

Cornell University

# JOURNEY THROUGH VIETNAM

October 17-November 2, 2018

**17 days from \$3,687 total price from Los Angeles, NY, San Francisco**  
(\$3,495 air & land inclusive plus \$192 airline taxes and fees)



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**An Exclusive Small Group Tour for  
Alumni & Friends of Cornell University**

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, topnotch 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.

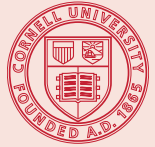
Whether you are traveling on your own or with family, friends, or classmates, you can expect great travel experiences in some of the world's most stimulating locations. Add to the mix a large dose of adventurous and friendly Cornell spirit, and it is easy to see why CAA Travel Program offerings are so 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 17, 2018**. 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 check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. Or you may call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.**

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Please book my/our air from \_\_\_\_\_ I/We request an airline upgrade to \_\_\_\_\_

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 17-November 2, 2018**, 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

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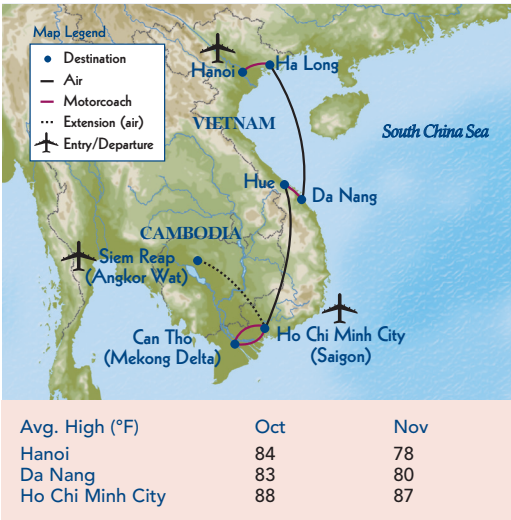
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Tour membership limited to 24 alumni and friends

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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: Arrive Hanoi** We arrive in the Vietnamese capital today then transfer to our hotel. As guests' arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned.

**Day 4: Hanoi** This morning's orientation tour of this French-accented city features Hoan Kiem Lake; the marvelous Temple of Literature (c. 1070); infamous Hoa Lo Prison, also known as the "Hanoi Hilton" during the Vietnam War; and the narrow streets of the diverse Ancient Quarter. Following an afternoon at leisure, this evening we attend a traditional water puppet performance then gather at a local restaurant for a welcome dinner. *B,D*

**Day 5: Hanoi** We continue our discovery of this culturally rich city with a walking tour of the Ba Dinh Square complex of sites, including the marble and granite mausoleum of Ho Chi Minh, the Presidential Palace, and thousand-year-old One Pillar Pagoda. This afternoon we get a taste of local life when we visit the lively Long Bien produce market then we take a cycling tour of nearby villages. A highlight: a visit to an artists' community where we have the opportunity to meet painters in their studios. Returning to Hanoi, tonight we dine in the home of a gracious local family. *B,D*

**Day 6: Hanoi/Ha Long Bay** Early this morning we depart for 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 boat tour includes lunch on board and stops to explore this dramatic landscape on foot. Tonight we dine at our hotel overlooking the bay. *B,L,D*

**Day 7: Ha Long Bay/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*

## Small Group Tour Highlights

Unique small group itinerary • Hanoi sightseeing • Ha Long Bay cruise and overnight • 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	Ha Long Bay	Wyndham Legend Halong	Sup. First Class
7-9	Da Nang	Hyatt Regency Danang	Deluxe
10-11	Hue	Saigon Morin Hotel	Sup. First Class
12-13	Can Tho (Mekong Delta)	Victoria Can Tho Resort	Sup. First Class
14- 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 6.





Observe the French architectural influences during an orientation tour of Hanoi on Day 4.

**Day 8: 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*

**Day 9: 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 10: 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 11: 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 12: 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*

## Post-Tour Extension

November 1-4, 2018

### 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, a 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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TO TRAVEL FAST  
USE THE OLD ROADS.

—VIETNAMESE PROVERB

**Day 13: Can Tho/Mekong Delta** We rise early for today's journey by boat to the bustling floating market at Cai Rang, one of the region's largest. Then we go ashore to visit the Old Can Tho market. After lunch at a local restaurant, we travel by motor-coach 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. *B,L*

**Day 14: Mekong Delta/Saigon** Today we travel by coach to Saigon, arriving in time for lunch at a local restaurant. Our afternoon tour includes the



*Temple at Angkor Wat, Cambodia*

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 in to Saigon on April 30, 1975.

We also tour the History Museum, with its excellent collection of art and artifacts of the indigenous peoples of Vietnam. *B,L*

**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, late this afternoon 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.

## 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



*Hoi An vendors*

## Tour Departs: October 17, 2018

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

Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco	\$3,687
Atlanta, Chicago, Houston, Phoenix, Portland (OR), Seattle, Washington, DC	\$3,987
Boston, Dallas, Denver, Minneapolis	\$4,087
Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Philadelphia, Tampa	\$4,187
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 \$192, 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.

Airline upgrades on round-trip international flight: Business Class upgrade – \$4,195 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,495 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade costs are in addition to the costs above.

**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 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 traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

**Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes:** If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc.'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 you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 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, and 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, or of 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 lines, 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 tour. There is a substantial 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 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. and the Cornell University Alumni Association 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 the company feels 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 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 restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and 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 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 for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**



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