MARCH 5-16, 2021
A NATION REVEALED
VIETNAM
Featuring Professor Thomas Alan Schwartz
ANGKOR WAT, CAMBODIA EXTENSION
Dear Vanderbilt Traveler,

This coming March 2021, the Vanderbilt Alumni Association invites you to take a fascinating journey to Vietnam with Professor Thomas Alan Schwartz. This comprehensive 12-day program highlights the region’s stunning sites, and its refined and rustic terrains.

You will be charmed by the French colonial architecture of Hanoi and amazed by its museums, Ho Chi Minh’s Mausoleum and the One Pillar Pagoda. Take a two-night cruise through the dramatic limestone islands of Halong Bay. Imagine more than 3,000 islands rising from the emerald waters of the Gulf of Tonkin and you have a vision of their breathtaking beauty. Travel to the impressive UNESCO World Heritage Site of Hoi An where the city’s rich trading heritage left a legacy of elegant architecture, antique shops and art galleries.

No trip to Asia is complete without exploring vibrant Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon and now christened “the Paris of Asia and the Pearl of Vietnam.” Explore the famous Chu Chi tunnels, the former Presidential Palace, now called Independence Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral and Thien Hau Pagoda. Take an excursion on the lush Mekong Delta’s narrow waterways tasting exotic fruits and local delicacies.

Extend your adventure to a coup de grace experience with the awesome wonders of the Angkor Wat temple complex in Cambodia. Marvel at Angkor Thom, Bayon, the Terrace of the Leper King. See Banteay Srei, the finest example of Khmer architecture, and magnificent Ta Prohm, virtually hidden by the ever-encroaching jungle canopy.

A magical array of memories in the making, fine accommodations, and delicious meals are all integral parts of this unique trip. We look forward to having you join us on this alluring journey through *Vietnam: A Nation Revealed*. Call 615.322.3673 or email us at alumni.travel@vanderbilt.edu to register for this tour. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Cary DeWitt Allyn
Director, Vanderbilt Travel Program

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**A Nation Revealed**

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**ANGKOR WAT, CAMBODIA EXTENSION**

**Featuring Thomas Alan Schwartz, Professor of History & Political Science**

Thomas Alan Schwartz is a Professor of History and Political Science at Vanderbilt University. Educated at Columbia, Oxford and Harvard Universities, he is the author of the books *America’s Germany: John J. McCloy and the Federal Republic of Germany* (1991) and *Lyndon Johnson and Europe: In the Shadow of Vietnam* (2003), and the forthcoming, *Henry Kissinger and American Power* (Farrar, Strauss and Giroux, 2020). Along with Matthias Schulz, he produced the edited volume, *The Strained Alliance: US-European Relations in the 1970s*, (2009). He has received fellowships from the German Historical Institute, the Norwegian Nobel Institute, the Woodrow Wilson Center, and the Social Science Research Center. He served on the Historical Advisory Committee of the Department of State, and was the President of the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations. While teaching at Vanderbilt, he has received the *Madison Sarratt Teaching prize* (2013) and the *Alumni Education Award* (2008).
FRIDAY, MARCH 5: DEPART USA
Depart USA on your international overnight flight to Hanoi, Vietnam.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6: ARRIVE IN HANOI
Arrive Hanoi. Meet and transfer to your hotel. Rest of day at leisure.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7: HANOI
City of Hanoi tour highlighting its tree-lined boulevards and French colonial architecture, lakes, and temples. Tour Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and private residence, One Pillar Pagoda, and the Fine Arts Museum. After a local restaurant luncheon, see Hoa Lo Prison, followed by a cyclo-ride to the Old Quarter and Lake of the Restored Sword. This evening attend a traditional water puppet show, a uniquely northern Vietnamese art form depicting rural life scenes and episodes of national history. Welcome Dinner and Reception at the Foreign Press Club. (B,L,R,D)

MONDAY, MARCH 8: HANOI/EMBARK SHIP
Embark the M/S Au Co Cruise for a journey around dramatic Halong Bay. Savor lunch on board and visit the Cua Van floating fishing village by kayak or traditional rowing boat. Witness a “Master-Chef” carving competition with traditional Vietnamese food. Dinner and overnight on board. (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, MARCH 9: HALONG BAY
Begin your day with Tai Chi on the sundeck. Swim in the Ho Ba Ham and kayak along the emerald water. Enjoy lunch at the Halong restaurant with a magnificent view of the karst towers. Explore an island and its local life. Take part in a special barbecue party back on board as you soak in the views of the stunning Vietnamese sunset. (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10: HALONG BAY/DISEMBARK SHIP/HUE
Visit Tien Ong Cave in Halong Bay. Immerse in Vietnamese culture as you experience a traditional tea ceremony. Disembark the ship in Tuan Chau Port and transfer to Hanoi for your internal flight to Hue. Rest of day at leisure. (B)

THURSDAY, MARCH 11: HUE
Journey via boat along the Perfume River. Visit the Thien Mu Pagoda and the mausoleum of the former Emperor Minh Mang. After lunch, explore the Imperial Citadel of the Nguyen Dynasty. Conclude your day with a private dinner at Ben Xuan Garden House. (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, MARCH 12: HUE/HOI AN
Tour the mausoleums of Emperors Tu Duc and Khai Dinh. Drive to Hoi An via the Hai Van Cloudy Pass. En route, witness the Cham sculpture and view the Marble Mountains. Upon arrival to Hoi An, enjoy an evening of leisure. (B,L)

SATURDAY, MARCH 13: HOI AN
Visit UNESCO World Heritage Site, Hoi An, once a major trading port in Vietnam. Stroll the ancient town center and visit the 400-year old Japanese covered bridge and Chinese Communal Hall. Afternoon and evening at leisure for independent exploration. (B)

SUNDAY, MARCH 14: HOI AN/SAIGON
Following breakfast, transfer to the Danang airport for flight to Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon. This afternoon see the former Presidential Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral and Thien Hau Pagoda. Evening at leisure. (B)

MONDAY, MARCH 15: SAIGON
Tour the Chu Chi Tunnels, constructed during the struggle for independence. Afterwards, have some time for independent exploration. This evening gather for a Farewell Dinner cruising the Saigon River. (B,D)

TUESDAY, MARCH 16: DEPART SAIGON
Transfer to the Ho Chi Minh City Airport for your international departure flight to USA. Welcome Home! (B)

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CAMBODIA EXTENSION MARCH 16-19, 2021
TUESDAY, MARCH 16: SAIGON/SIEM REAP/ANGKOR WAT
Morning flight from Ho Chi Minh City to Siem Reap, your base for exploring the fabled temples of Angkor, the ancient capital of the Khmer empire. Tour the South Gate of Angkor Thom, famous Bayon, Baphoun, Terrace of Elephants and Terrace of the Leper King. Sunset at Phnom Bakheng Hill. (B, L)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17: ANGKOR WAT
Rise early for sunrise over the immense temple complex of Angkor Wat, one of the great wonders of the ancient world. This vast network of wats dating back to the 7th century is the center of some of the most important structures, statues, and carvings produced in the name of the Buddha and Hindu religions. The temple is dedicated to the god Vishnu, of whom the Emperor was considered a reincarnation. This afternoon explore haunting Ta Phrom, the ancient structure gripped by massive strangler fig and banyan tree roots and Preah Khan, a Buddhist temple built by King Jayavarman VII. (B, L)

THURSDAY, MARCH 18: ANGKOR WAT
Travel to glorious Banteay Srei, a 10th-century pink sandstone monument dedicated to Shiva and known to be the most aesthetically beautiful temple of all. Take a cruise to the floating village on Tonle Sap Lake. Dinner this evening features an Apsara dance show. (B, L, D)
FRIDAY, MARCH 19: DEPART
Transfer to Siem Reap Airport for your international departure flight to USA. Welcome Home! (B)

Cost of Adventure:

VIETNAM PROGRAM: $6,065 PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
CAMBODIA EXTENSION: $2,235 PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

Included in your program are:

- All accommodations as detailed in the itinerary with breakfast daily
- All touring on a private basis including all entrance fees
- All transfers & touring by private air-conditioned vehicles
- Meals as indicated by (B), (B,L), (B,L,D) = Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner
- Services of a private hand-selected DAI guide throughout the program
- Meet & greet services at all airports for arrivals and departures
- Luggage handling throughout the program
- Gratuities for guides, drivers, and all restaurant staff for included meals per the itinerary

Not Included are:

- International airfare from USA and return (we are pleased to assist you with your flights)
- Passport and Visa Fees
- Items of personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks (unless indicated otherwise), incidentals expenses onboard the ship or at the hotels, wi-fi/internet, etc
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)

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