**Vietnam**

**A Tapestry of Beauty, History & Traditions**

April 17–27, 2020

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Sincerely,

Sarah Eichhorn
Assistant Director, Travel Program
The University of Chicago
The mysterious pathways of the Cu Chi tunnels

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• It is the capital of the Ninh Binh province.
• Its economy is based on tourism and service industries.
• It is known as the "southern gateway to the Red River Delta.

Hanoi

• Travel to the Mekong Delta, a unique region where life on the water has remained unchanged for centuries.
• Board your boat and explore the narrow waterways and fertile islands. Enjoy a bike ride through Phong Nha village and make a stop at a factory that makes coconut slippers, which is a popular drink among the locals. Enjoy honey tea in the garden of Mrs. Huang and visit the home of a former Viet Cong soldier, where you'll gain insight into the “other side” of the war. Before returning to Saigon, stop by the Vinh Trang Pagoda.

Day 2: HANOI/HAI PHONG/LAN HA BAY

• Visit Ho Chi Minh City – the economic center of Vietnam. Drive to the Cu Chi tunnels, where you will visit the “underground city.” You can walk through the area and learn about the day-to-day life of the Viet Cong. Experience the nightlife of Saigon the way locals do, all from the back of a vintage Vespa scooter, and discover local delicacies for dinner.

Day 3: HANOI

• Board your overnight flight to Hanoi. Land in Vietnam’s capital city – a bewitching tapestry of lakes, shaded boulevards, and French colonial parks.

Day 4: HANOI/HAI PHONG/LAN HA BAY

• Enjoy a performance of the world-famous Water Puppet Theatre at the home of Mr. Phan Thanh Liem. Experience this 7th generation water puppeteer’s life’s work, local Hanoi culture and traditional entertainment. View Hoan Kiem Lake, containing an islet with the tiny Tortoise Pagoda.

Day 5: HAI PHONG/HUE

• Take a scenic drive through the countryside revealing a fast-changing agricultural and industrial region. Board the Sealife Legend 4-star vessel, which is comprised of over four-hundred tropical islands and includes the iconic Cat Ba Island. Discover enchanting islands and enjoy sightseeing on board, including beach excursions, snorkeling dives, and the legendary Ha Long Bay. Enjoy a luxurious floating home.

Day 6: HUE/HOI AN

• This morning, rise early for an optional traditional cooking class. Learn to make authentic Cambodian food and bring those unique tastes back home to your own kitchen.

Day 7: HOI AN

• Ho Chi Minh City – Mekong Delta

Day 8: HUE – HOI CHI MINH CITY/CHICHAGO (B, Meals Aloft)

• After breakfast, enjoy a tour highlighting the essential sights of this bustling city. Visit Notre Dame, an impressive neo-Romanesque cathedral. Continue to the War Remnants Museum, which moves the nation’s struggles. Late this evening, transfer to the airport for your return flights home.
DAY 1 – HO CHI MINH CITY/CHICAGO
ARRIVE AND CHECK-IN. (B, L)
Your faculty host, Kimberly Hoang, an associate professor of sociology and the College and the director of the Global Studies program at the University of Chicago, Hoang is the author of Dealing in Desire: Asian Ascendancy, Western Decline, and the Hidden Currencies of Global Sex Work (University of California Press, 2015). With funding support from the Social Science Research Council and the Fulbright Global Scholar Award, she is currently conducting research for her second book project that involves a comparative study of the articulation of inter-Asian flows of capital and foreign investment in Southeast Asia. In addition to her research, she has won the 2018 Quantrell teaching award at the University of Chicago, which is believed to be the nation’s oldest prize for undergraduate teaching.

DAY 8 – HOI AN ~ COOKING CLASS & CITY TOUR
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DAY 6 – HOI CH MINH CITY/MEKONG DELTA
BOARD THE SEALIFE LEGEND AT LAN HA BAY, WHICH IS THE MOST LUXURIOUS FLOATING HOME. EXPLORE THE MYSTERIES OF THE ANCIENT TEMPLES AND MONUMENTS OF SIEM REAP, INCLUDING THE LARGEST ANCIENT TEMPLE COMPLEX IN THE WORLD – ANGKOR WAT. OTHER ANCIENT SITES INCLUDE ANGKOR THOM, WITH ITS STUNNING BAYON TEMPLE, AND TA PROHM, KNOWN AS THE “KINGDOM OF TREES.” THEN TRAVEL TO KAMPONG KHLEANG FLOATING VILLAGE, AND VISIT A DEVELOPMENT CENTER FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH TRADITIONAL SKILLS SUCH AS STONE CARVING AND WOOD CARVING. LEARN TO MAKE AUTHENTIC CAMBODIAN FOOD AND BRING THOSE UNIQUE TASTES BACK HOME TO YOUR Own KITCHEN.

YOUR ITINERARY

YOUR JOURNEY COSTS
APRIL 17–27, 2020
PRICES PER PERSON
$1,995 land, double occupancy, including internal airfare within Vietnam.
$1,055 single supplement, additional.
$1,650 estimated airfare from Chicago, round-trip, including departure taxes (currently, subject to change).

YOUR JOURNEY INCLUDES
• Internal airfare within Vietnam  
• Roundtrip airfare between Ho Chi Minh City and Siem Reap on the Cambodia extension  
• Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar  
• Boat tickets according to the itinerary  
• Breakfast daily; other meals as specified in itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)  
• Services of English-speaking guide throughout the tour with a minimum of 10 travelers, on both the main and extension programs  
• A University of Chicago host with minimum of 15 travelers on the main program and 10 travelers on the extension  
• Gratuities to drivers and guide and other inconvenience attendants  
• All touring via air-conditioned motor coach  
• Water in vehicles and with all meals  
• All entry fees  
• All applicable hotel taxes and gratuities for baggage handling  
• Complimentary baggage tags and passport wallet  
• Complimentary emergency evacuation insurance

YOUR JOURNEY COSTS
APRIL 30, 2020
PRICES PER PERSON
$5,395 double occupancy, including air between Saigon and Siem Reap.  
$3,995 single supplement, additional.

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Optional Post-Extension to Cambodia
Main Program Accommodation
Movenpick Hotel Hanoi: Located in the heart of Hanoi, the hotel is just minutes from the Old Quarter. The rooms and suites are comfortable and outfitted with all modern amenities.

Sealeel Legend: This luxurious 4-star vessel offers suites with private bathrooms and modern amenities. Each cabin features a stunning bay view through wide glass windows or an option to get closer to the action on private balconies.

Hotel Saigon Morin: This classic hotel was built in 1900 and is regarded as one of the five oldest hotels in Vietnam, located in the heart of Hue. Featuring the French colonial style, the hotel provides the professional services of accommodation, fine dining restaurants, and recreation rooms.

Hotel Royal Hoi An – MGallery by Sofitel: Located on the scenic Thu Bon River, this hotel is a perfect blend of historical charm and modernity. Rooms are fully equipped with top-of-the-line décor, making it the perfect place to stay during your visit.

Hotel Des Arts: A boutique hotel located in the most vibrant district of Ho Chi Minh City, just steps away from many important historical sights. Rooms are decorated in such a way that guests feel as if they have been transported to French Vietnam.

Post Extension Accommodation
Softail Angkor Phokeethra Golf & Spa Resort: This hotel offers unrivaled comfort and authentic French colonial charm. Each room is elegantly designed, with scenic garden, lake or pool views and sophisticated amenities.

ACCOMMODATIONS

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LAOS
CAMBODIA
CHINA
MYANMAR
YOUR FACULTY HOST
Kimberly Hoang

4017 – PHU QUOC ISLAND
Visit the Cu Chi tunnels, which is believed to be the nation’s oldest prize for undergraduate teaching.

4020 – HAI PHONG/HANCO
Enjoy a performance of the world-famous Water Puppet Theatre in Hanoi, the Temple of Literature, which serves not only as a place of worship but as an expression of life’s work, local Hanoian culture and traditional entertainment. View Hoan Kiem Lake, containing an iconic resident. Explore the dark and bright Van Tuong Tunnel, Watch an authentic Vietnamese meal being prepared in Hue Buddha smiles over Vinh Trang Pagoda

4030 – HO CHI MINH CITY (FORMERLY SAIGON)
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4040 – SIEM REAP
Your Faculty Host
Kimberly Hoang

A University of Chicago host with minimum of 15 travelers on the main program and 10 travelers on the extension

Services of English-speaking guide throughout the tour with a minimum of 10 travelers, on both the main and extension programs

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Gratuities to drivers and guide and other inconvenience attendants

All touring via air-conditioned motor coach

Water in vehicles and with all meals

All entry fees

All applicable hotel taxes and gratuities for baggage handling

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HOTEL ROYAL HOI AN
MGallery by Sofitel:

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Movenpick Hotel Hanoi (Meals Aloft)
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**DAY 3 – HANOI**
Movenpick Hotel Hanoi (BLD)
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**DAY 7 – HO CHI MINH CITY**
A tour highlighting the most important tourist sites in the city. Visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, The Independence Palace, the War Remnants Museum, and the City Hall.

**DAY 8 – HO CHI MINH CITY (FORMERLY SAIGON)**
A visit to the French colonial neighborhood, a must for all history enthusiasts. Visit Cholon, the largest Chinatown in Southeast Asia, famous for its narrow waterways and fertile islands. Enjoy a bike ride through Phong Nam village and make a stop at a factory that makes coconut spirits, which is a popular drink among the locals. Enjoy honey tea in a traditional tea experience, before the evening is yours at leisure.

**DAY 9 – HO CHI MINH CITY**
A trip to the Cu Chi tunnels. Watch an authentic Vietnamese meal being prepared in Hue. Buddha smiles over Vinh Trang Pagoda.

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