

The Grocers and Gunners *Vietnam tour*

06 – 28 November 2012



Join me, Phil Brookes (HQ AFV) on our next *Grocers and Gunners* Vietnam tour in November 2012.

This five star, 23 days – no tents or huts this time – all inclusive tour will retrace your service in **Saigon, Vung Tau** and **Nui Dat** and take you as far north as the Chinese border.

You will experience the history, culture and breathtaking scenery of this friendly and fascinating country.

Fly **Singapore Airlines** from any Australian capital city to Saigon via Singapore. Internal travel is by air, rail and air-conditioned coach.

A highlight of the tour will be the visit to **Long Tan** on Remembrance Day, 11 November, the **Long Phuoc** tunnels and **Long Hai**. Our base will be the magnificent **Imperial Hotel** in Vung Tau (built on the site of the **Badcoe Club**).

In Saigon you will wander the famous boulevards, such as the Rue Catinet, now Dong Khoi Street, made famous by Graham Greene and *The Quiet American*. We also visit bustling **Cho Lon** and stop at the Canberra BEQ; explore the **Cu Chi** tunnels and **Mekong Delta**.

You will experience **Danang, China Beach** and historic **Hoi An**. Portuguese, French, Dutch and Japanese traders have all left their mark on this UNESCO classified town. It is a foodies delight and you might like to join the optional cooking class.

We travel by coach to **Hue** over the breathtaking **Hoi Van Pass**; visit the **Imperial City** and its ancient **citadel**, the site of bitter fighting during the 1968 Tet Offensive.

Compare the restrained ambience of ancient **Hanoi**, with its strong French connection, to bustling Saigon. Hanoi is a gracious, seductive city of tree-lined boulevards; an eclectic mix of French and Asian. Hanoi highlights will include a visit to the **Old Quarter** with its bustling cafes and shops, the infamous **Hanoi Hilton** and **Ho Chi Minh's house and gardens**.

Explore the breathtaking World heritage site of **Ha long Bay**, its secluded bays and caves, and spend the night on the Bay on a five star cruise boat.

Travel by train to **Sapa**, near the **Chinese border**. This spectacular area is dominated by the **Hoang Lien Son Range, the eastern extremity of the Himalayas**. Ethnic minority tribes dominate this area. Highlights will be a visit to one of the most interesting and colourful markets in Asia and some easy walks through **H'mong villages**.

This 23 day tour is exceptional value. It is fully escorted, all inclusive (all western buffet breakfasts, international and internal travel, most lunches and dinners, entrance fees, Vietnam visa fee and quality tour polo shirt) and is designed with flexibility and your comfort in mind. There is time for your own leisure, exploring and optional cooking classes.

Tour price: \$5,860.00 per person in twin share
Single room supplement: \$1960.00

Tour Price includes government airport taxes, airline fees and fuel surcharges in the amount of \$470.00 and is valid as at 19th September 2011. This is subject to change without notice.

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