



March 17 – 29, 2020

11 Nights / 12 Days – 24 Meals Included

Price per person, double occupancy: \$3,969 - Single supplement: \$1,625

**airfare not included*

Small Group Exploration of 26 staff, K alumni and friends!

To book, contact Janice Eagle at Travel Leaders by telephone at 269.925.0777

or by email at jeagle@travelleaders.com.

Kalamazoo College is pleased to collaborate with Travel Leaders and Luxe by EXO to offer this custom adventure through the temples, markets, historical sites, and exquisite foods of Vietnam and Cambodia.

Your Trip Includes	Not Included
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tours and Experiences in Hanoi, Halong Bay, Hue, Danang, Hoi An, and Siem Reap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 Nights' Accommodation in 5 and 4 star Hotels and Resorts 1 Overnight Cruise and Accommodation aboard a Private Junk 12 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, and 6 Dinners including private dinner at Villa Chandra <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English-speaking local guide Option to book flights (separate cost) through your Travel Leaders representative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Airport welcome by an EXO guide to expedite the visa procedure, customs clearance, and luggage collection. Your Guide will accompany you on your private bus from airport to hotel for check-in. Transportation with a private driver in an air-conditioned vehicle to and from all hotels, airports, tours, experiences, and excursions throughout the trip. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VIP Fast Track & Visa Fee in Vietnam and Cambodia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entrance Fees and Activities Listed Drinking water during touring days Phare Show and Water Puppet Theatre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camera / video entrance fees Meals other than mentioned Services other than mentioned Gratuities, personal expenses, drinks during meals unless mentioned International & internal flights Tips for guides and others at local suppliers

This is a very active adventure! Please read this guide carefully. If you have any questions about mobility, please contact Audrey Bitzer, Advancement Events Manager, by telephone at 269-337-7283 or by email at abitzer@kzoo.edu to discuss the activity level of this trip prior to booking.

Trip Itinerary and Inclusions

Day 1: Tuesday, March 17: Arrival to Hanoi, Vietnam

Accommodation: [Hanoi at De L'Opera Hotel](#)

Meal included: Welcome Dinner

Welcome to Vietnam! Your journey with EXO and Kalamazoo College begins here. An EXO Travel representative will greet you at your arrival gate. They will assist you throughout the visa procedure, luggage collection, and customs clearance for a VIP, stress-free experience. Waiting time at immigration, customs clearance, and baggage collection time will be shorter through your EXO Travel Experience.

- Visa stamping fee is included in the trip cost.
- Your guide and private, air-conditioned bus will transfer you to the hotel for check-in.
- Check – in time is typically 3:00 p.m. Early check – in time is subject to availability.

Welcome dinner hosted by President Gonzalez and guides from Luxe by EXO will be included this evening.

Day 2: Wednesday, March 18: Hanoi Full Day City Tour

Accommodation: [Hanoi at De L'Opera Hotel](#)

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Our trip begins with a full-day guided tour of Hanoi! Today's expedition includes:

- A visit to **West Lake to admire the sixth-century Tran Quoc Buddhist Pagoda**
- The **Temple of Literature**: a beautiful compound constructed in 1076
- **Hoa Lo Prison of the "Hanoi Hilton"**: built by French rulers in Vietnam for political prisoners and then by the government of North Vietnam for war prisoners, including Senator John McCain
- **A tour of the Ho Chi Minh** complex to see the famous Mausoleum and tour Ho Chi Minh's former home where he orchestrated the movement that lead to Vietnam's independence.
- Optional tour of the **One Pillar Pagoda**, built in 1049. One of Vietnam's most iconic temples.
- **Walking tour of Hanoi's bustling Old Quarter** that is comprised of 36 narrow streets. We will have the opportunity to see and learn about Vietnam's traditional ways of life
- Experience **Hang Be Market** and take a **walk along Hoan Kiem Lake**
- End the day with dinner and a performance of the northern **Vietnamese art, Water Puppet Theatre**

Day 3: Thursday, March 19: Hanoi to Halong Bay Private Junk Cruise

Accommodation: [Indochina Sails Junk, private charter](#)

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Spend the night on Halong Bay aboard our private Junk!

- Our guide will pick us up at our hotel and we begin our 3-hour journey to Halong Bay. **Halong Bay is famous for its emerald waters, limestone outcrops, echoing caves, and hidden bays.**
- **We will board our boat at Tuan Chau Port** where we will be greeted with a welcome drink!
- Lunch and Dinner will be served aboard the ship
- **Massage service is available after lunch and throughout the cruise.** Must be booked in **advance**.
- We will cruise through Halong Bay, passing the most beautiful and quiet areas including **Incense Burner, Dog Stone Islet, and Finger Isle**
- Journey to Surprise Cave – a spectacular grotto that is the largest of Halong Bay. You will need to ascend about 100 stone steps to reach the mouth of the cave
- Attend a **fruit and vegetable carving lesson** led by the Head Chef.
- Enjoy your evening aboard the ship with **card games, squid fishing, beverages, and camaraderie with your fellow K alumni and friends!**

Day 4: Friday, March 20: Travel Day: Halong Bay to Hue

Accommodation: [Indochine Palace Hotel in Hue](#)

Meals Included: Breakfast

Our day begins on Halong Bay and ends in Hue!

- Enjoy coffee, tea, and pastries in the dining room of our private junk
- Participate in an optional *Tai Chi lesson* on the sundeck
- Go onshore to *Titov Island by tender boat for a hike to a 360-degree view of Halong Bay!*
- Enjoy our final breakfast before disembarking for the next leg of our journey
- We will be transferred to the *Hanoi airport for our flight to Hue*
- Once we arrive in Hue, we will be brought to our hotel for check-in
- *You will have the evening free to relax or take in the sights of Hue*

Day 5: Saturday, March 21: Hue Full Day City Tour

Accommodation: [Indochine Palace Hotel in Hue](#)

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Put on your walking shoes – our day is packed with seeing the sights of Hue!

- Begin our day at the *UNESCO-Heritage Imperial Citadel*. Roam the expansive grounds, hearing stories of the majestic building, intriguing former emperors, and Hue's role in Vietnam's military history.
- Continue by cyclo (similar to a rickshaw!) to discover the tranquil gardens and traditional buildings of the region, before arriving at the *lotus-filled Tinh Tam Lake*. Meaning 'Peace of Mind', this former emperors' relaxation spot is still a popular place for Hue residents to wind down at the end of the day.
- We then visit the *Thien Mu Pagoda, a 400-year-old iconic landmark* and enjoy views of the Perfume River.
- Travel through Hue's beautiful countryside to *visit the tomb of Emperor Minh Mang*, a Nguyen Dynasty ruler well known for his opposition to any French involvement in Vietnam.
- Continue to *Khai Dinh's tomb for a tour of this equally remarkable complex* and browse the Dong Ba Market.
- Our dinner tonight will be a special experience. *We will dine in the garden house, known locally as 'nha vuon', of one Hue's most famous architects*. It is set in a large and attractive formal garden has connections with the ancient Hue Royal Imperial Court. The traditional architecture has long been associated with the natural environment and the ancient belief of 'feng-shui'. Upon arrival we will be greeted in the foyer with a traditional Vietnamese welcome. The Lady of the house will personally prepare our extraordinary dinner!

Day 6: Sunday, March 22: Travel Day – Hue to Danang

Accommodation: [Naman Retreat at Danang](#)

Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch

Today we journey from Hue to our resort in Danang, just outside Hoi An:

- After breakfast we will begin our *drive from Hue to Hoi An*
- We will stop at the *Museum of Cham Sculpture*, where the world's largest collection of Cham artifacts is on display. Cham artifacts were created by the Indic civilization, Champa, between 500 and 1500 AD.
- Enjoy lunch with a view of the waterfront
- *Check in to our resort, the magnificent Naman Retreat Danang*

Day 7: Monday, March 23: Walking Tour of Hoi An and Cooking Class

Accommodation: [Naman Retreat Danang](#)

Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch

Bringing you a K classroom experience: Hoi An Cooking Class and Walking Tour:

- ***Get ready to flex your cooking skills! We will set off on a culinary adventure with this half-day Hoi An cooking class.*** After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Hai Café, a charming restaurant in the center of Hoi An's old town. Enjoy a welcome drink while being briefed on the day's activities.
- Our experience begins with a ***stop at the market to shop for ingredients***. Learn about herbs and spices, colorful vegetables, live seafood, and how they are used in authentic Vietnamese cooking.
- We will climb aboard our private motorboat and cruise up the Thu Bon River, enjoying the passing views of anglers on the way to the ***Red Bridge Cooking School***.
- We then begin our ***two-hour course with a demonstration from our chef instructors***, showing the proper cooking techniques and introducing the ingredients. After that, we are set free to cook our own Vietnamese dishes under the watchful eye of our expert chefs! Once ready, we will enjoy our handiwork and fill up on these home-cooked delights!
- ***Once our cooking class is complete, we will take in the sights of Hoi An.*** Despite the passing of 200 years and the ravages of weather and war, the center of Hoi An remains much the same as it was in its heyday. This walking tour is the best way to see the wooden-fronted houses that once belonged to the town's prosperous merchants, the Japanese-covered Bridge and the wonderful market as well as the many silk, handicrafts, antique shops and galleries.

Day 8: Tuesday, March 24: Day of Leisure at Naman Retreat Danang

Accommodation: [Naman Retreat Danang](#)

Meals Included: Breakfast

You will have the entire day to enjoy our resort, the [Naman Retreat Danang](#). Book a massage at the spa, take a yoga class, play a round of golf at one of the two finest courses in Southeast Asia, go for a bike ride, enjoy one of their on-property restaurants, relax on the beach, rest up, and get ready for our journey to Cambodia!

Alternatively, if you prefer, you may explore Danang City, Hoi An Ancient Town, or any of the other nearby sights on your own.

Please look at the resort website to explore all of the activities and features the resort provides.

Day 9: Wednesday, March 25: Danang to Siem Reap, Cambodia

Accommodation: [Shinta Mani Shack – Siem Reap](#)

Meals Included: Breakfast

Today we leave Vietnam and continue our journey to Cambodia:

- ***Next up is a flight to Cambodia after breakfast. Flight must be booked through Janice Eagle at Travel Leaders upon booking your K Alumni and Friends Trip to Southeast Asia.***
- Upon arrival at Siem Reap International Airport, our VIP greeting from EXO awaits.
- ***VIP Terminal Visa Service and Visa Fee included in cost of trip.***
- Once luggage is collected, our guide will assist in the transfer from the airport to hotel.

You will have your evening free to relax or explore Siem Reap, the small provincial capital that serves as the gateway to the millennium-old temple ruins of the Khmer Empire.

Day 10: Thursday, March 26: Sunrise at Angkor Wat and Visit Angkor Thom Temple

Accommodation: [Shinta Mani Shack – Siem Reap](#)

Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Start your day than sunrise at Angkor Wat and a champagne breakfast!

- ***Your day begins with the once-in-a lifetime experience of watching the sunrise over Angkor Wat*** and its five iconic towers. Built during the reign of King Suryavarman II in the early 12th century, Angkor Wat was constructed to symbolize Mount Meru, the home of the gods. Its construction is believed to have taken 30 years to complete and its walls are filled with magnificent stone carvings. The temple is well known for the more than 2,000 Aspara dancers that decorate its walls.
- ***We then venture to picturesque Srah Srong baray***, a man-made lake created in the 12th century as part of Jayvarman VII's massive building campaign.
- ***Overlooking the lake, we enjoy our beautiful champagne breakfast***
- ***Our tour will continue as we journey to the ancient, walled city of Angkor Thom***, the last capital of the Great Khmer Empire under the reign of Jayavarman VII.
- The day will finish with a fantastic group dinner.

Day 11: Friday, March 27: Countryside Expedition, Golden Silk Farm, Phare Show

Accommodation: [Shinta Mani Shack – Siem Reap](#)

Meals included: Breakfast and Lunch

From the Cambodian Countryside to the Theatre, this day has it all:

- Take off to get a real taste of the authentic Cambodian countryside in your Jeep, driven by your local guide! From lush countryside to isolated villages, you will get a chance to experience Khmer rural life.
- We will then visit Banteay Srey, a pink sandstone temple built in 967 AD. It is of the smallest temples we see on our journey, but one of the most exquisite.
- ***Afterward, visit the Golden Silk Pheach Farm.*** Set among mulberry trees, we have the opportunity to view weaving ateliers on our guided tour. Unique to Cambodia, golden silk products are ecologically produced from the yellow silkworm. These silk products are months, or even years, in the making and each one is unique.
- ***In the evening, we will attend a stunning performance of 'Phare, the Cambodian Circus'.*** Professional artists of Phare Ponleu Selpak (PPS) will perform an hour-long show that mixes traditional and modern theater, music, dance, acrobatics, juggling and contortion that create a story about Cambodian lives and society.

Day 12: Saturday, March 28: Siem Reap & Farewell Dinner with President Gonzalez

Accommodation: [Shinta Mani Shack – Siem Reap](#)

Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

We finish our trip with a private dinner in a rice field to say goodbye to our new K Alumni and Friends!

- ***The morning in Siem Reap will be free at your leisure.*** Some suggestions include visiting the local markets and artisans d'Angkor, Theam's House: a Cambodian artist and designer, or visiting the workshop of Eric Raisina: a local silkweaver who studied in Paris!
- ***For dinner, we journey to Villa Chandara, a charming private villa located just west of Angkor Thom.*** We will enjoy a fine dinner surrounded by rice paddies where we can reminisce about our journey, hear updates on the college from President Gonzalez, and enjoy our final night in Southeast Asia. We will have the evening to enjoy the terraces and scenery amongst the landscaped spice gardens.

Day 13: Sunday, March 29: Departure Day

Meals Included: Breakfast

You will enjoy your last morning in Cambodia at the hotel prior to your transfer to the airport. EXO will schedule your transfer based on departure time from airport. Flight times will vary.



RESERVATION FORM

For Reservations Contact: Janice Eagle 269-925-0777 email: jeagle@travelladers.com
Travel Leaders, 1958 Mall Pl, Benton Harbor, MI 49022-2332

A deposit of \$1,200 per person will be charged on November 1, 2019 or once the trip has reached 75% capacity. Final Payment is due January 10, 2019. Deposit is 50% refundable until that date. After January 10, 2020, deposits are non-refundable. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Please note, due to the private cruise cabin occupancy, we have limited space for single passengers on this trip.

YOUR INFORMATION:

Please print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid an unnecessary change fees, it is essential that all guest names are entered correctly on this form and upon booking. The information printed below must be the legal name and 100% identical to the ID being used to travel (must match passport). This includes middle names or suffixes (Jr., Sr.)

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender () Female () Male () Non-Binary

Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: () _____ Email: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiration Date (month/day/year) _____ Date of Issuance (month/day/year): _____

City, State, Country of Issuance: _____ Citizenship _____

Emergency contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: ☐ Check if address is the same as passenger #1 DOB: (month/day/year) _____

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR TRAVEL: ☐ Check if assistance booking international air travel is required. Janice Eagle will contact for more information to book.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Travel Leaders () Check () Credit Card

Deposit Amount: _____ Total Amount Enclosed or To Be Charged: _____

Cardholder Name (if paying by credit card): _____

Billing Address: ☐ Check if address is the same as above _____

Cardholder Phone: _____ Card Expiration Date: _____ Three- or Four Digit Code: _____

Credit Card Number: _____

SIGNATURE REQUIRED for acceptance of the below conditions and agreement to credit card use:

 Date: _____

I agree to pay according to the card issuer agreement. I understand and accept the cancellation policy, terms and conditions. Call for details regarding the full terms and conditions of your purchase, including the full cancellation policy. Important Conditions: Upon completing your booking with Travel Leaders, your trip is confirmed. The deposit will not be charged until November 1, 2019. If this trip does not reach 75% capacity by November 10, it may be subject to cancellation. Kalamazoo College is not liable for any cancellation fees.

