

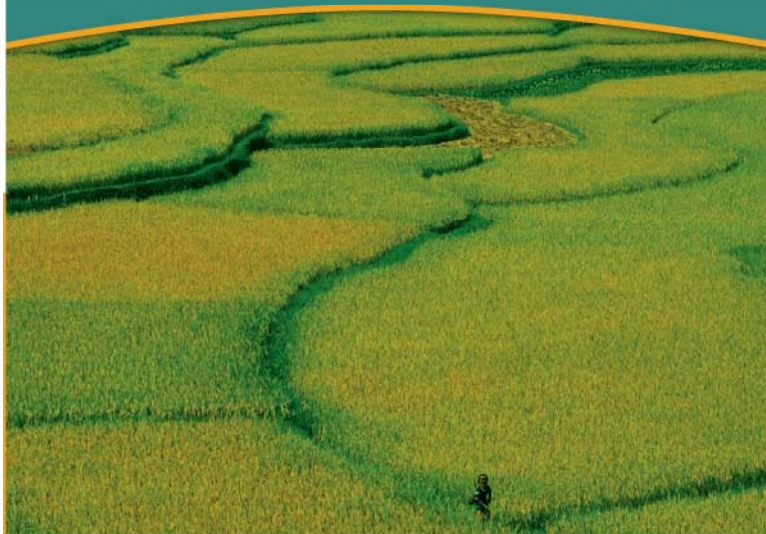


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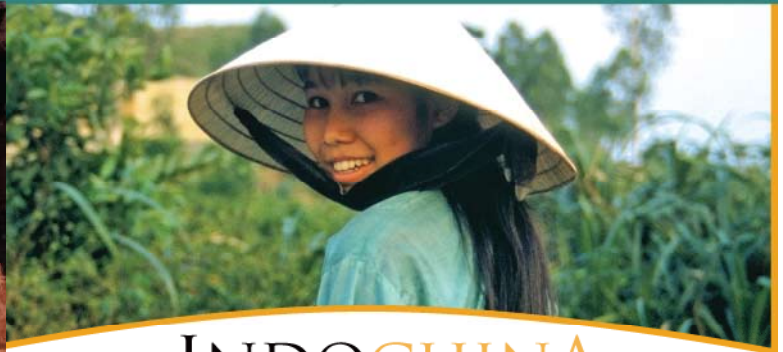
INDOCHINA UNVEILED

A Journey to Vietnam & Laos

WITH AN OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO ANGKOR, CAMBODIA



AN IN-DEPTH PROGRAM EXCLUSIVELY DESIGNED FOR BRYN MAWR TRAVELERS
OCTOBER 30 — NOVEMBER 12, 2009



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Tour Cost: \$6,750
Single Supplement: \$1,650
Cambodia Extension: \$1,550
Single Supplement: \$270
International Air: starting at \$1,575

Reservation contact: For more information on this remarkable journey, please contact Jeff Robers at Asia Transpacific Journeys at 800-642-2742 x 234, or jeff@asiatranspacific.com

Friday–Saturday, Oct. 30-31 *Depart USA*

Fly from the U.S. to Bangkok. "Lose" a day as you cross the International Dateline. (Please contact Asia Transpacific Journeys for specific flight information.)

Sunday, Nov. 1 *Bangkok/Luang Prabang*

Arrive Bangkok, and connect to Luang Prabang, Laos.

Meet your tour leader and local guide. Transfer to the hotel. Luang Prabang is one of Asia's most alluring locales, with its calm, quaint feel, meandering streets, glittering temples, smiling locals and lush surrounding hills. French colonial, art deco and traditional Lao structures comprise an exquisite and well-preserved architectural legacy: the town is a UNESCO World Heritage site. This afternoon, convene for a group orientation meeting followed by dinner at our hotel.

Villa Maly Luang Prabang (D) This art-deco gem is situated in the heart of historic Luang Prabang. The former royal residence of Princess Khampieng and Prince Khamtan, it evokes both a romantic French colonial sensibility and time-honored Laotian style.

Monday-Tuesday Nov. 2 & 3 *Luang Prabang*

Today explore Wat Visounalat, Wat Mai, and Wat Xieng Thong, a 400-year-old royal monastery complex. Visit the National Museum, with its fascinating collection of murals, the sacred pha bang standing Buddha image, and gifts from heads of state, including a moon rock presented by President Nixon. At dusk, climb Phousi Hill to view the sunset over the Mekong. This evening, enjoy a traditional baci ceremony, in which villagers tie sacred strings of friendship and good fortune around the wrists of visitors, combining Lao beliefs in Buddhism and spirit worship. A classical dance performance and dinner follow the ceremony.

The following day, boat up the Mekong to the Pak Ou Caves, a mystical pilgrimage site accessible by boat on the Mekong, with 3,000 statues of the Buddha. Visit Ban Phanom, a tranquil hamlet home to the Khmu people, an ancient Mon-Khmer ethnic group. At Ban Xienglek village, see the traditional art of mulberry paper making, and silk textile production. This evening is at leisure for exploration and dinner on your own. *Villa Maly Luang Prabang* (all meals except dinner Nov. 3)



Dear Bryn Mawr alumnae/i and friends,

Steeped in a history of powerful dynasties, diverse religious traditions, and political transformations, Vietnam is emerging as a "must-see" destination for any traveler interested in history, culture, and Southeast Asia's modern landscape. The landscape hosts emerald green rice fields and the remnants of ancient temples, and its cities fuse French colonial architecture and ancient dynastic elements. Explore the major sites in Hanoi and Saigon, and become acquainted with the charms of historic Hoi An, My Son, and Hué as well.

Laos, which was closed off to visitors for 20 years in the 1960's and 70's, remains one of the best-kept secrets in Asia. Its quiet ambiance and relaxed pace, its striking natural beauty, the genuine warmth of its people, and the richness of the culture tend to enchant even the most experienced traveler.

Extend your journey to Cambodia, to discover the magnificent ruins of Angkor, which 19th century French explorer Henri Mouhot called "greater than anything left to us by Greece or Rome."

Special meetings and performances have been arranged exclusively for Bryn Mawr alumnae, and insightful interpretation by art historian Dr. Kristin Kelly will add immeasurably to the journey, making this a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Space is limited, so we encourage you to make your reservation early.

Warm regards,

Wendy M. Greenfield

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 Executive Director
 Bryn Mawr Alumnae Association

See the glittering temples and robed monks of Luang Prabang, Laos / ATJ



Wednesday, Nov. 4 **Luang Prabang/Hanoi, Vietnam**

Early risers will have the opportunity to view long lines of barefoot monks in procession through the streets at dawn. After breakfast, reconvene for a talk on textiles and the deep rooted traditions of weaving in Laos from renowned experts at a weaving center located on the Mekong River.

This afternoon fly Luang Prabang to Hanoi. Transfer to our historic hotel in the heart of Hanoi. This evening, dinner will be at the nearby Press Club.

Sofitel Metropole Hotel (B,D) The historic five-star Metropole is Hanoi's premier address, a French colonial masterpiece ideally located in the heart of the city.

Thursday, Nov. 5 **Hanoi**

Examine the influence of Ho Chi Minh with visits to his massive mausoleum and simple stilted home. Tour the Temple of Literature—dedicated to Confucius, and the site of Vietnam's first university. Stop at the One Pillar Pagoda and the beaux-arts style Opera House. Lunch will be at the Hoa Sua Restaurant, a training school where disadvantaged Vietnamese children and teens are educated in cooking and restaurant skills that will enable them to have successful careers in the hotel and restaurant industry.

After lunch, tour the city's Old Quarter aboard bicycle rickshaws called cyclos. In this part of town we'll find each colorful street devoted to a particular craft or ware. We'll be pedaled amongst the quaint French buildings along Shoe Street, Silk Street and Banner Street (to name a few), ending at historic Hoan Kiem Lake, the social center of Hanoi. The remainder of the afternoon is free. Early evening, before dinner at Indochine, attend a water puppet performance. Water puppets are an ancient form of entertainment that enables the puppeteers to control their active marionettes by levers hidden under water. *Sofitel Metropole Hotel (B,L,D)*

Friday, Nov. 6 **Hanoi**

Explore the Ethnology Museum for an overview of the cultural and historical heritage of Vietnam's minority ethnic groups. Then tour what remains of Maison Centrale (known infamously as the 'Hanoi Hilton' by former U.S. P.O.W.s). Next, enjoy late morning tea at the gallery of an American art critic who specializes in Vietnamese contemporary art. After lunch at Wild Rice, make an optional visit to Craft Link, an organization that promotes traditional craft skills. Then visit 54 Traditions, a small gallery displaying the artistic wares of Vietnam's ethnic minority groups. The evening is free to dine and explore on your own. *Overnight Sofitel Metropole Hotel (B,L)*

Saturday, Nov. 7 **Hué**

After breakfast, fly Hanoi to Hué. Transfer to the hotel for check-in and lunch on your own. Next, travel by road to visit the Royal Tombs, with their vast impeccably tended botanical gardens, beautiful open-air pavilions and numerous shrines.

Vietnam's countryside is beautiful and lush / ATJ



These mausoleums were designed to assure the seven Nguyen Emperors noble burials and commodious afterlives. Returning to Hué by boat, visit Thien Mu Pagoda, one of Vietnam's oldest and most famous Buddhist temples. An aged pale-blue Morris automobile sits here as a reminder of the local monk who, in 1963, drove to Saigon and immolated himself to protest the anti-Buddhist laws of the Ngo Dinh Diem regime. This evening at dinner hear a lecture on UNESCO restoration efforts in Hué by a renowned Hué historian at his lovely private estate, once a royal villa.

Overnight La Residence Hotel (B,D) Perfectly located on the banks of the Perfume River in the city centre, this historic property is Hué premier address. It features lovely French colonial architecture and stylish, art deco-inspired decor.

Sunday, Nov. 8 **Hué/Danang/Hoi An**

This morning, visit the ancient Citadel and the Forbidden Purple City, once the seat of Vietnam's emperors. For this tour we'll be accompanied by the Director of the Hué Restoration Committee. Next, drive south past fishing villages and rice fields set between the rugged Annamese mountains and the Gulf of Tonkin. Stops en route include Danang's Cham Museum, to view a collection of artifacts from the former Hindu kingdom of Champa, and a short visit to China Beach, the famed R&R site for US soldiers.



Enjoy Indochina's most stylish accommodations

Arrive in Hoi An, once a flourishing port that now has the feeling of a place set back in time. After a sunset river cruise, dine at the popular Cargo Club.

Life Resort Hoi An (B,L,D) This property is Hoi An's best, a new four-star resort in the French colonial quarter. Rooms combine

modern flair with Asian touches. The resort is situated right on the river, amidst lush, landscaped gardens.

Monday, Nov. 9 **My Son/Hoi An**

Explore Hoi An on a walking tour which includes the Japanese covered bridge, Phuong Huong House, and the Phuoc Kien Pagoda, all fine examples of the stylistic syncretism of this vibrant community. Then join an optional Vietnamese cooking class with a famous local chef and sample your own creations for lunch. This afternoon visit My Son, Vietnam's most important Cham site. The evening is free. *Life Resort Hoi An (B,L)*

Tuesday, Nov. 10 **Saigon**

This morning, fly Danang to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon).

Welcome to Saigon, the economic powerhouse of this rapidly developing country, with its grand boulevards, central squares and bustling river front. Visit Reunification Hall, the nerve center of the epic Vietnam War, and also see Notre Dame Cathedral and the General Post Office, designed by Gustave Eiffel. There will also be a visit to the War Remnants Museum. Before dinner, relax at the wonderful rooftop bar at our hotel, where the U.S. Military and international press held many wartime gatherings.

Caravelle Hotel (B,L,D) One of Saigon's premier properties, the Caravelle overlooks Lam Son Square and the Opera House. Enjoy traditional refinement and elegant surroundings.



Cruise up the Mekong to the mystical Pak Ou Caves in Laos / ATJ



Wednesday, Nov. 11 *Cu Chi/Saigon*

Visit the notorious Cu Chi Tunnels. This massive labyrinth offered refuge for the underground (literally) resistance movement against the French and later the Americans. The hand-dug network of tunnels stretched over 75 miles, and was an important base of operations for the Viet Cong. Those inclined can descend into the tunnels to discover firsthand the harsh conditions endured by the Vietnamese. The afternoon is free. Tonight, enjoy a wonderful dinner at one of Saigon's finest restaurants, The Mandarin. *Caravelle Hotel (B,D)*

Thursday, Nov. 12 *Home/Cambodia*

Following breakfast, say goodbye to group members traveling on to Cambodia and transfer to the airport. Fly Saigon to Los Angeles via Hong Kong (suggested only). (B)



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Study Leader

Accompanying and instructing your group will be **KRISTIN KELLY**. Kristin left the J. Paul Getty Trust in 2008 after eighteen years—nine at the J. Paul Getty Museum as the Manager of Administration, and nine at the Getty Conservation Institute in various positions responsible for public education about the conservation of cultural heritage, including serving as co-curator for *Stories in Stone*, a major international loan exhibition of mosaics from Tunisia. She graduated from Bryn Mawr College in 1974,

and earned a Ph.D. in art history and archaeology from Columbia University. She is the author of *The Extraordinary Museums of Southeast Asia* (Harry N. Abrams, 2001) and has traveled to Southeast Asia to research its art, archaeology, and culture more times that she can count.

Explore the astonishing archaeological sites of Angkor, Cambodia / ATJ



ANGKOR EXTENSION

Thursday & Friday Nov. 12 & 13 *Siem Reap (Angkor), Cambodia*

Fly Saigon to Siem Reap. The temples of Angkor, built during the height of the Khmer civilization around the 11th century, represent one of humankind's most sublime and enduring architectural achievements.

During these two days, explore colossal Angkor Wat, the crowning achievement in classical Khmer architecture, with expert interpretation. Marvelous bas-relief carvings depict scenes from Hindu mythology and everyday life. At Angkor Thom highlights include the Bayon, the Terrace of the Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper King. The remarkably preserved relief carvings at Banteay Srei (Citadel of Women) are among the most accomplished at Angkor, while within the jungle-covered ruins of Ta Prohm immense kapok trees grow through sandstone galleries, and wild green parrots keep watch. The remote outlying temples of the Roulous group will also be explored. Visit Preah Khan, which was recently conserved by the World Monuments Fund. A visit to the workshop of Les Artisans D'Angkor will reveal a network of Cambodian craftspeople skilled in woodcarving, stone carving, lacquer ware and silk weaving. On the final evening, enjoy dinner and a classical Khmer dance performance.

Victoria Angkor Resort & Spa (B,L,D, except lunch will be on your own on Friday Nov. 13) A refinement of the French Art de Vivre, this hotel enjoys an excellent location in the heart of Siem Reap. Authentic art and refined, exclusive fabrics compliment stylish architecture.

Saturday, Nov. 14 *Fly Home*

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home. Fly Siem Reap to New York JFK (suggested only). (B)



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Morning commute at Hanoi's Opera House / ATJ

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Tour Cost includes All accommodations; internal flights in Asia; meals as indicated by B, L, D in the itinerary; gratitudes for local personnel; entrance fees; group airport transfers and group baggage handling at hotels and airports; airport departure taxes; services of guides; and a Bryn Mawr study leader; all activities as described in the itinerary; comprehensive pre-departure materials including logistical, reading, and packing suggestions; visas for Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia with extension.

Tour Cost Excludes international flights; independent transfers; travel insurance; personal expenses, such as laundry, telephone/fax charges, excess baggage fees, and alcoholic beverages; gratuities for tour leader.

Single Supplement/Shares Single accommodations are limited, subject to availability at the time of booking, and cannot be guaranteed. The supplement for a single room is \$1,550 (\$1,550 for Cambodia). Should you wish to share a twin room, we will attempt to select a roommate for you at your request. If we are unable to provide a roommate by the final invoice date, the single supplement will be assessed.

Deposit To reserve space, complete and send the reservation form with your \$1,000 per person deposit to Asia Transpacific Journeys. Balance of payment is due August 31, 2009 (60 days before departure), upon receipt of invoice. We accept MasterCard, VISA, American Express, and personal checks, payable to Asia Transpacific Journeys (the Alumni Association of Bryn Mawr University's tour operator for this program).

Cancellations & Refunds Cancellation must be received in writing at Asia Transpacific Journeys, by mail or by fax to 303-443-7073. At the time the ATJ receives your written cancellation, the following per-person penalties will apply: From time of confirmation until 60 days before departure the cancellation fee is \$500, and the balance of your deposit is refunded. From 31 to 59 days prior to departure 50% of land cost is non-refundable. Less than 30 days prior to departure — 100% of land arrangements paid is non-refundable. Cancellation could cost you as much as 100% of your tour cost. Purchase of trip cancellation insurance is highly recommended! Information will be sent to registrants. Exclusions for pre-existing medical conditions may be waived with prompt purchase of travel insurance.

Air Transportation Asia Transpacific Journeys can arrange international and domestic flights in conjunction with this tour. Information will be sent to registrants.

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Enclosed is my/tour deposit check for \$ _____ (\$1,000 per person), payable to Asia Transpacific Journeys, to reserve _____ place(s) on Bryn Mawr's Alumnae Travel Indochina Unveiled program. Or, charge my/tour deposit to my/tour: MASTERCARD/VISA/AMERICAN EXPRESS # _____ EXP. DATE _____

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Please indicate the following preferences:

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- Single preferred with single supplement _____
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).
- I am interested in having my international and U.S. domestic flights arranged _____
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Please fax this form with completed credit
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Gain insight into Vietnam's spirituality, which melds multiple traditions / ATJ

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