

# Passage to Vietnam Handicraft Village

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## 68 ENTREPRENEUR EXCURSION

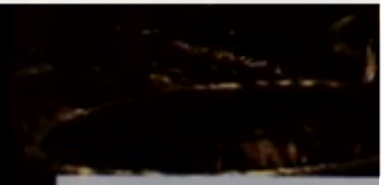


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the bow, there are the legends of natures of the country including religion, music features of 54 ethnic brotherhood people. On the other side, there are the pictures and objects on display of the family issues, education issues and the defending wars, and the periods of protecting and developing the country. The mock-up is 53 meter long, installed on an ancient copper drum patterned background. Each province part on the geographic shape is build of soil and sand collected from that province in reality.

**Historical steps**  
- Housing styles reflects properly the geographic features, manners and custom, living style, and religion of the local people in thorough the country. The differences of housing architectures in highlands and coastal areas are displayed particularly in this exhibition.  
- The traditional housing varies one by one in accordance with different geographic habits: Gate-shaped housing in the northern Vietnam; thatched housing in Binh Dinh; Ruong housing (beam s...



**Historical vestiges**  
"Mặt trời Việt Nam" can be as an outdoor museum with impress of history.

Starting with "The corridor back to... with a hatching-egg shaped arc. There are the exhibiting objects, p... the historical periods from the Do... Sa Huynh and to Oc Eo cultural o... the different dynasties of Dinh (968... 1009 - 1225), Tran (1225 - 1408), L... 1527). They comprises ancient ceram... clay pots, stone jewelries, copal dru... some of them are very rare and ex... this museum.

The next area is "The space of n... people" with a fetherland altar that... of the bricks made from holy soil a... collected from various places i... the nation. There are three wood...



collected from Quang Ninh, which were used for defeating Chinese invaders in the historical battles in Bach Dang River (in 938, 981 and 1288).  
The "Water and People" area includes two bow-shaped corridors covering the whole Vietnam geographic mock-up. On one side of

declarations of independence inside the "Independence Declaration" area, comprising: "Nam Quoc Son Ho" prophecy declaration of Ly Thuong Kiet (in 1077); "Binh Ngo Dai Cao" of Nguyen Trai (in 1428); and Independence Declaration of Ho Chi Minh declared at Ba Dinh Square on 2 September 1945.

Dinh housing in southern Vietnam; Rong housing (lanah ethnic people, Dai housing of Ede ethnic people, San housing (houses on wooden stilts, normally in pomu wood - Fokiera hodginsii) of T'cong ethnic people in western highlands, San housing of Muong ethnic people in northwestern Vietnam. All



## “Một thoáng Việt Nam” between two tunnels

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Located in between two historical heritage areas – Ben Duoc and Ben Dinh tunnels of Cu Chi District, HCM City, an integrated professional village heritage and cultural and ecological tourist site named “Một thoáng Việt Nam” (Vietnam at a glance) represents a miniature of Vietnam with plenty of features in terms of history, geography, culture, etc.

are displayed in mock-ups in this museum. An interesting point is, in reality, all of the materials to build these housing models are collected from those relevant locals.

More than 500 different plants are also exhibited in this museum, such as rice, coconut, banana, calabash, pumpkin, cotton, various kinds of flowers, etc. These kinds of plants exist in Vietnam, including some specially rare flowers. Bamboo is the typical plant representing Vietnam's tradition. There are 50 different varieties of bamboo collected from thorough the country and even from the overseas are displayed in the museum.

Experiences of the culture of Vietnam will lead visitors to the cuisine area. There are diversified dishes representing different cuisines of various locals in Vietnam, such as Banh Xeo (traditional pan cake), Banh Duc (Vietnam rice cake), Banh Cuon (steam rice pan

cake) Banh Nếp (a sort of sticky rice steam cake) Banh Khot (deep fried rice cake), Ca Mam (marinated fish paste), Che Voi (a sort of traditional Vietnamese drink similar to tea), etc. will guide the visitors to different places in Vietnam, each dish is preserved with its original taste.

### Traditional Professional Village

Before official launching in Tet Canh Dan (New Lunar Year of the Tiger, 2010), “Một thoáng Việt Nam” has been opened for exhibiting a traditional professional village since the end of September 2009. Almost all of traditional professions in Vietnam are exhibited in this museum complex, such as “Đo” paper making (ancient paper made from shell from a sort of tree skin named “Đo” - Rhamnoneuron balansae), silk weaving, brocade weaving, traditional embroidery, wood crafted drawing,

ceramic fine art, sugar cake making, rattan weaving, etc.

The representing craftsmen from the traditional professional villages in thorough the country perform the demonstrations to visitors: silkworm breeding, silk weaving, brocade weaving, palm leaf hat making, “Đo” paper making, sugar cake making, basket making, sculpture, mattress weaving... The craftsmen carry out the works tidily and skillfully. Their professions are hereditary and have become their own careers.

Visitors who interest in history, professional culture, will be explained properly by the tour guides. Furthermore, the craftsmen are willing to instruction the visitors some skills for how to make things. The visitor can even take the part of a craftsman or a farmer for experiences. The handicraft products are the valuable souvenirs that visitors can take home from this visit. ☺



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The "Mặt Thoáng Việt Nam" for tourists.



"Independence Declaration" spice



#### Relaxing tour

Without modern entertainment facilities or contemporary shopping stores, "Mặt thoáng Việt Nam" is more or less like a simple and friendly village in the country side.

With the trails along the green bamboo fences, with the melon and pumpkin trellises here and there, with the traditional thatched houses with the small jars of rain water along, with the yellow daisy bushes, with the orange trees with dangling ripe oranges, with the green rice field, with the craftsmen weaving by the looms, with the girls forgetting herself on the embroidery frames... the overall ambience is bringing a relaxing and peaceful feeling to the visitors.

In the early morning or sunset, visitors can have a promenade along a cool canal by a dug-out canoe or a triple-piece-joined canoe. The scenery along the canal, such as some sentry boxes built on the old trees in between the thick branches, will surely cool down the hot surrounding at noon of a summer day. The visitors will enjoy some cups of "Che Voi" drink to refresh themselves after a long journey. The light smell of lotus spreading in the air will bring a light-hearted feeling to the visitors. The traditional games will entertain the visitors with fun and make a lot of their worries disappeared. ☺

"Mặt thoáng Việt Nam" was started its construction in 1991, from an idea of Ms. Tran Thi Tuyet Nga, Vice Chairman of Vietnam Association of Profession Villages, on a wild swam of about 22 hectares, scattered with a lot of bomb craters in An Phu Ward, Cu Chi District of Ho Chi Minh City. She has been patiently pursuing this project for 19 years. The project has been built with an investment of nearly VND 100 billion and the contributions of thousands of people. A panorama of Vietnamese people and their origins, fundamental culture and traditional activities in daily life has been recreated in this project, which has performed a meaningful tourism site nowadays.

#### ROADMAP FROM THE CENTRE OF HO CHI MINH CITY TO "MẶT THOÁNG VIỆT NAM"

Within a distance of 50 km, visitors can take one of the following roadmaps to reach "Mặt thoáng Việt Nam":

##### BY BUS

From Central Station (in front of Ben Thanh Market), taking the bus No. 4 (Ben Thanh - An Suong), getting off at the last stop (An Suong Bus Station). Taking the connecting bus No. 122 (An Suong - An

Nhon Tay), getting off at the last stop (An Nhon Tay). From there, either renting a motorbike, taxi (4 - 5 km) or taking the connecting bus No. 014 (An Nhon Tay - Go Dau), getting off at the stop nearest to "Mặt thoáng Việt Nam" and then walking to the site.

##### BY MOTORBIKES OR CARS:

There are 2 ways:

First way: Passing Quang Trung overhead bridge to get Hoc Mon market, turning right to take Provincial Road No. 15 and keeping straight for 20 km, reaching An Phu Ward then asking local people for the way to "Mặt thoáng Việt Nam".

Second way: Taking National Highway No. 22, after passing Cho Chieu turning right to Local Road No. 2 and keeping straight until Provincial Road No. 8, turning right and keep straight for about 2 km to reach Cay Bai Road, turning left and keeping straight until reaching the biochemical fertilizer plant, turning right, going straight further to Provincial Road No. 15, turning left, going straight further for about 7 km to a T-junction, finding a sign "Mặt thoáng Việt Nam" along the road, turning right as instructed, going straight for 1 km to reach the site.