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Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

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PRACTICAL GUIDES

1. Accommodation

Participants will stay at one of the three following accommodations:

- **Mường Thanh Grand Sai Gon Centre Hotel**
 - Address: No.8A, Mac Dinh Chi st., Ben Nghe Ward, District 1, Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam
 - Tel: +84 283 827 9595 Fax: +84 83 823 0000
 - Website: <http://grandsaigoncentre.muongthanh.com/>
 - Room rate is around 78 USD (special rate) for twin room
- **Paragon Saigon Hotel**
 - Add.: 22 - 24 Thi Sach Street, Ben Nghe Ward, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
 - Hp: (+84) 902 958 794 - Tel. (+84) 28 3823 3999 (Ext.)
 - Email: sales2@paragonsaigon.com
 - Web: www.paragonsaigon.com
 - Room rate is around 82 USD (special rate) for single room
- **Guesthouse of College of Management for Agriculture and Rural Development- CMARD2**
 - Address: 45 Dinh Tien Hoang Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam
 - Tel: +84 283 823 1777 or +84 283 829 3381
 - Email: ktx.cmard2@gmail.com or ttdv.dma@gmail.com
 - Hotel rate is around 23 EURO

2. Meals:

- Lunch will be served at Hall D, Ho Chi Minh University of Social Sciences and Humanities.
 - Time: 12:30 on 19&20 Sept, 2019
 - Address: 10-12 Dinh Tien Hoang Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City
- Cocktail: will be served at Hall D, Ho Chi Minh University of Social Sciences and Humanities.
 - Time: 18:15 on 19 Sept, 2019
 - Address: 10-12 Dinh Tien Hoang Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City



3. Transportation

3.1. *Moving from the airport to the city center:*

By bus: Bus line number 109 can be easily found at the airport.

○ *Information:*

- Operating hours: from 5:30am to 1:00am
- Departs every 15 – 20 minutes
- The entire journey: about 45 minutes
- Fare: route under 5km: 12.000VND (\$0.54) – route over 5km: 20.000VND (\$0.9)

○ *Further information can be found at:*

<http://en.sats.com.vn/tan-son-nhat-airport-bus/airport-bus-109-tan-son-nhat-airport-ben-thanh-market>

By taxi: Some of the most reliable taxi brands are Mailinh taxi and Vinasun, approximately 14,000 VND per km. Hotlines: Mailinh - 028 38 29 8888, Vinasun - 02838 272727.

Other means: Grab taxi, Grab bike, Goviet etc. can be booked via mobile applications (notice: extracharge during rush hours).

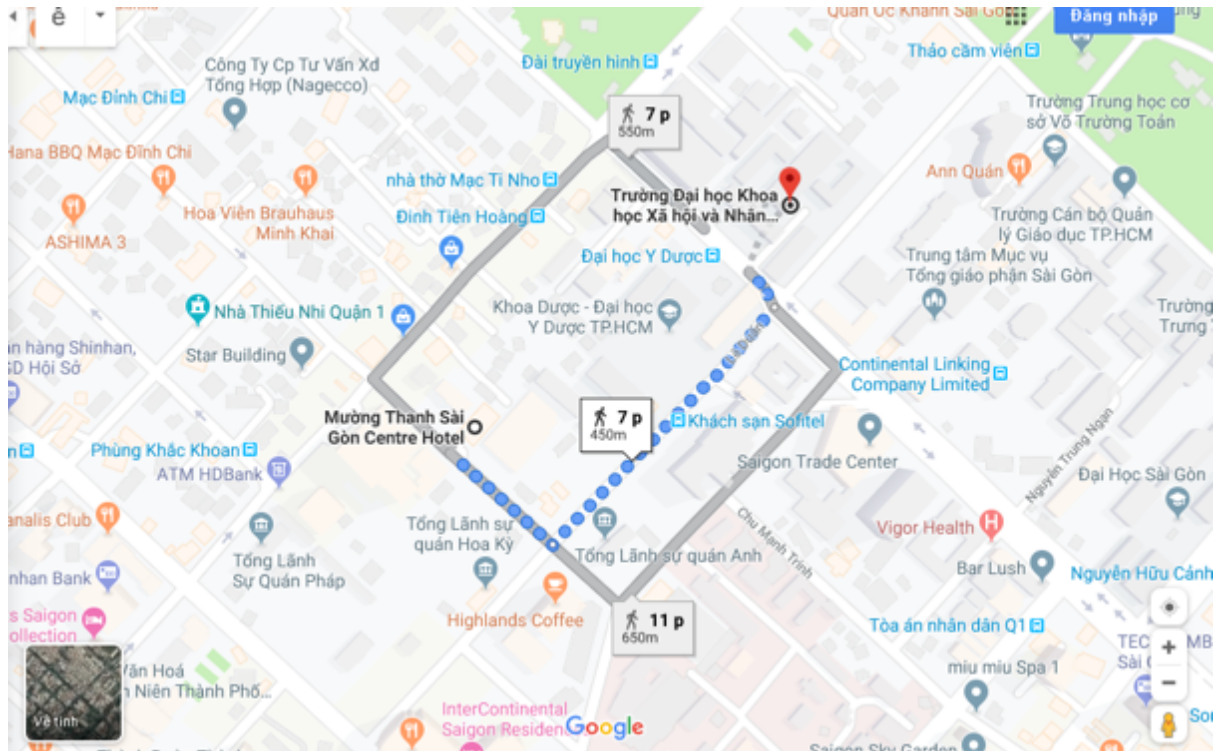
3.2. *From hotels and guesthouse to University of Social Sciences and Humanities:*

- The guesthouse of College of Management for Agriculture and Rural Development is opposite to the university.
- Muong Thanh hotel is approximately 600m from the university which can be reached by walking or taxi.
- Paragon hotel is approximately 1km from the University which can be reach by walking (~15 minutes) or taxi.

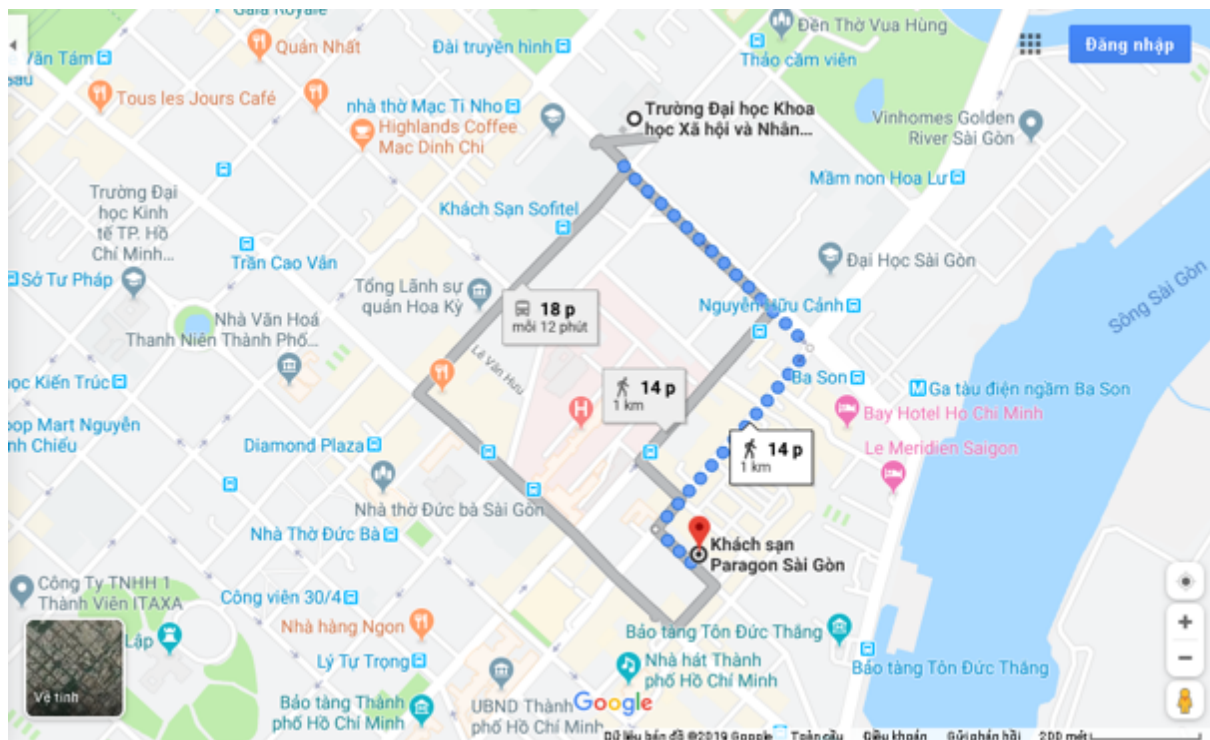


3.3. Travel map

From Muong Thanh hotel to USSH



From Paragon hotel to USSH





From Guesthouse of College of Management for Agriculture and Rural Development to USSH



4. Currency Exchange

USD to VND rate: 1USD = 23,155 VND = 25,650 EUR (exchange rate: July 2019).

Money exchange within the airport; Money exchange in the city center: 135 Dong Khoi street, Ben Nghe ward, district 1, Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam

5. Communication

Mobile phone:

Three most reliable providers: Viettel, Vinaphone, Mobiphone.

Phone card can be bought at any mini store, convenience store, phone shops...

- Viettel 4G 60gb/month: 50,000 VND.
- Vinaphone 4G 120gb/month: 100,000 VND.
- Mobiphone 4G 4gb/day: 75,000 VND.



ABOUT HO CHI MINH CITY



Ho Chi Minh City, formerly known as Saigon, is the biggest city and the most dynamic economy center of Vietnam. It is a relatively young town in comparison to four-thousand years of Vietnam history. Although only established approximately 300 years ago, Ho Chi Minh city boasts a wide range of historical relics and architectural treasures. Together with rich street food and diversified service, the city is one of the most well-visited places in Vietnam.

The former Saigon city was once an important portal hub and strategically fortified citadel of the Nguyen dynasty – the last royal family to rule Vietnam. From 1867 to 1954, the town served as capital of Cocochine under the French colony. Later, Saigon became the capital of the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam War when the country was governed by two states in the North and the South. Although the city suffered major damage throughout the wars, and changed dramatically from the fast urbanization since the 1980s, many of its gems still survive and attract millions of visitors every year.



Apart from being the main economy and tourism center of Vietnam, the city also plays a leading role in education. Serving as the headquarter of some of the best universities in Vietnam, including National Universities, with University of Social Sciences and Humanities as a member, the city houses the most prestigious universities and institutes, together with many colleges and highschools for the gifted. Every year, thousands of skilled youngsters are trained and get ready to join the competitive workforce of Vietnam.

Ho Chi Minh city has wet tropical climate, with a rain season ranging from May to October. Visitors coming to Saigon within the rain season should be well prepared, as raincoats and umbrellas are needed. Month temperature remains around 28 degree Celcius, with April being the hottest month and December as



the coolest. It is advised to apply sunscreen at least 15 minutes before going under direct sun exposure.

BEST PLACES TO VISIT IN THE CITY



1. Saigon Notre Dame Basilica Cathedral

Center to Catholicism in the South of Vietnam, the Saigon Notre Dame Basilica is probably one of the most majestic churches in the country. It is said that in order to build this complex, the French Indochina government transported most of the materials from France to Vietnam. The brick-covered building since then has been an icon of the colonial Saigon. Currently, the church is under a renovation so visitors can only observe the building from outside.

2. Saigon Central Post Office

Usually praised as one of the most beautiful Post Offices, the building is a treasure of Saigon and has not changed much over nearly 140 years. The meticulously detailed facade is a nice blend of European and Asian styles, creating a harmonious and lyrical composition. In this Post, you may look for an old gentleman who is probably the last public writer in Vietnam, who has been helping people write and translate letters for many decades.



3. Independence Palace



The palace was built in 1963 and was used by President Nguyen Van Thieu of South Vietnam as home and office until 1975 when the Northern forces overtook the palace and put an end to the Republic of Vietnam. In the beautiful garden, an aircraft that attempted to destroy the building and the tanks that crashed the gate and gave ways to Communist victors to overtook the palace are displayed. Beside its historical significance, the construction is also acclaimed as a beautiful piece of art. Styled after Modernism, the palace is a great example of the 60s architecture.



4. War Museum

The War Museum is the most visited place in the city. In this museum, you have a chance to see the war in a brand new point of view. It covers many topics from the Orange Agent, torture of war criminals to the consequence of the war decades after, and how Vietnamese are living now under a new era.



ABOUT HO CHI MINH CITY UNIVERSITY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES – VIETNAM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (HCMUSSH)

The Ho Chi Minh City University of Social Sciences and Humanities (<http://en.hcmussh.edu.vn/>) boasts a 60-year history of establishment and growth. After the 1954 Geneva Accords, the University was founded in Saigon, but its origins go back to the Hanoi University of Letters. The University's predecessor, the French Preparatory College of Letters in Saigon as an affiliate member of the Vietnam National University (later changed into the University of Saigon), was founded in November 1955.

On March 1st 1957, the Faculty of Letters, part of the University of Saigon, was officially established. From 1976 till 1996, the Faculty of Letters matured into one of the two component members of the Ho Chi Minh City University, covering social sciences and humanities.



Pursuant to Decision No 1233/QĐ-BGD&ĐT signed by the Minister of the Ministry of Education and Training Tran Hong Quan, the University officially bore the name of the Ho Chi Minh city University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Vietnam National University on March 30th 1996.

Currently, the University of Social Sciences and Humanities has more than 890 faculty members and non-teaching staff. The percentage of the academic staff holding professorial titles or postgraduate degrees is 98.4 %. There are more than 22,000 students enrolled in 28 undergraduate programs, 38 postgraduate programs and over 10 joint programs in collaboration with international partners.

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The programs offer students access to a very diverse selection of academic options from which to choose, and enhance students' capabilities to embrace the challenge of the country's modernization and industrialization, translating what they learn into professional achievements.



The University is one of the two biggest institutions in the field of social sciences and humanities in Vietnam. The school is always the pioneering institution in terms of offering new academic programs to meet societal demands such as Vietnamese studies, Oriental Studies, Anthropology, International Relations, Urban Studies, Spanish Linguistics and Literature, Italian Linguistics and Literature, and so on. In addition, the University is the leading institution nationwide in having over 200 registered international students across the world, e.g. Japan, Korea, Laos, Cambodia, the United States, Singapore, Austria, Turkey, Thailand, Australia, in degree programs and over 5,000 students enrolled in short-term courses.

Currently, the university has two campuses:

- The main campus is located at 10-12 Dinh Tien Hoang Street, Ben Nghe Ward, District 1, Ho Chi Minh city
- The second campus is located in Linh Trung Ward, Thu Duc District, Ho Chi Minh city, with an area of 23 hectares.