

ALEXANDER+ROBERTS®

ORIGINAL JOURNEYS SINCE 1947

Enhance Your Stay in Saigon with Additional Privately Guided Sightseeing

Saigon Culture and Creativity Morning Private Tour

Embark on a captivating exploration of Hoi An Ancient Town, a former 16th to 18th-century trading port that hosted merchants from China, the Netherlands, France, Japan, Portugal, and Arabia. Wander through the charming streets adorned with honey-yellow buildings, revealing exquisite ancient architecture influenced by Portuguese, Chinese, and Japanese cultures. Begin your journey at Chua Ong Pagoda, a Chinese-inspired marvel from 1653. Continue to Phuc Kien Assembly Hall, Jinshang Temple, Tan Ky House, and the iconic Japanese Covered Bridge. Pause at Reaching Out Tea House for a revitalizing cup before enjoying lunch and a cooking demonstration. Venture to Cam Thanh Village, meet a local family, and experience bamboo basket boat rides in a water coconut forest. Cruise along the Thu Bon River, savoring picturesque views, and conclude your day with a rooftop bar cocktail. Immerse yourself in the rich history, diverse culture, and natural beauty of Hoi An. *This 4-hour tour is offered daily. Some blackout days may apply.*

Saigon's Nightlife on a Vintage Vespa

Saigon comes alive at night with scores of locals on scooters, zigzagging their way through busy intersections and narrow by lanes. Following the residents' footsteps in this booming metropolis, hop on a classic Vespa to enjoy its chaos and unencumbered beauty that popular tourist sites do not typically capture. At our dinner stop, enjoy the ubiquitous Banh Mi, a staple Vietnamese sandwich that packs a punch with its crunchy texture and aromatic, sweet and savory flavors. For the main course, choose from options like Southern-style pancakes, wraps and rolls, or grilled pork chop with broken rice. With food in our bellies and spring in our step, we then explore old residential areas of Saigon that still house over 2,000 people. The evening is made sweeter with the classic grilled banana dessert that is wrapped in sticky rice and topped with homemade coconut milk. We end the tour at a craft beer shop tucked away in a historic old building, by sampling their unique brews. *This 3-hour tour is offered daily. One passenger per Vespa. Please inform in advance of any dietary restrictions. Some blackout days may apply.*

Mekong Uniqueness Full Day Private Tour

This morning, a 2-hour drive from Ho Chi Minh city takes us to My Tho, a gateway to the Mekong Delta. Here, we will board a motorized wooden sampan to begin our journey on the mighty Mekong River around Tan My and Thoi Son Islands where numerous floating fish-farms and houseboats that have been docked for decades. Disembark at one of the floating farms, interact with fishermen at work and learn about the fishing industry in this beautiful area. Switch to a rowing boat for a slow ride along the small canals shaded by water coconut trees. Then hop on bicycles to explore the green-lush island covered by hectares of gardens specialized in growing grapefruits, coconuts, bananas, durian, jack fruits, longans. Stop at a family to learn about process of nourishing mushrooms. At the verdant garden of Mr. Hai Phuong, see his farm of cows, pigs, chickens, fishing pond, and enjoy fresh seasonal fruits picked from the garden. Enjoy lunch with Mekong delicacies at a family's garden where you could also see the hostess

<continued next page>

making "banh khot" (Vietnamese savory mini pancakes) - a popular but delicious local dish. Further our exploration by bicycle to see more cottage industries in the backstreets of this

tranquil island: home-made moonshine locally branded over 3 generations; a bee farm with collection of farming, gardening and fishing tools used over generations and meet a professional craft weaver to see her artistic craftworks such as straw hat, water hyacinth basket and bracelet. We then re-board our motorized boat for the cruise to return mainland. Bid farewell to our boat captain and take the drive back to Ho Chi Minh, arriving in the late afternoon. *This 8-hour tour is offered daily. Some blackout days may apply.*

Saigon Street Eats Private Evening

Embark on a culinary night adventure in the vibrant heart of Saigon, discovering the locals' favorite dining spots. Begin by meeting your guide and heading to Cao Thang Street, renowned for its diverse street food offerings. Stroll leisurely, observing the lively pop-up restaurants lining the street that come to life at night. Indulge in Vietnamese rice paper pizza (banh trang) and savor the iconic Vietnamese sandwich (banh mi), a delightful fusion of French and Vietnamese flavors. Continue your exploration through Ban Co Market, reaching Nguyen Thien Thuat Street, where Madam Nga's spot awaits with delectable savory crepes (banh xeo) and fresh spring rolls. Conclude your culinary journey with a taste of the city's beloved dish: hu tieu, served as soup or dry. Finally, delight in fried rice flour (bot chien), a popular local street dish accompanied by eggs and onion dipping in a homemade sauce with shredded papaya. After savoring these incredible dishes, unwind at a local coffee shop, enjoying a drink and engaging in a chat as the city comes alive with its nocturnal charm. Please note that some local eateries may be closed on full moon dates or due to personal business, and your guide will flexibly make alternative arrangements. *This 3-hour tour is offered daily. Please inform in advance of any dietary restrictions. Some blackout days may apply.*

A Flavorful Exploration of Food and Cocktail Pairings

Experience an exclusive dining adventure where every dish and drink feature complementary ingredients. You'll be welcomed by our talented host in her cozy home, tucked away in a charming alley. As the author of Saigon: The Lifestyle & The Food and the CNN-listed books Easy to Cook: 40 Delicious Vietnamese Dishes, she also brings 15 years of photography expertise to enrich your experience. We'll start with a leisurely walk through the vibrant market and picturesque residential streets, discovering the fresh ingredients that define Vietnamese cuisine. Next, savor a unique dinner where each dish is carefully paired with specially crafted infused cocktails, creating an enjoyable opportunity for conversation with our host. To elevate your journey, you'll also receive photography tips to capture the essence of food and street life before returning to your hotel. *This 4-hour tour is offered daily. Please inform in advance of any dietary restrictions. Some blackout days may apply.*