

LEAVING FROM CAI BE TO MUI NE

Mui Ne is a Vietnamese seaside resort town which has recently gained popularity among surfers and in particular kite surfers.

Beforehand, we would like to point out that there are three inconveniences associated with going to Mui Ne from anywhere in Vietnam

1. There is still no airport in Mui Ne or anywhere close to Mui Ne
2. There is still no proper highway to Mui Ne, but only a regular two lane road which is constantly congested (24/7)
3. There is still no train station in Mui Ne (the closest is 40 kilometers away)

Therefore, your transport choices from Cai Be to Mui Ne are limited to the following three options.

Option 1: Go by Bus from Cai Be to Saigon; and thereafter from Saigon to Mui Ne

When going by bus, it is required to travel from Cai Be to Saigon by FUTA bus and then catch another FUTA bus in Saigon to Mui Ne at the same bus station in Saigon where you arrive at from Cai Be.

Quite conveniently, bus reservations from Saigon (Ho Chi Minh) to Mui Ne can be made online at the following web page: <https://futabus.vn/en-US>

However, the inconveniences associated with going by bus from Saigon to Mui Ne are:

1. Almost all of the buses leaving for Mui Ne are so called "sleeping buses" which means that one has to travel inside a small plastic capsule in a horizontal position, which is quite uncomfortable for larger sized individuals. Unfortunately, there is no way of knowing at the time of making the reservation whether your reserved bus will be a regular "sitting bus" as opposed to a "sleeping bus"
2. The bus trip from Cai Be to Saigon takes 2 hours (101 kilometers) and the bus trip from Saigon to Mui Ne another 5 hours (220 kilometers)

The approximate cost breakdown of going by bus from Cai Be to Mui Ne looks like this:

- Motorbike taxi from the lodge to Cai Be's FUTA bus terminal: Dong 100,000 per person
 - Bus ticket from Cai Be to Saigon: Dong 120,000 per person
 - Bus ticket from Saigon to Mui Ne: Dong 350,000 per person
- = Total cost for one person: Dong 570,000
= Total cost per person when traveling as a couple: Dong 570,000
= Total cost per person when traveling as two couples: Dong 570,000

Option 2: Go by Train to Mui Ne

The total cost breakdown is as follows:

- Motorbike taxi from the lodge to the private car pick-up point in Cai Be: Dong 20,000
 - Private car from Cai Be to Saigon's Railroad Station: Dong 1,400,000
 - Train ticket from Saigon to the closest train station to Mui Ne: Dong 500,000
 - Taxi from train station to Mui Ne (40 km): Dong 800,000
- = Total cost for one person: Dong 2,720,000
= Total cost per person when traveling as one couple: Dong 1,620,000 / same as: $((2 \times 20,000) + (1 \times 1,400,000) + (2 \times 500,000) + (800,000))/2$
= Total cost per person when traveling as two couples: Dong 1,070,000 / same as: $((4 \times 20,000) + (1 \times 1,400,000) + (4 \times 500,000) + (1 \times 800,000))/4$

Train tickets for this journey can be purchased online at the following link: <https://vietnam-railway.com/train/route/train-from-ho-chi-minh-city-to-mui-ne>

Option 3: Go by private car from Cai Be to Mui Ne (recommended option)

The total cost per private car from Cai Be to Mui Ne is (door to door service):

Motorbike taxi from the lodge to the closest car pick-up point in Cai Be: Dong 20,000 per person
Total cost for one person: Dong 3,620,000 per car

Total cost per person when traveling as one couple : Dong 1,820,000 per person (same as: $3,600,000/2 + 20,000$)
Total cost per person when traveling as two couples: Dong 920,000 per person (same as: $3,600,000/4 + 20,000$)

The average transit time by car from Cai Be to Mui Ne is 6 hours (despite being only 310 km). Please see the following link for your geographic reference: [Link](#)