



Tour Name

Lonely Planet Experiences - Private Ho Chi Minh City Tour: Cu Chi Tunnels Experience

Tour City

Ho Chi Minh City

Tour Snapshot

Good Morning Vietnam! Start the day the right way - with an up close and personal history lesson on guerilla warfare. Climb into the underground tunnel system that played a crucial part in the war and imagine what it would have been like to eat, sleep, work, cook... even go to school underground as a conflict raged above.

This tour is priced for a minimum group size of four travellers. A solo traveller or group smaller than four may still book this private experience but will be charged the base rate for four travellers. This tour is identical to our join-in Cu Chi Experience group tour. If you prefer to do this tour as part of a regular group, please book the [Cu Chi Experience Tour](#).

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Highlights

- Delve into an underground world of guerrilla warfare in the incredible Cu Chi tunnels

- Gain insight into the tenacity and resourcefulness of the Vietnamese
- Visit the former Viet Minh underground stronghold at Cu Chi
- Visit with a local family to better understand local life, past and present
- Have the guide all to yourself for a more intimate and personal experience
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Local Impact: How you will help the local community by joining this tour:

- By visiting and paying an entrance fee to Cu Chi tunnels, this tour helps preserve the local historical heritage.
- You'll visit a local family in the area on the way to Cu Chi to gain an insight into local life in the area. Part of your tour fee is used to directly support the family.

Inclusions: Private tour with local English speaking guide, private transportation, entrance fees as indicated, local family visit.

Exclusions: Items of a personal nature, tips / gratuities for drivers or guides.

Schedule details

- Duration:5-6 Hours
- Pickup location:
For this private HCMC tour, we will pick you and your group up from your hotel.

Important note: Local house visit in Cu chi will be closed from 12th to 26th Mar.

- Pickup time: Various
- Drop off location:
We will drop you off back at your hotel.

Full Itinerary

Built by local fighters during the Indochina conflict, the Cu Chi tunnels served as a base from which the Viet Cong could operate from close to the Southern Vietnamese capital. For this HCMC tour, leave the hustle and bustle of Ho Chi Minh City to explore one of the relics from one of the most significant local historical events in recent memory.

Journey 2.5 hours west towards the Cambodian border. Before arriving at the Cu Chi tunnels, we'll visit with some local friends and gain an insight into local life in the area, both past and present. Learn about their lives, culture, and customs and get an insight into the recent past through local eyes.

Continue on to the Cu Chi tunnels. The location of the tunnels was of significant strategic importance: they're at the end of the infamous Ho Chi Minh Trail, and within striking distance of the southern Vietnam capital. Initial construction started in 1948 when the Viet Minh required somewhere to hide from French air attacks, and by 1965, the tunnel complex was estimated to consist of 200 km of tunnels. It included, hospitals, schools, meeting rooms, kitchens, and sleeping quarters. Life was difficult for the inhabitants, and to protect against outside intruders, booby traps were laid throughout the complex.

Today, the Vietnamese government have preserved approximately 75 km of the Cu Chi tunnels as a memorial park, and in some areas the tunnels have been widened and low powered lights installed so that tourists can now fit through the complex.

Your local guide will take you on a fascinating tour of the Cu Chi tunnels, where you'll learn more about the conditions the people lived in, the hardships they faced, and the amazing ingenuity employed to maintain life in the tunnels. We walk past huge bomb craters - evidence of the heavy bombing campaigns in the region during the Indochina conflict, discover hidden entrances right beneath your feet, wander past tiny little chimneys in the ground that dispersed smoke from the underground kitchens, sample some of the simple cuisine that local fighters would have survived on, and have an opportunity to venture into the tunnels and explore the complex.

You'll end this historical Ho Chi Minh City tour with a greater understanding of the local impacts of the conflicts of the 20th century.

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Additional information

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Dress standard: Light and comfortable clothing is recommended with shoes appropriate for walking in the tunnels.

Confirmation of booking: Please email us at info@hochiminhcityurbanadventures.com or give us a call at our hotline number +84 909 904 100 to reconfirm your booking 24 hours prior to departure.

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Child Policy: This is a child-friendly tour. Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' above when booking. Children under the age of 6 are permitted to join this tour free of charge. Please inform us at the time of booking if you'll be bringing a child under the age of 6. You can do so in the special request box on the checkout page.

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