

Vietnam *A Journey of Memory and Change*



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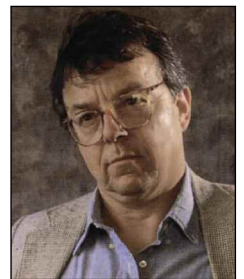
The David Horowitz Freedom Center will be taking a 10 day journey to the nation of Vietnam. We will be joined by scholar and writer Bruce Herschensohn, Vietnam veteran and former POW, James Warner and writer and commentator, Peter Collier. Michael Finch of the Freedom Center will represent the Center on the trip.



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For an entire generation, the very word conjures up the crushing burdens of history even more than a place on a map. Its "lessons" are still debated, its social and human costs still etched in the memory of a generation.

For an American, Vietnam is a country like no other. It offers a journey into memory. But it also offers a new world being built in real time—a world of marketplaces, high tech firms, exotic cuisine, destination resorts, and expanding social possibilities for millions of people embracing a future being born every day in crowded streets and brightly lit offices.

To visit Vietnam is to stand at the crossroads where the past intersects with the future in a unique way, while also experiencing a present that is fascinating in its complex detail and immediacy.

We are only taking a small delegation on this trip, so space is very limited. To ensure your space on this trip, please make a \$1,000 per person deposit. Please reserve your space today.

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Wednesday, May 30 Arrive in Hanoi



Welcome to **Hanoi**, the capital of Vietnam. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day will be at leisure.

Hanoi, capital of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, is a lovely landscape of lakes, shaded boulevards and verdant parks and home to such beautiful and diverse architectural treasures as a 1500-year-old pagoda, colonial French homes and astounding modern skyscrapers. Birthplace to so much of Vietnam's traditional culture, it personifies the spirit of historic Vietnam in the temples, monuments and pockets of ancient culture in the Old Quarter, yet perfectly reflects the rapid changes sweeping the country.



Vietnam Itinerary

Thursday, May 31 Full day city tour of Hanoi



Start your sightseeing with a visit to **Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, Ba dinh Square, Ho Chi Minh Museum**, Former governor's Residence, and **One Pillar Pagoda**. After lunch (on own account) at a local restaurant, continue your visit to the **Temple of Literature**, an excellent example of traditional Vietnamese architecture. Afterwards, enjoy the walking tour of the ancient Quarter or **36 Street District, Army Museum** and **Hoa Lo Museum**. Visit the **Friendship Village** before dinner followed by the cyclo ride to the theater for a water puppets performance.

In the afternoon we will visit the Hoa Lo Prison, later known to American prisoners of war as the "Hanoi Hilton", was a prison used by the French colonists in Vietnam for political prisoners and later by North Vietnam for prisoners of war during the Vietnam War.

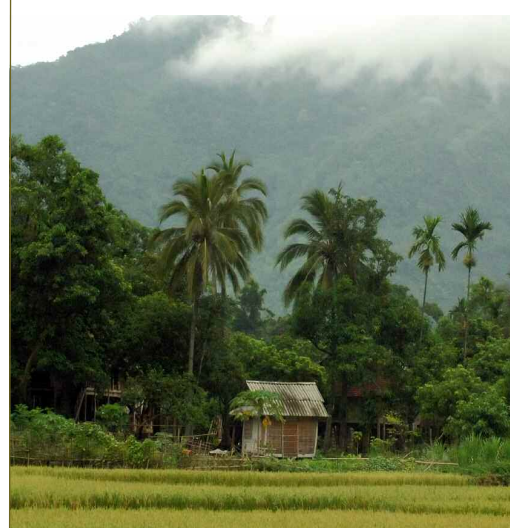
Located in downtown Hanoi, the infamous Hoa Lo Prison or the Hanoi Hilton was built by the French administration in 1896. Originally intended to hold around 450 prisoners, by the 1930s the number of detainees had soared to almost 2,000, the majority of them being political prisoners. During the Vietnam War, Hoa Lo Prison achieved notoriety as a place of incarceration for dowed US pilots, who ironically nicknamed it the Hanoi Hilton. Named Maison Centrale during the French rule – the original sign still hangs over the entrance - most of the prison complex was demolished in 1997 in order to make way for the Hanoi Central.

Friday, June 1 Day Excursion by Coach to Mai Chau

Enjoy a 3-hour drive which takes you past the provincial capital of Hoa Binh from where the road winds its way over mountain passes until the green, fertile valley of Mai Chau comes into view. There are ample opportunities for photo-stops along this scenic stretch of road.

Mai Chau is known for its production of colourful embroidery, which can be seen being woven by hand in many of the nearby homes. Enjoy a walking tour through the community inspecting the intricacies of this craft and see the many activities of rural life in this part of the north.

As the Mai Chau valley is surrounded by fields of rice, you will have the opportunity to see its cultivation, planting or harvesting depending on the season. Trails lead off through the fields to other communities and make for ideal exploration. As dusk settles the fields become a blaze of fireflies, seemingly lighting up the path in the stillness of the air. If time permits embark on a walk to take you deeper into the valley to explore the outer areas before returning to the long house for lunch. Return to Hanoi in the late afternoon.





Saturday, June 2
Travel to Halong Bay
200 KM, 3.5 to 4 hours

Travel by road to Halong Bay, which means “Bay of the Descending Dragon” in the Vietnamese language. The Bay is a body of water of approximately 1,500 square kilometres in north Vietnam with a 120 kilometre coastline, in the Gulf of Tonkin near the border with China, and 170 kilometres east of Hanoi. It consists of a dense cluster of 1,969 limestone monolithic islands, each topped with thick jungle vegetation, which rise spectacularly from the ocean. Several of the islands are hollow, with enormous caves. Halong Bay is often called Vietnam's eighth wonder of the world and once visited, it is hard to dispute that claim. On arrival at Ha Long city board the **Indochina Sails Junk** for 2days/1night package. Enjoy lunch, dinner on board.

Overnight in private cabin on the Indochina Sails Junk with air-conditioner (1 night)



Sunday, June 3
Fly to Saigon
(Ho Chih Ming City)

This morning continue to cruise for some more hours with lunch onboard before traveling by road to Hanoi airport for your flight south to Ho Chi Minh City.

Upon arrival in Ho Chi Minh City Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.



Being the most Western in atmosphere of Vietnam's cities, Ho Chi Minh City (to use it's official name - although to residents and visitors alike it is universally and affectionately known as Saigon) is a city of amazing contrasts: elegant new international hotels, exclusive restaurants and trendy bars side-by-side with roadside noodle stalls, street children and vociferous cyclo drivers. And yet there are the elegant colonial French boulevards and buildings, the Cathedral, the riverfront and quiet moments at a sidewalk cafe watching the world literally go by us at breakneck speed.

Sunday, June 4
Full day sightseeing in Saigon and Cholon
(Chinatown)

A vibrant metropolis, SAIGON teems with energy, activity and motion. Everywhere you look, you see the meeting of traditional and modern life.

This morning after breakfast, you will begin your tour of this exciting city with a tour of the historic center, strolling along DONG KHOI STREET, formerly known as the Rue Catinat, the main shopping thoroughfare and heart of old colonial Saigon. Pass by classic European-style landmarks such as the ornate CITY HALL (HOTEL DE VILLE), the old OPERA HOUSE (both may only be viewed from the outside), and pay a quick visit to the neo-Romanesque NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL and the CENTRAL POST OFFICE.

Afterwards dive into modern history with a tour of **the Reunification Palace**. Formerly the Independence Palace of the South Vietnamese president, this 60s style was famously stormed by tanks on April 30, 1975, signifying the fall of South Vietnam. It has been preserved in its original state, and the original tanks remain on display near the entrance gates. Continue to the harrowing **War Remnants Museum**, which comprehensively documents the travails of the long Vietnam-American War. Inside are detailed photographic exhibitions; outside is a collection of tanks, planes and weapons. A powerful experience, this museum is guaranteed to provoke strong emotions. Afterwards driving to the historic center to visit **Emperor Of Jade Pagoda**, one of Saigon's most interesting pagoda.

In the afternoon, head out to **Cholon (CHINATOWN)**. Explore the highlights of this fascinating area, beginning with a brief visit to BINH TAY MARKET, the vast wholesale market selling every kind of good from dried foods to T shirts to electronics. Continue to **Thien Hau Pagoda**, build by the Cantonese congregation and dedicated to the heavenly goddess. End your tour at the central BEN THANH MARKET, where vendors display a vast array of goods and handicrafts, appealing to every taste.



**Tuesday, June 5
In Saigon**



Today we visit a place of infamy: **the Cu Chi Tunnels**. Built over a period of 25 years beginning in the 1940s to sabotage the French occupiers, the tunnels are marvels of engineering, stretching from Saigon to the Cambodian border. Parts of the tunnels descend several stories deep, and include living areas, storage facilities, weapons factories, field hospitals and kitchens. Americans will be most familiar with the tunnels because of the role they played during the war, when they allowed the North Vietnamese to engage in combat in an area completely surrounded by Americans and South Vietnamese. Those who choose to will have a chance to descend into one of the tunnels. We return to our hotel in time for lunch on our own then the remainder of the day is free for exploring.

**Wednesday, June 6
In Saigon Excursion to Cai Be
Floating Market, with a boat
trip to Vinh Long**

From Saigon, drive into the heart of the Mekong Delta to Cai Be, and embark on one of the local boats to explore **CAI BE FLOATING MARKET**, a lively market of fruit and vegetable barges with a picturesque Catholic cathedral on the riverside. Continue along smaller waterways and canals, stopping at the to visit orchards and local cottage industries. Enjoy watching how the delta residents make traditional treats such as dried longyans, rice pancakes and puffed rice candies, with the chance to sample the local delicacies. Disembark at Vinh Long and return to Saigon.



**Thursday, June 7
Depart Saigon**

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home.

Tour Features

- Roundtrip airfare on Cathay Pacific
- Domestic flight from Hanoi to Saigon
- Round trip airport / hotel transfers
- Three nights Sofitel Metropole Hanoi
- Four nights Sofitel Saigon
- Daily breakfast
- Sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary
- Welcome dinner at Sofitel Metropole Hanoi
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COST: \$5872.00 per person based on double occupancy.
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- Cathay Pacific, Flight 881
- Depart Los Angeles 135 a.m. (arrive LAX evening of May 28th)
- Arrive Hong Kong 715 a.m. (May 30)
- Dragonair Flt. 297
- Depart Hong Kong 840 a.m.
- Arrive Hanoi 940 a.m.

Flight Information: June 7, 2012

- Cathay Pacific, Flight 766
- Depart Saigon 1125 a.m.
- Arrive Hong Kong 310 p.m.
- Cathay Pacific, Flight 882
- Depart Hong Kong 425 p.m.
- Arrive Los Angeles 235 p.m. (June 7th)

Airline Options:

- If you purchase your own air transportation you will be responsible for your transfer from the Hanoi airport to the hotel. On the return flight from Saigon to the U.S. the airport transfer will be available if your flight departure corresponds with the scheduled Cathay Pacific departure.

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