

Day 1 **Arrive Hue**

Depart for our flight to Vietnam's former imperial capital, Hue. Upon arrival we transfer to our hotel.

Day 2 **Hue Community Service**

Today we combine our energy and enthusiasm and begin our service work. Our next two days being spent working towards the betterment of the lives of those who are less fortunate.

(The exact details of Community Service projects will be determined with each school and will be dependent on a number of factors, including school objectives, outcomes desired and money raised).

Day 3 **Hue Community Service**

Today we continue our active and positive contribution to the local community that we have been working with.

Day 4 **Hue – Hoi An – Cooking Class**

After breakfast, we will board our buses and depart Hue for Hoi An, travelling along the high pass of Hai Van (enjoying spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean) and also visiting Marble Mountain and My Khe Beach (nicknamed China Beach by American GIs during the war). Upon arrival we undertake a walking tour through the World Heritage listed town of Hoi An.

Early afternoon we make our way to Hai Scout Cafe. After a welcome drink, we head off to visit Hoi An's colourful market to experience the sights, sounds and aromas of this amazing place. During our market experience we have the opportunity to interact with local sellers and purchase some of the ingredients to be used in our impending cooking lesson. We then board a private boat for a leisurely cruise along the Thu Bon River which will take us to the Red Bridge Cooking School. The cooking lesson runs for about 2 hours with each dish first being demonstrated by the Red Bridge's master Chef before we prepare the same dish ourselves. Included in the class is a brief introduction to Vietnamese food carving and plate decoration. After the lesson we sit down and enjoy what we have just prepared for dinner.

Day 5 **Eco Tour**

Today we embark on an awesome Eco Tour! Not only will we have heaps of FUN but we will also have the opportunity to enhance our understanding of the natural world and Hoi An's environmental systems. Starting at Tra Que Village, we will get a personal insight into the local farming communities as we join the farmers in preparing their land for sowing. Following this, we will enjoy a leisurely cycling tour through the countryside witnessing local Vietnamese rural life first hand. Late morning, we board our boat for a river cruise. Here we meet and will witness local fishermen working their craft, before enjoying a hands-on experience of traditional net fishing. We then transfer to a Vietnamese bamboo basket boat for a quick race and ride down a coconut palm lined waterway. Lunch today, is on board our boat which is prepared using vegetables picked earlier in the day.

Day 6 **Hoi An – Danang – Saigon – Cu Chi**

Today we transfer back to the airport for a short flight to Saigon. After lunch we will set off for the Cu Chi tunnel system; a complex maze once home to Communist guerrillas in their wars against the Japanese, French, Americans (and Australians). Before entering the tunnels, we will watch a short introductory video (a great example of propaganda and one which History students could analyse particularly with respect to perspective, reliability and usefulness) and then explore Cu Chi. Also on display are various mantraps, the remains of an American tank as well as numerous bomb craters created by 500lb bombs dropped by B52 bombers.

This evening before dinner we have the opportunity to meet with a guest speaker who will provide us a Southerners perspective of the Vietnam war.

Day 7 **Race Around Saigon – Reunification Palace – War Remnants Museum**

Today we begin our sightseeing around Vietnam's largest and busiest city - but we do it "Amazing Race" style. Teams will each be given a guide and will need to join forces in a team challenge of map reading, negotiating and interacting with locals and displaying creative communication skills whilst appreciating Saigon's attractive sights.

Later this afternoon we spend time at the Reunification Palace (the former Presidential Palace of the President of South of Vietnam), The Ho Chi Minh Museum and the War Remnants Museum.

Dinner tonight will be at K.O.T.O restaurant. K.O.T.O, founded by Vietnamese Australian Jimmy Pham, is a non-profit organisation which is run by local children who Jimmy recruited from the streets.

Day 8 **Volunteer at a local Primary School**

This morning we make our way to a local primary school for disadvantaged children. Here we will be provided with a rewarding and fun opportunity to join in on their classes.

N.B. Students' are encouraged to be pro-active at planning experiences when visiting our partner schools by preparing engaging and fun activities for children.

Day 9 **Volunteer at a local Primary School**

Today we continue the good work started yesterday at the local primary school. We will certainly need to bring our enthusiasm and energy as the children will be waiting with excitement for our second visit.

Day 10 **Saigon – Depart for home**

We have time for some last minute shopping before our flight home.

Day 11 **Arrive home**

We arrive home today.

