Journey through Vietnam
February 24-March 10, 2025

15 days from $5,097 total price from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle
($4,495 air & land inclusive plus $602 airline taxes and fees)

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

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

We invite you to travel with us on an exclusive 15-day journey through Vietnam, a country that captivates travelers with its enduring traditions, breathtaking natural beauty, and warm hospitality.

Begin the journey in the capital, Hanoi, touring historical sites and sampling local cuisine. Enjoy a tranquil boat tour while taking in the fairytale landscape during a full-day excursion at beautiful Ha Long Bay. In Da Nang, tour the acclaimed Cham Museum and stay in a beachfront hotel. Visit charming Hoi An and its Old Town, a car-free pedestrian zone and UNESCO site. Then travel to the ancient imperial capital of Hue and cruise on the Perfume River. After two days of exploring the storied Mekong Delta, your river life experience will leave an indelible impression. Conclude your journey with a three-night stay in spirited Saigon. Discover Angkor Wat’s amazing temples and the Cambodian city of Phnom Penh on an optional 5-day/3-night post-tour extension.

Space on this exciting program is limited and will fill quickly. Book today!

Warmly,
Cornell Alumni Travel

CORNELL RESERVATION FORM: JOURNEY THROUGH VIETNAM

To reserve your place on tour, please call Odysseys Unlimited toll-free at 888-370-6765. Please have the information outlined below available to share with an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Odysseys Unlimited’s office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.
Attn: Special Interest Groups
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275 Washington Street, Suite 300
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I/We would like to request __________ place(s). (Deposit amount is $500 per person.)

Full Passport Name __________________________ Date of Birth __________ Gender _____
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Address ________________________________________________________________________________________
City __________________________ State ______________________ ZIP _______________
Home Phone (______)___________________ Cell Phone (______)____________________
E-mail(s) ____________________________________________________ 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 & Phnom Penh” Extension: Please sign me/us up  

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

Day 2: Arrive Hanoi We arrive in the Vietnamese capital late this evening and 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 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 this afternoon 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 7th to 15th centuries. After we reach 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, 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 beach-side
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.  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. Enjoying a traditional cyclo ride along the way we explore the Imperial City – 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 dinner accompanied by 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 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 10: Hue/Da Nang/Can Tho  We return to Da Nang by coach this morning then board our flight to the river port of Can Tho, provincial capital of the Mekong Delta. With its tributaries covering some 15,600 square miles of southwestern Vietnam, the Mekong supplies half of the country’s rice and fish – and ranks as a biological treasure-trove, known for its multitude of bird and flower species.  B,D

Day 11: 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 10-14, 2025
Cambodia: Angkor Wat & Phnom Penh
5 days/3 nights for $1,595 total price
Single Supplement: $325

Discover the amazing temples and statuary from the Angkorian Empire, and also the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh.

Post-Tour Extension Price Includes
• Air transportation Ho Chi Minh City/Siem Reap; Siem Reap/Phnom Penh, inclusive of airline taxes and fees
• 3 nights’ accommodations: 2 nights in Siem Reap at Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra (Deluxe); 1 night in Phnom Penh at Hyatt Regency Phnom Penh (Deluxe); rooms reserved for late check-out in Phnom Penh
• 6 meals: 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners
• Three days’ sightseeing of Angkor complex (UNESCO World Heritage site), including all entrance fees
• Phnom Penh sightseeing
• Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
• 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 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 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 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. B,D

Day 14: Saigon
This morning we visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, the infamous underground network which North Vietnamese forces operated in wartime. Tonight we celebrate our journey over a farewell dinner. B,D

Day 15: Depart for U.S.
Today we transfer to the airport for our return flights to the U.S. B

Tour Departs: February 24, 2025
Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle $5,097
Atlanta, Dallas, New York, Phoenix, Portland (OR) $5,397
Boston, Chicago, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Minneapolis, Washington, DC $5,497
Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Miami, Orlando, Philadelphia, Tampa $5,597
Land Only (transfers not included) $3,895

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $602, 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.

Depending on flight schedules, certain U.S. cities may require an evening flight from Ho Chi Minh City on Day 15, arriving in the U.S. on Day 16. In this case, hotel rooms will be reserved for late check-out on Day 15.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip international flight: $5,395 per person from JFK, LAX, SFO, SEA; $6,995 from other cities, in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Please note: This departure date is during Tet (the Vietnamese lunar New Year celebration).

For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765 Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time

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
- 25 meals: 13 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 7 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

…ON THIS BEAUTIFUL PATH, I WALK IN PEACE.”
– Thich Nhat Hanh

Angkor Wat (optional post-tour extension)
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following is intended to provide you with a description of what to expect when you reserve this tour. Upon booking, you will be asked to acknowledge your acceptance of the full Terms and Conditions on the secure on-line portal, My Odyssey.

Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; immunizations and inoculations; 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 Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:
cancel 95 days or more before departure: $100 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.

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.

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Health and Medical Issues: We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and you must be able to walk 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, Cornell Alumni Travel 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 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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