

# CARTER'S TOURS

(DIVISION OF VISION 2000 TRAVEL GROUP – WESTERN CANADA)

## Our 7<sup>th</sup>, 17 Day Deluxe *All Inclusive* "Best of Vietnam" Tour

Escorted by **Michael van Straubensee**

November 17 – December 3, 2009



- Air From Gateway City;
- 4 & 5 STAR Hotels;
- All Boat and Cruise activities
- All Meals;
- All Admission Fees.

**\$4,638**

from Vancouver

**\$4,788**

from Calgary or Edmonton

Hanoi; Halong Bay; Hue;  
Hoi An; Nha Trang; Dalat;  
Ho Chi Minh City; and  
Mekong Delta.

### **Tuesday, Nov. 17 - 19 GATEWAY CITY – HANOI**

Arrive in Hanoi (Nov. 19) and check into Hotel. Later this afternoon, take a one-hour cyclo ride through the Old Quarter to enjoy Hanoi's beautiful late afternoon colours. (L/D)

### **Friday, Nov. 20 HANOI**

Visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, One Pillar Pagoda, Temple of Literature, the infamous Hoa Lo Prison (known as the "Hanoi Hilton" and the Lake of Restored Sword. Tonight enjoy a Water Puppet Show - a traditional Vietnamese art form. (B/L/D)

### **Saturday, Nov. 21 HANOI – BAC NINH- HALONG BAY**

Drive to the village of Bac Ninh, the cradle of traditional Vietnamese music and theatre. Enjoy a horse-drawn cart ride through country lanes to visit the Dinh Bang communal house and enjoy local folk songs before proceeding to Halong Bay. (B/L/D)

### **Sunday, Nov. 22 HALONG BAY – BOAT CRUISE – HUE**

Relax on a 5 hour boat cruise through magnificent Halong Bay, with a seafood lunch onboard. Return drive to Hanoi stopping en route at the Dong Trieu ceramic factory. Transfer to airport for the flight to Hue. (B/L/D)

### **Monday, Nov. 23 HUE**

Visit the Imperial Citadel and Dong Ba Market. Drive to the tombs of Emperor Khai Dinh and Tu Duc. Tonight enjoy a Special Dinner at Y Thao Garden, renowned for its traditional Hue dishes. (B/L/D)

### **Tuesday, Nov. 24 HUE – DANANG – HOI AN**

Morning boat cruise through the centre of Hue on the romantic Perfume River. Visit the seven-storey Thien Mu Pagoda before driving to Danang, a trip that is a highlight of central Vietnam. Enjoy the ocean coastline, the emerald-green paddy fields and dramatic Hai Van Mountain Pass. In Hoi An, go on a walking tour of this quaint town, visiting ancient merchants' houses, the 400 year old Japanese Covered Bridge and the riverside market. (B/L/D)

### **Wednesday, Nov. 25 HOI AN**

Free Morning. In the afternoon, visit Hoi An Market, personally guided by a chef and then take a boat cruise along the Hoi An River to the Red Bridge Cooking School where you will enjoy a unique cooking class of Vietnamese dishes. (B/L/D)

### **Thursday, Nov. 26 HOI AN – NHA TRANG**

Transfer to airport for flight to Nha Trang. Transfer to hotel for check-in. Afternoon tour of City. (B/L/D)

### **Friday, Nov. 27 NHA TRANG – BOAT CRUISE**

Morning cruise around the islands, stop at fishing village, experience a local boat and then have lunch on an island. Afternoon free to enjoy the beach at the hotel. (B/L/D)

### **Saturday, Nov. 28 NHA TRANG – DALAT**

Drive to Dalat along the scenic rural and coastal roads. Visit the Lat Minority at the bottom of Lang Biang Mountain. Continue by Jeep to the top of the mountain. Take a cable car (one way) to visit Truc Lam Buddhist Pagoda. At tonight's dinner, the restaurant's owner will demonstrate his unique one finger paintings. (B/L/D)

### **Sunday, Nov. 29 DALAT – HO CHI MINH CITY**

Depart for Ho Chi Minh City. En route visit Pong Gua or Prenn Waterfall and stop at rubber, tea and coffee plantations. Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City in late afternoon. (B/L/D)

### **Monday, Nov. 30 HO CHI MINH CITY**

Enjoy half-day sightseeing tour in Ho Chi Minh City visiting the Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral, Central Post Office, Chinatown, Binh Tay Market and Thien Hau Temple. Afternoon free to relax, sightsee, or shop. (B/L/D)

### **Tuesday, Dec. 1 HO CHI MINH CITY**

Drive to the extraordinary Cu Chi tunnels, used by the "Viet Cong" Guerrillas during the war for independence. En route, we see rice fields, cashew nut farming and the production of rice paper, a key ingredient in Vietnamese cuisine. Afternoon free to relax, sightsee, or shop. (B/L/D)

### **Wednesday, Dec. 2 HO CHI MINH CITY – VINH LONG**

Drive to Vinh Long, stopping at the Cao Dai Temple. We take a boat trip along the Mekong River to view the daily lives of people. Visit the unique "floating" market at Cai Be. Lunch is at an authentic old house and family-run business, set on the riverside amongst fruit orchards and bonsai trees. (B/L/D)

### **Thursday, Dec. 3 HO CHI MINH CITY – GATEWAY CITY**

Free time to do last minute shopping or to enjoy the sights. Afternoon departure. (B)

**For more information or to make your Reservation,  
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## VIETNAM TOUR INFORMATION

### Your 17 Day Tour Package includes:

1. Return airfare from your chosen Gateway City. We can arrange flights from any other City, at additional or reduced cost;
2. All airfares within Vietnam, as shown in the itinerary, plus all Deluxe Motorcoach travel;
3. All River Cruises;
4. All hotel accommodations – 4 & 5 STAR;
5. All meals, as outlined in the itinerary;
6. Admission to Special Shows and Events;
7. All sightseeing tours and Admission Fees, as outlined in the Itinerary;
8. Local English speaking guides;
9. Processing of Vietnam Entry Visa Application;
10. Hotel & Restaurant Gratuities;
11. Orientation prior to departure;

### Prices are Per Person, Based on Double Occupancy.

**Single Supplement: \$1,295.00**

### Your Cost Does Not Include:

1. Taxes of \$426 per Person;
2. Vietnam Entry Visa fee, \$79
3. Tipping for the Local Guides and Drivers, \$95
4. Insurance - Cancellation & Medical Deluxe Package.
5. Excess Baggage weight.

### Cost of Insurance (\$5,500/17 – 23 Days):

- 0 - 60 yrs. \$298
- 61 - 65 yrs. \$348
- 66 - 70 yrs. \$388
- 71 - 76 yrs. \$539
- 77+ \$1,010

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. **To secure your reservation:** a Non Refundable Deposit of \$750.00 CAD is required. Final payment is due 75 days prior to departure. Payment can be made by cheque, cash, MasterCard or Visa.
2. **Travel Documents Required:** A valid Canadian Passport - which must be valid for a minimum of 6 months after the tour return date, to Canada.
3. **Health Requirements:** Currently, there are no mandatory vaccinations required; however, it is recommended by the International Health Authorities that you have a Hepatitis A Shot. We, recommend that you check with your doctor, who knows your medical history, or the Local International Health Authorities for advice.
4. **Baggage & Seat Selection:** **Seats** are allocated by the Airlines, but, we will try our best to accommodate your requests. **Recommended Baggage:** 1 Checked Bag and 1 Carry-on, per person. International Flights do allow 2 Checked Bags, per person, 25 kg per bag; **however, with the Domestic Flights a total weight of 20 kg is allowed and a Baggage Surcharges may be collected for any excess.**
5. **Tour Prices:** The prices are based on rates in effect at the time of printing. These prices are established in accordance with airfares, exchange rates and various other factors. In the event of an increase, VISION 2000 TRAVEL GROUP reserves the right to increase the cost of the tour, **unless Full Payment** has been received.
6. **Itinerary & Hotels:** Travel arrangements are at the final discretion of the authorities concerned. VISION 2000 TRAVEL GROUP has no control over this portion and cannot be held responsible for changes. On the occasion where a hotel has overbooked its capacity, it may be necessary to change the hotel to one of similar quality or upgrade.
7. **Responsibilities:** VISION 2000 TRAVEL GROUP does not own, manage, control or operate any transportation vehicle, hotel, restaurant or other supplier of services to this tour. In making travel and tour arrangements, VISION 2000 TRAVEL GROUP are acting in the capacity of an agent for the airlines, hotels and other suppliers stated in this tour. VISION 2000 TRAVEL GROUP assumes no responsibility for liability to any Tour participant for any injury, damage, accident or any other event occasioning loss or resulting from Acts of God; labour stoppages and/or strikes; acts, negligence or failure to act by any person or entity providing services to the Tour; war, declared and undeclared; government regulation; theft or through any other cause over which it has no control.
8. **Cancellation Penalties:** Based on # of days Prior to Departure: **46 – 59 = 50%; 31 – 45 = 75%; 0 – 30 = 100%.** However, whenever an Airline Ticket is issued, then, that portion immediately qualifies as 100% Non-Refundable, over and above the Non-Refundable Deposit. The balance of the funds paid will then be subject to the Cancellation Penalties based on the # of days Prior to Departure.