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# Vietnam

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**EXCLUSIVE GUEST SPEAKERS**

**PHAN THI KIM PHUC, NICK UT, JIM LAURIE**

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Limestone pinnacles rise from teal waters, a vibrant tableau of ancient pagodas and terraced rice paddies emerges, and centuries of stories are revealed as you journey by land and sea along the serene shores of Vietnam. Experience the social, intellectual, and spiritual heartbeat of Vietnam's captivating culture in its palaces, temples, and sampan-filled harbors on this immersive, 14-day itinerary. Exquisite natural beauty, scenic coastlines, delectable cuisine, majestic architecture, authentic markets, and a compelling history render Vietnam one of the most alluring nations in the Eastern Hemisphere.

Join us on this exploration of this proud country's diverse heritage and the Japanese, Chinese, French, and American influences that helped shape its past and present. Special guest speaker Phan Thi Kim Phuc will be on board to reflect on her experiences as a child during the Vietnam War and the work she's doing today to help heal and change the future.

Featuring three UNESCO World Heritage Sites—breathtaking Ha Long Bay, the Purple Forbidden City in Huế, and the ancient 15<sup>th</sup>-century port of Hoi An—a world of antiquity meets dynamic modernity on a tour like no other.





*The lotus is one of Buddhism's most sacred flowers, blooming from muddy waters each morning*



Dear Alumni and Friends:

Join us on a spectacular journey to Vietnam, where centuries-old cultures flourish harmoniously and Asian and European traditions coalesce amid cinematic streetscapes and sublime UNESCO-inscribed temples. This carefully curated land and sea itinerary encompasses the breadth of Vietnamese culture and its spectacular natural beauty. Customize your experience according to your own interests with a choice of included excursions on most days.

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By exclusive arrangement, South Vietnamese-born Phan Thi Kim Phuc, a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Peace; Pulitzer Prize-winner photographer Nick Ut; and acclaimed former news correspondent and media consultant Jim Laurie will accompany us on this program. Hear inspiring stories from Phuc, who was the subject of the photograph "Napalm Girl," an enduring image from the Vietnam War, and Nick Ut, the photojournalist who made that famous photo. Learn more about the fall of Saigon from Laurie, winner of two Emmy Awards and a Peabody Award for his coverage of this time in Vietnam.

Explore the juxtaposition of traditional and contemporary architecture in historic, French-colonial Ho Chi Minh City; sail in a traditional Vietnamese junk past the limestone karst pillars and forested islands of majestic Ha Long Bay; and experience Vietnam's culturally rich capital city of Hanoi, showcasing an amalgam of Asian and French heritage.

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## GUEST SPEAKERS

### KIM PHUC

On June 8, 1972, 9-year-old Phan Thi Kim Phuc was photographed fleeing a napalm strike. The photograph, “Napalm Girl,” remains one of the most influential images from the Vietnam War.

Today, Phuc is a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Peace and the author of *Fire Road*, the inspirational story of her unexpected survival and unshakeable faith.

She shares her experience at global events and has received awards and recognitions, including six honorary doctorates, for work supporting child victims of war and her commitment to global peace. She has also inspired the nonprofit organization KIM Foundation International.



### NICK UT

Huỳnh Công Út, known professionally as Nick Ut, is a Vietnamese-American photographer who began working for the Associated Press at age 16. His older brother, Huynh Thanh, also an AP photographer, was killed in combat, and he wanted to follow in his footsteps. After spending his initial months in the AP darkroom, Ut was officially sent out to take

pictures when the Viet Cong attacked the American embassy in Saigon. His 1972 photo of Phan Thi Kim Phuc fleeing a South Vietnamese napalm strike with her family made history and won the Pulitzer Prize, among other major photographic awards. Ut continued covering the Vietnam War for AP and also worked in Tokyo before being transferred to Los Angeles in 1977. He still works for AP as a photojournalist, and is in regular contact with Kim Phuc.

### JIM LAURIE

Jim Laurie is a distinguished international broadcaster, writer, and media consultant who has witnessed many defining moments in Asia’s history over the last 50 years. He began covering Indochina for NBC News in 1972 and became the only American network correspondent to witness the fall of Saigon to the North Vietnamese in 1975.

Laurie recently published a memoir of his early days in Vietnam and Cambodia: *The Last Helicopter: Two Lives in Indochina*. He is the recipient of a Peabody Award, two Emmy Awards, and an Amnesty International Award and has also co-produced, written, and directed several television documentaries.



# A PHOTOGRAPH THAT CHANGED THE WORLD



**Huỳnh Công Út**, known professionally as **Nick Ut**, is a Vietnamese-American photographer who began taking photographs for the Associated Press in Saigon as a teenager. His Pulitzer-Prize-winning photo of 9-year-old **Phan Thi Kim Phuc** running toward the camera from a South Vietnamese napalm strike in 1972 made history. Immediately after taking the photo, he rushed her to a hospital, which saved her life. They became lifelong friends, and will share their inspiring story throughout our tour. Phuc will also speak about her work with KIM Foundation International to provide aid to child victims of war around the globe.



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## DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

### Departure

#### Day 1 and 2

Depart your home city and cross the International Date Line.

### Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), Vietnam

#### Day 3

Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City, a vibrant convergence of Vietnamese heritage and French panache. Check into the 5-star PARK HYATT SAIGON hotel for an evening at leisure.

### Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

#### Day 4

Enjoy a scenic tour of Ho Chi Minh City that begins at the imposing Reunification Hall Palace and includes stops at the neo-Romanesque-style Notre Dame Cathedral and the City Opera House, a stunning counterpart to the Petit Palais in Paris that recalls the city's 19<sup>th</sup>-century French-colonial history. Visit the Saigon Central Post Office, a stunning piece of 19<sup>th</sup>-century French architecture from the city's Indochina period. See Ho Chi Minh City Hall, Ho Chi Minh Square, and the Rex Hotel, famously used during the war for briefings. Spend the afternoon exploring the city's culinary traditions with a choice of several included excursions. (B,R)

### Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

#### Day 5

Explore the parts of the city you are most interested in with an included excursion of your choice. You may board a river boat to visit the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels—a 75-mile underground complex built by Viet Cong that stretches from Saigon to the Cambodian border. Another option will be to embark on the “Ho Chi Minh City Past & Present” bus tour, which will take you to Chinatown, the Thien Hau pagoda, Cha Tam church, the Fine Arts Museum, and New Thu Thiem Bridge. You will also see the Marou Chocolate house and popular Thao Dien District. Board the ship this evening and enjoy traditional folklore and instrument performances. (B,D)

### Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

#### Day 6

Begin your day with the “Good Morning Saigon” excursion to see locals doing their exercises in Tao Dan park, the Su Thien Chieu monument, and local markets. Sip a Vietnamese coffee or try Pho noodles before embarking the ship. Enjoy lunch on board and then cruise the coast of Vietnam. Special guest speaker Phan Thi Kim Phuc will present

a “Lessons of Life” lecture and discuss the iconic “Napalm Girl” photo that was taken of her in 1972. Jim Laurie, an acclaimed journalist who saw the fall of Saigon when covering the Vietnam War, will also speak on board this evening. (B,L,R,D)

### Cruising The South China Sea

#### Day 7

Savor a day at sea as Vietnam's natural landscapes unfold. (B,L,D)

### Da Nang/Hoi An

#### Day 8

Surrounded by the Marble Mountains and clear-blue waters, coastal Da Nang is known for its sandy beaches, forested hillsides, and food culture. Prior to the 14<sup>th</sup> century, nearby Hoi An was the commercial capital of the Cham Empire and a strategic global port. This captivating UNESCO World Heritage Site preserves more than 800 buildings from the 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> century that emanate a timeless, mystical aura. You may opt to take an included excursion or enjoy time at leisure. (B,D)

### Chan May

#### Day 9

See breathtaking views of the coastline as you cruise from Da Nang to



The 19<sup>th</sup> century Saigon Central Post Office



*Experience Vietnam's kaleidoscopic markets, a vivid nexus of history, culture, and commerce*

Chan May. The countryside awaits in Chan May as you experience a small boat cruise down the Perfume River and a scenic drive to the 19<sup>th</sup>-century Tomb of Tu Duc—one of the most impressive of the royal mausoleums, designed by Emperor Tu Duc himself during the Nguyen dynasty. (B,L,D)

### Chan May/Huế

#### Day 10

The UNESCO World Heritage Site of Huế, located on the banks of the Perfume River, was the Imperial City of the Nguyen kings from 1601 to 1945. Drive from Chan May to explore its Imperial Citadel, the Noon Gate, and Thai Hoa Palace. See the Imperial Enclosure of the emperor's residence, palaces, temples, and state buildings and the Purple Forbidden City, a citadel within a citadel formerly reserved for the royalty of the Nguyen Dynasty. Visit the 17<sup>th</sup>-century Thien Mu Pagoda, one of the holiest in Vietnam. (B,L,D)

### Cruising the South China Sea

#### Day 11

Enjoy a day at sea, surrounded by majestic scenery, and attend lectures featuring Phuc and Laurie. (B,L,R,D)

### Ha Long Bay/Hanoi

#### Day 12

Board a traditional Vietnamese junk for a private cruise and experience the ethereal beauty of Ha Long Bay, the "Bay of the Descending Dragon." This UNESCO World Heritage Site is characterized by a seascape of over 1,600 emerald green pinnacles that soar from the bay's tranquil waters. Cruise between limestone islands with wave-eroded caves and walk among the tapering stalactites and stalagmites in the natural grottoes of Thien Cung, the Heavenly Palace Cave. This evening, check into the 5-star SOFITEL LEGEND METROPOLE. (B,L)

### Hanoi

#### Day 13

The undeniable charm of this enigmatic capital city resides in its time-honored rituals and compelling fusion of Vietnamese, Chinese, and French-colonial influences. A morning tour takes you past Hoan Kiem Lake—the mythical Lake of the Restored Sword—where a red wooden bridge leads to the jewel box Ngoc Son Pagoda. Walk among the 36 streets of the 13<sup>th</sup>-century Old Quarter, named after guilds formed in the Middle Ages.

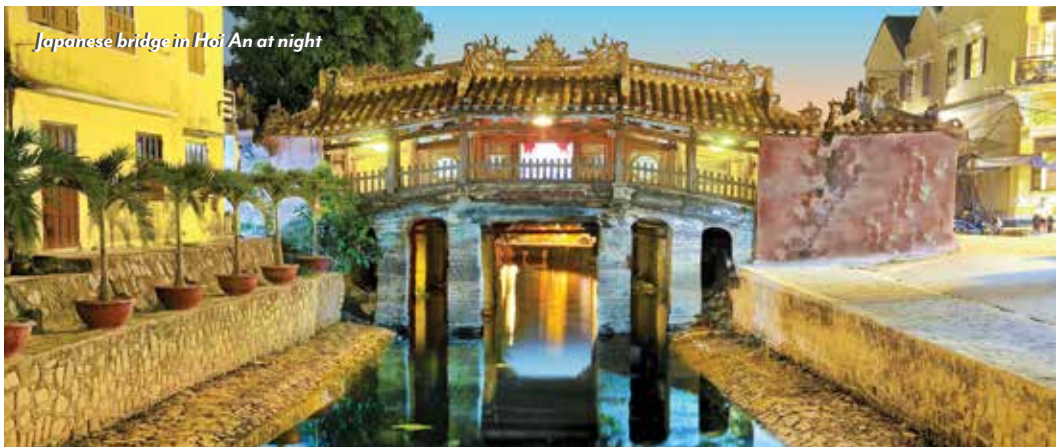
Visit the Hoa Lo Prison Museum, or "Hanoi Hilton," where American pilots, including late Senator John McCain, were held as prisoners during the Vietnam War. Enjoy lunch on your own before joining an afternoon tour of the UNESCO-designated Central Sector of the Imperial Citadel of Thang Long—built in the 11<sup>th</sup> century by the Ly Viet Dynasty. Proceed to Ba Dinh Square, where the revered father of the nation lies in state in the granite Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum. Starkly juxtaposed against the Beaux Arts-style Presidential Palace, Ho Chi Minh's modest two-room stilt house where he lived from 1958 until 1969, was built to reinforce the revolutionary leader's image as a "man of the people." Walk past this landmark to the 11<sup>th</sup>-century One Pillar Pagoda, one of Vietnam's most iconic temples. Visit the Temple of Literature, a Confucian sanctuary and paradigm of traditional Vietnamese architecture. Attend a special event this evening. (B,R,D)

### Hanoi/Depart for home city

#### Day 14

Transfer to the airport for your flight to your home city, crossing the International Date Line. (B)

*Japanese bridge in Hoi An at night*







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### 2024 DEPARTURE DATE: February 22 to March 6 (Tour Begins: February 24)

Category	LAND/CRUISE RATES <i>excluding taxes, per person, based on double occupancy</i>	Early Booking Rate through Sept. 29, 2023	Rates after Sept. 29, 2023
8	Deluxe stateroom with a picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. <i>Deck 3, midship.</i> (limited availability)	<b>\$7,195</b>	\$7,995
7	Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <i>Deck 4, midship.</i>	<b>\$7,645</b>	\$8,495
6	Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <i>Deck 5, midship and aft.</i>	<b>\$8,095</b>	\$8,995
5	Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <i>Deck 6, midship and aft.</i>	<b>\$8,545</b>	\$9,495
4	Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <i>Deck 3, midship.</i> (limited availability)	<b>\$8,995</b>	\$9,995
3	Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <i>Deck 4, midship.</i> (limited availability)	<b>\$9,715</b>	\$10,795
2	Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <i>Deck 5, midship.</i>	<b>\$10,615</b>	\$11,795
1	Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <i>Deck 6, midship.</i>	<b>\$11,515</b>	\$12,795
Prestige Suite II	Two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, <b>larger private balcony,</b> two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. <i>Deck 5, midship.</i> (limited availability)	<b>\$12,415</b>	\$13,795
Prestige Suite I	Two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, <b>larger private balcony,</b> two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. <i>Deck 6, midship.</i> (limited availability)	<b>\$13,765</b>	\$15,295
Privilege Suite	Large suite with expansive sliding glass door, <b>larger private balcony,</b> sitting area with sofa. <i>Decks 5 and 6, aft.</i> (limited availability)	<b>\$14,215</b>	\$15,795
Grand Deluxe Suite	Extra-large, one-bedroom suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, <b>spacious private terrace,</b> full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. <i>Deck 6, aft.</i> (limited availability)	<b>\$15,115</b>	\$16,795
Owner's Suite	Extra-large, one-bedroom suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, <b>spacious private terrace</b> with outdoor Jacuzzi, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. <i>Deck 5, aft.</i> (limited availability)	<b>\$16,015</b>	\$17,795

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Ta Prohm temple

## PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

### Siem Reap, Cambodia

February 19 to 24, 2024 (Tour Begins: February 21)

This three-night pre-tour extension in Siem Reap immerses you in the rich culture and traditions of Cambodia and the Siem Reap province with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to enjoy a private dinner at Kravan Temple in UNESCO World Heritage-designated Angkor Wat. Begin your exploration of this storied region with a visit to the royal walled city of Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Khmer Empire. Tour the area surrounding its UNESCO-designated complex, including the Terrace of the Elephants, Terrace of the Leper King, and Royal Palace. Nearby, visit UNESCO-inscribed Ta Prohm, a 12<sup>th</sup>-century Buddhist temple that remains largely untouched by man. Here, the dynamic life cycle between nature and humanity provides the basis for Ta Prohm's legendary "lost city" tales. Continue your discovery with a tour of the 12<sup>th</sup>-century Temple of Angkor Wat, the largest religious structure in the world which stands in testament to the centuries-long grandeur of the prosperous Khmer Empire. As darkness falls later that evening, you will head back into the temple complex for a dinner to remember. After being greeted by a traditional Chayam dance, you will dine under the stars with full table service among its famous temples with entertainment into the night. Enjoy luxury accommodations at the 5-star SOFITEL ANGKOR WAT.

*Price per person, based on double occupancy:*     **\$1,535**

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Angkor Wat

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