

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

A DAY IN CHARMING AND HISTORIC HANOI



Hanoi, capital of Vietnam since the 11th century dazzles visitors with its unique blend of oriental lifestyle, French colonial architecture, tree-lined boulevards and peaceful lakes. Still retaining a charming air from its colonial days, visitors are often impressed with the quietness and subtle beauty of Hanoi.

08.00 departure. For the start of the tour journey to Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum. Enjoy the architectural and historical aspects of ' Uncle Ho's' final resting-place. Just next door is Ho Chi Minh's 'house on stilts', his home from 1954 till 1969 the wooden ethnic minority style house is surrounded by quiet and peaceful gardens.

Lying to one side of the Mausoleum is the One Pillar Pagoda, founded by King Ly Thai To in 1049 the structure has become an important symbol for the people of Hanoi.

The Army, National Fine Arts, History or Ethnology Museum . Choose which one you would like to visit. Alternatively do some shopping in Hanoi's giftshops. Journey to The Temple Of Literature . Vietnam's first university constructed in 1070, it's gardens and well-preserved architecture offers a relaxing glimpse into Vietnam's past.

For lunch, sample some local cuisine in one of the cities restaurants. Following lunch, visit the Buddhist Tran Quoc Pagoda on West Lake (one of the oldest in Vietnam) and Quan Thanh Temple (Taoist, dating from the Ly Dynasty). Journey back to the centre of town for a Cyclo ride around Hanoi's old streets. Relax as you weave through the narrow alleys of Hanoi's ancient Old Quarter, glimpsing Hanoi's every day life. We will take you past Hoan Kiem Lake , see the peaceful waters, at the northern end stop and visit Ngoc Son Temple, perfect for photo opportunities!

Finish the day with Vietnam's most famous and charming art form, Water Puppetry.

Group size	1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5-10 persons	15 + persons
Price USD/ person	91	62	53	47	44	39

Including:

- English speaking guide.
- Transfers as mentioned by private air-conditioned vehicle.
- Entrance fees as program mentioned. Lunch (vietnamese menu , 1 soft drink included)

Excluding:

- Meals other than mentioned; Services other than mentioned ; Personal insurance.

Note: Prices valid until 30 november ,2010.