



VIETNAM IN FOCUS  
PHOTO TOURS AND WORKSHOPS



SUNDOWN IN THE COLONY  
PHOTOGRAPHY DAY TOUR

# SAIGON SUNDOWN IN THE COLONY



Tucked away in District 3 is one of Saigon's best-kept local secrets, a throwback to the Vietnam of thirty or forty years ago. Old school apartment blocks huddle together amidst the modern city, where a bustling community of markets and street traders thrives. We head out to this area, known as 'the colony' in late afternoon, just as the streets liven up for the evening's action. We'll start by shooting life in and around the apartment blocks, capturing daily activity amidst the fascinating retro architecture, and then move onto the local flower market, picturesquely sheltered overhead by hundreds of umbrellas. Our focus is on street photography, portraiture and of course low-light photography once the sun goes down. We'll also have a chance to try out some of Saigon's signature street food dishes in an area renowned for culinary excellence..



# EXPECTATIONS



The tightly packed residential apartment blocks infused with the evening market and food stalls create an intense atmosphere. As the sun descends, the dark encroaching shadows flood the balconies of post war industrial architecture encouraging playfulness with light, shadows and compositions. Your photographs will be moody and atmospheric, capturing the essence of these marvelous tightly-knitted houses. At street level your lens will be full of colour and action, and street lights artificially illuminate the evening chaos that unfolds within the walls of the Colony. Portraits and street scenes will tell stories of the real heart of Saigon.

**Tour Length:** Evening: 4:30pm till 9:00pm

**Level of Difficulty:** Moderate Physical activity (Walking)Half



# ITINERARY



**4:15pm** - We pick you up by car from your hotel and head straight over to 'the colony' in District 3. On the way, we'll discuss the plan for the tour and our photography focus.

**4:30pm** - We start out exploring the fascinating apartment blocks that lie at the centre of the area. Venturing up several of the stairwells, we capture unique shots of life in this vintage accommodation. We'll be looking at how to use leading lines, angles and moments of sudden movement to shoot geometric, urban exploration-type imagery.

**6:00pm** - The sun is beginning to go down, and it's time to walk over to the flower market, which is illuminated with fluorescent lights, and a hive of action. As well as many types of flowers, the nearby food stalls sell a variety of Saigon specialities. We'll have a quick snack (or several!) and a milk tea or coffee while reviewing the pictures taken so far

**6:45pm** - Now it's time to wander the stalls of this area in search of portraits of the vendors and other images of local life. We'll be looking at how to approach people for photos, different types of composition and optional settings for these types of situations.

**7:30pm** - We now move to our last stop of the tour, a rooftop high above the city streets. We'll set up our tripods here to shoot long exposure images of the view, including street night life and a traditional pagoda.

**8:00pm** - We have a last drink in the cafe below and review our shots, before taking you back to the hotel.

**9:00pm** - Hotel drop-off





## EQUIPMENT



*Please bring equipment that is readily available to you and that you are comfortable with. Training and photography tips will be provided on tour by our professional photographers based on the locations, lighting and the type of shots you would like to capture. Our photographers will tailor their knowledge to your skill level or interests.*

DSLR Camera / Film Camera  
Smart phone  
Memory Cards  
Wide Angle or Zoom Lens  
Fully Charged Battery (spare batteries if available)





## INCLUDES



Hotel Pickup ( *Hotel pickups commence approximately 15 minutes prior to this time.*)

Non-alcoholic beverages

Breakfast

Professional Photographer Guide

## EXCLUDES



Gratuities

## FITNESS



A genral level of fitness is required as this is a walking and Photography tour with long periods of standing and crouching.

