

GIRRAWHEEN SCHOOL ANZAC TOUR 14-26 APRIL 2015

PROPOSED ITINERARY

12 DAYS

TOTAL COST: Approx. \$2.400-\$2.500 (To be confirmed)

Included: Return Air Fare – Singapore Airlines

All meals, 3*accommodations, entries, transports, cruises

15/4 WED DAY 1: ARRIVE IN HANOI (L,D)

Upon arrive in Hanoi, car & guide pick up at the airport, have lunch and **visit Hoa Lo Prison (Hanoi Hilton)**, transfer to hotel. Rest in the hotel. Walk around **West Lake** before dinner. Overnight in Hanoi.

16/4 THUR DAY 2: HA NOI SIGHTSEEING – NIGHT TRAIN TO LAO CAI (B, L, D)

Have breakfast at hotel. Take a full day city tour starting with the **Ho Chi Minh Complex**. This famous site contains the mausoleum, the **Presidential Palace** and the **Ho Chi Minh's house on stilts**. After here, we move to the **One Pillar Pagoda**, whose origins date back to the foundation of Hanoi. Then visit **Temple of Literature** well known as the first University of Vietnam, built in 1070. Have lunch.

In the afternoon enjoy a **Pedi cab trip** around **The Old Quarter** and the **Hoan Kiem Lake, Ngoc Son Temple**. Wander around Old Quarter, where traditional guilds are juxtaposed with modern glitter. Have an early dinner. In the late evening, we transfer to Hanoi train station for the overnight soft sleeper train to **Lao Cai**.

(Luggage stay in the hotel, will be picked up on Sunday before we are going to Ha Long Bay)

17/4 FRI DAY 3: COLORFUL SAPA (B, L, D)

Arrive in **Lao Cai** in early morning. On arrival, we are met & transferred to **Sapa**. Check-in the hotel. After breakfast, we start our short hike to explore the colorful hill town. First, we drop at Sapa market for photo shooting then walk down to **Cat Cat village of H'mong tribe** in the valley. Enjoy some visits to local families and stop by Cat Cat cascade. Let's enjoy spectacular scenery while walking. You will also enjoy spectacular scenery while walking along dirt trails through green rice paddies. After dinner, it is time to discover Sapa at night, chat with local people to know more about their culture. Overnight in Sapa. (Night Market)



18/4 SAT DAY 4: SAPA – LAO CAI – NIGHT TRAIN BACK TO HA NOI (B, L,D)

Have breakfast at hotel. This morning we have a walk to **Tavan village**, a village of **Red Dzao and Giay people**. Further, on along the road, the **Old Marble Beach** and **Cloud Bridge** can be seen. Visit the village, dotted in green, lush, valley, to learn more diversified culture of Vietnam hill tribes. In the afternoon we have a short time climbing up to **Ham Rong Mountain** with elevator steps. From the mountain, the superb views of all Sapa valley including Sapa town with hills and gothic villas, gardens and paddy fields as well as opposite **Hoang Lien Son range** with the over 3000 meters high **Fan Si Pan**. Transfer to Lao Cai in the late afternoon and get overnight soft sleeper train back to Hanoi. **(Have dinner in Lao Cai)**

19/4 SUN DAY 5: HA NOI – HA LONG – SAI GON (B,L,D)

Arrive in Ha Noi early in the morning. **Pick up luggage at the hotel**. Have breakfast before transfer to Ha Long. On arrival at **Ha Long**, transfer

to the wharf to get on boat for taking 4 hours boat cruise to explore Ha Long Bay. Have lunch on board. Stop to visit **HANG DAU GO** (Grottos of Wooden Stalkers). This cavernous grotto has three distinct chambers & is reached by climbing 90 steps. **THIENCUNG** “Heaven Palace” – 150 m from Grottos of Wooden Stalkers, one of the highlights around the Bay. Back to the wharf to transfer to the airport for flight to Sai Gon.

Arrived in **Sai Gon**, transfer for dinner. Check in hotel. Overnight in Sai Gon.

20/4 MON DAY 6: SAIGON CITY SIGHTSEEING (B,L,D)

Have breakfast at hotel. Visit **Reunification Palace** which is now preserved as a museum, including the underground communications bunkers, headquarters for the Saigon Government during the American War. Nearby are the **Old Post Office** and **Notre Dame Cathedral** - an impressive neo-Romanesque cathedral – the city's major landmark. Have lunch. Then visit **War Remnant Museum, Fine Art Museum, Ben Thanh market** before dinner. Overnight in Sai Gon.

21/4 TUES DAY 7: CU CHI TUNNELS- CHINA TOWN (B,L,D)

Have breakfast at hotel. Transfer to **Cu Chi** for a visit to the “underground village” tunnels. With incredible

network of over 200km long comprising living areas, weapons factories, field hospitals, command centers and kitchen, where the guerillas had been living and fighting during a long time war. Drive back to Saigon to have lunch.

In the afternoon, we visit **Cho Lon** – the city's **Chinatown** – a reminder of Chinese influence on the country. Visit **Binh Tay Market** and **Father Tam's Church**. Stop over at **Thien Hau pagoda** for photo shooting. Visit the **Opera House** before dinner. Overnight in Sai Gon.

22/4 WED DAY 8: MEKONG DELTA CRUISE- SAIGON NIGHT MARKET (B,L,D)

Have breakfast at hotel. Then, transfer to **My Tho**. Arrive My Tho, transfer to local restaurant for lunch. Enjoy “**Fried Elephant ear fish**” dishes – a specialty of My Tho.

After lunch, transfer to the wharf to take a motor-boat cruise cross **Mekong Delta**. Enjoy coconut juice on boat. Arrived Tortoise Islet. Visit local farmer's house, then tasting the seasoned

tropical fruits, honey tea... while the amateur singers perform the traditional folk music. Experience hand rowing sampans along the small canals. Visit coconut candy workshop. Get on motor-boat back to the wharf. Transfer back to Saigon. Have dinner. Visit **Sai Gon Night Market**. Overnight in Saigon.

23/4 THURS DAY 9: SAI GON –VUNG TAU SIGHT SEEING (B,L,D)

Breakfast at hotel. Depart to **Vung Tau** by coach. Visit **Ba Ria Orphanage Centre** on the way. Arrived **Vung Tau** and proceed to have lunch. After lunch transfer to visit **The White Palace** and the **Platform of Shakyamuni Buddha, The Jesus Statue**. Check-in hotel. Walk along the beach before dinner. Overnight in Vung Tau.

24/4 FRI DAY 10: VUNG TAU- BARIA- LONG TAN (B,L,D)

Have breakfast at hotel. Transfer by bus to **Long tan** to have our own **ANZAC Ceremony**. Have lunch. Then visit **Binh ba** and the **local Memorial**, the **Long Phuoc tunnels** and **Nui Dat** –where the Australian troops were stationed. Visit **Nui Dat Kindergarten and Primary School**. Overnight in Vung Tau. (Bed by 8:30pm to get up early next morning.)

25/4 SAT DAY 11: VUNG TAU – SAIGON – SINGAPORE (B,L)

Get up at 2:45am. Leave hotel at 3:15am to transfer to Long Tan to join the official **ANZAC DAWN SERVICE** at 5:00am. Transfer back to the hotel for breakfast. Then check-out. Transfer to Sai Gon. Have lunch. Shopping at Parkson Shopping Centre while transfer to Tan Son Nhut Airport to get flight back to Perth. Have dinner on flight. Transfer in Singapore to Perth.

26/4 SUN DAY 12: SINGAPORE- PERTH

Arrive Perth Airport in the morning (#6:00am).

PAYMENT DAYS:

- 1) **WED 17 December 2014: \$400.00**
- 2) **FRI 06 February 2015 : \$600.00**
- 3) **FRI 27 February 2015 : \$600.00**
- 4) **FRI 20 March 2015 : \$600.00**
- 5) **MON 30 March 2015 : Balance**