ACCESS ASIA STUDY TOURS

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VIETNAM STUDY TOUR

with optional CAMBODIA extension

2-15/19 January 2007

Start in the cultural and historical city of Hanoi for 3 days of teaching in local schools. Gain an understanding of Vietnam's culture and society through personal interactions with local teachers and students. Cruise through the amazing Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Wander the tiny quaint streets of Hoi An, one of Vietnam's most beautiful towns. Enjoy the hustle and bustle of Ho Chi Minh City and learn more about one of the most horrific wars in this region. Embark on a tour through the Mekong Delta, one of the great rivers of the world. For those eager to explore onwards, learn about Cambodia's intriguing history from the ancient temples of Angkor Wat to bustling Phnom Penh. Experience one of the great wonders of the world!

ITINERARY

Whilst every attempt has been made to ensure that all of the information in this brochure is true and correct at the time of printing, the Asia Education Foundation reserves the right to change the program at any time.

Tue 2 Jan	Hanoi	Arrive in Hanoi and meet for dinner at the hotel for a workshop on cultural literacy – a great preparation for learning more about Vietnam/Cambodia and how the experience might be used professionally. Dinner included.
Wed 3 Jan	Hanoi	Explore the busy streets of Hanoi. Visit the variously themed streets that Hanoi is famous for. Meet with your teaching partner for preparations for your school experience. Breakfast and dinner provided.
Thu 4 Jan	Hanoi	Day 1 of teaching (half day). Begin your first morning of teaching in a Vietnamese school. Enjoy working with the children and the learning experience you will both have! An afternoon briefing at the Australian Embassy will help provide an overview of education in Vietnam and Australia-Vietnam relations. Finish the day with a cooking lesson on traditional Vietnamese dishes and dine with a Vietnamese family. Breakfast, lunch and dinner provided.
Fri 5 Jan	Hanoi	Day 2 of teaching (half day). Finish your second day of teaching with a visit to the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first University and Craftlink traditional handicraft shop. Dine at groovy KOTO, an innovative training restaurant for disadvantaged youth teaching hospitality and life skills. Breakfast, lunch and dinner provided.
Sat 6 Jan	Hanoi	Day 3 of teaching (half day). Visit the Museum of Ethnology in the afternoon to learn about the culturally diversity of Vietnam. Enjoy a free evening to try one of Hanoi's many culinary delights. Breakfast and lunch provided.
Sun 7 Jan	Hanoi	Travel east of Hanoi to the Gulf of Tonkin to enjoy a day of cruising Vietnam's most amazing natural wonder and World Heritage Site, Halong Bay. Return to Hanoi in the evening. Breakfast, lunch and dinner provided.
Mon 8 Jan	Hanoi	Free time for curriculum development. Options include a visit to a contemporary art gallery, Ho Chi Minh's tomb, a Buddhist temple, a silk village or walking tour of Bach Ma. Breakfast included.

Tue 9 Jan	Hanoi / Hue	Morning transfer to airport for one hour flight to Hue in central Vietnam. Visit Hue Citadel and the tomb of King Khai Dinh. Finish the day with a dinner cruise and enjoy a traditional Vietnamese music performance. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.
Wed 10 Jan	Hue / Hoi An	Travel to Hoi An one of Vietnam's most beautiful historic towns. Spend the afternoon learning about this ancient town through a guided city tour. Enjoy the evening at your leisure wandering the small streets and laneways that make Hoi An famous. Breakfast and lunch included.
Tue 11 Jan	Hoi An	Take the opportunity to hire a bike and ride out to the local beach or revisit the sights of Hoi An. Free time for curriculum development. Breakfast included.
Wed 12 Jan	Hoi An / Ho Chi Minh City	Have early breakfast before transferring to Danang airport for the one hour flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Free time for curriculum development before a visit to the former presidential palace, Thein Hau pagoda and the War Remnants Museum. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.
Sat 13 Jan	Ho Chi Minh City	Enjoy a visit to the Mekong Delta, one of south-east Asia's largest delta regions. Have lunch on the delta before returning to Ho Chi Minh City for dinner. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.
Sun 14 Jan	Ho Chi Minh City	After breakfast, travel to the Cu Chi tunnels, the tunnel network used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam war. Enjoy a free afternoon for curriculum development. Options include visiting local markets, the Fine Arts Museum or the Notre Dame Cathedral. Finish your Vietnam experience with a farewell dinner of local cuisine. Breakfast and dinner included.
Mon 15 Jan	End of study tour	For those finishing the programme here, have a morning to explore those last minute sights before returning to Australia. Those wishing to further their Asia experience in Cambodia, prepare for another journey ahead… Breakfast included.

Cambodia Add On:

Mon 15 Jan	Siem Reap	Depart by plane to Siem Reap, the home of the Angkor-Wat Temple complex. Visit Angkor-Thom, the monumental temples of Bayon, Baphuon and Phimeanaka mountain, Terrace of the Elephant, Terrace of the Leper King and Ta Prohm Temple. In the afternoon, visit the 7th Heritage Wonder of the Angkor Wat Temple. Breakfast, lunch and dinner provided.
Tues 16 Jan	Siem Reap	Early morning visit to sunrise at Angkor Wat. Return to hotel for breakfast. Visit Banteay rey, and beautiful Banteay Samre. After lunch continue to visit the temples of Thommanon, Chaosay-tevada, Srasong, Kravann and Pre Rup. Breakfast and lunch provided.
Wed 17 Jan	Siem Reap / Phnom Penh	Take a morning boat trip to the floating villages on Lake Tonle Sap before departing by high speed boat to Phnom Penh, the capital of the Kingdom of Cambodia. Enjoy an afternoon tour of the city, the majestic Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda. Enjoy an evening stroll along the Phnom Penh waterfront. Breakfast and lunch provided.
Thurs 18 Jan	Phnom Penh	A morning visit to the Toulsleng Criminal Museum and the Choeung-ek killing field will give an insight into Cambodia under the infamous Pol Pot regime. In the afternoon visit the National Fine-Art Museum and Watphnom, the historical part of Phnom Penh. Breakfast, lunch and dinner provided.
Fri 19 Jan	Phnom Penh	Utilise your final morning in Cambodia to catch any last minute sights and further your curriculum development. Depart back to Australia in the afternoon. Breakfast included.

TOUR LEADER

Colin Mitchell, United Nations International School of Hanoi, Vietnam

Colin Mitchell has spent over two years living, teaching and exploring Vietnam. He is currently teaching at the UN International School, Hanoi, a city he knows well. The AEF has had the pleasure of working with Colin in the preparation and implementation of Linking Latitudes Conference, Hanoi in 2004. His knowledge of the city and his love of Vietnam are infectious. Colin has experience teaching in the TAFE, adult education and school sectors.

HOTEL CONTACT DETAILS IN VIETNAM/CAMBODIA

*Please note, hotels are subject to change

2-9 January	Hanoi	**HOANG HA HOTEL** Add: 126 Ho Tung Mau St. Tu Liem, Hanoi, Vietnam Tel +84 4 7645085 Fax: +84 4 7645087
9-10 January	Hue	**TBA**
10-12 January	Hoi An	**TBA**
12-15 January	Saigon	**VIEN DONG HOTEL IN SAI GON** Address: No 275 Pham Ngu Lao street District 1 - Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam Tel: +84 8 8368941 Fax: +84 8 8368812
15-17 January	Siem Reap	**MONOREACH ANGKOR HOTEL** Airport Road Siem Reap, Cambodia Tel: +855 63 963760 182 Fax: +855 63 963 861 URL: www.monoreach.com.kh
17-19 January	Phom Penh	**NEW YORK HOTEL** Address: 256, Monivong Blvd, Phnom Penh- 12211, Cambodia Tel: +855 23 214 116-7-8 Fax: +855 23 217 142 URL: http://www.newyorkhotel.com.kh

NB: These numbers are listed for calling outside of Vietnam/Cambodia, to use within the specified country, drop the country code and add a 0 to the area code.

TOUR COST (Land Cost)

Access Asia Study Tours ***may be tax deductible*** for teachers. Contact your tax agent to see if you are eligible!

Vietnam Study Tour

$2,350 Land Cost (13 nights) twin share (if you are travelling alone, we will partner you with another participant)

$500 single supplement

Cambodia Add-On

$1,100 Land Cost (4 nights) twin share (if you are travelling alone, we will partner you with another participant)

$150 single supplement

The land cost includes:

- Accommodation
- Experienced tour leader/s with a teaching background
- All land transportation & domestics flights
- Meals as listed in the itinerary (All breakfasts; Vietnam = 8 X lunches, 9 X dinners; Cambodia = 4 X lunches, 2 X

The land costs excludes:

- Meals not listed in the itinerary
- Tips/gratuity
- Optional activities
- Photography and camera expenses
- Visas
- Laundry, communication and tips
- Personal travel insurance

dinners)
Entrance fees to sites listed in the itinerary
English speaking guide

International and domestic airport taxes

AIRFARES

Participants can book and organise their own international airfare to Vietnam or they can utlise the fares held by the AEF. The tour will start in Hanoi on Tuesday 2nd January 2007 and will end in Ho Chi Minh on Monday 15th January 2007. Those participants taking part in the Cambodia add on, the programme will finish in Phnom Penh on Friday 19th January 2007. Please download the *Vietnam January Airfares* document.