Welcome to Ho Chi Minh City in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam! We are well aware that you must be going through a rough time filled with classes, extracurricular activities and other commitments. In order to avoid such a rough period of the year, the Editors of the Hare Today decided to give themselves a short break and travelled to Vietnam a couple of days ago to prepare this unique travel advice for you.

HCMC – for this is the Ho Chi Minh City’s bunny name – is the largest city in Vietnam and the former capital of the Republic of Vietnam. It attracts thousands of tourists from all over the world for many reasons. First of all, many visitors want to explore the historical beauty of the place by stepping into the realm of the Reunification Palace, War Remnants Museum, or City Hall, also known as Hôtel de Ville and now formally re-branded the People’s Committee Hall. The City Hall has a striking cream and yellow (like our fro-yos) French colonial building amazingly floodlit at night. The nearby statue of Uncle Ho (like our Uncle Harvard, right?) in front is a very popular place for photos. Make sure to take some there, too.

Secondly, others travel to visit some religious sights such as the Central Mosque built in 1935 primarily for worshipers from southern India, or Notre Dame Cathedral (if you thought it was in France, you are wrong! HA!), and obviously Thien Hau Pagoda, which is among the most beautiful pagodas in town.

Besides a bunch of pretty western-like malls, we highly suggest a visit to the local markets such as Ben Thanh Market, Saigon Square and Night Market. Finally, HMCH is known for its cuisine, pubs and bars, which attract a number of people from all around the world. You can’t really say you have been to HMCH if you did not try banh xeo or banh mi thit, right?

How to get there from Leverett? Boston Logan International Airport -> Ho Chi Minh City. Estimated travel time: Approx. 25 hours. Cost: From $1,000.

Mystery Movie Quote

“I’m adaptable. But you and your friends better batten down the hatches, cause when it hits you’re all going to wonder how you ever thought you could live so large and leave so little for the rest of us.”

Last week’s quote is from Ferris Bueller’s Day Off.
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Mather '14

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Yes, but I doubt that you can afford to go to any of them.
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The Return of Dear Crabby

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