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ANGKOR WAT, CAMBODIA EXTENSION

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Dear Vanderbilt Traveler,

This coming November 2021, the Vanderbilt Alumni Association invites you on a fascinating journey to Vietnam with Tastes & Traditions Expert “Master Foodie” Mara Papatheodorou. This enticing comprehensive 12-day program highlights the region’s stunning sites, culinary riches and scenic 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 alongside culinary and cultural insights 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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[Image of Mara Papatheodorou]

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Mara Papatheodorou is a TASTES & TRADITIONS EXPERT, “MASTER FOODIE” and a nationally established entertaining specialist. She has interpreted the cuisine and experienced the culture of over 70 countries worldwide. As an 11-year Contributing Editor at BON APPÉTIT Magazine, Mara scouted and produced the Entertaining with Style section that highlighted how real people entertain around the world, and was editor of their international editions. Mara has produced stories about celebrity chefs Gordon Ramsey, Wolfgang Puck, Cat Cora and Thomas Keller. She is the author of the coffee table book Moments in Time, The Ojai Valley Inn & Spa. Before BON APPÉTIT, Mara lived in London for 10 years and was a columnist and editorial producer for the European edition of W and HARPER’S & QUEEN. Mara attended UCLA, University of Paris La Sorbonne and La Varenne Cooking School where her food and travel adventures began. Mara lives in Los Angeles and Nashville with her husband and son.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4: DEPART USA
Depart USA on your international overnight flight to Hanoi, Vietnam.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5: ARRIVE IN HANOI
Arrive Hanoi. Meet and transfer to your hotel. Rest of day at leisure.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6: 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)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7: 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)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8: 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)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9: 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)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10: 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)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11: 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)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12: 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)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13: HOI AN/SAAIGON
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)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14: 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)

MONDAY, 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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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15: SAIGON/SIEM REAP/ANGKOR WAT
BELMOND LA RESIDENCE D’ANGKOR
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)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16: ANGKOR WAT
BELMOND LA RESIDENCE D’ANGKOR
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 Buddhist 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)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17: ANGKOR WAT
BELMOND LA RESIDENCE D’ANGKOR
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)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18: DEPART
EN ROUTE
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
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: $2,605
CAMBODIA EXTENSION: $2,235 PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: $1,075

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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) B=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), incidental expenses onboard the ship or at the hotels, wifi/internet, etc • Travel insurance (highly recommended)

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:
A deposit of $1500 per person is required at the time of booking. Deposits are payable by personal check or credit card. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

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