TWO ELEPHANTS
HOTEL

Two Elephants

Across Asia, the elephant is regarded as a symbol of quiet strength, wisdom, and good fortune, and a pair of elephants at an entrance has long signified welcome and protection.

It is in this spirit that Two Elephants receives its guests. Set in the heart of District 1, our boutique hotel offers a refined and attentive stay in one of Ho Chi Minh City's most convenient locations.

Each room is fully appointed with thoughtful amenities for your comfort. For moments of rest, our sauna and jacuzzi, with views across the city, provide a tranquil retreat at the end of the day.

Bến Thành Market is close by, placing the city's cuisine, shopping, and landmarks within easy reach.

We hope this guide, a selection of our favorite places in Saigon, will enrich your stay. It is our pleasure to welcome you.

Welcome to Two Elephants.





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OUR FAVORITE *Coffee*

a curated list of local cafés to experience Saigon's vibrant coffee culture.



From classic cafés with heritage charm to modern roasteries and hidden gems - discover the perfect cup in every corner of the city.



The Workshop Coffee

27 Ngo Duc Ke, District 1

Saigon's original third-wave café, set in a bright industrial-style loft on the second floor of an old building. A great first stop to understand specialty coffee in Vietnam.

Must try: Pour-over single origin, cold brew



XLIII Specialty Coffee

178a Pasteur, District 1

Run by competition-grade roasters — one of the most talked-about names among coffee lovers in the city right now.

Must try: Their seasonal filter coffee flight



Cà Phê Linh

1 Trương Định, District 1

A wooden house wrapped in bougainvillea, recreating the atmosphere of 1975 Saigon — a favorite spot for both coffee and photos.

Must try: Salted coffee (Ca phe muoi)



Cộng Càphê

Multi branches across the city

A retro, wartime-nostalgia-themed chain that's become a Saigon institution — as much for the look as the drink.

Must try: Coconut coffee (Ca phe cot dua)



Eggyolk Coffee

220 Le Thanh Ton, District 1

Brings Hanoi's famous egg coffee culture to Saigon, made with specialty Arabica beans and organic egg yolks, served in a youthful, Instagramable space right in the city center.

Must try: Ca Phe Trung (Vietnamese egg coffee) — hot or iced

OUR FAVORITE *Pho*

a curated list of beloved Pho spots to taste Saigon's soul, one steaming bowl at a time





Phở Lệ

413-415 Nguyen Trai, District 5

A Saigon legend since the 1970s and probably the most recommended pho spot in the city, easy to spot by its rainbow-lit signage at night.

Must try: Pho Tai Nam (rare beef with brisket)



Phở Hoà Pasteur

260C Pasteur, District 3

Open since the 1960s and busy from morning to night — a broth that's rich, deep, and consistent.

Must try: Pho Dac Biet (the house special combo bowl)



Phở Miến gà Kỳ Đồng

14/5Bis Ky Dong, District 3

A chicken-pho specialist that's been quietly beloved by locals for decades and has since picked up international attention (and a Michelin mention).

Must try: Shredded chicken pho with gizzard and liver



Phở Việt Nam

66 Tran Quoc Toan, District 3

Known for serving Pho in a sizzling hot stone bowl, with beef simmered for 48 hours — a distinctive twist on the classic dish.

Must try: Pho Tho Da (Pho in hot stone bowl



Phở Sol

27 Hai Trieu, District 1

An upscale, modern take on Hanoi-style Pho, known for using purified alkaline ion water in its broth and for its Indochine-style interior.

Must try: Pho Tai Lan (seared beef Pho)

WHERE LOCALS *Eat*

a curated taste of the places saigon locals return to, from beloved street stalls to nostalgic family kitchens.





Cơm tấm Nguyễn Văn Cừ

74 Nguyen Van Cu, District 1

A long-running, well-loved broken rice spot known for its oversized grilled pork chop and nostalgic, old-Saigon atmosphere.

Must try: Grilled pork chop with a fried egg, pork skin, and salted egg



Bánh mì Huỳnh Hoa

26 Le Thi Rieng, District 1

Famously stuffed banh mi that locals and travelers alike queue for — worth the wait.

Must try: The "everything" special banh mi



Bánh xèo 46A

46A Dinh Cong Trang, District 1

A generations-old shop for Saigon-style crispy pancakes, recognized by Michelin's Bib Gourmand list.

Must try: Bánh xèo with shrimp and pork, wrapped in lettuce and herbs



Hủ tiếu Hồng Phát

391 Vo Van Tan, District 3

Nearly 50 years old and recognized by the Michelin Guide (Bib Gourmand), this is one of the most iconic Hu Tieu Nam Vang spots in the city.

Must try: Hu Tieu Nam Vang — a rich broth with shrimp, pork, liver, heart, and quail egg



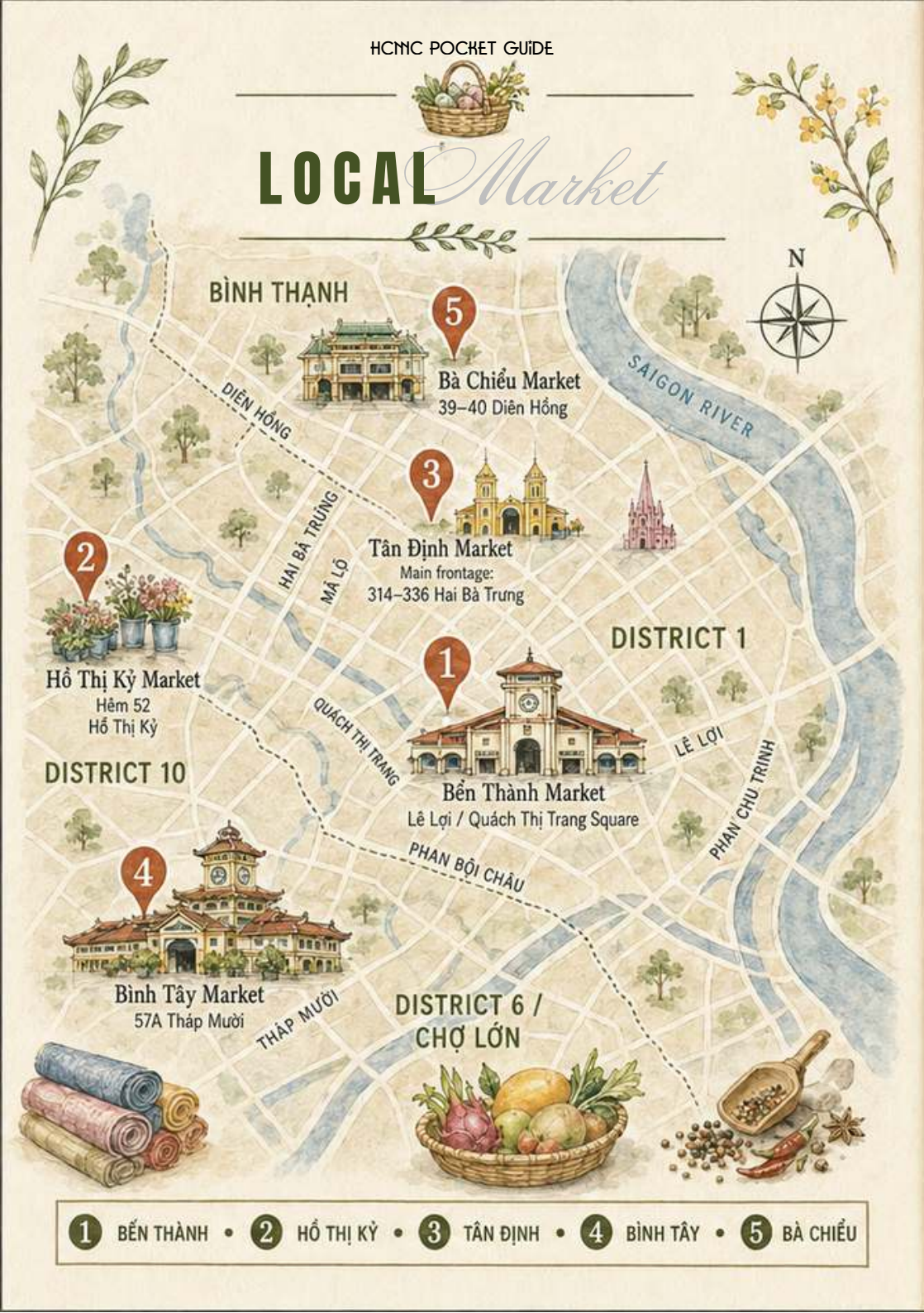
Bếp Mẹ Ỉn

136/9 Le Thanh Ton, District 1

Tucked into a quiet alley near Ben Thanh Market, this cozy restaurant serves home-style dishes from all three regions of Vietnam in a nostalgic old-Saigon setting.

Must try: Coconut rice (com trai dua) and crispy fried noodles

LOCAL *Market*



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Bến Thành Market

Ben Thanh area, District 1

The most iconic market in the city — a bustling daytime shopping hub that spills into the surrounding streets with food stalls and vendors after dark.

Must try: Grilled seafood, fresh spring rolls, and bargain-hunting for coffee or lacquerware

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Hồ Thị Kỷ Market

52 Alley Ho Thi Ky, District 10

A flower market by day that transforms into a beloved street food alley by evening, packed with over 100 vendors.

Must try: Banh trang tron (rice paper salad) and grilled corn

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Tân Định Market

314 Hai Ba trung, District 1

Known as Saigon's "rich people's market," this nearly 100-year-old market with its distinctive yellow towers is the city's largest source of fabric, alongside fresh produce and everyday goods. It sits right next to the pink Tan Đinh Church, making it easy to pair with a photo stop.

Must try: Browse the fabric stalls for custom-tailored áo dài material, then grab a snack from the food stalls tucked behind the market

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Bình Tây Market

57A Thap Muoi, District 6 (Cho Lon)

Built in 1928 by a wealthy Chinese merchant, this is Saigon's oldest and grandest market — a striking Asian-style building with a four-faced clock tower and dragon carvings, right at the heart of Cho Lon (Saigon's Chinatown).

Must try: Dried seafood, spices, and snacks on the ground floor — and grab breakfast nearby on Phan Van Khoe street

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Ba Chieu Market

40 Dien Hong, Binh Thanh District

A long-standing, no-frills market serving mainly residents — great for budget shopping and an authentic stroll away from the tourist crowds.

Must try: Just wander and snack as you go — this one rewards curiosity

Sunset SPOTS

PLACES TO WATCH SAIGON GLOW, FROM ICONIC ROOFTOPS TO THE OPEN RIVERBANK.





Papaya Papa

13th floor, L'mak Building, 147 Hai Ba Trung, District 1

Saigon's most talked-about new rooftop, with no walls — just open sky, palm trees framing the skyline, and Bitexco Tower glittering in the distance as the sun goes down. Sleek, upscale, and popular for both dinner and late-night parties.



Social Club Rooftop Bar

Hôtel des Arts Saigon, District 3

A striking infinity pool seemingly floating above the skyline, best enjoyed right as the sun goes down.



Club Rivage

513e 11th Street, An Khanh Ward

A tucked-away riverside bar at the end of a small street, with a lush, tropical, resort-like setting and a gentle, unhurried sunset view over the Saigon River — great for a relaxed, romantic evening.



Banana Mama Rooftop Bar & Kitchen

10th floor, WMC Tower, 102 Cống Quỳnh, District 1

A tropical, beach-club-style rooftop near Bui Vien Walking Street — relaxed sunset drinks that turn into a lively DJ night from Thursday to Sunday.



Công Viên Sáng Tạo (Creative Park)

Luong Dinh Cua Street, An Khanh Ward

A brand-new 10-hectare riverside park along the Saigon River (from Ba Son Bridge to Thu Thiem Bridge), fast becoming the city's favorite free spot for sunset views and picnics.

HIDDEN *Cafés*

✳ EDITOR'S PICK ✳

The Cafe Apartment

42 Nguyen Hue, District 1



A nine-story former residential building turned into a vertical maze of independent cafés and boutiques — skip the elevator fee and take the stairs to discover each floor.

Editor's note

Arrive in the late afternoon, explore floor by floor, then claim a balcony as the walking street begins to glow!



Cafe Slow

27/63A Huynh Tinh Cua, District 3

A hidden, tucked-away spot known for its quiet, unhurried atmosphere — the name says it all. Best visited before 9am for a peaceful, uncrowded experience.

Must try: Take your time with a slow-brewed coffee and just enjoy the calm



Tôn Thất Đạm Apartment

14 Ton That Dam, District 1

Grittier and more residential than 42 Nguyen Hue — walk past hanging laundry and parked motorbikes to find small ceramic studios and cafés tucked inside.

Must try: Whatever the smallest, least-signed shop is serving that day



26 Lý Tự Trọng Apartment

26 Ly Tu Trong, District 1

A maze-like French-era building hiding small designer boutiques and cozy cafés on its upper floors.

Must try: A window seat overlooking the street below



A neighborhood café in Thảo Điền

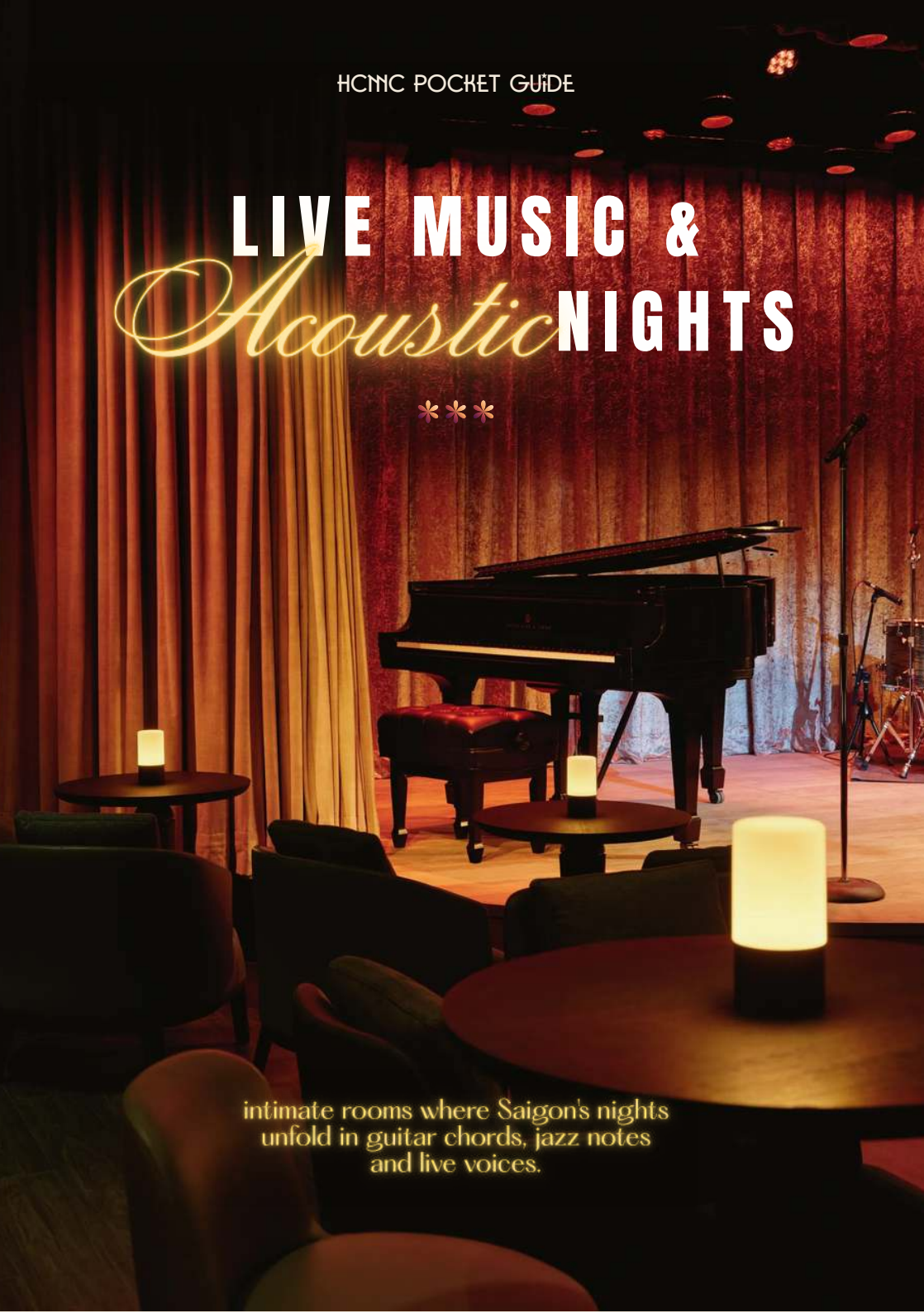
Main streets in Thao Dien area

A small, colorful local spot known for a relaxed vibe and creative drinks, off the usual tourist track.

Must try: Their seasonal fruit-and-matcha drinks

LIVE MUSIC & *Acoustic* NIGHTS

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intimate rooms where Saigon's nights
unfold in guitar chords, jazz notes
and live voices.



Acoustic Bar

6E1 Ngo Thoi Nhiem, District 3

Saigon's most iconic live music venue, running for over 17 years — an intimate, neon-lit space where local and international musicians trade sets through the night.



Bebop

38 Ly Tu Trong, District 1

A jazz club, wine bar, and Asian fusion restaurant set inside a beautifully restored late-19th-century French colonial building — dinner downstairs, live jazz upstairs.



Yoko Café

22A Nguyen Thi Dieu, District 3

A cozy, unpretentious spot for indie and alternative music, popular with a mix of locals, students, and expats.



Cội Saigon

79 Ly Tu Trong, District 1

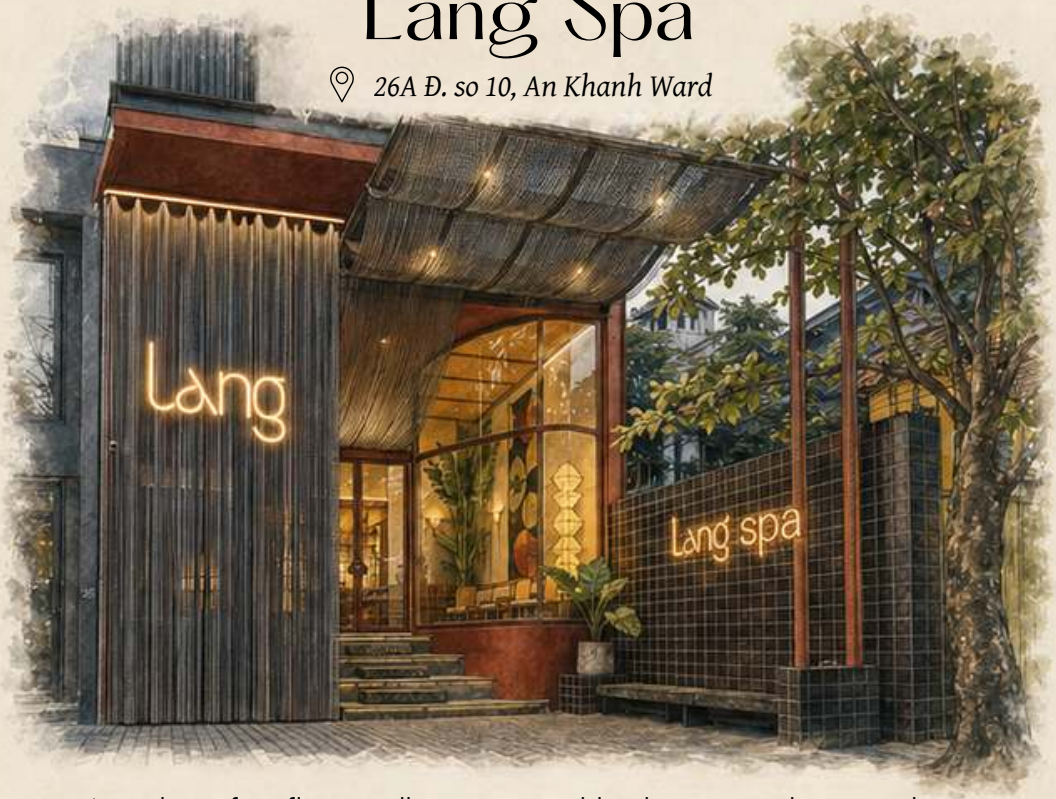
A hidden gem with a warm, 1960s-inspired interior covered in jazz-legend portraits — coffee by day, live jazz/R&B sessions Thursday through Sunday.

MASSAGE & *Wellness*

✳ EDITOR'S PICK ✳

Lang Spa

26A Đ. so 10, An Khanh Ward



A striking five-floor wellness space blending natural materials—wood, stone, and bamboo—with Vietnamese healing traditions.

The architecture is part of the ritual - each level moves from grounded stone and water toward light, greenery, and the rooftop.



Saigon Heritage Spa & Massage Club

69 Hai Ba Trung, District 1

Traditional Vietnamese techniques in a calm, professional settings – consistently well reviewed.



Temple Leaf Spa & Sauna

32 Thai Van Lung, District 1

Combine massage with herbal steam baths for a more complete wellness stop.



matchup REST & Wellness

28 Duyen Hai, An Khanh Ward

A modern recovery space in Thao Dien, with hot and cold plunge, sauna, and muscle check, plus workshops in handpan and yoga.



Qspa - Retreat & Beauty Care Centre

25/1 Truong Dinh, District 3

A calm, beautifully kept retreat known for its attentive, well-trained therapists and a genuinely restorative experience – the kind of spa people return to again and again.



Thank You

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It has been our privilege to welcome you to Two Elephants. We hope this guide helped you discover the city, and that your stay was restful and memorable.

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