JOURNEY THROUGH VIETNAM

October 24-November 8, 2016

16 days from $3,657 total price from Los Angeles, San Francisco
($3,395 air & land inclusive plus $262 airline taxes and fees)

An Exclusive Small Group Tour for Alumni & Friends of the Cornell Alumni Association Travel Program

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, six-time honoree Travel & Leisure’s World’s Best Tour Operators award.
Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

Whether you are planning a trip of a lifetime, a return to a favorite locale, or simply looking for your next travel adventure, the Cornell Alumni Association Travel Program is a great place to start your journey.

We partner with award-winning travel companies to offer trips with well-crafted itineraries, top-notch hotels and ships, and expert tour directors. Having had the chance to talk with many of our travelers over the past twenty-five years (and accompany a couple of trips, myself) I know from first-hand experience how exhilarating and rewarding these tours can be. Many Cornellians feel the same way.

Whether you are traveling on your own or with family, friends, or classmates, you can expect great travel experiences in some of the world’s most stimulating locations. Add to the mix a large dose of adventurous and friendly Cornell spirit, and it is easy to see why CAA Travel Program offerings are so popular.

If you’ve travelled with us before, you are likely to be among the many alumni and friends who have returned for additional bookings, time and time again. If you are considering your first trip with us, we hope you will see one or more itineraries that pique your travel interests.

We’ve got great places to go! Please join us!

Warmly,

James A. Mazza ’88
Associate Vice President, Alumni Affairs
Cornell University

CORNELL UNIVERSITY RESERVATION FORM: JOURNEY THROUGH VIETNAM

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______$500 per person) for ____ person(s) on Journey through Vietnam departing October 24, 2016. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA or by personal check. Please make deposit check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. Or, call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765. You may also fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.

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Address ___________________________________________________________________________________________
City __________________________________ State ________________ ZIP ___________________

Home Ph. (______) ______________________________ Bus. Ph. (______) _______________________
E-mail __________________________________ Name(s) for Badge(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 has read the schedule of activities for Journey through Vietnam, October 24-November 8, 2016, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.

Signature(s) __________________________________________________________________________ Date __________

Method of Payment

☐ Check ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA

Account # ____________________________ Security Code ______________ Exp. Date __________

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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.
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.

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

Day 2: Arrive Hanoi

We arrive in the Vietnamese capital late 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 thousand-year-old One Pillar Pagoda. Following lunch on our own we embark on an orientation tour of this French-accented city with broad tree-lined boulevards and colonial architecture. 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 narrow streets of the diverse Ancient Quarter where 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.

Day 5: Hanoi/Da Nang

We fly mid-day to Da Nang, Vietnam’s third largest city situated on the south central coast. After reaching our beachfront hotel, the evening is at leisure in this splendid setting.

Day 6: 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.

Tour membership limited to 24 alumni and friends
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**  This morning we visit the Cham Museum, celebrating the Hindu legacy of the Cham people. Then, we depart 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 World Heritage site. Tonight we enjoy a special Hue buffet, with 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. After admiring the seven-story octagonal tower, 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 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 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.

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**Post-Tour Extension**

November 7-10, 2016

**CAMBODIA: ANGKOR WAT**

3 days/2 nights for $895 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); rooms reserved for late check-out on the third day (late evening flight)
- 4 meals: 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners
- Three days’ guided 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
After lunch together at a local restaurant, the remainder of the day is at leisure.  \textit{B,L}

\textbf{Day 12: 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 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 on 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 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 collection of art and artifacts of the indigenous peoples of Vietnam. Later we attend a traditional water puppet performance. \textit{B,D}

\textbf{Day 14: 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 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. \textit{B}

\textbf{Day 16: Arrive U.S.} We arrive in the U.S. and connect with our flights home.

\textit{Your Tour Price Includes}

\begin{itemize}
  \item Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
  \item 13 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe and Superior First Class hotels
  \item 24 meals: 13 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 6 dinners
  \item Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
  \item Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
  \item Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
  \item Luggage handling for one bag per person
  \item Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers
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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; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities $10-$15 per day, per traveler); optional sightseeing; 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 Odysseys 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: 75% of tour price; Cancel 64-30 days before departure: 50% 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. 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 the Cornell University Alumni Association, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases 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. The Cornell University Alumni Association 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.

Health and Medical Issues
We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited tour. There is a significant amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. 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, the Cornell University Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information
Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines they feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own travel arrangements, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. 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.