

NONPROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE
PAID
MADISON WI
PERMIT NO 658



THE UNIVERSITY
of
WISCONSIN
MADISON

Vietnam and Cambodia

From Hanoi to the Temples of Angkor

February 5-27, 2009



www.dcs.wisc.edu/lsa/travel

DEPARTMENT OF
Liberal Studies & the Arts
University of Wisconsin-Madison
610 Langdon St. Rm. 724
Madison WI 53703-1195



Vietnam and Cambodia

February 5-27, 2009



Vietnam and Cambodia

From Hanoi to the Temples of Angkor

February 5-27, 2009

Join the University of Wisconsin-Madison on an unforgettable educational journey to the lands of **Vietnam and Cambodia!** Experience the beauty of Hanoi and Halong Bay, the heritage of Hue and Hoi An, the vibrant energy of Ho Chi Minh City, the floating cultures of the Mekong River delta, reborn Phnom Penh, and the incomparable Temples of Angkor!

An expertly guided tour of **Hanoi** and the Temple of Literature, the Old Quarter, Thai Pagoda and the Ho Chi Minh complex precedes your trip to the coast and a relaxing overnight on board a deluxe junk in the stunningly beautiful **Halong Bay**.

In central Vietnam you'll learn about her imperial past by visiting the ancient capital city of **Hue** and its Citadel, Thai Hoa Palace, and the Tomb of Tu Doc; visit the unparalleled Cham Museum in **Danang**; and enjoy a guided walking tour of the exquisitely preserved merchant town of **Hoi An** where we will also take a day for rest and relaxation.

Next you'll travel to the southern end of this lush country and the former capital of Saigon, now known as **Ho Chi Minh City**, where you will study the use and strategies employed by the Viet Cong in the Chu Chi Tunnels and return to the tragedy of the Vietnam War at the War Remnants Museum. You will also explore Chinatown, visit The Reunification Palace, and more, before moving on to the **Mekong River Delta** where you will learn about the people and culture of the wonderful floating markets and river towns.

After three nights in the delta you'll take a speedboat up the Tonlé Bassac River to the Cambodian capital of **Phnom Penh**. This fascinating city has witnessed both the highs and the lows of humanity through the ages and we'll gain insights into each of those realities through our guided visits to Wat Phnom, the National Museum, the Royal Palace, and the heart-wrenching museum of the Killing Fields at Tuol Sleng.

Your educational adventure in Indochina culminates in extraordinary fashion with three full days at the crown jewel of Khmer architecture: **The Temples of Angkor!** Our expert guides will unlock the mysteries of this stunning temple complex for you and provide the background necessary for you to appreciate this awe-inspiring example of human achievement.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about one of the most beautiful and fascinating regions on earth firsthand. At a sensible and comfortable pace your journey will encompass a thousand years of history, sublime architecture, military tragedy, cultural wonders, extraordinary cuisine and great new friends. With expert local guides at every location you will gain an understanding of this region's proud and tumultuous past, an appreciation of the people's day-to-day life, and insights into their goals for the future.

A trip like this stays with you forever. Join us.

Group size will be limited to 25 persons in order to ensure a quality experience, facilitate our movements, and minimize our impact upon the land and the people.

Itinerary

Vietnam and Cambodia

Feb. 5 Depart USA for Hanoi, Vietnam.

Feb. 6 Arrive Hanoi late in the evening. Check in to hotel.

Feb. 7-8 **Hanoi**
Your time in this graceful city includes a city tour, a visit to the Temple of Literature and the Ho Chi Minh Complex, excursions to the Old Quarter, the Thay Pagoda, and a performance of the fantastic water puppet art form at Hoan Kiem Lake.

Feb. 9-10 **Halong Bay**
Board a deluxe junk and catch up on your rest with a relaxing cruise through this extraordinary marine environment. We'll overnight on board.

Feb. 10-14 **Hue, Danang, Hoi An**
In Hue you'll study Vietnam's royal past at the Imperial Citadel, Thai Hoa Palace, and the Halls of The Mandarins; and journey into the countryside to visit the Imperial Tomb of Tu Doc. You will take a boat trip on the Huong Giang River to the Thien Mu Pagoda, and travel over land to Hoi An through the scenic Hai Van Pass. En route we'll visit the remarkable Cham Museum in Danang before arriving in Hoi An; a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A walking tour will lead you on cobbled streets through the central market and other sites in this beautifully preserved ancient city, and an afternoon cruise on the Thu Bon River takes us to local pottery and woodworking villages. Your visit to this enchanting town also includes a completely unscheduled day to yourself at our beach resort.

Feb. 15-16 **Ho Chi Minh City**
You'll explore the incredible Chu Chi Tunnels complex and the emotional War Remnants Museum from the war with America, tour

the historic city center and Reunification Palace, and meander in the Ben Than Market.

Feb. 17-19 **Mekong River Delta**
Including the towns of Cai Be, Vinh Long, Can Tho and Chau Doc, we embark on a boat and vehicle tour of the extraordinary culture along the Mekong Delta, visiting the floating markets of Cai Rang and Phong Dien, and the temples and pagodas at the pilgrimage destination of Sam Mountain. From Chau Doc we'll take a speedboat up the Tonlé Bassac river to Phnom Penh.

Feb. 20-21 **Phnom Penh**
Few cities on earth have witnessed greater historical extremes than this one. You'll learn about the ancient glories of Cambodia at the Royal Palace, the National Museum and the Silver Pagoda; the bustling contemporary life in Phnom Penh at the Central and Russian Markets; and the atrocities of the Khmer Rouge Regime at the sobering Tuol Sleng Museum.

Feb. 22-25 **Siem Reap and the Temples of Angkor**
The heart and soul of the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Temples of Angkor were built between the 9th and 14th centuries and remain to this day one of the crowning achievements of human history. Expertly guided tours of Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom, Ta Prohm, Banteay Srei and the Rolous Group are all on our itinerary, as is a boat trip out to one of the floating villages in the Great Lake of Tonlé Sap. Unforgettable.

Feb. 26 Depart on overnight flight for USA.

Feb. 27 Arrive USA mid morning.

Important Information

Please note — U.S. Passport and visas required; apply now. Everyone is welcome to join us, and we hope that you do. All we ask is that you honestly evaluate your ability to deal with the realities of travel in the developing world. Comfortable and reliable transportation will be provided between all sites and destinations, but in order to appreciate those destinations once we arrive, there will also be a good deal of walking, too. The weather will be tropical, so be prepared for heat and humidity. Many western meals will be included, but we will also dine on the local cuisine which is widely considered to be amongst the finest on earth. We will have long travel days getting over there and coming home, but we'll maintain a reasonable pace at the outset as we adjust to the time difference. All of our accommodations will be comfortable and clean 4-5 star hotels, but we will also spend time in the markets, on several boats, and in some rural villages. As much as is practical we intend to interact with, not isolate ourselves from, the people of these countries. *Please join us for this extraordinary opportunity.*

Lodging

Listed below, in order of our visit, are the names and Web sites of all lodging. Please go online and confirm their quality, services, and amenities.

Hanoi	Sofitel Plaza Hanoi www.sofitel.com/sofitel/fichehotel/gb/sof/3553/fiche_hotel.shtml
Halong Bay	Bai Tho Deluxe Junk www.halongbaycruises.com/cruises/baithojunk.html
Hue	Hotel Saigon Morin www.morinhotel.com.vn/
Hoi An	Palm Garden Resort www.palmgardenresort-hoian.com/vn/
Saigon	Hotel Equatorial www.equatorial.com/hcm/
Mekong Delta	Victoria Can Tho Resort www.victoriahotels-asia.com/eng/hotels-in-vietnam/can-tho-resort Victoria Chau Doc Resort www.victoriahotels-asia.com/eng/hotels-in-vietnam/chau-doc-hotel
Phnom Penh	Sunway Hotel Phnom Penh http://phnompenh.sunwayhotels.com/
Siem Reap	Angkor Century www.angkorcentury.com/ac.html

Cost

The price of this trip is \$5199 based on double occupancy. This includes your roundtrip airfare between SE Asia and Chicago, all lodging, entry fees, coach services, boat tickets, local guides and all domestic flights. Also included in this price are all of your breakfasts, and many of your lunches and dinners. Airport departure taxes in Vietnam and Cambodia (~\$20) are extra and must be paid on site. Travel insurance is required for all participants.

For Information Contact

Doug Whittle, 608-263-7787 or Kim Seymour, 608-262-3731.
Visit our Web site at: www.dcs.wisc.edu/lisa/travel

Registration Form

Vietnam and Cambodia February 5-27, 2009

Yes, I've enclosed the *nonrefundable* deposit of \$500/person. Any refunds after your final payment has been received are based strictly on the tour's ability to resell your package. *We urge participants to purchase travel insurance* to cover your costs if you have to cancel. Make check payable to **UW-Madison**.

Name _____

Address _____

street

city / state / zip

Phone (_____) _____

area code daytime number / evening number

E-mail _____

Information used to contact you about your registration and for future marketing

Please check all that apply:

- Reserve a twin room (package).
My roommate is: _____
- I am interested in a roommate. Please let me know if one becomes available.
- Reserve a single room (\$1229 supplement).

I am also interested in receiving information about the following tours:

- New York City, April 2009
- Spoleto Festival, June 2009
- Alaska, Summer 2009
- The Shaw Festival, September 2009
- Turkey, October 2009

Return registration form and deposit to:

Kim Seymour
Educational Travel Programs
610 Langdon St., Room 724
Madison, WI 53703

For tour information contact:

Doug Whittle, Director
Phone: 608-263-7787
E-mail: dwhittle@dcs.wisc.edu

Visit us online at: www.dcs.wisc.edu/lisa/travel

DCS-MAC-338-08/08

