

# Jeep & Joy: Saigon Past & Present By US Army Jeep



(Image: Ho Chi Minh – Vietnam)

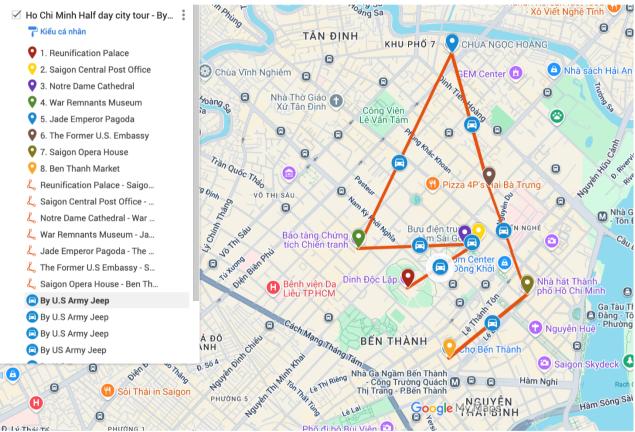
## Trip information:

- Guest's name: []
- Nationality: []
- Travel Period: []
- Number of group: []
- Destinations: Ho Chi Minh
- Trip highlights:
  - Hop aboard an open-air US Army Jeep and enjoy quality time together—chatting, laughing, and soaking in the vibrant atmosphere of Saigon.
  - Beat the city's notorious traffic jams safely and comfortably, as the Jeep provides an ideal way to explore Saigon's lively streets.
  - Discover key attractions such as the War Remnants Museum, Notre Dame Cathedral, Emperor of Jade Pagoda, and the historic former U.S. Embassy, each rich with fascinating history.
- Duration: 04 hours



- Travel styles: Tailor-made, Classic, Family
- Start: Ho Chi Minh Finish: Ho Chi Minh
- Physical: Easy
- Code: SOU0103
- Ages: All ages
- **Group size:** 2-14 (Please contact us for more support if you are a solo traveler or your group has more than 14 people).
- Map link:

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• Price:

Price	Group 2 – 14 pax	
USD/pax	USD 69 per pax	
The above prices are valid from 2025 to 2026, except on public holidays, festivals and major		
events in Vietnam, during which a surcharge of 10% to 20% may apply.		



• Trip Plan: (B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner; ESG: English-speaking local guide)

Activities	Accommodation	Meals
Hotel - Reunification Palace - Saigon Central Post		
Office - Notre Dame Cathedral - War Remnants		-/-/-
Museum - Jade Emperor Pagoda - The former U.S.		
Embassy - Saigon Opera House - Ben Thanh Market		
– Hotel (ESG)		

## **Itinerary:**

- **08:00:** Pick up from your hotel (District 1 Ho Chi Minh City) and start your journey by Jeep. *Starting time can be flexible based on your request.*
- **08:30:** Visit the **Reunification Palace** a historic landmark that witnessed many important events and reflects Eastern cultural heritage.



(Image: Reunification Palace – Ho Chi Minh – Vietnam)

• **09:00:** Stop at **Saigon Central Post Office**, a French colonial building designed by Gustave Eiffel.





(Image: Saigon Central Post Office – Ho Chi Minh – Viet Nam)

- **09:15:** Explore **Notre Dame Cathedral**, a famous architectural icon with two bell towers reaching 58 meters high, located in the city center.
- **09:45:** Visit the **War Remnants Museum**, featuring military artifacts and equipment from the Vietnam War.
- **10:15:** Visit the Jade Emperor Pagoda a famous temple built by the local Cantonese community, once visited by *Barack Obama, the 44th President of the United States*.
- **10:45:** Drive past **the former U.S. Embassy**, a building full of historical significance from the Vietnam War era.
- **11:00:** Visit **Saigon Opera House**, a well-known venue for classical music and opera performances.





(Image: 1. Notre Dame Cathedral, 2. War Remnants Museum – Ho Chi Minh – Vietnam)

- **11:45: Stop at Ben Thanh Market** one of the oldest markets in Ho Chi Minh City, great for local food and souvenir shopping.
- **12:00:** Return to your hotel and end the tour.

## Thank you for joining us, and have a nice trip!

#### Inclusion:

- Private U.S Army Jeep with experienced driver as per the above itinerary.
- Drinks on Jeep (Beer & Water)
- English-speaking guides as mentioned in the above itinerary.
- Complimentary hotel pick-up and drop-off.

#### \*Surcharge (if any):

- → French-speaking local guide (USD 10/day/group)
- → German-speaking local guide (USD 20/day/group)
- $\rightarrow$  Local guide for languages other than English, French, or German (USD 30/day/group).
- All entrance /Admission for sightseeing.

#### **Exclusion:**

- Bank transfer fees
- Surcharge for peak seasons and mandatory dinners at hotels (if applicable)
- Travel insurance
- Vietnam visa (the passport must be valid for over 6 months and have 3 blank pages)
- Personal expenses
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Airfare (If applicable)
- Tips for guides and drivers (Suggested amount: \$3-5 per person per day). Tipping is optional and should reflect the quality of service received.



#### **Children Policy:**

- For infants (<04 years old): free of charge
- 04 11 years old: 75% of the adult rate.

#### Payment & Deposit Terms:

To ensure that all parties meet their respective obligations, we outline our standard payment terms below:

**Deposit:** A confirmation and invoice will be sent to the customer within 24 hours of receiving the booking. A deposit of 50% of the total tour cost or full payment is required, depending on the specific tour arrangements and the terms outlined in the invoice. Payment can be made through any of our online payment methods.

**Final Payment:** The deadline for the remaining balance will depend on the services booked and will be communicated by our travel consultant and via the invoice during the booking process.

### Cancellations & Refund Policy:

Each local supplier and partner have its own specific cancellation terms, which will determine the applicable cancellation fees. Detailed information about these policies can be found on the individual service pages, particularly under the Rate & Availability section. If a customer decides to discontinue the tour midway, no refund or exchange will be issued. Additionally, no compensation will be provided for any services that remain unused during the tour.

#### Short Tours (1 – 3 days)

- More than 4 days prior: 50% of the total rate.
- From 1 to 4 days prior: 70% of the total rate.
- Less than 1 day prior or no-show: 100% of the total rate.

#### Important notes:

#### Weather:

Vietnam's unique geography creates a range of weather patterns, with both tropical and temperate zones. The best weather nationwide is from **March to May**, so if you're planning a trip to Vietnam, consider visiting during this time for the most enjoyable weather.

## 📍 Regional Weather Guide

 Southern Vietnam: Southern Vietnam has a tropical climate, so it stays warm all year round — typically from 25°C to 35°C.

Recommended travel time: November – April

- HCM City:
- $\rightarrow$  May to November: Sporadic rainfall, hot, humid
- $\rightarrow$  December to April: Clear skies, hot, sunny



**Pack Accordingly**: Pack lightweight clothing for hot weather and a raincoat or umbrella for the rainy season.

## Do I need to purchase travel insurance before traveling in Vietnam?

Absolutely. All passengers traveling with Vietnam Lovely Travel are required to purchase travel insurance before the start of their trip. Your travel insurance details will be recorded by your tour guide on the first day of the trip. Due to the varying nature, availability and cost of health care around the world, travel insurance is very much an essential and necessary part of every journey.

## Money matters:

When it comes to spending money on the trip, every traveler is a little different. You know your spending habits better than we do, so please budget an appropriate amount for optional meals, drinks, shopping, optional activities, and laundry. Make sure you have read the itinerary and inclusions thoroughly so you know what is included in the trip price and what you may need to pay for while traveling.

- Vietnamese Dong (VND) is the currency of Vietnam.
- ATMs: Check if your card is compatible with local ATMs before traveling to Vietnam. Using an ATM card will help ensure safety during your travel. However, you should also bring a small amount of cash for services, shopping, meals, etc., when needed.
- Scam alert: Be careful of street vendors and local markets using similar colors of 500,000 VND and 20,000 VND bills to scam visitors.
- **Counterfeit money**: There are some counterfeit banknotes in circulation in Vietnam, particularly for the 500,000 VND, the biggest Vietnam currency note, so you should only exchange money at reputable places or consult your tour guide for advice.
- *Keep small bills on hand:* Many vendors and small businesses may not have change for larger denominations, so it's helpful to keep smaller bills on hand.
- **Notify your bank**: If you plan to use your credit or debit card in Vietnam, notify your bank beforehand to avoid any issues with your account being flagged for suspicious activity.
- USD to VND current exchange rate: 1 USD ~ 25,000 26,000 VND (change cash in jewelry shops, the exchange rates are often better than in a bank or at the airport).
- QR code payment: widely accepted in many urban areas in Vietnam.
- Are credit cards accepted widely in Vietnam? USD and Major credit cards are widely accepted at large shops, hotels and restaurants in Vietnam. However, smaller vendors, family-run eateries, markets, and rural areas may only accept cash. Carry enough cash for as a backup, especially outside cities.

**Dining:** Please inform your operator or guide in advance if you have any **dietary restrictions or food allergies**.



## Phone and internet access:

- With the modern world you may want to bring along tablets or smartphones for the children to document their adventure - there are a wide variety of apps out there which we suggest downloading before you depart. There will be opportunities to charge (just make sure you bring the correct adapter) and there will be wi-fi available in most of the hotels/restaurants on the tour, although it will probably not be at the speeds you are used to at home and it won't be available everywhere.
- E-sim can be a good option for you (less than 10 USD/sim card)

<u>Electricity and adapter</u>: 220V - 50Hz. If you are using different ones, our local guide can help you buy an adapter for not more than 1 USD.

**Shopping**: At local markets, bargaining is common and expected. You can often negotiate 10–30% off the initial price for local goods.

<u>Safety</u>: To protect your belongings, always keep your bag or purse in front of you, especially in crowded areas.

## **Business Hours:**

- Offices: 8:00 AM 5:00 PM (Monday to Friday). Most are closed on Saturdays.
- Shops, restaurants, and entertainment venues: Typically, open from 8:00 AM 10:00 PM daily.

## Is tipping compulsory in Vietnam?

Tipping is not mandatory or a common custom in Vietnam. However, it is greatly appreciated by service staff—such as waiters, hotel porters, drivers, and tour guides—especially when they provide exceptional service. Even a small tip can make a big difference and is considered a gesture of kindness and respect.