

Day 1 Arrive Saigon

Upon arrival in Saigon we will be met by our friendly guides and transferred to the hotel.

Day 2 Reunification Palace – War Remnants Museum – Thien Phuoc Orphanage

After breakfast we make our way to the Reunification Palace and the War Remnants Museum where we will see countless artifacts, photographs and pictures documenting the tragic Vietnam War.

This afternoon we will visit Thien Phuoc orphanage, which houses approximately 65 children all of whom have a disability. Some of the children are orphans while others could not be cared for by family members due to lack of finance and facilities at home. The children are cared for by a group of nuns who have dedicated their lives to these children. We will volunteer and help out at the centre. Dinner tonight will be at K.O.T.O restaurant. K.O.T.O, is a non-profit organisation which is run by local children who have been recruited from the streets.

Day 3 Race Around Saigon – Local Disadvantaged School

This morning we partake in a Race Around Saigon. We will make our way around the city visiting sites such as the Notre Dame Cathedral, the Old Post Office and Ben Thanh Markets. By following clues, chatting to the locals and fulfilling activities (e.g. keeping a shuttlecock off the ground as it gets passed around the group – a favourite Vietnamese sport) we will visit all the main sites whilst learning about them in a fun and educational way. The last clue will lead to a restaurant where we sit down to congratulate the winning team and enjoy lunch.

Later this afternoon we make our way to a local primary school for disadvantaged children. We will spend the afternoon helping out with the lessons whether it be in art or in English. It will be a great experience for both the local students and for our group.

Day 4 Local Disadvantaged School – Cooking Class

After breakfast, we make our way back to the school to continue helping out with lessons. Later this afternoon we make our way to a cooking class. Our class will start at the wet market with our chef walking us through the markets and explaining all the different types of foods and vegetables and all the ways of cooking them. Following our guided tour we head back and begin to cook. We will then finish off our cooking class by sitting down and enjoying what we have just prepared.

Day 5 Cu Chi Tunnels – Fly to Dalat

Later this morning we make our way to 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 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.

We have an early start this morning as we make our way to the airport for our flight to Dalat.

Day 6 Razorback Trek – Bamboo Raft Building – Tuyen Lam Camping

After breakfast today we set off south of Dalat to begin our trekking adventure. The 9 km trail takes us along a jungle fringed ridgeline, charging up to its peak elevation and then gently rolling onwards as we head back down to the lake

to complete our journey. We will have the opportunity to navigate along the way using topographical maps and compasses.

After a short boat ride to Nam Qua Campsite we enjoy the best of the local Dalat produce with a well deserved lunch.

In the afternoon we are divided up into teams to take on a raft building challenge. Using bamboo, twine, floating drums, problem solving skills and teamwork, together teams must design and build rafts which we will use to race each other around a set course on Tuyen Lam Lake. Tonight after dinner we settle in around the campfire for some traditional local entertainment and marshmallow toasting.

Overnight: Tuyen Lam campsite in tents.

Day 7 High Ropes – Abseiling – Langbian Mountain

This morning we board our boat for a picturesque ride along Tuyen Lam lake as we head to for the high ropes course at Golden Valley. Once there we take on the challenge of the Monkey Bridge, the Leap of Faith and the Zip Line across Golden Valley Lake.

After lunch we set off on an adrenaline packed afternoon of abseiling on Langbian Mountain. Following a ride up the mountain we walk to the training site for a safety briefing, gear overview and a practice abseil. We then traverse to the cliff face for not only some of the most spectacular views in Dalat, but more importantly to take on the 25m wall perched at the top of one of the Langbian mountain peaks. This evening we enjoy a bbq buffet dinner.

Day 8 Toboggan Ride – Truc Lam Zen Monastery Gondola Ride – Fly to Saigon

After breakfast we head to Datanla waterfall to ride the toboggan cart to the valley floor to explore the falls. Following this we enjoy a cable car ride to Truc Lam Zen Monastery, taking in great views of Dalat city and a quiet moment to reflect. This afternoon we stop by Dalat Market for some souvenir shopping before making our way to the airport for our short flight to Saigon.

Day 9 Depart for home

In the morning we will check out of the hotel, go to the airport and board our plane for our flight home.

Day 10 Arrive home

We arrive home today.

