



A STUDY TOUR TO VIETNAM

January 4-14, 2023

Exploring natural wonders, cultural events, Vietnam's history, its traditions, and pluralistic religions. The tour will begin from Saigon, the south of Vietnam, to My Tho, Danang city, Hoi An, Hue, Hanoi, Ninh Binh, and Ha Long bay.

Day 1 (01/04/2023): Washington-Vietnam

In the morning (EST), take the flight from a Washington DC area's airport to Vietnam.

Day 2 (01/05/2023): Arrival in Saigon City

Connecting flight in an Asian country and arriving in Saigon city.

Welcome to Saigon, "The Pearl of the Far East" and stay overnight in Saigon.

Day 3 (01/06/2023): Saigon-Mekong Delta excursion to My Tho (breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Breakfast at hotel.

Depart in the morning to My Tho – The first bustling town of Mekong Delta and taking a boat cruise along the Mekong River:

- To visit the orchards on the Thoi Son islet.
- To enjoy tropical fruits of the season and listen Southern traditional music performance,
- To visit Honey-bee farm and Coconut Candy Workshop
- To continue by hand-oared sampan ride along the canals.
- To discover Vam Chua natural canal (Ben Tre province) by rowing boat.



Returning Saigon city and having dinner on Indochina Junk. Enjoy traditional music show on board. Back to your hotel. Overnight in Saigon city.

Day 04 (01/07/2023): SAIGON – DA NANG (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Have breakfast at Hotel. Start the trip to:

- **Saigon** - Visiting the former Presidential Palace and a Blind school. After lunch, city tour to visit:
- **War Remnants Museum** - one of the most impressive and popular monuments of documentation of Vietnam's wars with France and America.
- **Notre Dame Cathedral** – a French-built cathedral occupies scenic Paris Square in the heart of Saigon city.
- **Saigon Old Post Office** - The Central Post Office has long become a prominent feature of Saigon.
15pm, Transferring to Tan Son Nhat airport for the flight to Danang city.
- Arrive in Danang, our tour guide will pick you up and transfer to the restaurant for dinner. Visit Dragon Bridge and check in Hotel. Overnight in Da Nang.



Day 05 (01/08/2023): DANANG CITY TOUR – MYSON – HOIAN

Meditating sun rise at **My Khe beach** in the morning.

After breakfast in hotel. Pick up and transfer to visit:

- **Son Tra Peninsula** with famous Lady Statue Buddha
- **Our Lady Star of the Sea** – a religious park in Da Nang City, central Vietnam, draws hundreds of visitors and pilgrims daily to its bonsais, trees, flowers, grass and winding concrete paths.
- **Marble Mountain:** The five 'mountains' are named after the five foundational elements: metal, water, wood, fire, earth.
- **Cham sculpture museum:** The majority of Champa's sculptures from the 12th to the 15th century is made of sandstone with different art styles. Check out room. Have lunch.
- **My Son Holy Land:** My Son is a center for spirituality and worship during the reign of the Champa Kingdom. 15:30 pm, See Cham's People Dancing Show inside My Son Sanctuary.
- **Hoi An ancient town: Japanese Bridge, Phuc Kien Communal House, Tan Ky ancient house.**

Dinner and overnight in Hoi An.



Day 06 (01/09/2023): DANANG – BA NA HILL – HUE (B,L,D)

Breakfast at hotel. Pick up and transfer to **Ba Na Hill**.

You have a chance to ride a modern system of cable cars to have a magnificent view, very miraculous and attractive while enjoying a feeling of flying in the blue sky and visit Debay Wine Cellar (almost 100 years old, you can take a rest and enjoy smelly wine cups in the 2nd floor of Debay Wine Cella)

- Le Jardin D'Amour Flower Garden (designed flower garden boasts multiple beautiful areas that guarantee peaceful and romantic moments surrounded by picturesque nature)
- The most famous place in Ba Na Hills recently is Golden Bridge. The bridge with giant hands sits 1,400 meters above sea level, an altitude which creates the illusion of a silk strip hiding in the clouds above Da Nang.
- Afterwards, you will visit Linh Ung Pagoda, the highest statue of three Lady Buddha in Da Nang.
- Have lunch at a restaurant at French village and continue exploring all Ba Na Hills.
- Visit Linh Ung Linh Tu Temple, also known as Ba Chua Thuong Ngan Temple and located nearly 1500 meters above the sea, where sky meets earth, the embodiment of Ying and Yang.
- Free for joining games in Fantasy Park with adventurous games. This park opens a lively and attractive entertainment world with many games exciting funny and surprised feelings for the children. Walking in Fairy Forest, discovering Dinosaur Park, conquering the top with 29m Free-Fall Tower along with modern 3D, 4D, 5D movie system, etc. and over 90 free games will surely bring exciting experiences to the tourists.





- 15:00 pm: Move down from the mountain and transfer to HUE City. Arrive in Hue, check in Hotel. Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight in Hue City.

Day 07 (01/10/2023): HUE CITY – HANOI (B,L,D)

After breakfast at hotel, start excursion to visit:

- **Imperial Citadel:** the forbidden city- royal capital of Nguyen dynasty of Vietnam.
- **Khai Dinh King tomb** - the most beautiful of Hue’s royal mausoleum.
- **Thien An Monastery** - has been founded in Summer 1940 by the Bien Duc French hermits with the name of Thien An (Peace from Heaven). Check out room. Lunch at a local restaurant.
- Continue to visit Phu Cam Cathedral – was built by new concept of physical structure. Supporting pillars were concreted closely attached to the walls and gradually and supplely bended ahead. The three supporting pillars at each of four corners stretch out and create a fairly large space to embrace the whole of Saint Palace and Saint Altar.

3:30pm. Transfer to Phu Bai airport of Hue city for the flight to Hanoi. Arrive in Hanoi, our guide and bus will welcome you at Noi Bai airport. Check in Hotel. Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight in Hanoi.

Day 08 (01/11/2023): HANOI – NINH BINH – PHAT DIEM CATHEDAL CITY (B,L,D)

Breakfast at hotel. Check out, then depart to visit:

- Transfer to **Phat Diem Stone Cathedral** built from 1875 to 1899 by a Catholic Priest Tran Luc and local Catholics made by all of stone and wood. There is Priest’s Grave in front of the Church. The feature of this building is modeled as the architecture of the traditional Buddhist temples in Vietnam.
- Then take a boat trip along the stream between rice paddy to visit **Trang An** complex- where the limestone ranges, valleys and rivers fuses intertwined to create a magical space, mysterious surprise ever for you.

Lunch and dinner at local restaurant.

Overnight at hotel in Ninh Binh.



Day 09 (01/12/2023): NINH BINH – HA LONG BAY – HANOI (B,L,D)

After breakfast at hotel, we take a transfer to **Ha Long Bay** listed as a World Heritage Area of natural wonder. “Dragon descending to the sea” as it is known in Vietnamese. Picturesque Ha Long Bay has more than 1.000 limestone islets rising from the sea, many of them containing beautiful grottoes.

Upon arrival at Ha Long Bay, we embark on a boat trip to cruise discovering this magnificent UNESCO World Wonder. This is a great journey among surreal islands rising from a tranquil emerald sea.

Enjoy a delicious seafood dinner on board as the boat cruises towards South East Halong Bay, passing by beautiful stalactites and stalagmites.



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The boat heads back to harbor and disembarking at Tuan Chau Marina harbor.
Back to Hanoi city. Dinner and overnight in Hanoi.

Day 10 (01/13/2023) : HANOI CITY TOUR (B, L, D)

After breakfast. Car and tour guide pick and transfer to visit:

- Free at leisure or shopping in the morning.
- Visit **Hanoi Cathedral – St. Joseph and Saint Joseph Seminary** of Hanoi.
- **One-pillar Pagoda** - Locals believe that if you pray here, it will invoke well-beings and prosperity.
- **Temple of Literature** - Vietnam's first university constructed in 1070
- **Hoan Kiem Lake** - was already considered the most beautiful lake in Hanoi
- **Ngoc Son Temple** - A temple on the island of Ngoc Hoan Kiem Lake, Hanoi, built in the 19th century.
- Dinner at restaurant.

After that, transfer to Noi Bai airport for the flight back to Washington DC. End of service!



Cost: \$2000 ground + \$1800 international round trip flight *(if reasonable schedules are not available at this rate at the time of booking, there will be an increase in the total fee)*

Including	Excluding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation 3 stars shared in double/twin with daily breakfast. • All transfers and sightseeing stated in program by private air-conditioned transportation. • 17 meals as indicated. • English speaking guide. • All entrance fees as listed. • Mineral water (2 bottle, 2 tissues/person/day) • Visa fees and personal travel insurance • International air tickets in Vietnam and airport taxes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meals & drink other than specified in the itinerary • Surcharge for single room • Other personal expenses not mentioned nor specified in the tour program • Tips for Guiders and Drivers
Surcharge for air ticket (Quote seperately)	
<p>International flight: \$1800/ person for round trip from IAD or BWI to Saigon Domestic flights: From Tan Son Nhat airport in Saigon to Da Nang airport and from Hue airport to Noi Bai airport in Hanoi. Note: the tickets' prices can change depending on the rate of tour time when booking.</p>	
Accommodation 3 star with daily breakfast	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Saigon city: Ambassador Saigon Hotel or similar 2. Da Nang: Dyland Hotel or similar 3. Hoi An: Sunshine Hotel or similar 4. Hue: Jasmine Hotel or similar 5. Hanoi: Hanoi Amanda Hotel or similar 6. Ninh Binh: Hoa Lu Hotel or similar 	



LOYOLA 2023 STUDY TOUR TO VIETNAM Application

I understand that I am not committed to the trip until I pay the trip deposit (\$ 500 – Cost of this trip: \$ 3,300 (see details with itinerary)). **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MARYLAND**

Travel Dates: January 4 to January 14, 2023

DEADLINE AND FINAL due by October 2, 2022

Participant #1

Name: Last _____
First _____
Middle _____
Gender/Gender Identity _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: () _____

Email Address: _____

Passport #: _____

Date Issued: _____ Date Expires: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____ Citizenship: _____

Loyola Graduation Year (if applicable): _____

Will other travelers join you on this trip? (friend, family, spouse, etc.): Yes ___ No/Not sure ___

DEPOSIT: _____ (\$500)

FULLPAYMENT: _____ (Full \$3,300)

Signature Participant #1 _____ DATE _____

Signature Participant #2 _____ DATE _____

Please return this application with the checks and copy of your passport to:

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