**PARK**

**Cong Vien Van Hoa Park**

Next to the old Cercle Sportif, which was an elite sporting club during the French –colonial period, the bench-lined walks of Cong Vien Van Hoa Park are shaded with avenues of enormous tropical trees…

Address: entrances across from 115 Nguyen Du and on Nguyen Thi Minh Khai, District 1, Ho Chi Minh city.

**Ho Ky Hoa Park**

This park, whose name means “Lake and Gardens” is a children’s amusement park in District 10. It is behind Vietnam Quoc Tu Pagoda. There are paddle, rowing and sailing boats for hire. Fishing is allowed in the lakes and a small swimming pool is open to the public for part of the year. The café are open year round. Ho Ky Hoa Park is most crowded on Sundays.

Address: 16 Le Hong Phong, District 10, Ho Chi Minh city.

**WATER PARK**

**Saigon Water Park**

Saigon Water Park is a giant oasis in the suburbs. This refreshing complex on the banks of Saigon River is chock-full of pools and water rides, including loop-the –loop slides, a children’s wading pool and even a “wave pool”…

Open time: 9am-5pm Mon-Fri, 9am-8pm Sat, 8am-8pm Sun.

Admission fees: adult/ child 60000/35000d, swim only ticket 35000d

Address: Kha Van Can, District Thu Duc, Ho Chi Minh city.

**Shark Waterland**

Shark waterland may not be the most clever name to call a swimming venue, but it’s a good spot if you happen to be in Cholon. A bit further afield is the Dam Sen Water Park, and if all these aren’t enough Vietnam Water World is way out of town, in the eastern suburbs.

Open time: 8am-9pm daily

Admission: 20000-45000d

Address: Ham Tu, District 5, Ho Chi Minh city

**BINH SOUP SHOP**

It might seem strange to introduce a noodle soup restaurant as a sight, but there is more to this shop than just the soup. The Binh soup shop wa the secret headquarters of the VC in Saigon…

Noodle soup: 15000d

Address: 7 Ly Chinh Thang, District 3

**BINH QUOI TOURIST VILLAGE**

Built on a small peninsula in the Saigon River, the Binh Quoi Tourist Village is a slick tourist trap operated by Saigon Tourist. Backpackers are few, but upmarket tourists get carted out here by the busload and some city weary locals also seem to like it.

Admission fees: US$8-10

Address: 1137 Xo Viet Nghe Tinh, District Binh Thanh, Ho Chi Minh city.

**POOLS**

There are a number of less-expensive public pools and some of the newer ones are in very good condition.

**Lam Son Pool**

Open time: open 8am-8pm daily

Admission fees: 5000d per hr, 6000d after 5pm

Address: 342 Tran Binh Trong, District 5, Ho Chi Minh city.

**Worker’s Club**

Admission fees: 10000d per hr

Address: 55B Nguyen Thi Minh Khai, District 3, Ho Chi Minh city.

**International Club**

Open time: 9am-midnight daily

Admission: 25000d per hr.

Address: 285B Cach Mang ThangTam, District 10, Ho Chi Minh city.

**Massage & Spas**

**Vietnamese Traditional Massage Institute**

Here you can enjoy a no-nonsense massage performed by a well-trained blind masseur from the Ho Chi Minh City Association for the Blind.

Open time: 9am-9pm daily

Admission: 25000d per hr

Address: 185 Cong Quynh, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City.

**Spa Tropic**

One place to spoil yourself on a top-notch “proper” massage.

Open time: 10am-8pm daily

Admission: US$18-US$28

Address: 187B Hai Ba Trung, District 3, Ho Chi Minh City.

**BOWLING**

**Diamond Superbowl**

Diamond Superbowl is a state-of-the-art, 32-land bowling alley smack dab in the center of town…

Open time: 10am-1am daily

Admission: Lanes cost 100000-200000d per hr, and per game charges are 20000-40000d. Shoe rental costs 5000d

Address: 4th floor, Diamond Plaza, 34 Le Duan, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City.

**GOLF**

**Vietnam Golf and Country Club**

Vietnam Golf and Country Club was the first in Vietnam to provide night golfing under floodlights. The club is in Lam Vien Park, about 15km east of central HCM City.

Address: 40-42 Nguyen Trai, Ap Gian Dan, District 2, Ho Chi Minh City.

**COOKING COURES**

**Vietnam Cookery Center**

Vietnam Cookery Center offers an array of Vietnamese cooking courses in Ho Chi Minh City; basic courses are five hours in duration.

Address: 177 Dien Bien Phu, District 3, Ho Chi Minh City.

**LANGGUAGE COURSE**

**Teacher Training University**

The vast majority of foreign-language students enrol.

Admission: Private classes cost US$4 per hr, or US$2.5 per hr for group classes

Address: 280 An Duong Vuong, District 5, Ho Chi Minh City.

**University of Social Sciences & Humanities**

Admission: Group classes run on a term schedule and cost US$2.8 per hr.

Address: 12 Dinh Tien Hoang, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City.