TOP END

**Continental Hotel**: one of the city’s most historic lodgings, was the setting for much of the action that aoccured in Graham Greene’s well-known novel *The quite American.* The hotel dates from the turn of the 19th century and received its last renovation in 1989, unfortunately at the hands of its current owner, Saigon Tourist

Phone No: 829 9201

Address: 132-134 Dong Khoi

Price: rooms US$55-130

**Rex Hotel**: a giant place, is another classic central hotel. Its ambience of mellowed kitsch dates from the time it put up US army officers. Amenities include a large gift shop, a tailor, a beauty parlour, massage, acupuncture and a small swimming pool on the 6th floor. There are great views from the rooftop veranda, which is decorated with caged birds and potted bonsai bushes shaped like animals

Phone No: 829 6043

Address: 141 Nguyen Hue

Price: twins & suite US$70-550

**Caravelle Hotel**: is an emormous posh place that sits on a prime piece of real estate, once occupied by the Catholic Diocese of Saigon. It’s hands-down one of the most luxurious hotels in HCMC. Nonguests can swim in the hotel pool for US$10

Phone No: 823 4999

Address: 19 Lam Son Square

Price: rooms US$160-980++

**Majestic Hotel**: dates back to 1925. It is right on the Saigon River and following major renovations it can truly reclaim its title as one of the city’s most Majestic hotels. As one guest wrote: ‘The Majestic wins hands-down for class and bygone-days atmosphere

Phone No: 829 5514

Address: 1 Dong Khoi

Price: rooms US$70-130, suites US$150-220

**Grand Hotel**: on the corner of Dong Khoi street, is aptly named. This renovated land mark building is notable for its spacious suites with 4.5m-high ceilings and French windows. There is an indoor swimming pool and good massage service

Phone No: 823 0163

Address: 12 Ngo Duc Ke

Price: rooms US$45-220

**Saigon Prince Hotel**: has glittering, luxury rooms. Local expats say it has the best massage service in town. Its US$14 massage-sauna-Jacuzzi package (Monday to Friday) is decent value

Phone No: 822 2999

Address: 63 Nguyen Hue

Price: twins US$80-200++

**Norfolk Hotel:** is an Australian joint venture and its popular with business travellers. All rooms boast satellite TV and a minibar. Rates include breakfast

Phone No: 829 5368

Address: 117 Le Thanh Ton

Price: singles US$85-125++, twins US$100-140++

**New World Hotel**: is an enormous luxury tower near the Pham Ngu Lao district. The clientele tends to be mainly Chinese-speaking tour groups from Hong Kong and Taiwan, but anyone with hard currency is welcome

Phone No: 822 8888

Address: 76 Le Lai

Price: rooms from US$70, Presidential suite US$850

**Riverside Hotel**: very close to the Saigon River, is an old colonial building that has been renovated and now features a good restaurant and bar

Phone No: 822 4038

Address: 18 Ton Duc Thang

Price: doubles US$40-120

**Renaissance Riveside Hotel**: is a new glitzy skyscraper. Don’t confuse it with the Riverside Hotel, which, as the name suggests, also overlooks the river. Nonguests can use the pool here for US$10

Phone No: 822 0033

Address: 8-15 Ton Duc Thang

Price: rooms US$90-155

**Hotel Sofitel Plaza Saigon**: has 291 rooms and is among the sleekest for HCMC’s posh hotels. There are two fine in-house restaurants, and L’Elysee Bar features live jazz and a delightful terrace. Nonguests can use the rooftop swimming pool for US$12

Phone No: 824 1666

Address: 17 Le Duan

Price: rooms from US$150, presidential suite US$1450

MID-RANGE Pham Ngu Lao Area

**Liberty 4 Hotel**: has nice rooms, but it’s questionable as to whether they’re worth the price. The hotel offers excellent views from its 9th- floor restaurant

Phone No: 836 5822

Address: 265 Pham Ngu Lao

Price: US$25-60

**Vien Dong Hotel**: is another large state-run place. Amenities include a rooftop restaurant and a night club.

Phone No: 8360 8098

Address: 275A Pham Ngu Lao

Price: single rooms US$25-55, twins US$30-60

**Metropole Hotel**: is a fancy Saigon Tourist place with a swimming pool

Phone No: 832 2019

Address: 148 Tran Hung Dao

Price: rooms US$35-70

**Windsor Saigon Hotel**: a short walk south of Bui Vien street, has all amenities – including a white stretch Cadillac limo parked out front! There’s a pleasant rooftop garden café, and an excellent in-house bakery-deli offering pastries, fine wine, cheese and sausages

Phone No: 836 7889

Address: 193 Tran Hung Dao

Price: singles/doubles from US$90/95

DONG KHOI AREA

**Kim Do Hotel**: is a fancy place brought to you by Saigon Tourist

Phone No: 822 5914

Address: 133 Nguyen Hue

Price: US$40-100

**Bong Sen Hotel**: affectionately called ‘The BS’ by travellers, is popular with business people

Phone No: 829 1516

Address: 117-123 Dong Khoi

Price: twins with air-con US$50-180

DISTRICT 3

**Saigon Star Hotel**: next door, is also nice and features satellite TV, two restaurants and a coffee shop, a karaoke club and a business centre. Rates include breakfast

Phone No: 823 0260

Address: 204 Nguyen Thi Minh Khai, District 3

Price: rooms US$45-85++

TAN BINH & PHU NHUAN DISTRICT

**Novotel Hotel**: is certainly one of the nicest hotel near the airport. Nonguests can use the hotel pool for US$8

Phone No: 842 1111

Address: 309 Nguyen Van Troi

Price: rooms US$64-110++

**Omni Hotel**: provides the poshest acommodation in the area. This place has everything from room safes to a florist to a health club

Phone No” 844 9222

Addess: 251 Nguyen Van Troi

Price: US$63-185++