

Scavenger Hunt List



Ho Chi Minh City Area



15-16 April 2019

The Vitals:

SGN Hotel:

Majestic Hotel (2 nights, April 15 + 16)
1 Dong Khoi St, HCM City, Viet Nam (10°58'N - 106°40'E)
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Your Room #: _____

Contact Numbers:

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Pamela Emergency Cell: +1.310.962.3388
Global Cell Phone Emergency: 112
Vietnam Police: 999, 113

Flight Arrival: EVA Air #395 (TPE-SGN) 9:45am – 15 April

Check-in Deadline & Meeting Place: 8:30pm – Tuesday, 16 April – Hotel rooftop bar

Flight Depart: Wednesday, 17 April – *tba*

The Global Scavenger Hunt Rating: **Par 3**

Tips:

Sunrise/Sunset: 5:42am/6:04pm
US\$1.00 = 22,250 VND (Vietnam *dong*)
Save all receipts of your tourist visa for departure!
Keep the yellow copy of your Customs Form!
Always have water, please use sun block!
Watch your money...large numbers get confusing!
Be careful crossing the street – avoid eye contact!

Viet Nam Consulates:

📍 235 Dong Khoi ☎+84.8.3827.9899
📍 4 Le Duan Blvd ☎+84.8.3520.4200

Việt Nam Bonus Scavenges:

Please be sure to make timeline entries into your journals for **all** scavenges, also include transportation methods. Don't forget your Team photos everywhere. **No records = No Points!**

You may do **two (2) Bonus** scavenges while in Việt Nam.

A. Bonus: (150) During prayer time, visit the Cao Dai Holy Complex near the village of Tay Ninh. It has been described as "*Christ and Buddha looking down from the roof of a cathedral on a Walt Disney Fantasia of the East...*" Explain the tenets of Caodaism.

B. Bonus: (250) Floating Market Mania! *Either/Or: (before 9:00am)* Either visit the Cai Rang floating market in Can Tho; Or, the Phong Dien floating market *and* the Island of the Coconut Monk. What is on the Island of Coconut Monk? Whichever you choose, ask two locals what this means? "*Cần Thơ gạo trắng nước trong...Ai đi tới đó lòng không muốn về.*"

C. Bonus: (100) Become a *tunnel rat* at Cu Chi (at either Ben Ninh or Ben Duc), explain. Fire off a few rounds of an AK-47—if *you would*—for an extra 10 points! We want video.

D. Bonus: (200) Get to Mỹ Tho, visit Vinh Trang Pagoda and then take a ferry/boat ride to Ben Tre to visit the market.

E. Bonus: (200) Take the Saigon-Vung Tau Ferry (one-way *or both*) to take a swim in the South China Sea. Have a beverage at Lemn Cap Resort.

F. Bonus: (100) Exit the urban jungle to visit the Can Gio Mangrove Biosphere Reserve.

Note: Your transportation options while visiting the region are limited to: trains, taxis, buses, cyclos, mopeds, public boats, ox-charts, hugging taxi, public ferries, boats, rickshaws, water buffalo and walking. *NO* traveling out of Saigon between 10pm & 5am. *NO* car hires, planes or helicopters.

Be safe and good luck!

HCM City Area Scavenges:

Please be sure to make timeline entries into your journals for **all** scavenges, also include transportation methods. Don't forget your Team photos everywhere. **No records = No Points!**

Rule Changes: No phones except for photos! No teaming up.

Event Tip: Often, it is best to do scavenges outside of the city first, before circling back to do urban scavenges.

Mandatory: While in Việt Nam, you must complete at least **two (2) (EXP)** scavenges, in addition to **three (3) #1's**.

1. Mandatory: In Việt Nam, do **three (3)** of the following:

- i) Sweet tooth? Either/Or: Either The best you will find of its kind is @ Kem Bac Dang; Or, Enjoy a *bia hoi* or *citron presse* @ Brodard. Explain what they are? (20)
- ii) Enjoy a house specialty @ Bo Cap Lua (17B 11th Street, Ir Vap District). (30)
- iii) Enjoy a *banh mi* & local *bia hoi* for lunch. (25)
- iv) From Thi Nghe Market assemble the ingredients for a picnic to eat nearby with some locals doing the same. Make a short video of your picnic and surroundings. (35)
- v) Enjoy *pho* at an eatery of your choice (*not at a hotel*). (20)
- vi) Have a meal at Cuc Gach Quan (10 Đặng Tất). (25)
- vii) Street Food: Nearby Ben Thanh Market have some *bun thit nuong* @ Quan Hoa Dong; or crab claws @ Thanh Binh; (25)
- viii) Try a *Banh trang nuong* (AKA Vietnamese pizza). (25)
- ix) For some rooftop eats, try Shri Restaurant and Lounge. (30)
- x) Enjoy a meal, @ ***Jardin des Sens—*book early!* (25)
- xi) Do Scavenge #3.
- xii) Do Scavenge #5.
- xiii) Do Scavenge #7.

- xiv) Anthony Bourdain's Choice: *Either/Or*: Either have what he ate @ Lunch Lady (23 Hoang Sa St.); Or, Banh Xeo (45 Dihn Cong Trang). (30)

2. Have this phrase translated into a local dialect for your possible use: "We are sorry. We are in a travel competition, a game; the rules say that we cannot use any taxi for more than two stops. Please understand. You are a good driver and we are very sorry to leave you, but we must get another taxi. Thank you for your help." (25)



3. (EXP) In Việt Nam, take a 3-hour cooking class of your choice (*not at a hotel—the concierge help you book it*). (100)
4. (EXP) *Either/Or*: Either take in a performance at the Saigon Opera House; Or, Take in a performance at the Golden Dragon Water Puppet Theatre. What was the plot? (50)
5. (EXP) Take the ultimate urban adventure with Street Food 101 Tour from Saigon Street Eats (+84.0.908.449.408). (75)
6. *Take a French Colonial Photo Safari*: Obtain photos of three (3) different colonial structures. Explain them. (45)
7. (EXP) *Trust & Chance*: Play *Taxi Cab Roulette*: Hail a taxi and ask your cabbie: "*Would you please take us to a restaurant; a place where you would eat with your family or friends?*" Tell them you prefer a nearby local and non-touristy restaurant. Where did you go and what did you eat? (50)
8. Visit Gia Long Palace (AKA Revolutionary Museum), spending at least one-hour. (30)
9. Visit the War Remnants Museum, spending at least one-hour. (30)
10. What can you see from the top of the Bitexco Tower Skydeck? Prove it. (*Best at sunset!*) (25)
11. (EXP) Enjoy some karaoke at a sing song joint of your choice and video it. (35)
12. (EXP) Take in a foreign movie & a special drink at the cinematheque. Stay an hour to get credit. Explain. (35)

13. (EXP) *Either/Or*: Either play a round—at least 9 holes—at a course of your choice; Or, hit some golf balls somewhere. (75)

14. *Market Mania*: The French called it *Les Halles Centrales*, visit it and complete all of the following: (50)

- a) What do the locals call it now?
- b) Photograph the tackiest souvenir possible.
- c) Find a cobra.
- d) What is known as French Bamboo?
- e) Locate the wet market.



15. (EXP) Visit the area around *Ho An Kiem Lake*; respectfully & politely inquire/ask for some of the players to explain their game of Chinese chess. (25)

16. Obtain a photo of Saigon's skyline (*at night*) from across the river in District 2. (30)

17. Indulge yourself with a Viet massage (*not at a hotel*). (40)

18. *Team Challenge*: Be the first team to get a photo of a team member atop a four-legged beast (*live & bigger than you*) and send it to us @ ringmaster@GlobalScavengerHunt.com. (Be smart & be careful!) (55)

19. Obtain two casino chips from a local casino; hand me one. (Bring your passport.) (35)

20. *Cultural Exchange*: Share a coffee, a tea, or bowl of pho with a local you meet who wants to chat. Prompts: Find out about life in Việt Nam? What are two popular Vietnamese first names? What does the regime mean by *doi moi*? What are the differences between North, Central and South Vietnamese food? What is the meaning of life according to the people of Việt Nam? Let them ask you three questions. (40)

21. The city is named after him; locate three *Uncle Ho* public adornments. (30)

22. While in Việt Nam, locate the weirdest food you can legally find to eat. Explain, in a video. (25)
23. A Spiritual High: *Either/Or/Or/Or*: Either visit Emperor Jade Pagoda & make an offering to the God of the Heavens; Or, visit Giac Lam Pagoda & explain what happens there; Or, make a traditional offering of peace/luck at Thien Hau Pagoda; Or, visit Ong Bon Pagoda & make an appropriate offering. Explain all. (25 each)
24. In Vung Tau, take the *stairway to heaven* to photograph the "biggest one in the world". Explain. (**Steps**) (75)
25. In Vung Tau, go swimming at either Bai Truoc; Front Beach, or Back Beach. (25)
26. In Vung Tau, visit & explain Robert Taylor's Museum. (35)
27. Surrender-2-Serenity: Visit the Botanical Gardens & get lost in the bonsai forest. (30)
28. In Cholon quarter, find the "wet" section of Binh Tay Market. (**PETA Alert!**) (40)
29. We Double-Dare You! Eat a *trung vit lon*...video it. (35)
30. At a market of your choice (*not at a hotel*) purchase & try three of the following: a rambutan, a longan, a mangosteen, a dragon fruit, a lychee. (25)
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Questions to Ponder?

One: Reflect on the reasons why most Vietnamese people today don't even think about the American War (aka Việt Nam War) that scarred them so—and *why Americans still do?*

Two: Do you think that the so-called Beijing Consensus is replacing the Washington Consensus as a faster recipe for economic growth and social stability? (The Washington Consensus is a term coined after the Cold War for the free-market, pro-trade and globalization policies promoted by America; whereas the Beijing Consensus, is a Confucian-Communist-Capitalist hybrid under the umbrella of a one-party state, with a lot of government guidance, that can make tough choices and long-term investments, without having to heed daily public polls.)

Three: In the age of globalization, people are moving from their traditional environments to both domestic urban, and foreign lands too, more than ever. But there is a human cost in moving away from their known social dynamic and traditional daily life. When we meet and chat with people from different lands living in North America, they always seem lonely, sad, and alienated? Of course, they appreciate the standard of living, but they are not whole anymore—or happier. Talk to some Vietnamese over a beverage and ask if they have any family or friends in that situation.

Four: Think about these facts: The Mekong River traverses 4,800-km through Tibet, China, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia and Việt Nam supporting an estimated 300 million people. What happens when the protein is gone? The ice all melts? One country decides to dam it?

Vietnamese Icebreakers:

Hello = Chao Anh

Yes = Có, Vâng, Dạ

No = Không

Thank you = Cám ơn

Thank you very much = Cám ơn nhiều

You're welcome = Không có chi

Please = Xin vui lòng

Excuse me = Xin lỗi

Hello = Xin chào

I'm lost = Tôi bị lạc

Can you help me? = Bạn giúp tôi được không?

Goodbye = Tạm biệt

Good morning = Xin chào

Good night = Chúc ngủ ngon

I do not understand = Tôi không hiểu

What is your name? = Tên anh (chị) là gì ?

Nice to meet you = Rất hân hạnh

How are you? = Anh (chị) có khỏe không ?

Where is the bathroom? = Nhà vệ sinh ở đâu ?

How much is it? = Bao nhiêu tiền

Too Expensive = Quá đắt