

A Photographic Journey of

3-25 November 2011

VIETNAM

If you enjoy photography, history, culture, scenery, food and shopping, then this journey will delight you! From the mountainous top of the country to the stunning Mekong Delta, Giora & Paul will guide you through the scenic, ethnic and cultural landscape of Vietnam. Enjoy the secluded northern town of Sapa, world heritage Hoi An, bustling Ha Noi and picturesque Ha Long Bay.

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Giora Dan is an internationally published reportage & documentary photographer based in Christchurch New Zealand and He is an experienced photographic educator, Giora has worked on a variety of documentary assignments ranging from low lying Pacific atolls to mountain monasteries in Asia. His images have been widely published in geographical magazines such as the Smithsonian Magazine, German Geo, British, Canadian, African & NZ Geographic.

Giora was the principle photographer for Asian UNESCO heritage sites for 'Our Place World Heritage' Publishing.

Paul Daly is an award-winning landscape and commercial photographer based in Christchurch, New Zealand. His images have appeared in books and magazines such as NZ Geographic and the German edition of GEO.

Paul is a master in the art of panoramic image making. He works in both traditional panoramic film cameras and current top of the line digital technology. Harnessing the traditional with the precision of digital technology, he is constantly questioning the norm and pushing his personal boundaries and that of his craft.



Day 1 3rd Nov

Fly Christchurch/Auckland to Singapore and overnight in Singapore.

Day 2 4th Nov

Fly Singapore to Ha Noi (Arrival Day). Airport pick up to hotel

are based on the foot of Fan Xi Pan Mount. Spend your time trekking around the valleys, crossing suspension bridges and witnessing green rice terraces.



Day 3 5th Nov Ha Noi – Mai Chau (L,D)

At 7:30am start your 240 km road trip to Moc Chau, there will be a short break in Hoa Binh - a picturesque journey of Mai Chau Valley and rolling hills. Stop for lunch in Bac Lac village, habitant of White Thai ethnic. Overnight in Moc Chau town.

Day 7 9th Nov Sapa (B)

Free structured day with photographic guide to explore Sapa

Day 8 10th Nov Sapa – Ha Giang (B,L,D)

After breakfast, start at your hotel at 7.30AM, enjoy lunch at a locally owned restaurant and arrive Ha Giang approx 5.30PM.



Day 9 11th Nov Ha Giang – Dong Van (B,L,D)



After breakfast discover the scenic Vietnam with a drive up to the top of Heaven’s Gate. After lunch at Yen Minh start your journey into some of the most dramatic scenery you ever will see with the knowledge that few people travel to this region.

Day 4 6th Nov Mai Chau – Son La (B,L,D)

We will drive 38km from Mai Chau to Sa Linh for a 2hrs trek through the hamlets of the H'Mong Ethnic people, and then we will continue to Moc Chau plateau for lunch. Overnight in Son La.

Sweeping passes with dramatic valley’s make for plenty of photo opportunities’. Arriving in Dong Van you will check into a hotel.

Day 5 7th Nov Son La – Lai Chau (B,L,D)

The road to Lai Chau is unbelievably beautiful and magnificent with the 7 high passes cutting through steep mountains. This place is the home of many hill tribes authentic in lifestyle and colourful in costumes. In addition, the pleasure of travelling in this region is the joy of seeing friendly smiles and waving from local people



Day10 12th Nov Dong Van (B)

Free structured day with photographic guide to explore Dong Van & Meo Vac

Day 11 13th Nov Dong Van – Ha Giang (B,L,D)

After breakfast its back on the road taking time to stop &

Day 6 8th Nov Lai Chau – Sapa (B,L,D)

An ideal place for retreat with moderate climate, Sapa is also a place of cultural value and breathtaking mountainous scenery. The town is inhabited by colourful hill tribes, which



visit the former H'Mong's Palace & hear the fascinating history of this drug lord's rule and influence. Lunch in Yen Minh. Drive to Ha Giang before checking in for the night.

Day 12 14th Nov Ha Giang – Ha Noi (B,L)

After breakfast drive back to Ha Noi. Stay in Ha Noi for the night



Day 13 15th Nov Ha Noi – Ha Long Bay (B,L,D)

Pick up from your hotel to drive through the beautiful countryside of the Red River Delta. Upon arriving in Halong City, you transfer to our boat for a cruise around Halong Bay, and admire the stunning view of the soaring limestone peaks. The boat cruise includes a stop to explore an expansive cave (Surprise Cave), plus enjoy a lunch of fresh seafood and take a swim (weather dependant) in the emerald waters of the bay. Later, cruise to the overnight mooring point where you will have dinner and enjoy the evening socializing with your fellow travellers.



Day 14 16th Nov Ha Long Bay – Ha Noi (B,L)

After breakfast, the boat cruises back to the harbour. On arriving at the harbour you will be taken to a hotel restaurant for a Vietnamese meal before returning to Hanoi on the bus.

Day 15 17th Nov Ha Noi (B)

Free structured day with photographic guide to explore Ha Noi

Day 16 18th Nov Ha Noi – Hoi An (B)

A driver will pick you up at your hotel and transfer to airport for your flight to Da Nang. On arrival into Da Nang there will be a driver waiting for you.

Day 17 19th Nov Hoi An (B)

Free structured day with photographic guide to explore Hoi An



Day 18 20th Nov Hoi An (B)

Free structured day with photographic guide explore Hoi An

Day 19 21st Nov Da Nang – Sai Gon – Can Tho (B)

A driver will pick up at your hotel transfer to airport Flight Da Nang – Sai Gon 6.00 7.10am. This trip provides a look at a wide variety of the life and scenery of the Delta. On the way you can see green rice paddy fields stretching towards the horizon. After arrival in Cai Be, a boat takes you to the floating market with sellers and buyers bargaining and exchanging their goods from their boats.



Next, a boat rides on the maze of shady canals visiting the An Binh islands (Vinh Long). We will enjoy the local tropical fruits and see how local people cultivate their orchards, make their living from ceramics, popcorn and rice paper... A nice chance for bicycle riding, roaming through the village and looking at the local handicraft shops. A stop will be landed on Vinh Long market a nice walk around. Continue driving to Can Tho. Over night at Can Tho.

Day 20 22nd Nov Can Tho – Chau Doc (B,L)

Cruising along the small and picturesque tributaries by rowing boat, we will see the Cai Rang floating market (the nicest one with heaps of rowing boats). Take in the beautiful scenery and the daily activities of the locals who lives along the Mekong canals and you will roam through the village to visit a rice husking mill and a rice noodles making shop. Drive and overnight in Chau Doc.

Day 21 23rd Nov Chau Doc – Sai gon

After breakfast transfer back to Sai Gon

Day 22 24th Nov Departure day

Today we say goodbye to Vietnam and fly back home to New Zealand via Singapore

Day 23 25th Nov Arrive Christchurch or Auckland

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Prices are based on a minimum group size of 21 and will include two Nomadic Planet guides in addition to two local guides. A supplement will apply for a smaller group. Pricing is based on an exchange rate of USD\$1 = NZD0.75 and we reserve the right to apply a currency surcharge should the NZ Dollar weaken significantly against the US Dollar before final payment is due.

Price Includes: Return airfares from CHCH flying Economy Class on Singapore Airlines, flights within Vietnam, all airport taxes, 21 nights' accommodation and meals, transfers, activities and city tours as detailed. Vietnam Visa included.

Not Included: Travel Insurance (Compulsory), Personal expenses, meals not listed, tips and gratuities.

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