Accommodations, Tours, Location of Center for most Conference activities and other useful informations

HOTEL & MAPS

Map 1: Locations of cities in Vietnam

Map 2: Three Universities in HCMCity, Liberty Central hotel and Tan Son Nhat International Airport
Map 3: Downtown hotels with respect to Ton Duc Thang University.

- Oscar Hotels
- Liberty Central Hotel
- Victory Hotel
- Ton Duc Thang University
1. **Note on the 4 maps**: The 4 maps show the locations of cities in Vietnam (Map 1), of the three Universities in HCMCity, where most activities will happen, with respect to Liberty Central Hotel where most of our guests will be staying (Map 2), of different downtown hotels in HCMCity with respect to Ton Duc Thang University located in District 7, HCMCity (Map 3), and of downtown hotels (Map 4).

Coordinates of Ton Duc Thang University: Nguyen Huu Tho Street, Tan Phong Ward, District 7, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.
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2. **Note on Transportation**: Several buses will leave Liberty Central Hotel and Oscar Hotel at 7h30 each morning to bring participants to Ton Duc Thang University. They will bring them back to the two hotels at 17h00. Please, be on time if you want to use these buses. More precise instructions on these buses will be given HERE. Otherwise you can use other means of transportation, such as taxi or motorcycle, to get directly to TDT.

3. **Note on Meals at noon on the 3 days of the conference**: In order to plan the appropriate number of meals, the organizing committee asks that those wishing to eat at the dining room of Ton Duc Thang University to let us know of their intention, by replying to Mr Phong, Secretary of the conference, at siod2013@itam.tdt.edu.vn

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Tickets for these meals can be purchased from Mr Phong at 200 000 VND each (~ 10 USD). They will be given free of charge to certain guests.

TOURS

MORNING CITY TOUR (20 USD/person)  
(08:00 – 12:00 / daily departure)

The tour will take you around the busiest city of Vietnam, from downtown Saigon to Chinatown, in order to get a general view of a developing city. You will get to know its history and culture with stops at Reunification Palace, Jade Emperor Pagoda, Thien Hau Temple. You will not only learn about the past but also get familiar with the daily life of today’s industrious and friendly inhabitants at Ben Thanh Market as well as enjoy other spots of beauty such as Notre Dame Cathedral, Municipal Post Office, City Hall, etc. A stopover at a well-known lacquer workshop will help you to pick up some unique gifts for your beloved relatives.

AFTERNOON CITY TOUR (20 USD/person)  
(13:30 – 17:30 / daily departure)

As the country’s most dynamic city, Ho Chi Minh City is truly a vital economic hub with bustling life. The afternoon tour offers the varied sights, sounds and flavors of this enchanting city. Discover Ben Thanh Market and famous XQ embroidery workshop where you can find exquisite handicraft souvenirs and come into close contact with the people in daily routines. A pedicab ride roaming around lively commercial streets in Chinatown (1/2 hour) is countless unique waiting to be experienced. The tour also focuses on historical highlights including Jade Emperor Pagoda and Reunification Palace.

DINNER CRUISE & WATER PUPPET SHOW (35USD/person)  
(17:30 - 21:45/ daily departure)
The tour can offer a brief view about Ho Chi Minh City, a vital economic hub with bustling life at sunset. A window sightseeing on coach around the city downtown passing Notre Dame Cathedral, City Post Office, City Hall, and Saigon River will offer you a deeper sight about the city nightlife. The highlight of the tour is a water puppet show, invented during the Ly Dynasty (1009-1224), in which the artists controlling the puppets stand in water behind the stage door, has become a unique form of artistic performance to the Vietnamese. Followed is a Vietnamese dinner on boat cruising along Saigon River.

*Note: Schedule is subject to change without any prior notice*

**CU CHI TOUR (25 USD / person)**
*(08:00 – 13:00 & 13:00 - 18:00 / daily departure)*

Cu Chi used to be a bitter battleground for many years during the Vietnam War. Visitors to our country cannot miss a visit to this “underground village” with the intricate network of over 200-km tunnels, 75 km from Ho Chi Minh City. It may be incredible if you don’t experience a short, exciting trip through this labyrinth of interlaced tunnels. Then challenge yourselves with rifle shooting at shooting range (optional). Additionally, green paddy fields stretching along the road to Cu Chi, spotted local peasants at work and buffaloes led by children... is really a pleasant sight.

**MEKONG DELTA - MY THO TOUR (45 USD/pax)**
*Start 08:00 * Return 17:00 (daily)*

The first bustling town of the Mekong Delta is My Tho, a comfortable two-hour drive through fertile paddy fields from Ho Chi Minh City. You will enjoy a cruise on boats and hand-rowing sampans, viewing the daily activities of the local people along the tributaries of the Mekong River. You will roam on the orchard islets where almost all the tropical fruits of southern Vietnam can be found and tasted. Moreover, you will have opportunities to observe how people cultivate fruit trees and collect honey at local gardens. Coconut milk, seasonal fruit, honey tea and lunch with excellent Vietnamese food are included.

For tours within VietNam please consult the website: [www.etravelvietnam.com](http://www.etravelvietnam.com) and make your reservations directly with the tour organizer.
Saigontourist, a reputable tour organizer, can also be approached to have a custom made tour, or join one of its organized tours. Please consult its website: [www.saigontourist.net](http://www.saigontourist.net), OR WRITE TO: Mrs Nguyen Phuoc Phuong Uyen at: [phuonguyen@saigontourist.net](mailto:phuonguyen@saigontourist.net)

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES of the CONFERENCE**

1. A Ice-breaking/get together party will be held prior to the Conference, in the evening of Tuesday 4 June, to permit participants to get to know each other.

2. The Conference Banquet will be on Thursday evening, June 6. A full course supper will be served, with light entertainment.

3. A bus tour of the City will be given to all participants, free of charge, immediately after the Conference, on Friday evening, June 7.

4. Participants approved to go to Can Tho University (see Can Tho’s announcement) will board the bus on the morning of Saturday 8 June, and will visit a “Green Reserve” (Khu Sinh Thai). The visit is free of charge. A bus will bring them back to HochiminhCity.