

Special offer to Participants of VASS-JSA Conference “Japanese Studies in SEA: The Past, Present and Future”, Hanoi, 22-23/10/2009

Full day tour in Duong Lam Village & silk village Van Phuc

The ancient village of Duong Lam on the outskirts of Hanoi is also known as a museum of laterite, home to around 300 houses built three or four centuries ago with lateritic bricks. The village has also been described as the last stronghold of wet rice farming culture in northern Vietnam. A journey to Duong Lam village is a trip to trace back the origin of Vietnam's culture and Vietnam's traditions. This is also the great chance explore architecture of ancient houses while wander along its narrow alleyways, visit temples dedicated to the two kings born there, and most interesting of all, chat with locals living in the ancient houses.



Tour itinerary :

8h00 : Pick up at your address. Departure north of Hanoi to the ancient village of Duong Lam in Ha Tay province (55 km - 1h 10min). Compared to the busy capital of Hanoi, time must have stopped long time ago in Duong Lam. There are no noisy cars and lorries and only a few motorbikes. Most citizen still use their bicycle or ox carts. Duong Lam was one of the first villages in the country to be recognised a national relic with a history of over 1000 years. Some of the houses are said to be 400 years old and the villagers claim that two kings of Vietnam were born in Duong Lam. Stroll around and enjoy an experience, which is becoming very rare in a fast developing and modern Vietnam.

Enjoy your special lunch with Vietnamese foods in an ancient house . In the afternoon, have the opportunity to bike in the village and have some talks with the locals in their ancient houses by visiting the ancient houses, visit Mia Pagoda (other hamlet in Duong Lam village), is built in 15 th century and admire 287 statues of all sizes, among with are famous sculpture such as the statue of Buddha in the Himalayas and the statues of the Eight Vajra Deities. Then visit Ngo Quyen temple and Phung Hung temple, places dedicated to two national heroes Ngo Quyen and Phung Hung. Return to Hanoi and passing by Van phuc village for shopping or visit the handicraft village.

| Group size | 1 person | 2 persons | 3-4 persons | 5-8 persons | 9-12 persons | 12 + persons |
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| Price USD / person | 98 | 63 | 53 | 44 | 39 | 36 |

Including

- Private car transfer to Duong Lam Village & English Speaking Guide
- Lunch (vietnamese menu , 1 soft drink included) , Bicycle.