

# JOURNEY THROUGH VIETNAM

March 8-24, 2020

17 days from \$3,897 total price from Boston, New York, Wash, DC (\$3,095 air & land inclusive plus \$802 airline taxes and fees)



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



## Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

We invite you to be among the thousands of Cornell alumni, parents and friends who view the Cornell Alumni Association (CAA) Travel Program as their first choice for memorable travel adventures.

If you've traveled with CAA before, you know to expect excellent travel experiences in some of the world's most interesting places. If our travel offerings are new to you, you'll want to take a closer look at our upcoming tours.

Working closely with some of the world's most highly-respected travel companies, CAA trips are not only well organized, safe, and a great value, they are filled with remarkable people. This year, as we have for more than forty years, we are offering itineraries in the United States and around the globe.

Whether you're ascending a sand dune by camel, strolling the cobbled streets of a 'medieval town', hiking a trail on a remote mountain pass, or lounging poolside on one of our luxury cruises, we guarantee 'an extraordinary journey in great company.'

And that's the reason so many Cornellians return, year after year, to travel with the Cornell Alumni Association. If you, like us, simply can't wait for your next travel adventure, we encourage you to register today for this or another of our remarkable travel offerings.

Warmly,

Alumni Affairs Cornell University

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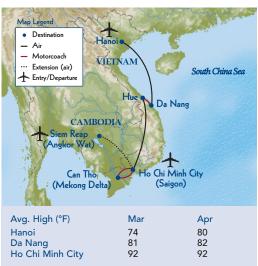
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In a land of breathtaking natural beauty, abiding tradition, and profoundly hospitable people, rewards abound for the thoughtful traveler. And in our flexible and congenial small group we encounter rewards aplenty on this comprehensive journey featuring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



# **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.

### 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, with its historic architecture and narrow streets, and 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, a popular complex of cultural and historic sites. 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 this French-accented city with broad tree-lined boulevards and colonial architecture 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, 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 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 7<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> 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 carfree pedestrian zone lined with tailors,



Observe the French architectural influences during a tour of Saigon on Day 14.

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* 

**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* 

# - Post-Tour Extension

March 23-26, 2020

# 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

# "New Landscapes; New Customs."

- Graham Greene

**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 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. *B,L* 

**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, with its excellent collection of art and artifacts of the indigenous peoples of Vietnam. Later we attend a traditional water puppet performance. *B,D* 

**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. *B*,*D* 

**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. *B* 

**Day 17: Arrive U.S.** We arrive in the U.S. and connect with our flights home.



Temple at Angkor Wat, Cambodia

# **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
- 26 meals: 13 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 8 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



A Vietnamese farmer plants rice.

# Tour Departs: March 8, 2020

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Boston, New York, Washington, DC	\$3,897
Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle	\$4,197
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Philadelphia, Tampa	\$4,297
Denver, Detroit, Phoenix, Portland (OR)	\$4,397
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$2,895

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 quaranteed.

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 information about logistics or registration, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at

888-370-6765

Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-7:00 PM, Eastern Time

# **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the folowing Terms and Conditions. **Not Included in Tour Price:** Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenspackage; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage es such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

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Health and Medical Issues: We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a reasonable 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 many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and the Cornell University Alumni Association whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, 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 Air Transportation - Important Information: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air 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 assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since** from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, or any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

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Guaranteed Small Group: Limited to 24 Guests