

LEAVING FROM CAI BE TO SAIGON

Option 1: Approx. Euro 56 per couple / Any time

The most convenient and comfortable way is to go by private chauffeur-driven car (Toyota Fortuner Model 2014).

The price per car is Dong 1,400,000 (roughly Euro 56), or Dong 700,000 (roughly Euro 28) per person when travelling as a couple.

The 'door-to-door' transit time by car to either Saigon's District 1 or, alternatively, Saigon's one and only Airport is approximately 2 hours. We recommend a 30 minutes security margin for your trip to the airport.

Option 2: Approx. Euro 26 per couple / Every 30 minutes

Option 2 is to go by FUTA Bus which departs from the main bus terminal in Cai Be. There is a FUTA bus departing from Cai Be to Saigon every thirty minutes. Please note that the FUTA bus which departs from Cai Be to Saigon arrives from Can Tho and it may therefore be fully booked already upon arrival in Cai Be, which implies that you may have to wait at the Cai Be bus station for the next bus. On very few occasions, this does happen. The bus-station-to-bus-station transit time by FUTA bus is approximately 2 hours. The transit time from The Durian Lodge to Cai Be's main bus station is approximately 20 minutes by motorbike taxi. The transit time from Saigon's bus station to Saigon's District 1 by car taxi is approximately 40 minutes. Thus the total transit time by FUTA bus is approximately 3 hours.

The total cumulative cost amounts to roughly Dong 470,000 (roughly 19 Euros) per individual traveller, that is, Dong 345,000 (roughly Euro 13) per person when travelling as a couple.

Here is the exact cost breakdown:

Motorbike taxi from the lodge to Cai Be's bus terminal:	Dong 100,000 per person
+ Bus ticket from Cai Be to Saigon:	Dong 120,000 per person
+ Car taxi from Saigon's bus terminal to District 1 or the Airport:	Dong 250,000 per car
= Total per individual traveler:	Dong 470,000 per person
= Total per person when traveling as a couple:	Dong 345,000 per person

Option 3: Approx. Euro 16 per couple / One time per day at 14.00 pm

is to go by local bus which departs from a location very close (3 minutes) to the lodge, from exactly the point at which the dinosaur chickens are located (Ref: 'The Easy & Short Ride Tour'). For the sake of an innocent fun adventure and authentic cultural experience, we highly recommend this third option, unless you mind traveling with the occasional chicken and the occasionally over-joyous crowd of Karaoke-singing local farmers.

The total cumulative cost, including the bus ticket and taxi ride in Saigon to District 1, of this third option is approximately Dong 320,000 (roughly Euro 13) for one individual traveller, or Dong 195,000 (roughly Euro 8) per person when travelling as a couple. So, in addition to saving money, which is really a secondary consideration here, you are very likely to also accumulate quite a few "Likes" with your photos of your "local bus experience" on Facebook! Isn't that a convincing argument?

The "chicken-station-to-bus-station" transit time by local bus is approximately two hours, exactly the same as the FUTA bus option above. The only limitation: there is only one bus per day, which departs at exactly 14:00 pm. Also, we will try our best to procure for you the very front row seats in the bus with extra leg space, for your comfort.

For visualization purposes, please see below the photos of all three transport options:

Private car: <http://thedurianlodge.com/car/>

FUTA bus: <http://thedurianlodge.com/futabusgallery>

Local bus: <http://thedurianlodge.com/localbusgallery>