

Vietnam Swim Mission



29 June - 14 July 2013

Travel to Vietnam and spend time teaching vulnerable children how to swim

Drowning is one of leading causes of mortality among children over the age of one in Vietnam. Reasons for the increasing number of child deaths from drowning include unsafe environments, limited awareness, inadequate adult supervision and a lack of swimming skills.

It is widely reported that the death toll from drowning is higher than the road toll.

In partnership with Swim Vietnam this trip will provide vulnerable children with basic swimming and water safety skills.



There is also the opportunity to explore the beauty and vibrancy that is Vietnam with highlights including the bustling city of Hanoi, the breathtaking Halong Bay and UNESCO World Heritage sites of Hue and Hoi An. Swim Vietnam is a registered charity which has been operating in Central Vietnam for 4 years providing free swimming lessons to Vietnamese children and training adults as swimming teachers. Participants will be following the Swim Vietnam program and duties will be flexible depending on what is needed at this time.

To participate in swimming instruction you must have Austswim Accreditation and a current working with children check.



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Proposed Schedule

DAY 1 – 29th JUNE 2013

Depart Australia

(flights also available from Sydney)

Depart Melbourne at 10.15am arrive Ho Chi Minh City 4.25pm and connect with a flight to Danang departing at 6.10pm arriving Danang 7.20pm.

You are welcomed by our guide at the airport and transferred to your hotel in Hoi An.

DAY 2 – 30th JUNE 2013

Hoi An (B)

In the morning, attend a church service (optional) near by the hotel and then enjoy the rest of the day to explore the Ancient city of Hoi An. A swimming orientation meeting will be conducted at the end of the day where you will meet the team from Swim Vietnam.

DAY 3-7 – 1st - 5th JULY 2013

Hoi An/Swimming instruction (B)

Each day you will be transported to the pool for swimming instruction. You will work with local Vietnamese instructors and coach and mentor these teachers. You will be involved in 3 one hour lessons. The rest of the day is free at your leisure.

On one of these days you will participate in a cooking school including a visit to Hoi An's colourful market. Experience the amazing sights, sounds and aromas of this busy market. You will have the opportunity to interact with the local sellers and learn about all the ingredients to be used in the cooking lesson later. After the lesson you get to savour your cuisine!

DAY 8 – 6th JULY 2013

Travel to Hue (B)

You will leave Hoi An and head the North through coastal rice paddies to the fishing village of Lang Co, before taking the scenic mountainous route over the spectacular Hai Van Pass. After checking in at your Hue hotel, our guide will brief you for your 5 hour motorcycle tour of the UNESCO World Heritage sites; this will include visits to the kings tomb, war ruins, pagodas, country side villages, local handicrafts, and lots more. For those that are keen on photography this is a great chance to get a variety of photos.

DAY 9 – 7th JULY 2013

Ha Noi (B)

Transfer to Da Nang for the flight to Ha Noi

Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel and the remainder of the day is at your leisure.

DAY 10 – 8th JULY 2013

Ha Noi (B)

The guide and private minivan will pick you up at the hotel for a city tour including the Ho Chi Minh mausoleum, Hoa Lo prison and an hour cyclo tour around old town. End the day with the famous water puppet show.

DAY 11-12 – 9th - 10th JULY 2013

Ha Long Bay (B,L,D)

After breakfast you will drive to Ha Long Bay (approx. 3.5 hours) and board your private boat. You will enjoy lunch whilst cruising through some of the thousands of limestone karsts within this World Heritage site. There is an opportunity to swim in the bay's emerald waters, explore caves with incredible formations of stalactites and stalagmites and enjoy the tranquility of this bay of wonders. Spending 2 nights on the boat allows you to sit back and enjoy the tranquility of Ha Long Bay whilst sipping away on your favorite beverage.

DAY 13 – 11th JULY 2013

Return to Ha Noi (B)

This morning you have the opportunity to visit a floating market then cruise back to the harbour. Return to Ha Noi by bus.

DAY 14 – 12th JULY 2013

Ha Noi (B)

Today is your last day in Vietnam – an opportunity to do some last minute shopping or just relax.

DAY 15 – 13th JULY 2013

Depart Hanoi (B)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. The flight departs at 4pm and arrives into Melbourne/Sydney at 8.35am 14 July.



Cost

TOUR PRICE

PRICE PER PERSON \$3449.00
twin share

Single room supplement \$349.00

Bookings close Friday 17 May 2013
unless sold out prior

(based on a minimum of 10 participants.)

Pricing is subject to review if the minimum group number is not met and due to currency and airline fuel charge fluctuation.)

What this includes:

- Return economy class airfares from Melbourne/Sydney flying Vietnam Airlines
- English speaking local guides for tours and swimming courses
- All private transfers and airport pickup & drop off.
- 12 nights in 3 star, twin share hotels & 2 nights luxury cruise on Halong Bay
- All touring as per the itinerary
- Cooking class in Hoi An
- Meals as listed in the itinerary (B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner)
- Airfare from Da Nang - Ha Noi
- Donation to Swim Vietnam
- Visa on arrival into Vietnam

Excludes:

- Travel insurance (budget approx \$150)
- Meals not specified
- Drinks
- Personal expenses – internet, laundry
- Tips to guides/drivers
- AUSTRALIAN Accreditation to teach swimming
- Optional extension available to Sapa (2 nights)

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