



Protravel International APPAM Meeting Vietnam Extension Vietnam January 2009

January 10, 2009 ARRIVE HANOI

Arrive Hanoi on flight SQ 176 at 1225. You will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel for check-in.

Enjoy a one hour tour by cyclo, a chauffeur-pedaled tricycle through Hanoi's Old Quarter, also known as "36 streets". This bustling area of narrow streets and alleys is home to literally thousands of small businesses and shopkeepers. It's a great place to explore, especially by cyclo, with plenty of photo opportunities all around you. Attend a traditional water puppet show, a uniquely northern Vietnamese art form especially designed for depicting scenes from rural life and episodes of national history before returning to your hotel for the evening.

Overnight in Hanoi.

January 11, 2009 HANOI (B, L)

This morning meet your guide at your hotel and depart on your tour after breakfast. Your first stop will be Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, as well as his private residence from 1954 until 1969. The wooden ethnic minority style house, which was built on stilts, is surrounded by lovely peaceful gardens. In the same complex you will see the One Pillar Pagoda, founded by King Ly Thai To in 1049. This structure has become an important symbol for the people of Hanoi.

Your tour continues to the National Fine Arts Museum, located in colonial France's former Ministry of Information, which has an eclectic mix of contemporary Vietnamese art, religious pieces, lacquer-ware and sculptures. Your next stop will be the Temple Of Literature, Vietnam's first university. Constructed in 1070, the gardens and well-preserved architecture offer a relaxing glimpse into Vietnam's past.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before continuing on to Hoa Lo Prison (formerly known as the "Hanoi Hilton" during the American war). Your tour will also include the Buddhist Tran Quoc Pagoda on West Lake (one of the oldest in Vietnam) and Quan Thanh Temple (Taoist, dating from the Ly Dynasty). The last stop of the day before returning to your hotel will be the Museum of Ethnology where you observe Vietnam's diverse culture through the Museum's unique presentation of artifacts and dress used in daily life.

Overnight Hanoi

January 12, 2009 HANOI (B)

This morning visit the Bat Trang pottery village. We take the winding road out of Hanoi to the south along the top of a dike, which protects the city from flooding should the Red River overflow. After about thirty minutes, we reach the village of Bat Trang, famous for the quality of the blue and white pottery it produces. In addition to traditional designs for tableware and



pots, some craftsmen are now introducing the more avant-garde designs of Hanoi painters and artists.

Afternoon at leisure.

Overnight Hanoi

January 13, 2009 HAN OI - HALONG BAY / EMERAUDE (B, L, D)

Your early morning departure from your hotel to Halong Bay takes you on a journey through the rich farmlands of the Red River Delta. You observe everyday life of Vietnamese Villages as you see villagers work the local rice fields, take live pigs to market on bicycles or motorbikes, and plough the fields with their large water buffaloes. Arrive in Halong and board the Emeraude, a wonderful replica of one of the classic steamships of the colonial era of French Indochina. A welcome drink is served on the sundeck. With 37 luxurious air-conditioned cabins, a restaurant, two bars and a sundeck, this is the ultimate Halong Bay experience. Lunch is served on board at 1:00pm. While cruising on the emerald green waters of the bay try a traditional Vietnamese foot massage or high tea which is served on the sundeck in the late afternoon. Enjoy watching the sun set. A scrumptious buffet dinner is served between 8:00pm and 11:00pm. Before retiring to your cabin, return to the sundeck for a nightcap and take in the quiet serene beauty of the stars.

Overnight Halong Bay

January 14, 2009 HALONG BAY - HANOI -HOI AN (B, L)

Early morning offers a Tai Chi class on the sundeck between 6:00am and 7:00am. If Thai Chi doesn't interest you, enjoy a fresh cup of coffee or tea as you view the awakening of Halong Bay's boat people. A wholesome breakfast is served before cruising back to Halong City. Arrive back at Emeraude's exclusive private pier at 9:30am for disembarkation where your guide waits to take you back to Hanoi.

Arrive back in Hanoi around 12:30PM where we'll have lunch at a local restaurant before proceeding to the airport for our short domestic flight to Danang. On arrival Danang we transfer to our hotel in Hoi An.

Overnight Hoi An

January 15, 2009 HOI AN (B, L)

After breakfast this morning our half day tour takes us through Hoi An, once a major Asian trading port in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Hoi An's architecture and relaxed lifestyle have changed little over the years. Take a leisurely walking tour of the ancient town center and visit the sites of former merchants' homes, a 400 year-old Japanese Covered Bridge, and a Chinese Communal Hall. Before you return to your hotel enjoy browsing and shopping in one of the most colorful local marketplaces in all of SE Asia.

Lunch local restaurant



This afternoon we have a half day trip to the capital and religious centre of the former Champa Kingdom. My Son, 40km southwest of Hoi An, sits in a lush green valley with dozens of red brick towers and sanctuaries dating from the seventh through the thirteenth centuries. Your guide will take you through the museum and the holiest of sites before returning to your hotel.

Overnight Hoi An

January 16, 2009 HOI AN - DANANG - SAIGON (B)

Morning transfer to Danang airport for flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Enroute to the airport we'll stop at the beautiful Non Nuoc Beach (also known as "China Beach") and the Cham Museum, which contains the finest collection of Cham sculpture in the world. In Danang you will visit the Marble Mountains, five sacred hills containing dozens of Buddhist shrines

Arrive Saigon and transfer to your hotel for check-in.

This afternoon a half day city tour of vibrant Saigon includes the Reunification Hall, formerly known as the Presidential Palace. It was towards this modern building that North Vietnamese resistance fighters tanks (Viet Cong) rolled on the morning of April 30, 1975 as Saigon fell. This fascinating building is filled with history still fresh in the minds of many. Your tour also includes the Old Post Office, the Notre Dame Cathedral, the Jade Emperor Pagoda, Chinatown (Cholon) and, time permitting stop at Binh Tay Market – the central market for the city and one of its liveliest and most colorful areas.

Overnight Saigon

January 17, 2009 SAIGON (B)

Today's half day tour takes you to visit the world famous Cu Chi Tunnels. The incredible underground tunnel network was constructed by Vietnamese resistance fighters (Viet Cong) during their long struggle for independence.

Afternoon at leisure.

Late this afternoon we enjoy a private showing and discussion session with Mr. Hoang Van Cuong - former UPI photojournalist employed by the American Army during the "American War". Hundreds of his famous photos of the Vietnam War are on display. Mr. Cuong is also an antique collector of oriental art.

Overnight Saigon

January 18, 2009 SAIGON- DEPARTURE (B)

Your guide will meet you at your hotel and assist with your transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

End of services

RATES & CONDITIONS

HOTEL :

CITY	HOTELS DELUXE	HOTELS SUPERIOR
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HANOI	Sofitel Metropole	Guoman or Fortuna
HALONG BAY	Emeraude / Deluxe cabin	Emeraude / Deluxe cabin
HOI AN	Life Resort River View	Ancient House
SAIGON	Caravelle	Equatorial

GROSS PRICING - US Dollars per person:

NUMBER OF PAX	HOTELS DELUXE	HOTELS SUPERIOR
05-09pax	2,420	1,733
10-14pax	2,390	1,692
15-19pax	2,372	1,640
20-25pax	2,293	1,572
26-30pax	2,238	1,525
SGL Supplement	1,560	848

INCLUDED AIRFARES (incl. tax)		
ROUTE	AIRLINE	USD / Person
Hanoi - Danang	Vietnam Airlines	96
Danang - Saigon	Vietnam Airlines	96
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please note: All airfares and taxes are subject to change without prior notice until ticket issuance. 		

INCLUSIVE

- Accommodation in ½ twin/dbl room with daily breakfast at selected hotels
- Meals as noted (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- National English-speaking guides throughout
- Tours and transfers as mentioned by private air-conditioned vehicles
- Airfare HAN - DAD - SGN including airport tax
- Entrance fees for mentioned visits.

EXCLUSIVE

- Meals other than mentioned
- Vietnam Visa (required for entry)
- Drinks with any meals
- Camera/video entrance fees
- International airport departure tax USD \$14
- Expenditures of a personal nature
- Any services not mentioned
- International flights to Hanoi and from Saigon
- Gratuities to guides / drivers / hotel porters

Hotels subject to change.