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Dear Vanderbilt Traveler,

This coming February 2020, 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. With a significant savings of $400 per couple, we anticipate this program will fill quickly. 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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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).

The Vanderbilt Travel Program strives to engage Vanderbilt alumni, parents and friends of all ages, keeping them connected with each other and the mission of Vanderbilt. Each carefully designed trip offers unparalleled educational opportunities for the exclusive "beyond the classroom" experience.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28: DEPART USA
Depart USA on your overnight flight(s) to Hanoi, Vietnam.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29: ARRIVE IN HANOI
Upon arrival in Hanoi, transfer to your hotel. 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. (R,D)

SUNDAY, MARCH 1: 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. Evening at leisure. (B,L)

MONDAY, MARCH 2: 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 kayaking or traditional rowing. Witness a “Master-Chef” carving competition with traditional Vietnamese food. Dinner and overnight on board. (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, MARCH 3: 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 the island and its local life. Take part in a special barbecue party on board as you soak in the views of the stunning Vietnamese sunset. (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4: 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. (B)

THURSDAY, MARCH 5: 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 the Citadel. (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, MARCH 6: 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 7: 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 8: HOI AN/SAIGON
Following breakfast, transfer to the Danang airport to connect to your flight to Saigon. This afternoon, see the former Presidential Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral and Thien Hau Pagoda. Evening at leisure. (B)

MONDAY, MARCH 9: SAIGON
Tour the Chu Chi Tunnels, constructed during the struggle for independence. Afterwards, enjoy a day for independent exploration and other optional activities. This evening gather for a Farewell Dinner cruising the Saigon River. (B,D)

TUESDAY, MARCH 10: DEPART SAIGON
Following breakfast, transfer to the Saigon airport for your international flight back to USA. Welcome Home! (B)

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TUESDAY, MARCH 10: SAIGON/SIEM REAP/ANGKOR WAT

Morning flight from Saigon 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, Terrace of the Leper King and Preah Khan, a Buddhist temple built by King Jayavarman VII. Sunset at Phnom Bakheng Hill. (B.L)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11: 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 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. (B.L)

THURSDAY, MARCH 12: 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 13: 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  SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: $2,605
EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT BY JULY 1, 2019: SAVE $400 PER COUPLE DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
CAMBODIA EXTENSION: $2,235 PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY  SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: $1,075

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)  •  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 60 days prior to departure.

Refunds & Cancellations:

All cancellations must be in writing. The per person forfeiture charges are:

• More than 90 days prior to departure: 50% of deposit
• 90-60 days prior to departure: 75% of tour price
• 59-30 days prior to departure: 100% of tour price

There is no refund for a partially completed tour or for unused services of any kind.

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.