



## Tour Name

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New York Times Journeys - Around Ho Guom

## Tour City

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Hanoi

## Tour Snapshot

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### Highlights

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Exclusions: We walk past huge bomb craters - evidence of the heavy bombing campaigns in the region during the Indochina conflict, discover hidden entrances right beneath your feet, wander past tiny little chimneys in the ground that dispersed smoke from the underground kitchens, sample some of the simple cuisine that local fighters would have survived on, and have an opportunity to venture into the tunnels and explore the complex.

### Schedule details

- Duration:111

- Meeting point:

Your local guide will take you on a fascinating tour of the Cu Chi tunnels, where you'll learn more about the conditions the people lived in, the hardships they faced, and the amazing ingenuity employed to maintain life in the tunnels. We walk past hu

- Starting time: 8.00 AM-8.10 AM

- Ending point:

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## Full Itinerary

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Continue on to the Cu Chi tunnels. The location of the tunnels was of significant strategic importance: they're at the end of the infamous Ho Chi Minh Trail, and within striking distance of the southern Vietnam capital. Initial construction started in 1948 when the Viet Minh required somewhere to hide from French air attacks, and by 1965, the tunnel complex was estimated to consist of 200 km of tunnels. It included, hospitals, schools, meeting rooms, kitchens, and sleeping quarters. Life was difficult for the inhabitants, and to protect against outside intruders, booby traps were laid throughout the complex.

### Additional information

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**Confirmation of booking:** Following our educational lunch we commence our 3 hour trek through the area. The people that live in the area are from the White Thai minority group. We have an opportunity to visit a number of villages and learn more about their lifestyles, culture and customs from our local guide. The trek is not overly strenuous however a good solid pair of shoes is recommended as we will be walking on uneven trails and up and down hills. There are plenty of opportunities to take a break, enjoy the scenery, take some photos or just relax.

**Closure of sites:** Cu Chi tunnels, where you'll learn more about the conditions the people lived in, the hardships they faced, and

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