi Street, Ben Thanh Ward,  
District 1*

Ben Thanh Market is the most famous shopping destination for tourists and locals in Ho Chi Minh City. This iconic landmark is one of the earliest surviving structures in Saigon which is popular with tourists seeking local handicrafts, textiles, "áo dài" and souvenirs, as well as discovering local cuisine.

## Jade Emperor Pagoda

*73 Mai Thi Luu Street, Dakao Ward,  
District 1*

The over-100-year-old pagoda located at the heart of Ho Chi Minh City was built in 1900 and recognized as the National Cultural Heritage in 1994. Jade Emperor Pagoda is filled with statues made from papier mâché and wood, depicting characters from both Buddhist and Taoist lords. Locals come here to pray for love, marriage and bearing children. In 2016, the pagoda also welcomed the US President Barrack Obama during his visit to Ho Chi Minh City.

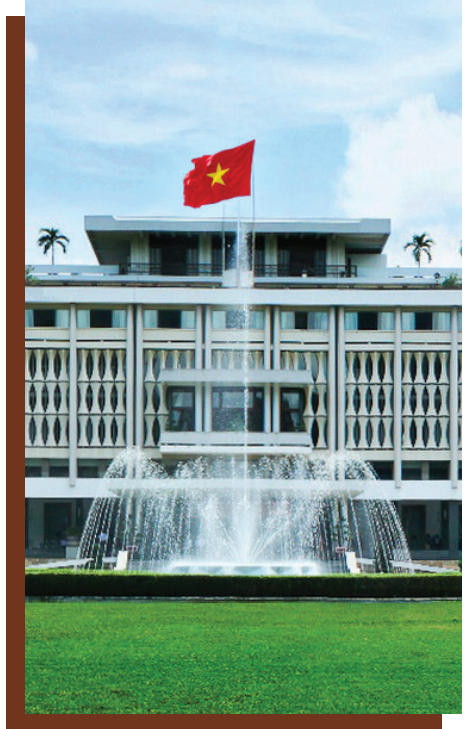


## Independence Palace

*135 Nam Ky Khoi Nghia Street,  
Ben Thanh Ward, District 1*

Surrounded by royal palm trees, the dissonant 1960s architecture of this landmark government building and the ambience of its deserted halls make it an intriguing spectacle. The building is deeply associated with the fall of the city in 1975, yet it's the kitsch detailing and period motifs that steal the show.

The Independence Palace is open to visitors when official receptions or meetings aren't taking place. English and French speaking guides are available during opening hours.



## War Remnants Museum

*28 Vo Van Tan Street, Ward 6,  
District 3*

The War Remnants Museum is Saigon's most visited museum. It provides a graphic account of the horrors of the Vietnam War. It's a must-see for anyone wanting to explore the dread of the war. Visitor discretion is advised.





## Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica of Saigon

*01 Cong Xa Paris, Ben Nghe Ward, District 1*

Built between 1863 and 1880 by French colonists, the Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica of Saigon is the most impressive cathedral in Vietnam. Modeled on Notre-Dame de Paris and built with materials shipped over from France, the cathedral is the religious center for Vietnam's millions of Catholics. It was conferred a Basilica by the Vatican in 1959.

## Saigon Central Post Office

*02 Cong Xa Paris, Ben Nghe Ward, District 1*

The Saigon Central Post Office was constructed from 1886-1891 and depicts classic elements of Gothic, Renaissance and French colonial design. The building was designed by French architect Alfred Foulhoux.

The city has meticulously maintained this exquisite building and it is still in full operation. The office offers full postal services and also sells an array of postcards and stamps, making excellent souvenirs to bring back home.





## Ho Chi Minh Municipal Theatre (Saigon Opera House)

*Cong Truong Lam Son, Ben Nghe Ward,  
District 1*

Standing magnificently at the heart of Ho Chi Minh City is the Saigon Opera House, which is also known as the Municipal Theater. The building stands as one of the impressive sight in Saigon – both night and day.

Saigon Opera House was built in 1898 by the French architect – Eugene Ferret, it was set to be two meters higher than the street surface with two door layers, in order to prevent traffic noise.

The theatre is now home to many high profile events and cultural – entertainment activities of the city. Certified as a national relic in 2012, this magnificent building stays on top of the must-visit of Ho Chi Minh City.



## Ho Chi Minh City Fine Arts Museum

*97A Pho Duc Chinh Street, Nguyen  
Thai Binh Ward, District 1*

The museum was first established by the French architect Rivera in 1929 boasting the French colonial design, moulding elements of Art Deco with local decorative motifs and spatial principles. It was once "Uncle Hoa's Residence" owned by Hui Bon Hoa family widely known as the Chinese-born richest businessman in old Saigon. In 1987, the building then turned into the Fine Arts Museum and welcomed visitors from 1992 as the city's cultural site of interest.



## MUST-TRY DISHES



Chicken/ Beef Vietnamese Noodle

*Phở Gà/ Phở Bò*



Beef Noodle Soup

*Bún Bò Huế*



Vietnamese Bread

*Bánh Mì*



Steamed Rolled Cake

*Bánh Cuốn*



Vietnamese Sizzling Pancake

*Bánh Xèo*



Broken Rice

*Cơm Tấm*



Vietnamese Iced Coffee

*Cà Phê Sữa Đá*



Egg Coffee

*Cà Phê Trứng*



## MUST-TRY THINGS



- Cu Chi Tunnels Guided Tour
- A O Show in Ho Chi Minh City
- City Night Tour by Vintage Vespa
- Saigon Street Food Tour
- Rooftop bars in Saigon
- Dinner Cruise along Saigon River
- Ben Thanh Night Market
- Bui Vien Walking Street
- Bitexco Saigon Skydeck Observatory
- Landmark 81 Skyview
- Water Puppet Show

## Language

Vietnamese



## Population of HCMC

8.9 million  
(estimated of 2019)

## Time Zone

ICT (UTC+07:00)



## Currency

Vietnam Dong



## Voltage

220v - 50Hz



## Climate



28°C | 83°F



1868 mm | 73.5 inch



November - April



May - October

## Transportation



Motorbike Taxi  
*Grab bike, GoViet*



Ride-hailing Apps  
*GrabCar, BeCar, TADA*



Taxi  
*Vinasun, Mai Linh*



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