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Viet Nam Village School Volunteers Program



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The "Viet Nam Village School Volunteers" program is a great way for people to see Viet Nam through the eyes of her children. Viet Nam is a land of incredible landscapes and beautiful people. The smiling faces of the children you will meet will leave you with reverent and lifelong memories and you'll dream of taking these children home with you when you leave. This will truly be a trip of a lifetime.

Our volunteer program is simple; in two weeks of travel you'll experience Viet Nam by going on short tours to various parts of the country. You will visit Cao Dai temple, the Mekong River, experience the exotic atmosphere of cities such as Phan Thiet, Mui Ne, and surrounding villages. You'll see and enjoy miles of beautiful beaches.

You will have the opportunity to teach in classrooms full of appreciative Viet children who are as interested in your culture as you are in theirs. You can be as creative as you like - teaching art, music, cooking, or any skills you would like to share. The children will want to learn a little English and they will eagerly teach you a few words or phrases in Vietnamese.

In addition to VSF classroom visits and tours of our schools, you'll have a lot of free time to explore nearby temples and churches, relax at the beach and café shops, or shop at the open markets.

Your service fee is \$1,400 for the two week volunteer program. Your fee includes lodging, transportation, scheduled tours, project expenses, and team-leaders. The service program fee does not cover free-time expenses, meals, or airfare. Village School Foundation is a 501-C3 tax-exempt non-profit organization. All fees, including airfare, are tax deductible.

Extra information to help you with your plans:

To enter Viet Nam you need:

1. A passport valid up to 4 months beyond your travel date.
2. A Viet Nam visa, which we will obtain for you.
3. Two recent photos for the visa.

To ensure you the best rate possible, we will arrange to purchase tickets and visa for you. To help us make the obtain a visa you'll need to send to the travel agent a copy of your passport, two recent photos and an application form (which we will mail to you prior to purchasing airline ticket).

The currency is the Vietnamese Dong. The exchange rate is about 1 USD to 15,000 Dong. Unlike other countries that you might have traveled to, we suggest you bring cash. Bigger notes such as 100 USD bills often get a better exchange rate than smaller ones. There are cash machines in Saigon. Most of the places where we'll take you don't have cash machines. In Saigon you can pay in USD. Of course the exchange rate is much better at the bank.

Our trip for 2006 will begins August.31st and ends on Sept. 14th. We want everyone interested in joining us on this trip to understand that this is a family style travel. This means, we are flexible to combine your personal need to visit other places of your choosing with our schedule tour. If you're interested in visiting specific places not in our general schedule or have any special needs, please let us know ahead of time and we'll do our best to assist you. This is not your standard get our group on the tour bus tour. We want this trip to be a great personal experience for you.

Tour Plan

| Date | Activity | Alternative |
|--------------|---|---|
| August 31st | Travel to Viet Nam | |
| September 1 | Arrive in Saigon | |
| September 2 | Mekong Delta | Trip to Da Nang and Hoi An (this three day trip is strictly by air, round trip from Saigon. You'll get to Phan Thiet on the evening of the 5 th .) |
| September 3 | Mekong Delta | |
| September 4 | Travel to Phan Thiet | |
| September 5 | Visit school in Thi Nghip , free afternoon and evening | (Instead of free time, we can visit the city of Mui Ne and have dinner at a beach side restaurant) |
| September 6 | Visit school in Ham Thuan Bac, lunch at local dinner, free afternoon and evening | (Instead of free time we can go to the beautiful island of Mui Dien by boat.) |
| September 7 | Visit school in Ham Tan, visit beach village | |
| September 8 | Morning, go to Phan Thiet open market, Teach at compassionate school, Evening free time | Evening is free or we can go to a karaoke bar. |
| September 9 | Teach in Thi Nghip , Rest, free time | (instead of free time, we can visit the beautiful red sand dunes, dinner at local beachside restaurant |
| September 10 | Rest | We can go to see Co Thach pagoda. This Pagoda is built into a rocky side of the mountain over looking the ocean. Beautiful. |
| September 11 | Travel to Saigon, evening rest | We can rest or sightseeing Saigon |
| September 12 | Shopping in Saigon | |
| September 13 | Travel home | |
| September 14 | Travel home | |