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A STUDY TOUR TO VIETNAM
January 2-12, 2020

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, Cu Chi Tunnel, Danang city, Hoi An, Hue, Hanoi, Ninh Binh, and Ha Long bay.

Day 1 (01/02/2020): Washington-Vietnam
At 11:30am (EST), take the flight from Dulles International Airport to Vietnam.

Day 2 (01/03/2020): Arrival in Saigon City
Connecting flight in Korea and arriving in Saigon city.
Welcome to Saigon, “The Pearl of the Far East” and stay overnight in Saigon.

Day 3 (01/04/2020): 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,
• To visit Honey-bee farm and Coconut Candy Workshop
• To Continue by hand-oared sampan ride along the canals.

Day 04 (01/05/2020): SAIGON – CU CHI TUNNELS – DA NANG (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)
Have breakfast at Hotel. Start the trip to:
• Cu Chi Tunnels - one of the most famous battlegrounds of the Vietnam War.
Some of the underground networks of pathways, hideouts, sleeping quarters, meeting rooms, hospitals, and Hoang Cam Stove. Riding back to Saigon for lunch. 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. Enjoy spitting fire and water of Dragon Bridge. Check in Hotel. Overnight in Da Nang.
Day 05 (01/06/2020): DANANG CITY TOUR – MYSON – HOIAN

Enjoying 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 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.

Dinner and overnight in Hoi An.

Day 06 (01/07/2020): DANANG – BA NA HILL – HUE (B,L,D)

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

Take Cable Car ranked 5 world scores to Ba Na hills station. Stop at By Night station to visit French Village. Continue moving up by cable car to the Nui Chua Mountain – the top of Ba Na range, visiting Ninh Phong mountain, Le Nim Villas, Orchid Garden... Check-in with majestic Golden Bridge.

Have buffet lunch at restaurant.

Free for joining games in Fantasy Park – the third biggest indoor games zone in Vietnam with series of interesting games: 4 – 5D film, skiver, the death race, dinosaur park...

3 pm, Return to Da Nang city and transfer to Hue city.

Arrive in Hue, check in hotel. Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Hue city.

Day 07 (01/08/2020): 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.
2pm. 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 (01/09/2020): 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.

- **Bai Dinh Pagoda**: Southeast Asia’s the largest Buddhist complex. Lunch and dinner at local restaurant. Overnight at hotel in Ninh Binh.

**Day 09 (01/10/2020): 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 outstanding natural beauty. “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 popular islets such as **Chicken Rock, Dinh Huong Islet**... Discovering **Thien Cung (Heaven) Cave** covered with beautiful stalactites and stalagmites.

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

**Day 10 (01/11/2020) : HANOI CITY TOUR (B, L, D)**

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

- **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.
- **Enjoy water puppet show** - Vietnamese original performance. Dinner at restaurant. Overnight in Hanoi.
Day 11 (01/12/2020): HANOI – DEPARTURE (B,L)
Breakfast at hotel. Free at leisure or shopping in the morning.  
12pm, check out room. Our guide and car will pick you up to have lunch at restaurant.  
After that, transfer to Noi Bai airport for the flight back to Dulles International Airport, Washington DC. It is connecting flight to Korea. End of service!
Cost: $1680 ground + $1200 round trip flight

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**Domestic flight:**
1. VN 132 05JAN SGN DAD 18:00 19:20 2. VN 1546 08JAN HUI HAN 15:50 17:05 3. VN 247 12JAN HAN SGN 15:00 17:15

**Accommodation 3 star with daily breakfast**

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

**Child Policy for tour only**

- Child under 02 years old: Free of charge
- Child from 03 to 10 years old without bed: 50% adult charge
- Child from 03 to 10 years old with bed: 80% adult charge
- Child from 11 years old and above: 100% adult charge
# LOYOLA 2019 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: $2,880 (see details with itinerary)). **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MARYLAND**

Travel Dates: January 2 to January 12, 2020

**DEADLINE AND FINAL** due by September 15, 2019

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