



Southeast Asia Odyssey

October 31-November 18, 2024

19 days for \$7,597 total price from Fort Myers
(**\$7,095 air & land inclusive plus \$502 airline taxes and fees**)



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Dear Friends,

Travel with us on an exclusive 19-day small group journey to discover the diverse and intriguing landscapes and cultures of Southeast Asia. Witness stunning natural wonders, timeworn temple ruins, and modern cities on this well-paced adventure.

Begin in French-accented Hanoi and cruise on a traditional “junk” through famed Ha Long Bay’s fairytale seascape. Tour charming Hoi An, riding a boat to its lively central market, and enjoy an interactive Vietnamese cooking class. An unforgettable experience awaits with three nights in Siem Reap, Cambodia, and extensive touring of the astounding Angkor Wat complex. In Luang Prabang, Laos, watch an alms-giving ceremony, explore the ancient city, and join in a community-based rice farm’s activities. Take a two-day Mekong cruise aboard a private riverboat next, visiting hill tribe villages and overnighting in a riverside hotel. Reaching Thailand, meet the magnificent animals in an elephant sanctuary, then absorb life in fascinating Bangkok during a three-night stay. For those who wish to extend their journey, an optional 4-day/3-night post-tour extension to sophisticated Singapore is available.

Space on this exciting program is limited and will fill quickly. Book today!

Sincerely,

John Guerra
Director, FGCU Academy

FGCU RESERVATION FORM: SOUTHEAST ASIA ODYSSEY

To reserve your place on tour, **please call FGCU Academy at 239-434-4838, or e-mail jguerra@fgcu.edu.** Please have the information outlined below available to share with an FGCU Academy representative.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to FGCU Academy’s office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: **FGCU Academy**
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Naples, FL 34102

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I/We would like to request _____ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request a Business Class upgrade ☐

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability) ☐

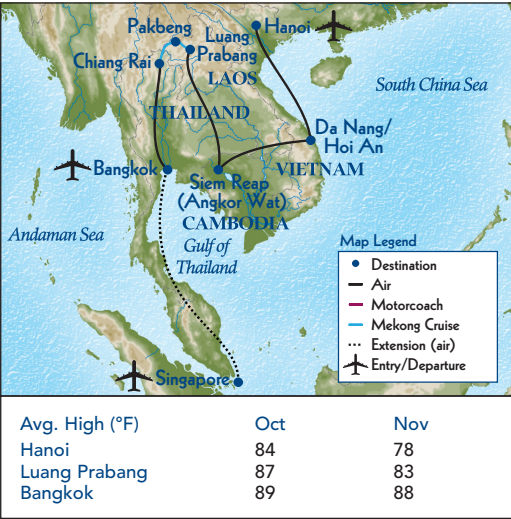
Post-Tour “Singapore” Extension: Please sign me/us up ☐

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Engaging, diverse, intriguing ... This just begins to describe Southeast Asia and our small group odyssey. We cruise the Mekong through Laos, explore the spectacular – Angkor Wat – and the sublime – Ha Long Bay, and engage with local farmers and hill tribespeople on this comprehensive, well-paced adventure.



Day 1: Depart U.S. for Hanoi, Vietnam

Day 2: Arrive Hanoi We arrive in the Vietnamese capital late this evening then transfer to our hotel.

Day 3: Hanoi Our tour of this French-accented city begins in Ba Dinh Square at the revered mausoleum and home of Ho Chi Minh. Next: historic One Pillar Pagoda, a Buddhist retreat; the serene Temple of Literature (c. 1070); Hoa Lo Prison, the infamous “Hanoi Hilton” of the Vietnam War; and Hanoi’s Ancient Quarter, dense with street vendors, where we enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant this evening. *B,D*

Day 4: Hanoi/Ha Long Bay We depart this morning on a full-day excursion to Ha Long Bay, a breathtaking waterway in the Gulf of Tonkin dotted with 2,000 islands and islets, and surrounded by limestone cliffs and hidden caves. Here we board a traditional “junk” for lunch and an afternoon cruise through the fairy-tale seascape, a UNESCO site. *B,L*

Day 5: Hanoi/Da Nang/Hoi An We fly this afternoon to Da Nang then continue on to Hoi An and our riverside hotel. We get our first glimpse of the Old Town and its colorful lanterns as we dine together this evening. *B,D*

Day 6: Hoi An An easy boat ride on the Thu Bon River brings us to the colorful ancient port of Hoi An. We tour the lively daily market, and stroll the shop- and gallery-lined back streets and alleyways of Old Town, now a UNESCO site. Tonight’s small group highlight: an interactive Vietnamese cooking class, followed by dinner. *B,D*

Day 7: Hoi An/Da Nang/Siem Reap, Cambodia We see local life up close this morning as we take a walking tour of a nearby farming settlement. Later we visit the acclaimed Cham Museum then transfer to the airport for the flight to Siem Reap, arriving this evening. *B,L*

Day 8: Siem Reap We make our first visit to the temples at the Angkor Wat complex, a small-scale city built between the 9th and 13th centuries and now a UNESCO site. We travel via *tuk-tuks* (auto rick-shaws) to Angkor Thom, the last Khmer capital;

Small Group Tour Highlights

Hanoi sightseeing • Ha Long Bay cruise • Charming Hoi An • Extensive touring of Angkor Wat complex • Luang Prabang alms giving ceremony • Interactive rice farming experience • Two-day Mekong cruise with overnight in riverside lodge • Elephant sanctuary • Bangkok sightseeing

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Hanoi		
2-4	Hanoi	Melia Hanoi	Sup. First Class
5-6	Hoi An	MGallery Hotel Royal Deluxe	
7-9	Siem Reap	Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra	Deluxe
10-12	Luang Prabang	My Ban Lao Hotel	Sup. First Class
13	Pakbeng (Mekong River)	Le Grand Pakbeng	Sup. First Class
14-15	Chiang Rai	The Riverie by Katathani	Deluxe
16-18	Bangkok	Royal Orchid Sheraton	Deluxe
19	Depart Bangkok for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.



We visit the World Heritage site of Ha Long Bay on Day 4.

and Bayon Temple, an imposing stone edifice of 54 towers each carved with four enigmatic faces. We also explore 12th-century Ta Prohm, the mystical, decaying Buddhist shrine where the giant roots and limbs of banyan trees have overtaken the labyrinth of stone rooms and hallways. Later we tour stunning 12th-century Angkor Wat itself, the world’s largest temple. *B,L,D*

Day 9: Siem Reap Today’s highlights include the restored 12th-century monastery and temple complex at Preah Khan; and 10th-century Banteay Srei, the “citadel of women” dedicated to the Hindu god Shiva and known for its delicately carved pink sandstone. *B,D*

Day 10: Siem Reap/Luang Prabang, Laos This morning we visit Les Artisans d’Angkor, a development project for young adults to learn traditional crafts. Late this afternoon, we fly to Luang Prabang. *B,L,D*

Day 11: Luang Prabang Our introduction to Laos begins early today with a time-honored tradition: the “tak-bat,” where hundreds of saffron-robed monks collect alms from their fellow Buddhists. Later we set out to explore this ancient royal city; our walking tour features the Old City, a UNESCO site, where we tour the beautiful 16th-century Wat Xieng Thong temple complex, and the National Museum, formerly the royal palace. We return to our hotel for an afternoon at leisure then enjoy dinner in a family restaurant set in a village outside the town and styled like a traditional Laotian stilted bamboo house. *B,D*

Day 12: Luang Prabang This morning we visit an elephant sanctuary – a community-based eco-project – in the scenic Nam Khan River valley. Then we learn about the lives of local farmers first-hand as we travel to a communal rice farm, where we enjoy

lunch before joining in such farm-based activities as bamboo weaving, blacksmith work, and sugar cane processing. *B,L*

Day 13: Luang Prabang/Mekong River Cruise/ Pakbeng We begin a tour highlight today as we board a private riverboat for an upstream voyage on this remote stretch of the Mekong. Along the way we stop to visit villages of ethnic hill tribes, and the Pak Ou Buddha Caves, housing hundreds of Buddha icons. We enjoy lunch on board our boat, a traditional wooden river cruiser with unobstructed

Post-Tour Extension

November 18-21, 2024

Singapore

4 days/3 nights for \$1,695 total price

Single Supplement: \$445

Encounter this multi-cultural city-state,
at once exotic and sophisticated.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Air transportation Bangkok/Singapore, including transfers
- 3 nights’ accommodations at Carlton City Hotel Singapore (Superior First Class)
- 5 meals: 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing, including Singapore cultural tour, bumboat ride on Singapore River, National Orchid Garden, and Gardens by the Bay
- Private motorcoach transportation
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited representative
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



FROM A WITHERED TREE,
A FLOWER BLOOMS.”

– GAUTAMA BUDDHA

views of the Mekong’s lush banks. Upon arrival in Pakbeng, we check in at our hotel, where we dine tonight. *B,L,D*

Day 14: Pakbeng/Mekong River Cruise/Chiang Rai, Thailand Back on board our riverboat today, we cruise past wild and diverse mountain scenery, stopping to visit a small village. After crossing the border into Thailand, we transfer to our hotel in Chiang Rai. *B,L,D*

Day 15: Chiang Rai At this morning’s Thai cooking class, we prepare the feast that we’ll enjoy for lunch today. Then we pay an afternoon visit to Wat Rong Khun, the unusual “White Temple” celebrating Lord Buddha’s purity. Tonight: the lively night market, where we can select dinner on our own from the many food stalls. *B,L*

Day 16: Chiang Rai/Bangkok Today we visit the Doi Tung Royal Villa and Gardens, the former home of the king’s mother who led efforts against the heroin trade. Late today we fly to Bangkok. *B,L,D*

Day 17: Bangkok We discover the Thai capital at the colorful Flower Market; Wat Pho Temple, home



Golden Buddha, Luang Prabang

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 17 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe and Superior First Class hotels
- 38 meals: 17 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



We spend two days cruising the Mekong.

of the gold-leaved Reclining Buddha; and the splendid Grand Palace complex, where we visit the revered Temple of the Emerald Buddha. *B,L*

Day 18: Bangkok This morning’s visit to the Jim Thompson House reveals the prized Southeast Asian art collection of the American who revived the Thai silk industry. Tonight we celebrate our southeast Asia odyssey at a farewell dinner. *B,D*

Day 19: Depart for U.S. Today we transfer to the airport for our return flights to the U.S. *B*

Tour Departs: October 31, 2024

Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle	\$6,997
Atlanta, Dallas, New York, Phoenix, Portland (OR)	\$7,297
Boston, Chicago, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Minneapolis, Washington, DC	\$7,397
Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Miami, Orlando, Philadelphia, Tampa	\$7,497
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$5,895

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$502, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,795. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Certain U.S. cities may require an evening flight from Bangkok (or Singapore on the Post-Tour Extension), arriving in the U.S. on Day 20.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip international flight: \$4,995 from JFK, LAX, SFO, SEA; \$6,595 from other cities (upgrade subject to availability and pricing subject to change). Upgrade cost is in addition to the costs above.

For information and reservations, please contact John Guerra at FGCU Academy at (239)-434-4838 or e-mail jguerra@fgcu.edu

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; immunizations, inoculations, and COVID-19 testing; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odyssey's Unlimited tour director or shipboard personnel, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing or shore excursions, and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-85 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 61-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

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Medical Conditions: If you or a member of your party suffer from any physical challenge or medical condition, you must check with your doctor about the advisability of traveling abroad and make this known to us before you book. We will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but are not responsible for denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, and other independent suppliers. **Smoking:** Smoking is NOT permitted in the hotels, on motorcoaches, or on other modes of transport used by the group.

Air Transportation – Important Information: Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company fees provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, if you choose to make your own airline reservations for this tour and not use those provided by Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc., please do not so until making your final payment to Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc.** However, if you choose to make your own flight arrangements, and Odyssey's Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from tour cancellations or changes in this tour.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

the former quarters of the general in command of the Royal Lao Armed Forces.

Opened in 2022, the 60-room hotel offers a French-inspired bistro and a Parisian-style café, outdoor swimming pool and poolside bar, fitness center, spa with massage treatments, laundry and dry-cleaning service (for a fee), and complimentary Wi-Fi internet access. Air-conditioned guest rooms have either a terrace or balcony and private bath with hair dryer, rainfall shower, coffee maker, minibar, TV, and phone.

Le Grand Pakbeng

www.legrandpakbeng.com

Le Grand Pakbeng sits in the jungle alongside a bend in the Mekong River, halfway between Luang Prabang and the main border crossing into Thailand. This resort-style lodging offers two restaurants, outdoor swimming pool with river views and pool bar, full spa with a range of treatments, and complimentary Wi-Fi internet access. We stay in spacious, private guest villas that include air conditioning, private bath with hair dryer, balcony with Mekong River views, minibar, tea- and coffee-making facilities, and phone.

The Riverte by Katathani

www.riverte.com

Entirely renovated in the summer of 2018, The Riverte by Katathani sits on an island in the middle of Chiang Rai's Mae Kok River. Surrounded by lush gardens, the 271-room resort offers Thai and Chinese restaurants as well as a rooftop bar and grill, poolside and lobby bars, swimming pool and Jacuzzi, fitness center and beauty salon, laundry and dry-cleaning service (for a fee), and complimentary Wi-Fi internet access. Air-conditioned guest rooms feature Northern Thai cultural décor and river views, and have private bath with hair dryer, tea- and coffee-making facilities, minibar, in-room safe, TV, and phone.

Royal Orchid Sheraton

www.royalorchidsheraton.com

The Royal Orchid Sheraton enjoys an ideal location in the heart of Bangkok, on the banks of the city's Chao Phraya River. Amenities of this luxury hotel include four restaurants and a bar, two pools, 24-hour fitness center, full spa, tennis court, laundry and dry-cleaning service (for a fee), and complimentary Wi-Fi internet access. Each air-conditioned guest room boasts river views and has private bath with hair dryer, tea- and coffee-making facilities, in-room safe, TV, and phone.

Melila Hanoi

www.melilahanoi.com/hotel/svietnam/hanoi/melila-hanoi

The Melila Hanoi offers an elegant, understated stay in the very heart of Vietnam's capital. With high ceilings, modern furnishings, and a sophisticated atmosphere, the Melila Hanoi offers a comfortable escape from the bustling city. The hotel's amenities include two restaurants, a lounge, a deli and bakery, fitness center, outdoor swimming pool, spa, beauty salon, hairdresser, laundry and dry-cleaning service (for a fee), and complimentary Wi-Fi internet access. Air-conditioned guest rooms feature private bath with hair dryer, in-room safe, minibar, tea- and coffee-making facilities, TV, and phone.

Hotel Royal Hoi An Gallery by Sofitel

haidroyal-hoian.com

Set along the banks of the Thu Bon River in the western portion of Hoi An, the Hotel Royal Hoi An exudes luxury. The hotel's delicate Japanese-inspired design touches and gourmet Japanese restaurant celebrate these ties. The Hotel Royal Hoi An also offers an international restaurant, two bars, lounge, year-round outdoor pool with mosaic tiles, fitness center, spa with massage and sauna (for a fee), gift shop, laundry and dry-cleaning service (for a fee), and complimentary Wi-Fi internet access. Air-conditioned guest rooms have private bath with rainfall shower and hair dryer, in-room safe, tea- and coffee-making facilities, minibar, TV, and phone.

Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf & Spa Resort

www.sofitel-angkor-phokeethra.com

Set amidst tranquil landscaped gardens on beautiful tree-lined Charles de Gaulle Avenue, Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf & Spa Resort is close to the ruins at Angkor Wat, as well as near traditional markets and other local attractions. The 238-room hotel features French and Khmer architecture and offers three restaurants and three bars, laundry and dry-cleaning services (for a fee), 18-hole golf course, spa with massage treatments, fitness center with Jacuzzi and sauna, unheated outdoor pool, gift shop, and complimentary Wi-Fi internet access. Air-conditioned guest rooms have private bath with hair dryer, in-room safe, minibar, TV, and phone.

MyBanLao Hotel

www.mylanlao.com

Located just a short walk from the center of the UNESCO World Heritage town of Luang Prabang, the MyBanLao Hotel is a boutique hotel set within



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