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JOURNEY THROUGH VIETNAM

16 days from $4,047 total price from Los Angeles, San Francisco ($3,495 air & land inclusive plus $552 airline taxes and departure fees)

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

Map Legend

- Destination
- Air
- Motorcoach
- Extension (aw)
- Entry/Departure

Avg. High (°F) Oct Nov
Hanoi 84 78
Da Nang 83 80
Ho Chi Minh City 88 87

Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Unique small group itinerary ... Hanoi sightseeing ... Traditional water puppet performance ... Excursion to Ha Long Bay ... Imperial capital of Hue ... Charming Hoi An ... Acclaimed Cham Museum ... Visit to farming settlement ... Extensive Mekong Delta touring ... Floating markets at Cai Be and Cai Rang ... Saigon touring: Reunification Palace, History Museum, Cu Chi Tunnels

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Hanoi, Vietnam

Day 2: Arrive Hanoi We arrive in the Vietnamese capital this evening, then transfer to our hotel.

Day 3: Hanoi This morning we take a walking tour of Ba Dinh Square, a popular complex of cultural and historic sites, including the marble and granite mausoleum of Ho Chi Minh, the Presidential Palace, and 1,000-year-old One Pillar Pagoda. Following lunch on our own we embark on an orientation tour of this French-accented city. We pass Hoan Kiem Lake; visit the marvelous Temple of Literature (c. 1070); and tour infamous Hoa Lo Prison, also known as the “Hanoi Hilton” during the Vietnam War. Later we walk the Ancient Quarter. Tonight we gather at a local restaurant for a welcome dinner. B,D

Day 4: Hanoi/Ha Long Bay Early this morning we depart on a full-day excursion to Ha Long Bay, a breathtaking waterway sprinkled with 3,000 islands and islets and surrounded by a fairytale landscape of limestone cliffs, secret grottoes and hidden caves. Our tour includes a boat ride and seafood lunch. B,L

Day 5: Hanoi/Da Nang We fly mid-day 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. After reaching our beachfront hotel, the remainder of the day is at leisure in this splendid setting. B,D

Day 6: Da Nang/Hoi An This morning we visit nearby Hoi An. A UNESCO World

Cover photo: We visit the World Heritage site of Ha Long Bay on Day 4.
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

Day 7: 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 lunch in Hoi An. B,L

Day 8: 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, a UNESCO World Heritage site. We also visit the Central Market, where locals buy fish, meat, produce and sundry goods. Tonight we enjoy a special Hue buffet, accompanied by a performance of traditional music. B,D

Day 9: 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. Later we visit the palatial Tomb of Ming Mang (c. 1804), with its pavilions and courtyards modeled after the Ming Tombs of China. This afternoon we see the tombs of Tu Doc, a gem of royal architecture; and Khai Dinh, an elaborate mix of ancient and modern, European and Asian. B,L

Day 10: Hue/Mekong Delta/Can Tho Today is a travel day that begins with an early morning flight to Saigon. Upon arrival we transfer to a motorcoach for the three-hour drive south to the Mekong River town of Cai Be. From there we travel by coach and ferry to the busy river port and provincial capital of Can Tho. B,D

Day 11: Can Tho/Mekong Delta We rise early for today’s journey by boat to the bustling floating market at Cai Rang on the Mekong’s lower reaches. After lunch together at a local restaurant, we return to our hotel, where the remainder of the afternoon and evening are at leisure. B,L

Post-Tour Extension: Nov. 10-13, 2013

Cambodia: Angkor Wat
3 days/2 nights for $837 total price
($795 air & land inclusive plus $42 airline taxes and departure fees)
Single Supplement: $195

A special opportunity to discover the amazing temples and statuary from the Angkorian Empire.

Your Tour Price Includes
• Air transportation Ho Chi Minh City/Siem Reap
• 2 nights’ accommodations in Siem Reap at Sofitel Angkor (Deluxe); rooms reserved for late check-out on the third day (late evening flight)
• 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 representative
• Private motorcoach transportation
• Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters and all drivers
Day 12: Mekong Delta/Saigon  An hour-long coach ride brings us to the upper banks of the storied Mekong. Here we board motorized sampans for an up-close look at river life as we explore the maze of tributaries and inlets that lead to tiny settlements and villages populated by fishermen and farmers. After lunch 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.  

Day 13: 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, with its excellent display on the indigenous peoples of Vietnam. Later we attend a traditional water puppet performance.  

Day 14: Saigon  This morning we visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, the infamous underground network from which North Vietnamese forces operated in wartime. This afternoon is at leisure; tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner.  

Day 15: Depart for U.S.  Following a day at leisure for independent exploration, late this evening we depart for the airport and our overnight flight to the U.S. Our rooms are reserved for our late check-out.  

Your Tour Price Includes  
- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary  
- 13 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe and Superior First Class hotels  
- 24 meals: 13 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 6 dinners  
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees  
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director  
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip  
- Luggage handling for one bag per person  
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers  

Temple at Angkor Wat, Cambodia  

Tour Departs: October 27, 2013

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges and fees.

Los Angeles, San Francisco  $4,047  
Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, New York, Phoenix, Portland (OR), Seattle, Washington, DC  $4,347  
Boston, Denver, Houston, Minneapolis  $4,447  
Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Philadelphia, Tampa  $4,547  
Land Only (airport transfers not included)  $2,995  

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, fuel surcharges and departure fees of $552, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Single travelers please add $1,595. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges and departure fees) are guaranteed. Business Class upgrade on round-trip trans-Pacific flight: $4,195 per person (upgrade subject to availability and pricing subject to change).  

Please note: This trip involves full days of sightseeing and a significant amount of walking. You should be in relatively good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.  

For reservations and information, please call Smith Travel at 800-225-2029
Dear Alumnae and Friends,

Join Smith Travel this fall as we journey to Vietnam, a country that captivates travelers with its enduring traditions, breathtaking natural beauty and warm hospitality. Our small group of no more than 24 guests will enjoy many personal encounters and a behind-the-scenes look at life in this inviting land.

We begin in the French-accented capital of Hanoi, where we will tour historical sites and eat local delicacies. From here, we will take a full-day excursion to beautiful Ha Long Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage site acclaimed for its limestone cliffs, grottoes and caves. Next, we fly south to Da Nang and tour the acclaimed Cham Museum, which celebrates the Cham people’s Hindu legacy. In the colorful village of Hoi An, cars are prohibited and ancient traditions still hold sway. We will walk in a rural farming community where rice paddies checker the land, water buffalo plow the fields and villagers bicycle to market. Then, we’ll travel to the ancient imperial capital of Hue — once home to emperors and mandarins — and cruise the Perfume River to peaceful Thien Mu Pagoda. During two days spent exploring the vital Mekong River Delta, the river life experience will leave an indelible impression. We conclude our journey in spirited Saigon (also known as Ho Chi Minh City).

This air-inclusive small group tour is limited to just 24 Smith travelers. Please register today to guarantee your place on our special journey.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Bigwood

Director, Smith Travel

Office of Alumnae Relations

SMITH TRAVEL RESERVATION FORM: JOURNEY THROUGH VIETNAM

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______($500 per person) for ____ person/people on Journey through Vietnam departing October 27, 2013. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Final payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard or VISA or by personal check. Please make deposit check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and send to: Smith Travel, Office of Alumnae Relations, 33 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01063. For more information, please call Smith Travel at (800) 225-2029 or contact us via e-mail at alumtrav@smith.edu or fax us at (413) 585-2015.

Full Passport Name ____________________________________________ Date of Birth _____________ Gender _____

Full Passport Name ____________________________________________ Date of Birth _____________ Gender _____

Address _____________________________________________________________________________________________

City ____________________________________________________________ State _________ ZIP ___________________

Home Phone: (______) ________________________ Cell Phone: (_____) ______________________

E-mail __________________________________ Badge Name(s) __________________________________________

Please book my/our air from __________________________ I/we request a Business Class upgrade ❑

I will share a room with __________________________ I request a single room (limited availability) ❑

Post-Tour “Cambodia: Angkor Wat” Extension: Please sign me/us up ❑

Please Note: The undersigned have read the schedule of activities for Journey through Vietnam, Oct. 27-Nov. 11, 2013, and agree that their signatures below represent their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) __________________________________________________________________ Date ________________

Method of Payment

❑ Check ❑ American Express ❑ Discover ❑ MasterCard ❑ VISA

Account #_________________________ Security Code ___________ Exp. Date________________

Name of Cardholder ________________________________

Signature ______________________________________

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and is payable by check or credit card.
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not included in tour price:
Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities $10 - $15 per day per traveler); travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline prior to departure.

Cancellations, refunds and changes:
If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odyssey's Unlimited's receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 64-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.

If a guest makes any changes between 94 and 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Because these cancellation policies are strictly enforced, we strongly recommend for your protection that you purchase trip cancellation insurance.

Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

Responsibility
The liability of Smith College as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Smith College and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchase transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. Smith College and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line and other independent suppliers.

We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

Health and Medical Issues
We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own. If you require the use of a wheelchair or have other personal needs, you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assumes no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

JOIN US FOR AN EXCLUSIVE SMITH TRAVEL TOUR THROUGH VIETNAM!
Guaranteed Small Group: Limited to 24 Guests