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SEE AND DO

Ho Chi Minh City	Address	Subcategory	Short description
Museums - the best of Saigon's museums	A: All within easy reach of downtown	Museums	A guide to Saigon's best museums - as well as some of the quirky less-visited places. We list three for those with limited time and then others for the museum fiends.
Pittman Apartments rooftop - The Saigon helicopter evacuation of 1975	A: 22 Ly Tu Trong St, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City (near corner of Dong Khoi St) Map	History	The Pittman Apartments rooftop featured in Hugh van Es's iconic image of the helicopter evacuation of Saigon in April 1975 at the end of the Vietnam War. It's not a formal tourist sight so getting up can be hit and miss. You can see it from the Dong Khoi St or the Post Office if your efforts to get to the top fail.
Xa Loi Pagoda, Saigon	A: 89 Ba Huyen Thanh Quan St, Distr. 3, Ho Chi Minh City Map	Cultural	Built in 1956, the Xa Loi Pagoda is of interest for its past rather than its beauty as a Buddhist place of worship. It was the centre of Buddhist demonstrations in Saigon against the regime of Ngo Dinh Diem in 1963, that presaged an escalation of US involvement in Vietnam.
War Remnants Museum	A: 28 Vo Van Tan, in District 3, Ho Chi Minh City Map	Museums	Known in the 90s as the Museum of Chinese and American War Crimes, these days it's the War Remnants Museum and Saigon's most visited museum. The name has changed but the exhibits are still deeply confronting. It's a graphic account from the victor of the horrors of the Vietnam War. The Requiem photo exhibit is not to...
Saigon River walk	A: Ton Duc Thang St - 3A Station starting point Map	Parks	An early morning or late afternoon walk along the Saigon riverfront gives an interesting perspective on the changing city - from the old to the new. Allow an hour - more if you want to stop, have a drink and gaze across the working river. Saigon doesn't make walking very easy, but this path is relatively uncluttered....
Reunification Palace - Saigon	A: 135 Nam Ky Khoi Nghia Street - District 1 - Ho Chi Minh City Map	Museums	The former Presidential Palace of the US backed South Vietnamese government, is now known as the Reunification Palace. It's where 30 years of war ended on 30 April 1975. It's one of the most significant historical sites in Vietnam. There's lots more to this place too - an essential Saigon experience.
Nguyen Hue Walking Street, Saigon	A: Nguyen Hue St, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City Map	Walks	In 2015, Nguyen Hue St, one of Saigon's main streets, became a "walking street" - a rare concession by city leaders to the idea that public spaces and walking are important city attributes. The nightly congregations here are well worth a look.

Mekong Delta for a day - My Tho	A: 72 kms or 90 minutes SW of Saigon along Route 1 Map	Cultural	Day trips to the Mekong Delta from Saigon are popular for travellers that don't have time to make a longer journey into Vietnam's ricebowl. Most travellers head for My Tho, the closest delta town to Saigon. We'd suggest you consider heading a little further along into Ben Tre where Vietnam's crass mass tourism...
Mekong Delta for a day - Ben Tre	A: Under 2 hours - around 86kms from Saigon - past My Tho. Map	Cultural	The best option for a Mekong Delta day trip from Saigon, Ben Tre retains an authenticity lost in nearby My Tho. The recent completion of a bridge connecting Ben Tre and My Tho puts the town within easy reach of Saigon for day trippers. Let's hope that access does not result in the same major overreach by tourism...
Ho Chi Minh City Museum, Saigon	A: 65 Ly Tu Trong St, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City W: http://www.hcmc-museum.edu.vn Map	Museums	The grand downtown mansion that was the former French Governor's Residence and the final residence of assassinated South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem, is now the Ho Chi Minh City Museum. The building is imposing - the collection less impressive. The account of Saigon's revolutionary movement is the most...
Emperor Jade Pagoda, Saigon	A: 73 Mai Thi Luu Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City Map	Cultural	Emperor Jade Pagoda (aka. Chua Phuoc Hai) was built at the beginning of the twentieth century, and may be the most atmospheric of the city's Chinese pagodas. It's in easy reach of Saigon's District 1 tourist area.
Dong Khoi St - Saigon's French colonial architecture	A: Dong Khoi St, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City Map	Architecture	Dong Khoi St has been at the centre of life in Saigon since French colonial times when it was known as Rue Catinat. In the 60s it became Tu Do St and the centre of wartime sleaze and intrigue. It is home to many of Saigon's most memorable colonial era buildings.
Cu Chi Tunnels	A: 70kms northwest of Saigon Map	History	The amazing 200km Viet Cong tunnel network from which communist guerillas waged their successful campaign against US backed South Vietnamese forces. Despite the disneyesque presentation, it's a worthwhile half day. The video at Benh Duoc is a gem of wartime propaganda.
Cao Dai Temple - Tay Ninh	A: Just under 100kms northwest or 3 hours from Saigon Map	Cultural	The Cao Dai Temple at Tay Ninh is the spectacularly gaudy Holy See for the Cao Dai sect - a homegrown religion with around 2 million adherents that counts Jesus, Sun Yat Sen and Victor Hugo among its saints. Graham Greene popularised Cao Dai in the West in the novel The Quiet American when his character Fowler...
Ben Thanh Market - Saigon	A: Cnr of Le Loi and Le Lai Sts' District 1, Ho Chi Minh City Map	Cultural	Saigon's Central Market - Great for a look, shopping and a surprisingly good spot for tasty Vietnamese soup be it pho, bun bo or hu tieu.
Antique Street - Le Cong Kieu St, Saigon	A: Le Cong Kieu St, Dist. 1, Ho Chi Minh City - across from Ben Thanh Market Map	Cultural	Saigon's antique market may not be the place for the most discerning collectors but there are plenty of nice finds be they fakes, reproductions or originals.

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Temples and Pagodas, Hoi An	A: Hoi An Map	Architecture	Hoi An's temples and pagodas are all remnants of the town's trading past and most reflect strong Chinese influence. Many served as assembly halls for Chinese communities from different parts of the country - hence the names, Hainanese Assembly Hall, Cantonese Assembly Hall, Fujian (Phuc Kien) Assembly Hall. Head to...
Old Houses Hoi An	Map	Architecture	A handful of Hoi An's historic houses have had their interiors preserved to capture the original style of the town's merchant residences. Five of these heritage sights can be visited as part of the Hoi An Heritage tour (120,000VND per ticket). They're worth a visit, but watch out for big crowds - especially in the...
My Son Cham ruins,	A: 50kms - 60 mins drive from Hoi An Map	Architecture	The Cham ruins at My Son are another of central Vietnam's World Heritage listed sites and make for an enjoyable half day excursion from Hoi An 40kms away.
My Lai Massacre Memorial, Quang Ngai	A: Son My - 8kms north east of Quang Ngai City Map	History	The My Lai Massacre in March 1968, in which US soldiers slaughtered 500 unarmed villagers, was another watershed event in the America's tragic military campaign in Vietnam. A memorial and museum is located at the site of the massacre and is open to visitors.
Museum of Cham Sculpture, Danang	A: 2, 2 Thang 9 Street, Danang W: http://www.chammuseum.danang.vn/English/Home/tabid/64/Default.aspx Map	Museums	The Museum of Cham Sculpture in Danang houses Vietnam's most extensive collection of artefacts from the Cham civilisation that ruled over central and southern Vietnam for centuries.
Marble Mountains, Danang	A: Coast road between Danang and Hoi An Map	Cultural	Marble Mountains are a cluster of five mountains around 20kms north of Hoi An steeped in legend with great views across the nearby coastline to Danang.
Japanese Bridge, Hoi An	A: Tran Phu St, Hoi An Map	Architecture	The Japanese Bridge is Hoi An's signature landmark used widely as an emblem of the town. It was built by Japanese merchants in the 16th century.
Cua Dai and An Bang - Hoi An's beaches	A: Beach strip, Hoi An - Around 6kms or 10 mins by cab from Hoi An Map	Beaches	Hoi An's sea and sand action has shifted north from Cua Dai to An Bang beach, after a large swathe of Cua Dai beach suffered severe erosion in 2014. In 2017, An Bang remains the best spot for soaking up sun, eating, drinking and hanging out. After years of intensive rehabilitation, parts of Cua Dai Beach have...
Motorbike tours in Hoi An		Local life	Travellers to Hoi An who want to get out into the countryside on a motorbike can take a tour, jump on an Easy Rider motorcycle taxi, or, if you can stomach the risk, rent a bike and ride yourself. This is our little guide to motorcycle touring in and around the historic World Heritage town.

Cycling in Hoi An		Cycling	One of the delights of a visit to Hoi An is that it's possible to do most things on foot or by bicycle. The old town is closed to motorcycles for large parts of the day and there are lots of good cycling possibilities in the surrounding countryside. A handful of companies also offer tours. Here are our...
Hoi An old town ticket - need to know		Museums	Hoi An's tourist sights - old houses, temples and museums - are all accessed via a single entrance ticket. The 120,000VND allows access to 5 of 22 heritage sites or attractions. Technically, the ticket is mandatory for entry to the old town too. Enforcement is inconsistent and occasionally gets messy.

EATING

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The Old Compass Cafe, Saigon	A: 3rd Floor 63/11 Pasteur St, District 1 Ho Chi Minh City - down the alley right by Liberty Citypoint Hotel T: +84 28 38232969 E: info@oldcompasscafe.com W: www.facebook.com/oldcompasscafe Map	Local	The Old Compass Cafe is a little sanctuary of calm in Saigon's chaotic centre. Stop by for great coffee, breakfast, a Vietnamese baguette, home cooked Vietnamese lunches and dinners, juices, craft beers, wines and more. It's a lovely place to chill, chat or read a book. It's also the Saigon home of Rusty Compass.
Tandoor Restaurant, Saigon	A: 39A - 39B Ngo Duc Ke street, Ben Nghe ward, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City T: +84 28 39304839 W: www.tandoorvietnam.com/hcmc/ Map	International	Tandoor is one of Saigon's longest standing Indian restaurants. It's a popular and consistent downtown eatery.
Bunn Oi noodles, Saigon	A: 63 Pasteur, Bùn Nghé, Quận 1, HỒ Chí Minh City (upstairs) near Liberty Citypoint Hotel Map	Vietnamese	Classic Hanoian noodle dishes - bun cha, bun ca, banh cuon, bun nem, and more, in a cosy family run space right downtown.
Secret Garden Restaurant, Saigon	A: 158 bis Pasteur St, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City Map	Local	Secret Garden is a rooftop restaurant in the heart of Saigon serving a simple menu of classic Vietnamese family fare. Set in an old apartment block, you'll definitely work up an appetite climbing five flights on stairs - there's no lift.
3T Restaurant, Saigon	A: 29-31 Ton That Thiep, 2nd floor Dist.1 Ho Chi Minh City Map	Local	A classic open air Vietnamese DIY BBQ. Meat and seafood - it's all here to be cooked by you at your table. It's busy, noisy, fun and a perfect spot for a tasty laid back evening of good local food. Service is not the strong point here - it's usually brisk and abrupt. If it's packed and you're expecting 5 star...
Banh Xeo 46A, Saigon	A: 46A Dinh Cong Trang St, District 3, Ho Chi Minh City Map	Traveller	Perhaps Saigon's best known eatery for getting a Vietnamese pancake - known as banh xeo.
Ben Thanh Market food stalls	A: Ben Thanh Market, Le Loi St, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City Map	Local	If you want an overview of Vietnamese cuisine - especially soups - Ben Thanh Market's food stalls are a great place to go. It's all there - pho, bun bo, hu tieu. Flavours are authentic and the prices are incredible. A couple of dollars go a very long way. Pop by Mdm Be's dessert stall for a Vietnamese "che" dessert...

Chi Hoa Restaurant, Saigon	A: 31A Le Thanh Ton, Ben Nghe Ward, Dist. 1, Ho Chi Minh City T: +84 (8) 3 8273155 W: www.chihoacuisine.com/ Map	Traveller	Vietnam's family and street food goes indoors and a little upscale too, at Chi Hoa in Saigon's downtown area.
Hoang Yen, Saigon	A: 7 Ngo Duc Ke Street, Dist. 1, Ho Chi Minh City T: +84.8 3823 1101 Map	Vietnamese	A long running delicious local restaurant that's recently had a major facelift. Gone is the hospital lighting, cheesy 70s tunes and general kitsch. Shame really. Fortunately, the food is still some of the best in town. Prices are on the high side for Vietnamese cuisine but the local punters can't be kept at bay. Try...
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The Hill Station, Hoi An	A: 321 Nguyen Duy Hieu St, Hoi An Map	Traveller	A little deli outfit that started in Sapa, owned by a local Hmong girl and two Danes, now arrives in Hoi An in a superb old shophouse. Stop by The Hill Station for breakfast. coffees, juices, paninis - or in the afternoon and evening for cold cuts and a glass of wine.
Soul Kitchen, An Bang Beach	A: An Bang Beach 5kms from Hoi An town Map	Traveller	Soul Kitchen's a bohemian style lounge and restaurant on An Bang Beach outside Hoi An - pleasant by day and night. Getting busy in summer as An Bang beach develops.
Pho Lien, Hoi An	A: 25 Le Loi St, Hoi An Map	Local	With seven decades of service under its belt, Pho Lien may be the best place to grab a bowl of Vietnam's favourite noodle soup, close by Hoi An's old town.
Morning Glory Restaurant, Hoi An	A: 106 Nguyen Thai Hoc Street, Hoi An, Vietnam T: +84 (0510) 2241 555 E: info@morningglory-hoian.com W: http://www.restaurant-hoian.com/ Map	Vietnamese	Classic Vietnamese cuisine and cooking classes in a lovely building in the centre of town. Things are getting very busy here - especially at night. Expect queues during peak months.
Mix Greek Restaurant, Hoi An	A: 188/5 Tran Phu, Hoi An - down the lane from the Japanese Bridge Map	International	The people behind Mix Nha Trang (they really are Greek) have opened up in Hoi An's old town, right by the Japanese Bridge. It's a casual affair and the food gets high marks for flavour and portions (we've tried the place a couple of times). Staff are friendly too. One of the Greek owners is usually on hand to ensure...
Mango Mango Restaurant, Hoi An	A: 45 Nguyen Phuc Chu, Hoi An, Vietnam T: +84 235 3911 863 E: dd19475@gmail.com W: www.themangomango.com/ Map	International	American Vietnamese chef Tran Duc first made a name for himself in Hoi An more than a decade ago serving contemporary Asian cuisine at Mango Rooms. The formula worked so well that a few years later he opened Mango Mango. The cuisine is similar in style, the menu and setting quite different. In 2016, Duc expanded...
Ly's Restaurant, Hoi An	A: 22 Nguyen Hue St Hoi An Map	Local	An old favourite that's been serving travellers since the early 90s. Things have changed a lot in recent years with expansion and big increases in tourists. Ly's is now one of the most popular local restaurants in the old town - so it can be crowded. The success is well deserved.

Hai Cafe, Hoi An	A: 98 Nguyen Thai Hoc St, Hoi An Map	Traveller	A great space in a stunning colonial era villa. The courtyard's a good place to chill-out by day. There's also a restaurant and cooking school.
Ganesh Indian restaurant, Hoi An	A: 24 Tran Hung Dao St, Hoi An T: 0121 2968 351 Map	Indian	The Ganesh people are all over Vietnam. They're a dependable stop if you have a craving for Indian during your travels. The spaces are comfortable, unpretentious, and the food's been consistently good and well-priced during our many visits. One to keep in mind if you've had your fill of Hoi An's native cao lau and my...
Com Ga Ba Bui, Hoi An	A: 22 Phan Chu Trinh St, Hoi An Map	Local	One of the oldest eateries in town, this simple, family run chicken rice spot is a gem - though it's now on the busy side.
Central Market food hall, Hoi An	A: Cnr Tran Phu and Nguyen Hue Sts, Hoi An Map	Local	Hoi An's downtown market is the easiest place to sample the town's delicious culinary specialties - cao lau and mi quang as well as a great range of other Vietnamese favourites.
Brother's Cafe, Hoi An	A: 27 - 29 - 31 Phan Bội Châu Street, Hội An City, Quảng Nam Province, Việt Nam Map	Vietnamese	Hoi An's most impressive restaurant space right by the river in a the colonial era police station. Come by for a drink at least.
Banh My Phuong, Hoi An	A: 2B Phan Chau Trinh, Hoi An Map	Local	Banh My Phuong is a delicious Vietnamese sandwich stall in Hoi An, that's been catapulted into the limelight by an endorsement from Anthony Bourdain. It's become so popular that the queues were stretching way down the street during my recent visit. It's good but we're not sure about waiting that long.
An Bang Beach western eateries, Hoi An	A: An Bang Beach, Hoi An Map	International	An Bang beach has morphed from an outpost of local seafood and Hoi An expats, to a tourism destination in its own right. The erosion along Cua Dai beach means that An Bang is now the best swimming option for visitors to Hoi An. The local seafood eateries continue to thrive but a new wave of western eateries has...
An Bang Beach local seafood	A: An Bang Beach 5kms from Hoi An town Map	Local	An Bang beach's local seafood restaurants are an excellent alternative to the tourist fare of Hoi An town.
Little Faifo Restaurant, Hoi An	A: 66 Nguyen Thai Hoc St, Hoi An T: +84 510.3917444 Map	Vietnamese	Little Faifo is a contemporary Vietnamese restaurant in the middle of Hoi An's old town. It was previously known as Ancient Faifo Restaurant.
Mango Rooms Restaurant, Hoi An	A: 111 Nguyen Thai Hoc, Hoi An, Vietnam T: +84 235 3910 839 E: dd19475@gmail.com W: www.mangorooms.com Map	International	Mango Rooms was the first Hoi An project of Vietnamese American chef Tran Duc. His innovative menu of contemporary Asian flavours in a cool, colourful space, remains a standout in the old town.
Mai Fish, Hoi An	A: 45 Nguyen Thi Minh Khai, Hoi An T: +84 235 3925 545 E: dd19475@gmail.com W: http://www.themangomango.com/mf Map	Vietnamese	Tran Duc is one of our favourite Vietnam chefs. We've been big fans of his restaurants, Mango Rooms and Mango Mango, for a long time. At Mai Fish, Duc's created a more traditional Hoi An eatery, with local favourites like Cao Lau and banh mi. Duc describes it as the food he grew up with. It's very good, and the...

NIGHTLIFE

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Lush Nightclub, Saigon	A: 2 Ly Tu Trong, Dist. 1, Ho Chi Minh City T: +84 28 3824 2496 W: www.facebook.com/LushSaigon/Map	Bars	Lush is popular with Saigon's upwardly mobile young folk and expats who enjoy their company. The cool, modern, decor could place it anywhere in the world, as could the soundtrack of contemporary dance with an occasional pop moment. Lush is a survivor, it may be the only club in town that's managed to stay fresh and...
Craft beer - Saigon's craft beer scene	A: Mostly District 1 - one in District 3	Bars	If you love your craft beer, you'll feel right at home in Saigon. Vietnam is the largest beer drinking nation in South East Asia and Saigon now boasts an impressive line-up of craft beer specialists trying to woo the locals to their big flavoured brews.
La Fenetre Soleil, Saigon	A: 44 Lý Ṭ̣ Trọng, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City T: (+84 8) 3824 5994 Map	Bars	La Fenetre Soleil is a cool cafe by day that morphs into a music venue and bar by night. The feel changes from night to night with DJs and live music. The live varies from rock, to jazz, to acoustic and there's also a popular open-mic session as well. The crowd's a friendly mix of expats and locals seeking something...
The Alley Cocktail Bar, Saigon	A: Down the alley 63/1 Pasteur Street, District 1. Ho Chi Minh City Map	Bars	Cosy little cocktail bar hidden down an alley in the heart of Saigon - on Pasteur St.
Apocalypse Now, Saigon	A: 2C Thi Sach, Dist. 1, Ho Chi Minh City Map	Bars	Saigon's long surviving warehouse of sin has seen more than its share of apocalyptic hangovers. Two decades of evolution from a tiny hole in the wall to the mega-complex it is today have made it a fixture in most Saigon travel plans. Plenty of dancing girls and their sleazy foreign suitors set a scene overlaid with...
Beer Street Saigon	A: Bui Vien St west of De Tham St Map	Streetside	Beer St is a strip of Bui Vien St in Saigon's backpacker district devoted to the consumption of the amber fluid.
Blue Gecko Bar, Saigon	A: 31 Lý Ṭ̣ Trọng St, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City T: +848 3823 0324 Map	Bars	Blue Gecko is a Saigon institution and the city's oldest sports bar - dating back to 1997.
Carmen Bar, Saigon	A: 8 Ly Tu Trong, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City T: + 848 83829 7699 Map	Bars	Carmen is a curious Saigon live music space. Flamenco - yes in Spanish - is performed by a mainly Vietnamese band. It's surprisingly well done too - at least until the usual set of schmaltz ballads (in English - think Air Supply), kicks in. But schmaltz is all part of the Saigon experience so lap it up. The...
Chill Sky Bar, Saigon	A: 26 & 27th level, AB Tower, 76A Le Lai St. District 1, Ho Chi Minh City T: +(84-8) 38 272 372 Map	Bars	Chill Skybar was the first Saigon rooftop bar to set its sights on Saigon's new rich. There are quite a few new players these days. But Chill is holding its own. Chill's located on the 27th floor of the AB Tower. The views make it a very worthwhile stop for travellers too. Saigon may not be a pretty city but it sure...

Dublin Gate Irish Pub, Saigon	A: 19 Thai Van Lung St, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City T: (+84) 8 6656 1103 Map	Bars	The Dublin Gate is a friendly little Irish Pub and traveller's hang-out in downtown Saigon. Owned by Irish-Australian aviation engineer Bernie, and his Vietnamese partner Kiki - it used to be called Bernie's. It doubles as a sports bar and gets busy for major sporting events - rugby, AFL, Rugby League. The main bar...
East West Brewery, Saigon	A: 181 - 185 Lý Tự Trọng St, District 1, H Chí Minh City T: +84 91 306 07 28 Map	Bars	Vietnam's first large-scale craft beer emporium - located behind Saigon's Ben Thanh market. A radical shift from the cosy tap rooms around town, East-West is making a big splash into the mainstream.
Envy Nightclub, Saigon	A: 74-76 Nam Ky Khoi Nghia, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City Map	Clubs	Envy is Saigon's big bold nightclub. The name tells you all you need to know about the target crowd. There's a small army of black suited security guards to safeguard your arrival, a good supply of glamorous customers, serious light and sound production, and a solid stock of refreshments to keep the party hydrated....
Glow Skybar, Saigon	A: 93 Nguyen du District 1, Rooftop of President Place, Ho Chi Minh City T: +849388745659 W: www.facebook.com/glowsaigon?fref=nf Map	Bars	Glow Skybar is the latest entrant to Saigon's crowded rooftop bar scene. The views are special, the space is cool. Perfect for a sunset cocktail.
Indika Saigon	A: 43 Nguyễn Văn Giai, Đakao, District 1 Map	Bars	Alternative bar space on Saigon's fringe of live music and events. Good mixed crowd of young expats and locals. Indoor and outdoor areas. About 10 minutes from downtown by cab.
Phatty's Sports Bar, Saigon	A: 46-48 Ton That Thiep Street, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam T: +84 8 3821 0796 Map	Bars	Phatty's Bar and Grill is an outpost of Australian sports and hospitality in the heart of Saigon.
Piu Piu Saigon	A: 97 Hai Ba Trung St, Ho Chi Minh City - opposite Park Hyatt W: www.facebook.com/piupiusaigon/ Map	Bars	Newly opened in 2016, Piu Piu (formerly Pacharan) is an edgy music-focused bar and club across three floors. Hip hop's been the theme during my two visits. I've no idea what the name means but the vibe is a little more raw than other bars on this mini Saigon nightlife strip. Piu Piu's off to a strong start and seems...
Rock Fan Club, Saigon	A: 25C Tu Xuong, District 3, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam T: +84 8 6290 7489 Map	Bars	Rock Fan Club is the centre of heavy rock covers in Saigon and draws a crowd of heavy smoking, light drinking young rockers.
Saigon Outcast	A: 188/1 Nguyen Van Huong, Thao Dien, District 2, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam T: +8490 236 57 80 Map	Bars	Saigon Outcast is a little haven of indie creative energy in the heart of Saigon's conservative expat enclave. Located in District 2, around 20 minutes from downtown by taxi in light traffic, it's very much an outcast in a part of the city that tries hard to pretend it isn't in Vietnam at all. Shipping containers, a...

Saigon Saigon Bar, Caravelle Hotel, Saigon	A: Rooftop, Caravelle Hotel, Lam Son Square, Ho Chi Minh City Map	Bars	During the Vietnam War, correspondents would sit at the Caravelle Hotel rooftop bar watching firefights and tracers across the the Saigon River while downing their gins. These days the Sheraton Hotel obstructs the view. The original bar was gutted along with the old Caravelle in renovations back in the 1990s. The...
Snuffbox Speakeasy, Saigon	A: 14 Tôn Th[^h]t Đạm St, District 1, H[^à] Chí Minh City T: +84 126 387 2603 Map	Bars	Snuffbox serves classic cocktails and wine in Saigon's definitive speakeasy lounge space. Hidden away from the city's nightlife - but within easy reach of the city centre.
Urban Kitchen Bar, Saigon	A: 18 Ngo Van Nam St, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City T: +848 6250 6363 W: www.urbankitchenbar.com Map	Bars	Urban Kitchen is a buzzing little vintage style bar and restaurant in downtown Saigon.
Xu Bar, Saigon	A: 71 - 75 Hai Ba Trung St, Dist. 1, Ho Chi Minh City T: +848 38248468 Map	Bars	Xu's long been a favourite with Saigon's prettiest locals and expats. The city's evolving and there are lots of new places, so the crowd's changing, but Xu's still going strong. The lounge feel is confined to weeknights, or early evening on weekends. Things get especially busy before midnight on weekends . There's a...
Yoko Bar, Saigon	A: 22A Nguyen Thi Dieu, Dist. 3 Ho Chi Minh City T: +(84-8) 3933 0577 Map	Bars	Yoko Cafe, a favourite cafe and live music venue over a decade ago, is back to life in 2016. The best news is it's in the hands of some of the people who made it great in the first place.