

Vietnam 2024



Why?

- Enhance the study of History. It is especially relevant to the NCEA Level 2 Indochina History topic and two case studies in IB History.
- Immersion in a culture very different than our own.
- Appreciate varying perspectives on historical events to develop empathy and understanding.



The Plan

Two weeks travelling through Vietnam with a focus on sites of historical significance.



Fly through the night from Auckland to Hanoi via Singapore

- On previous trips we had stayed a night in Auckland and a night in Singapore.
- However, the cost of accommodation in both of these locations has gone up significantly.
- By flying through the night, we have an extra day in Vietnam and we save money.



Hanoi 3 nights

Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, Koto Restaurant,
Hoa Lo Prison (Hanoi Hilton), Ninh Binh



Hanoi



Ninh Binh and Mua Caves



Sapa 2 nights

Hoang Lien National Park,
Haven Gate, trek through
terraced rice paddies



Hoi An 3 nights

Cooking School, Yaly's Tailors,
boat trip, day trip to My Lai,
World Heritage Site





My Lai



Museum and site of the 1968 massacre of villagers.

Hue 2 nights

Imperial city,
Emperors'
Tombs, One
Pillar Pagoda,



Hue



Ho Chi Minh City 3 nights

War Remnants Museum, Cu Chi Tunnels,
Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral,
Bong Da Market, Cyclo Tour



Cu Chi Tunnels



Travel

Dedicated tour guides in Vietnam

Bus travel mostly

Air travel - Air New Zealand / Singapore

Air/Vietnam Airways



Food



Accommodation

Three to four-star hotels, all air conditioned

Pools where possible

Students on twin/triple basis



Parents

Are welcome! We don't use parents for supervision, so they are paying members of the trip.

The supervision of the students (even if your son is on the trip) is the responsibility of the staff.



Commitment

We would like expressions of interest by 8 September. This will determine if the trip is feasible.

A non refundable deposit for all participants will be required by 8 October. This enables us to proceed with firm plans and numbers.



Immunisations - ask your GP for advice

What we have advised in the past:

1. Check all your regular immunisations are up to date: MMR, Tetanus, etc.
2. Flu vaccine a good idea.
3. Recommended to get Hepatitis A and Typhoid immunisations - there is a combination vaccine.
4. Malaria - we aren't going to high risk locations and it's not the season. However, there is a cheap antibiotic preventive medication - doxycycline. Insect spray.
5. Medications for nausea, upset stomachs, hydration sachets...



Money - costs have gone up quite a bit since we last took a trip

Will depend on numbers. We need a minimum of 25 students to make the trip feasible.

Will probably sit around \$7307 - \$7457 for students and a bit less for parents.

In addition a daily allowance (\$2-30 NZD) will be required for dinners, water and laundry.

Spending money to buy non-essential items is entirely up to you.



Price inclusions

Pricing is subject to change for the following reasons: -

- Currency exchange rates
- Number of travellers – this costing is based on a minimum of 25 paying students.

Price inclusions

- Accommodation on a share twin basis as specified in the itinerary. Triple rooms may be used dependant on final number mix.
- Sightseeing and meals as specified in the itinerary.
- Return economy class airfares ex Dunedin including all taxes.
- Vietnam Visa
- Travel Insurance