



“UNDERSTANDING THE CHANGING SPACE, PLACE AND CULTURES OF ASIA”

23 – 26 November 2010 Hanoi, Vietnam

FIELDTRIP

Fieldtrip, one significant event of SEAGA International Conference 2010, will be proposed with five parallel trips mainly to Hanoi and its surroundings. Each fieldtrip has a specific topic to provide more opportunities to explore the country and to learn more about Vietnam, its history, culture and socio-economic situation. The fieldtrip will be taken place on the third day of the conference (the 25 November). Each fieldtrip would host a group of approximately 30 participants (maximum 40 persons). Below is an overview followed by a more detailed description of each field trip.

Field Trip Overview

- Field trip 1: Hanoi City Tour
- Field trip 2: Craft villages around Hanoi. There are two options for your choice:
 - Option 1:
Bat Trang Pottery Village – Dong Ho Painting Village – But Thap Pagoda – Dong Ky Wood Carving Village
 - Option 2:
Phu Vinh Bamboo & Rattan Village – Van Phuc Silk Village – Tay Phuong Pagoda
- Field trip 3: Halong Bay
- Field trip 4: Hoa Lu Citadel - Bai Dinh Pagoda – Trang An Ecological Tourist Site (Ninh Binh Province)

Fees

Fee for a field trip is **30 US\$** per person, except the trip to Halong Bay which is **50US\$** per person. The fee is inclusive of transportation, meal (lunch), guides, required admissions.

The fee should be paid together with the registration fee by bank transfer.

Weather & Clothes

November is the pleasant time to visit Hanoi when the weather is cool and quite dry. Average temperature is around 21°C with high of 24°C and low of 18°C. It is advisable to take a light jacket or a pullover with you. Dress should be appropriate at religious sites such as shrines, temples and pagodas.

Field Trip Descriptions

Field trip 1: Hanoi City Tour



Hanoi, the capital city of Vietnam, throughout its thousand-year history, has it all: the ancient history, a colonial legacy and a modern outlook. Hanoi, where medieval and modern co-exists, is an old fashioned charming and also dynamically changing city.

The fieldtrip Hanoi City Tour takes participants to its highlights, including Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, One-Pillar Pagoda, Temple of Literature, Hoan Kiem Lake, Ngoc Son Temple, the Old Quarter and Museum of Ethnology. Enjoy the traditional Vietnamese food and evening water puppet show - the unique performance in Vietnam.

Proposed Itinerary

- 8.00 am: Pick up at hotel
- 8.30 am: Visit Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and his former residence; One Pillar Pagoda.
- 11.00 am: Visit Temple of Literature, built in the 11th century as Vietnam's first university.
- 12.00 am: Lunch at a local restaurant.
- 1.00 pm: Visit the Museum of Ethnology, offering informative and well-documented display on the country's 54 ethnic groups.
- 3.30 pm: Visit Hoan Kiem Lake and Ngoc Son Temple.
- 4.00 pm: Take the electric bus (or cyclo) tour around the Old Quarter
- 5.15 pm: Water Puppet Show
- 6:15 pm: Return to hotel

Field trip 2: Craft villages around Hanoi

The heartland of craft villages is the Red River Delta, and particularly around Hanoi. Craft villages in and around Hanoi mainly operate in such industries as ceramics, garments, footwear, sculpture, embroidery, rattan-bamboo weaving, copper casting, jewelry, food processing and metallurgy.

This fieldtrip is designed to show centuries of handicraft works of Vietnamese villages, its historical and cultural values, and changing under the context of socio – economic transformation. The field trip also introduces more about lush countryside as well as Buddhism affect rural life and culture.

Option 1: Bat Trang Pottery Village – Dong Ho Painting Village – But Thap Pagoda – Dong Ky Wood Carving Village



Bat Trang Pottery Village is situated on the left bank of the Red River, about 10 km away from the center of Hanoi. Bat Trang village is one of the most ancient and famous pottery villages of Vietnam, continues to work today and is constantly developing.

Dong Ho Village in Bắc Ninh Province, about 35 km far from central Hanoi is known as a center of production of traditional Vietnamese woodblock prints (Tranh Dong Ho), which are sold all throughout Vietnam in time for the Lunar New Year (Tet Festival) celebrations.



Proposed Itinerary

- 8.00 am: Pick up at hotel
- 9.00 am: Visit Bat Trang Pottery Village (walking around, visit families, pottery market beside the river)
- 10.30 am: Transfer to Dong Ho painting Village
- 11.30 am: Lunch time in local restaurant
- 1.00 pm: Visit But Thap Pagoda and Dau pagoda
- 2.30 pm: Visit Dong Ky Wood Carving Village
- 4.15 pm: Transfer back to Hanoi. End of the trip.

Option 2: Phu Vinh Bamboo & Rattan Village – Van Phuc Silk Village – Tay Phuong Pagoda

Van Phuc Silk Village, 8 km southwest of Hanoi, has been much well known for its traditional weaving and silk products. There are varieties of silk products. The silk is made by very simple looms, which is the genuinely traditional Vietnamese way of making silk.



Phu Vinh craft village is located in Chuong My district, Hanoi. Phu Vinh bamboo and rattan-woven products exceed 500 varieties which are in demand by both domestic and foreign customers.



Tay Phuong Pagoda, located in Thach That District, 35 km west from Hanoi, could be the most beautiful pagoda in Northern Vietnam with an ancient architecture, impressive wooden statues of Buddha and Arhats.

Proposed Itinerary

- 8.00 am: Pick up at hotel
- 9.00 am: Visit Phu Vinh Bamboo and Rattan Knitting Village
- 10.30 am: Visit Van Phuc Silk Village
- 12.00 am: Lunch time in local restaurant.
- 1.30 pm: Visit Tay Phuong Pagoda
- 4:00 pm: Return to hotel

Field trip 3: Halong Bay

Halong is located in Quang Ninh province, 165 km north-east of Hanoi. One of the great natural wonders of the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Halong Bay covers an area of 1,500 sq km which is scattered with thousands of limestone islands, grottoes rising from the clear, emerald waters of the Tokin Gulf.



The Fieldtrip to Halong Bay is designed to explore the natural beauty of the world heritage site, and also give the view of tourism and other economic activities in the coastal area of Vietnam.

Proposed Itinerary

- 7.30 am: Pick up at hotel, take a 3 hour drive to Halong City. Enjoy the scenery of tranquil villages embellished by peaceful green paddy field in the rural Vietnam. The bus trip will take short stop-over in Hai Duong City for relaxing.
- 11.30 am: Boarding upon arrival. Lunch will be served on board. Cruise 4 hours through a maze of islets amid dramatic natural scenery; visit Sung Sot Cave; stop at floating village, go kayaking to Luon cave to enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of the bay. Cruise back to Halong City.
- 19.30: Arrive Hanoi. End of the trip.

Field trip 4: Hoa Lu Citadel - Bai Dinh Pagoda – Trang An Ecological Tourist Site (Ninh Binh Province)

The fieldtrip to Ninh Binh Province, 100 km south – east of Hanoi, brings an interesting adventure to historic – religious sites of Hoa Lu Citadel and Bai Dinh Pagoda.



Hoa Lu Citadel: Before Thang Long - Ha Noi Capital, Hoa Lu was chosen as the first capital of Vietnam feudal centralism regime, during the Dinh (968–80) and early Le (980–1009) dynasties. The site was a smart choice for a capital city because of the natural protection afforded by the region’s bizarre landscape, with spectacularly rocky outcrops.



Bai Dinh Pagoda: the largest pagoda in Vietnam

The trip also offers a relaxing boat traveling through Trang An Ecological Tourist Site with mysterious and amazing scene and peaceful atmosphere.

Proposed Itinerary

- 7.00 am: Pick up at hotel, take a 2 - hour drive to Ninh Binh Province.
- 9.00 am: Visit Hoa Lu Ancient Royal Capital of Viet Nam from 10th century.
- 10.00 am: Transfer to Bai Dinh Pagoda
- 10.30 am: Visit Bai Dinh Pagoda
- 12.00 am: Lunch time at local restaurant
- 1.30 pm: Transfer to Trang An Ecological Tourist Site. Take a boat to travel along the stream through 11 caves.
- 5.00 pm: Transfer back to Hanoi
- 7.30 pm: Arrive Hanoi. End of the trip.

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