An Exclusive Small Group Tour for Alumni and Friends of UCLA

JOURNEY THROUGH VIETNAM
January 3-19, 2020

17 days from $4,397 total price from Boston, New York, Wash, DC
($3,595 air & land inclusive plus $802 airline taxes and fees)

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, six-time honoree
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Dear UCLA Alumni and Friends,

We invite you to join us on an exclusive 17-day journey through Vietnam, a country that captivates travelers with its enduring traditions, breathtaking natural beauty, and warm hospitality. Enjoy personal encounters with the local community and gracious families, and a behind-the-scenes look at everyday life in this inviting land.

Begin the journey in the capital, Hanoi, touring historical sites and sampling local cuisine. Enjoy a tranquil boat tour while taking in the fairytale landscape during a full-day excursion at beautiful Ha Long Bay. Stay in a beachfront hotel in Da Nang and tour the acclaimed Cham Museum. Visit charming Hoi An and its Old Town, a car-free pedestrian zone and UNESCO site. Then travel to the ancient imperial capital of Hue and cruise on the Perfume River. After two days of exploring the storied Mekong Delta, your river life experience will leave an indelible impression. Conclude your journey with a three-night stay in spirited Saigon. Discover Angkor Wat’s amazing temples on an optional 3-day/2-night “Cambodia: Angkor Wat” post-tour extension.

With space for only 24 guests on this departure, we expect this tour to fill quickly. I have personally traveled on this tour if you have any questions. Please call today to secure your place on what promises to be an unforgettable journey!

Regards from Westwood,

Christel Aragon
Director, Alumni Travel

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In a land of breathtaking natural beauty, abiding tradition, and profoundly hospitable people, rewards abound for the thoughtful traveler. And in our flexible and congenial small group we encounter rewards aplenty on this comprehensive journey featuring all the highlights, plus the beautiful, remote Mekong Delta, where we spend two days.

Days 1 & 2: Depart U.S. for Hanoi, Vietnam

Day 3: Hanoi We arrive in the Vietnamese capital today then transfer to our hotel. Tonight, we visit the bustling Ancient Quarter, where we enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. D

Day 4: Hanoi This morning we take a walking tour of Ba Dinh Square. Highlights include the marble and granite mausoleum of Ho Chi Minh, the Presidential Palace, and thousand-year-old One Pillar Pagoda. Following lunch on our own, our tour of Hanoi features Hoan Kiem Lake; the marvelous Temple of Literature (c. 1070); and the infamous Hoa Lo Prison, also known as the “Hanoi Hilton” during the Vietnam War. We dine tonight at a local restaurant. B,D

Day 5: Hanoi/Ha Long Bay This morning we depart on a full-day excursion to Ha Long Bay, a breathtaking waterway sprinkled with 3,000 islands and islets, lime-stone cliffs, secret grottoes, and hidden caves. Our tour includes a boat ride and seafood lunch. B,L

Day 6: Hanoi/Da Nang We fly this morning to Da Nang, Vietnam’s third largest city, situated on the south central coast. Upon arrival, we tour the acclaimed Cham Museum, which celebrates the Cham people’s Hindu legacy with a fine collection of sculpture and artifacts dating from the 7th to 15th centuries. After we reach our beachfront hotel, the remainder of the day is at leisure in this splendid setting. B,D

Day 7: Da Nang/Hoi An This morning we visit nearby Hoi An, where a succession of Dutch, Chinese, Portuguese, and Japanese traders helped to build an architecturally diverse and colorful village where many ancient traditions still hold sway. A UNESCO World Heritage site, Hoi An’s Old Town is a charming car-free pedestrian zone lined with tailors, shops, and art galleries. This afternoon is at leisure to either remain in Hoi An on your own or return to our beachside resort for a relaxing interlude. B,L

Small Group Tour Highlights

Unique small group itinerary • Hanoi sightseeing • Ha Long Bay cruise • Imperial capital of Hue • Charming Hoi An • Acclaimed Cham Museum • Visit to farming settlement • Extensive Mekong Delta touring • Floating market at Cai Rang • Saigon touring

Day Itinerary Hotel Rating
1-2 Depart U.S. for Hanoi
3-5 Hanoi InterContinental Hanoi Westlake Deluxe
6-8 Da Nang Hyatt Regency Danang Deluxe
9-10 Hue Saigon Morin Hotel Sup. First Class
11-12 Can Tho (Mekong Delta) Victoria Can Tho Resort Sup. First Class
13-15 Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) Sofitel Saigon Plaza Deluxe
16 Ho Chi Minh City/Depart for U.S. (overnight flight)
17 Arrive U.S.

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover photo: We visit the World Heritage site of Ha Long Bay on Day 5.
Day 8: Da Nang  A morning walking tour of a nearby farming settlement reveals the daily life of a local community up close. Here, rice paddies occupy every spare patch of ground, water buffaloes plow the fields, and villagers ride to market with produce piled high on their bicycles. Later we enjoy a cooking lesson and dinner in Hoi An.  B,D

Day 9: Da Nang/Hue  We depart this morning by coach for the ancient imperial city of Hue, whose palaces, temples, and tombs evoke its past grandeur as home to emperors and mandarins. We explore the Imperial City – enjoying a traditional cyclo ride along the way – housing the Forbidden Purple City complex where emperors lived with their families and now a UNESCO site. We also visit the busy Central Market. Tonight we enjoy a special Hue dinner, with traditional music.  B,D

Day 10: Hue  This morning we cruise along Hue’s Perfume River to peaceful Thien Mu Pagoda, a Buddhist monastery that ranks among the city’s oldest and most important monuments. After admiring the seven-story octagonal tower, we visit the palatial Tomb of Minh Mang (c. 1840), with its pavilions and courtyards modeled after the Ming Tombs of China. This afternoon we see the tombs of Tu Duc, a gem of royal architecture; and Khai Dinh, an elaborate mix of ancient and modern, European and Asian.  B,L

Day 11: Hue/Saigon/Can Tho  Today begins with an early morning flight to Saigon. Upon arrival we board a motorcoach for the three-hour drive south to the Mekong River town of Cai Be, then on to the busy river port and provincial capital of Can Tho.  B,D

Day 12: Can Tho/Mekong Delta  We rise early for today’s journey by boat to the lively floating market at Cai Rang on the Mekong’s lower reaches. After lunch together at a local restaurant, the remainder of the day is at leisure.  B,L

Day 13: Mekong Delta/Saigon  An hour-long coach ride this morning brings us to the upper reaches of the storied Mekong. Here we board motorized sampans for an up-close look at river life. After lunch observe the French architectural influences during a tour of Saigon on Day 14.

Post-Tour Extension

Cambodia: Angkor Wat
3 days/2 nights for $995 total price
Single Supplement: $245

A special opportunity to discover the amazing temples and statuary from the Angkorian Empire. UNESCO site and the world’s largest religious monument.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Air transportation Ho Chi Minh City/Siem Reap, inclusive of airline taxes and fees
- 2 nights’ accommodations in Siem Reap at Sofitel Angkor (Deluxe)
- 4 meals: 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners
- Three days’ sightseeing of Angkor complex (UNESCO World Heritage site), including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

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at a local restaurant, we continue by coach to Saigon (the name Ho Chi Minh City is used interchangeably). We reach our hotel late afternoon; dinner is on our own in this vibrant city. \textit{B,L}

\textbf{Day 14: Saigon} A morning tour includes the former Presidential Palace, which served as the South Vietnamese government’s wartime headquarters. Now called Reunification Palace, it was here that the first Communist tanks rolled into Saigon on April 30, 1975; it remains preserved as a museum almost exactly as it was on that day. We also tour the History Museum. Later we attend a traditional water puppet performance. \textit{B,D}

\textbf{Day 15: Saigon} This morning we visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, the infamous underground network from which North Vietnamese forces operated in wartime. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner. \textit{B,D}

\textbf{Day 16: Depart for U.S.} Following a day free for independent exploration, this evening we depart for the airport and our overnight flight to the U.S. Our rooms are reserved for our late check-out. \textit{B}

\textbf{Day 17: Arrive U.S.} We arrive in the U.S. and connect with our flights home.

\textbf{Tour Departs: January 3, 2020}
Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Boston, New York, Washington, DC, $4,397
Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, $4,697
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Philadelphia, Tampa, $4,797
Denver, Detroit, Phoenix, Portland (OR), $4,897
Land Only (transfers not included) $3,395

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $802, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add $1,495. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip international flight: $5,995 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

For more information and reservations, please call UCLA Alumni Travel at 310-206-0613
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\[ \text{Temple at Angkor Wat, Cambodia} \]

\[ \text{A Vietnamese farmer plants rice.} \]
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