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## Get Global Expeditions (GGEx)

# *Insight on Indochina*

Revealing Vietnam & Angkor Wat  
November 1 – November 14, 2008

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*Global Learning Across Borders (Global LAB) is pleased to announce a fall 2008 **Get Global Expeditions (GGEx)** journey to Indochina to experience the rich cultural and historic tapestry of Vietnam, today's "new Asian Tiger", then dramatically concluding with an excursion to the stunning, legendary temples of Angkor Wat in Cambodia. This exceptional itinerary dedicates time exploring the complex history of US-Vietnam relations and introduces this evocative country's depth in light of a renewed era of openness. Designed specifically for adults and inspired by Global LAB's experiential education programs for students, this expedition will feature exclusive introductions to fascinating people and places well off the typical tourist track. We welcome you to join us on this intimate and intriguing journey. Group size limited. Advance reservations highly recommended.*

### **Day 1 → 2 (November 2, day of arrival)**

#### **Hanoi**

Arrive at Hanoi's Noi Bai Airport where you will be met by Global LAB Representative. Free time to recover from international travel--explore by foot or pedicab the nearby teeming Old Quarter streets and markets, practice the art of crossing streets in Vietnam, where western concepts such as divided lanes and stop signs don't necessarily apply! Group dinner in Hanoi.

### **Day 3 (November 3)**

#### **Hanoi**

Breakfast/orientation talk followed by a brief walk to Ho Hoan Kiem ("Lake of the Restored Sword"), the cultural and symbolic heart of the country's capital city. (Tai chi, badminton, weight-lifting, and jogging start here every day around 5am—all are welcome to join.

Visit Hanoi's Army Museum, just across from Lenin Park. The Army Museum presents an overview of Vietnam's long history of repelling Chinese invasions and includes a unique diorama portraying the legendary victory at Dien Ben Phu that effectively ended French colonial rule in 1954. Time and energy permitting, we will also visit Hanoi's History and/or Fine Arts Museums. Lunch at a restored Buddhist Pagoda.

Afternoon visit to the exquisite Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university (founded in 1076), which was established on Confucian principles of education. The university represented the height of the influence of the Mandarin system, as adopted and revised from China. Free time to explore CraftLink, a unique collaboration between Hanoians and hill tribe minority people, creating a sustainable market for ethnic artisans and craftspeople.

Group dinner followed by evening walking tour.

#### **Day 4 (November 4)**

##### **Hanoi**

Breakfast followed by visit to Ba Dinh Square area (roughly equivalent to the Mall in DC) where on September 2, 1945 half a million people gathered to hear Ho Chi Minh read the Vietnamese Declaration of Independence (based closely on the American Declaration of Independence) formally announcing the birth of the "Democratic Republic of Vietnam" (DRV).

Explore the grounds of the Presidential Palace, visit "Uncle Ho's" simple House-on-Stilts, and his soviet style mausoleum (the inside of the mausoleum will be closed to the public for annual restoration of Ho's body).

After lunch, visit Hoa Lo Prison Museum (aka, "The Hanoi Hilton") where US POW's were once imprisoned. For many years prior to being a US POW prison, French authorities imprisoned anti-colonial Vietnamese here. Today the remains of the prison fall in the shadow of a recently constructed high rise financed through a joint venture with Singapore. If time permits, we will make the short drive out to the site of John McCain's capture at Truc Bac Lake, where he parachuted to earth with serious injuries after his fighter plane was shot down.

Free time to explore galleries and visit with artists until Red River dinner cruise with special guests aboard the "Jewel of the Delta," featuring a traditional Vietnamese music concert.

#### **Day 5 (November 5)**

##### **Ha Long Bay → Hue**

Breakfast at hotel, check out, private bus through verdant rice paddies to Ha Long Bay in the Gulf of Tonkin. Board restored traditional junk for fresh seafood lunch and private boat cruise through Ha Long's stunning archipelago of karst limestone formations and discover why the area has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its natural beauty and biological interest. Exploration of grottoes, island beaches, and "floating village" life.

Private bus to Noi Bai airport for approximately 1 hour flight to Hue, located on the banks of the Perfume River in Central Vietnam. Private bus transfer to hotel and dinner.

## **Day 6 (November 6)**

### **Hue / DMZ**

Option A: Hue City tour, with visits to The Citadel and Forbidden Purple City within the Imperial Enclosure; Thien Mu Pagoda, which houses the car that the monk Thich Quang Duc took in 1963 to Saigon, where his self-immolation protesting President Diem's treatment of Buddhists grabbed headlines around the world.

Lunch followed by visit with Buddhist nuns and children at Duc Son Pagoda, Orphanage and School, located in a rural hamlet just outside of Hue.

Option B: For those interested in US-Vietnam military history: Full day exploring key battle sites within the former Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) that once divided North and South Vietnam. Heading north from Hue we will cross the notorious Ben Hai River and explore the Vinh Moc Tunnels, where a fishing village located in a "free fire" zone literally rebuilt itself in a network of underground tunnels to survive years of heavy bombing.

## **Day 7 (November 7)**

### **Hue → Hoi An**

Breakfast at hotel/check out.

Visit Hue Medical College (the hospital featured in the documentary: "As the Call, So the Echo: An American Doctor in Vietnam") for a firsthand introduction to the healthcare system in Vietnam.

Visit to the peaceful park containing the elaborate Royal Tomb of Nguyen Dynasty Emperor Minh Mang, recently restored by the World Monuments Fund and American Express.

Lunch in Hue before making the winding drive over spectacular Hai Van Pass, separating Hue and Danang, and overlooking the South China Sea. Continue on to the charming riverside town of Hoi An, check in to hotel. Free time to explore the town and, for those interested, begin negotiating with the legendary families of silk tailors in Hoi An.

Dinner.

## **Day 8 (November 8)**

### **Hoi An**

Breakfast followed by morning walking tour of Hoi An's Historic Old Quarter. Rest of day free to explore, shop, or take day trips to My Son (Cham ruins), Danang (China Beach and Khmer/Cham Museum), or relax on the beautiful beaches 5 miles from Hoi An.

## **Day 9 (November 9)**

### **Hoi An → Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)**

Breakfast and check out; private bus to Danang for the brief flight to HCMC (Saigon). Arrive HCMC, private bus transfer to hotel for check in.

Walking tour of District I (where much of Graham Greene's *The Quiet American* is set), including stops at rooftop bars for aerial overview of Saigon's teeming streetlife.

Dinner.

## **Day 10 (November 10)**

### **Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)**

Breakfast at hotel. Saigon City tour, including Cholon (China Town) and the War Remnants Museum. Lunch followed by a visit to Reunification Hall, formerly the Presidential Palace of South Vietnam, and famed site of the Communists' gate-crashing tanks on April 30, 1975. Free late afternoon and evening for shopping, small group exploration, visit to art galleries, dinner.

## **Day 11 (November 11)**

### **Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)**

Full day excursion to explore the historic Cu Chi Tunnels complex near the Cambodian border and visit to the nearby Cai Dai Holy See, headquarters of one of Vietnam's most intriguing and colorful indigenous religions. Return to HCMC for dinner.

## **Day 12 (November 12)**

### **Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) → Siam Reap (Cambodia)**

Breakfast, check-out, private transfer to HCMC Airport for flight to Siem Reap, Cambodia. Private bus to hotel.

Begin exploration of the legendary temples of Angkor Wat. Dinner in Siem Reap.

### **Day 13 (November 13)**

#### **Angkor Wat**

Witness sunrise at Angkor Wat and continue exploration of several of the key temple complexes that make up the vast area of jungle ruins. Optional side trips north of Angkor to visit small but stunning Banteay Srei, a temple dedicated to Shiva, as well as Kbaal Spean, known in English as “The River of 1,000 Lingas” because so many lingas have been carved into the riverbed here.

Farewell Dinner in Siem Reap.

### **Day 14 (November 14)**

#### **Siem Reap → US**

Breakfast, check out, private transfer to Siem Reap for international flights home or on to other destinations in Asia.

#### **Tariff\***

**\$4,900 per person ♦ Single supplement: \$1,200**

*\*tariffs are per person, based on double occupancy, & all-inclusive with the exception of alcoholic beverages & international airfare; rates are subject to change based on lodging availability at time of booking*

## Terms & Conditions

Health: All participants must be in good health. This program involves traveling to high altitudes, walking over uneven surfaces, climbing in and out of various conveyances and climbing stairs at locations not handicapped accessible. Contact Global LAB for more details.

Insurance: For the protection of all Global LAB travel participants, trip cancellation insurance is highly recommended. Global LAB will provide recommendations for insurance providers upon request.

Changes in Itinerary & Costs: This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of Global Learning Across Borders. All prices quoted are based upon prevailing airfares, fuel prices, and currency exchange rates in effect as of January 2008 and are subject to change.

Deposit: A deposit of \$1,000 per person per tour is required to reserve space on a Global LAB travel program. The deposit is applied toward the full cost of the program. Remaining balance of program cost is due 120 days prior to tour departure. For late tour reservations (made after the due date of final payment), payment in full is required.

Cancellation Policy: Tour cancellations must be made in writing and are effective from date of postmark or email time-stamp. Cancellations made 120 days or more prior to departure, a refund less an administrative fee of \$250 per person will be made. Cancellations made less than 120 days prior to departure are subject to full forfeiture of the tour price unless the tour is fully subscribed and your space is resold (in which case the \$250 handling fee will apply). Leaving the tour in progress, for any reason whatsoever, will not result in a refund, and no refunds will be made for any unused portions of the tour.

Global LAB reserves the right to cancel any tour due to insufficient enrollment that makes the tour economically unfeasible to operate or because of good-faith concerns with respect to the safety, health, or well-being of the participants. If Global LAB cancels a tour prior to departure, registrants will receive a full refund of all monies paid to Global LAB. Should Global LAB cancel a tour in progress, participants will receive a prorated refund based on the number of days not completed on the tour. Global LAB will not be responsible for any refund for nonrefundable airline tickets or for any airline tickets purchased by the passenger directly from an airline or travel agent.

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To reserve a place, please return this form along with your deposit of \$1,000 per person to:

**Global Learning Across Borders**  
4818 43rd Street, Ste. 4C  
Woodside, NY 11377  
*Or call (800) 984-4522 or email [info@global-lab.org](mailto:info@global-lab.org) for more information*

Final payment is due no later than August 1, 2008.

Name/s of Traveler/s \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCOMODATIONS**

I wish to share a room with: \_\_\_\_\_

Double       Twin       Single Occupancy (\$1,200 supplement)

**PAYMENT**

Enclosed is my check for my deposit of \$1,000 per person, payable to Global Learning Across Borders

I/We confirm that I/we have carefully read and agree to the Terms and Conditions of this program, and agree to full payment to Global Learning Across Borders by check no later than August 1, 2008.

*Each participant must sign below.*

Signature (required) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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