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LONG TAN

Commemorative Tour



19 Days (including flights) / Departing 13 August 2012



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Tour	Days	Dep. Date	Price (per person twin share)
Including Flights	19	13 Aug 2012	\$3,955 plus taxes
Land only	18	13 Aug 2012	\$2,995

Single supplement: \$550 - We make every effort to twin share travellers upon request

LONG TAN COMMEMORATIVE TOUR

Day 1: Mon 13 Aug SAIGON
On arrival in Saigon we are met at the airport and transferred to our central hotel located in the heart of Saigon. This evening we will enjoy a Welcome Dinner. (D)

Day 2: Tue 14 Aug SAIGON
This morning enjoy a day tour with sights including the Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral, built by the French in 1877, former Presidential Palace, War Remnants Museum, Cholon, The Free World Building and the former "Canberra" Hotel. Our tour will terminate at the famous Ben Thanh Market. (B)

Day 3: Wed 15 Aug VUNG TAU
This morning we journey south by hydrofoil to Vung Tau. Later we will explore this seaside resort and visit the White Villa, the former area known as "Flags", the magnificent beach located across the road from where the Peter Badcoe Club once stood and the VC Memorial located where 1 ALSG once was. After lunch enjoy an afternoon at leisure. (B, L)

Day 4: Thu 16 Aug VUNG TAU
After visiting the fishing village along the sea front, we travel northeast to the township of Baria, afterwards, visit the township of Dat do and the Memorial dedicated to Vo Thi Sau the young Vietnamese revolutionary. Then proceed to the Long Hais and former Minh Dam Secret Zone. We return to Vung Tau mid-afternoon. (B, L)

Day 5: Fri 17 Aug VUNG TAU
After breakfast we travel north to Nui Dat passing by what remains of the Horseshoe on the way. Whilst few remnants remain of the former Task Force Base, we will have time to explore the area and visit the local school which is situated at the end of what was once Luscombe Airstrip. Today we will enjoy a picnic lunch at the Long Phuoc Tunnels before we make our way back to Vung Tau. (B, L)

Day 6: Sat 18 Aug VUNG TAU
This morning is at leisure and this afternoon we travel to the Long Tan service. It will have special meaning to us this year with it being the 40th Anniversary since the withdrawal of our troops from the war. (B)

Day 7: Sun 19 Aug SAIGON
This morning we make our way back to Saigon via the village of Binh Ba. This afternoon is at leisure for shopping, sightseeing, relaxing or maybe a massage! (B)

Day 8: Mon 20 Aug SAIGON
This morning we travel northwest to Cu Chi to visit the former underground VC village. After watching a video filmed by the Vietnamese during the American war, we will view and explore the widened tourist tunnel systems. You may like to crawl along one of the original tunnels. You then have the opportunity (1USD) to visit the firing range where you will be given a choice of weapons to fire, including the M60 and AK47. We will enjoy lunch alongside the picturesque river and return to Saigon early afternoon. (B, L)

Day 9: Tue 21 Aug SAIGON
After breakfast we will take a scenic drive south to the Mekong Delta and Ben Tre. On arrival we board a private boat and travel the tributaries to visit one of the more spectacular Islands. After watching coconut candy being made we will explore the Island on a horse drawn cart. We will stop for refreshments and then board an oared Sampan and travel along the peaceful canals under the shadows of the water coconut trees. Lunch is at a lovely restaurant, before making the return journey to Saigon. (B, L)

Day 10: Wed 22 Aug HOI AN
This morning we board our flight to Danang. We are met at the airport and to the former trading port of Hoi An, which still retains the feel of centuries past. After checking into our hotel we will take a walking tour along the narrow streets and cross the 400 year old Japanese covered bridge and visit ancient houses, galleries and a silk tailor shop. Hoi An is a great place to have clothes made. This evening you might like to dine out in one of the many river side restaurants. (B)

Day 11: Thu 23 August HOI AN
Today is a day at leisure for you to relax and explore more of the old town. You may like us to arrange a cooking class for you! (B)

Day 12: Fri 24 Aug HUE
This morning we drive north to Danang, to visit the unique Marble Mountains. You may like to make the climb to the top and enter Huyen Khong cave. You will be rewarded with magnificent views inside the Cave and of Danang, the surrounding mountains and China beach. You will also have the opportunity to visit a marble factory. Next we visit China Beach and the Cham museum with its artefacts dating from the 7th to the 15th centuries. We will cross the stunning Hai Van Pass, stopping at Lang Co beach for lunch and continue on to the former ancient capital Hue. (B, L)

Day 13: Sat 25 Aug HUE
This morning we will visit the Citadel and Imperial Enclosure, and the Forbidden City. We will also see a Royal culture show. Later we board a Dragon boat for our return cruise along the scenic Perfume River. We then board our bus to visit the Thien Mu Pagoda and the tomb of Minh Mang, which is built around two lakes. (B)

Day 14: Sun 26 Aug HANOI
This morning we transfer to the airport for our flight to Hanoi. After checking into our hotel we transfer to Hoan Kiem Lake to board a Cyclo for a fun ride around the outskirts of the Old Quarter. The remainder of your day is at leisure in this historic city with its blend of French, Chinese and Vietnamese architecture. This evening we will attend the popular Water Puppet show. (B)

Day 15: Mon 27 Aug HANOI
This morning we tour the city and visit several landmarks, including the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, the former Presidential Palace, the modest stilt house of President Ho Chi Minh, One Pillar Pagoda, the Army Museum

Inclusions:

- Return Flights from Australia (if applicable)
- Domestic airfares in Vietnam (including taxes)
- 3 or 4 star central hotels
- Fully escorted by an Aussie Vietnam Veteran
- Meals as per itinerary
- English speaking professional local guides
- Arrival/Departure transfers (excluding land only)
- Travel in a Deluxe AC coach
- Entries to all sites as per Itinerary
- Detailed information kit and pre-departure advice
- Made Easy Tours cap, bag & luggage tags

Exclusions:

- Travel Insurance
- Visa fee
- Airline Taxes (if applicable)
- Tips for porters, drivers and guides
- Meals not listed on the itinerary
- Personal Expenses

and former POW Prison "the Hanoi Hilton". The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax or continue your sightseeing. (B)

Day 16: Tue 28 Aug HALONG BAY
Today we depart for Halong City and on arrival board our traditional junk boat for an overnight stay on Halong Bay. We will cruise amongst the rocky limestone Islands and disembark to visit the Thien Cung Cave, one of the more spectacular grottoes. (B, L, D)

Day 17: Wed 29 Aug HANOI
After disembarking from the boat we board the bus for the return journey to Hanoi, stopping en route for a refreshment stop. After checking into our hotel, this afternoon is at leisure to complete any last minute shopping. This evening enjoy a Farewell Dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 18: Thu 30 Aug IN-FLIGHT
Today marks the end of a very memorable tour and we are transferred to the airport for our flight home. (B)

Day 19: Fri 31 Aug AUSTRALIA
Arrive Australia.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Commemorations on the 18th August at Long Tan
- Fully escorted by an Aussie Vietnam Veteran
- Exploration of Vietnam battlefields
- Beautiful & historic Vung Tau
- Long Phuoc Tunnels
- Day Tour on the thriving Mekong River
- Cu Chi Tunnels
- Ancient town of Hoi An
- Forbidden city of Hue
- Overnight on a deluxe junk in beautiful Halong Bay