



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

A DAY'S INSIGHT INTO SPIRITUAL VIETNAM



The Thay, Tay Phuong and Tram Gian Pagodas offer rich history, preserved architecture and peaceful surroundings. Journeying to these areas will give you a strong insight into Vietnam's ancient culture.

At Thay Pagoda see the ancient stage where the first water - puppetry was performed. Tay Phuong Pagoda, one of the first temples to be built in Vietnam and Tram Gian Pagoda boasts some of the finest views in the area.

08.00 departure. The journey to Thay and Tay Phuong Pagodas takes you past what could be called typical Vietnamese village life. See the ricefields, medieval looking villages and age old farming techniques.

The first pagoda to be visited will be Thay Pagoda, lying to the west of Hanoi in an area rich in history.

Chua Thay meaning Master's Pagoda, is dedicated to the 12th century teacher Tu Dao Hanh. On the main altar you can see a statue of the monk. The pagoda structure speaks for itself with its serene atmosphere and beauty. With over 100 statues filling the prayer halls, two 15th century bridges and the impressive water-puppet stage it is little wonder that this pagoda is so famous.

Tay Phuong lies just to the west, it offers beautiful architecture and ancient and unique sculptures. It was one of the first pagodas built in Vietnam. See the dragons and demons carved into the wooden roof.

Stop for your picnic-lunch where you please, in the temple gardens or around the pagoda itself. Travelling south we now come to Tram Gian, dating from the 12th century the site offers incredible views of the surrounding countryside. Tram Gian, meaning 100 rooms, was once a large temple complex and is now a popular pilgrimage site. 18.00 arrival in Hanoi.

Group size	1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5-8 persons	9-13 persons	13+ persons
Price USD/ person	112	67	54	45	40	32	29

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.