

Vietnam - Dental Project / Sightseeing North Vietnam

17 Days / 16 Nights

Be part of a humanitarian project in the villages of central Vietnam. Working in partnership with the locally-based East Meets West Foundation, we will set up a mobile dental clinic and provide first time dental care to village children in the Hoi An region of central Vietnam. Outside the clinic, volunteers have the chance to get to know the local village people and take in rural life in the countryside. Volunteers work in the clinic for 6 days, after which the journey continues through Vietnam with sightseeing in Saigon, Hoi An, Hue, and Hanoi.

- Day 01 Depart the US from Los Angeles, San Francisco or Seattle.
- Day 02 **Arrive Saigon.** Late evening arrival in Saigon. Transfer to your hotel. Overnight in Saigon.
- Day 03 **Saigon.** Morning at leisure. Afternoon sightseeing of the city. Overnight in Saigon. (B/L/-)
- Day 04 **Saigon-Danang-Hoi An.** Late morning flight from Saigon to Danang. One hour drive from Danang to Hoi An, where volunteers will stay during the clinic. Overnight at The Glory Hotel in Hoi An. (B/L/-)
- Day 05-10 **Hoi An.** Working in field dental clinic outside Hoi An. Stay in local hotel in Hoi An. (B/L/-).
- Day 11 **Hoi An-Hue.** Morning at leisure. Afternoon depart for Danang, where you will have lunch and visit the Cham museum. Afterward continue north along Highway 1 past Lang Co and the Hai Van Pass. The pass crosses over a spur of the Truong Son Mountain Range that juts into the South China Sea. It is an incredible mountainous stretch of highway with spectacular views. Overnight in Hue at the Saigon Morin Hotel. (B/L/-)
- Day 12 **Hue.** Enjoy a day full of sightseeing including a boat trip to the Thien Mu Pagoda and Tomb of Emperor Minh Mang. Overnight in Hue at the Saigon Morin Hotel. (B/L/-)
- Day 13 **Hue.** Enjoy a half day sightseeing tour of the Imperial City: located in the Citadel, built in the early 19th century and modeled after the Forbidden City in Peking. There are numerous palaces and temples within

these walls, as well as towers, a library and a museum. Overnight in Hue at the Saigon Morin Hotel. (B/L/-)

- Day 14 **Hue-Hanoi.** Morning flight from Hue to Hanoi. On arrival in Hanoi, transfer to your hotel. Afternoon sightseeing of the city. Overnight in Hanoi at the Sunway Hotel. (B/L/-)
- Day 15 **Hanoi.** Morning sightseeing of Hanoi. Afternoon drive to Halong Bay. Overnight in Halong Bay. (B/L/-)
- Day 16 **Halong Bay-Hanoi.** Morning 4hr boat excursion through Halong Bay. Afterward drive back to Hanoi. Overnight in Hanoi at the Sunway Hotel. (B/L/-)
- Day 17 **End Hanoi.** Transfer to the airport for your flight from Hanoi to the US.

Project Cost: The cost for participation in this project is: \$3690 per person (partially tax-deductible) for the 2008 project based on twin sharing room (for single room rates, please contact our office). The fee includes: round-trip air from LAX / SFO or Seattle to Vietnam; 2 meals per day during the clinic and while sightseeing in Vietnam, other days, breakfast only; 3 & 4-star hotels; all air-tickets within Vietnam; all transfers, and sightseeing at end of project.

****Please note that the cost for the 2009 project is \$3790.**

Itinerary Options:

Clinic Only - The cost for participation in the clinic only portion of this project is: \$890 per person (tax-deductible). The fee includes: 2 meals per day during the clinic; 7 nights at the Glory Hotel in Hoi An; daily transportation to/from the village clinic site and Hoi An.

*Clinic only cost does not include flights to/from Danang.

Departure Dates:

Nov 20 - Dec 06, 2008

Nov 05- 21, 2009