



## **Viet Nam Travel Information December 28, 2009 – January 7, 2010**

This trip is **LAND ONLY** to allow you the option of airlines and best fares as well as the opportunity for pre/post trips on an independent basis. Domestic and International air transportation are not included. Participants will need to make their own flight arrangements to Viet Nam; being sure to arrive in **Ho Chi Minh (Tan Son Nhat International Airport - SGN)** on **Monday, December 28, 2009**. All travel arrangements outside of the Study Tour dates will need to be made and paid for directly by the participant.

For this trip we recommend booking your air travel with Lacy James of Poe Travel or Karen Harris of Carlson Wagonlit Travel:

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**Poe Travel**  
**Phone: 1-800-727-1960**  
**Email: [ljames@poetravel.com](mailto:ljames@poetravel.com)**  
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**Karen Harris**  
**Carlson Wagonlit Travel**  
**Phone: 1-800-643-3788, ext. 4785**  
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### **Supplemental Travel Insurance:**

While we make every attempt to follow the announced travel schedule, itineraries may change or be cancelled due to travel advisories or any other situation that may compromise the safety of participants. Therefore, we strongly recommend that you purchase travel insurance. Various companies offer supplemental travel insurance that is available for medical, trip cancellation, luggage, etc. This could be obtained from your insurance agent or travel agency. We have listed several companies you can contact directly. This list is provided as information and not as a recommendation for any one specific agency.

[www.travelguard.com](http://www.travelguard.com) [www.csatravelprotection.com](http://www.csatravelprotection.com) [www.travelinsure.com](http://www.travelinsure.com)  
[www.travelsafe.com](http://www.travelsafe.com) [www.accessamerica.com](http://www.accessamerica.com)

This site will compare various insurance options: [www.insuremytrip.com](http://www.insuremytrip.com)

### **Health Information:**

Health information and medical/inoculation recommendations for travelers can be found at the CDC website. Viet Nam - <http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/destinationVietnam.aspx>

**Visa and Passport Information:**

Travel information for Viet Nam can be found at the US State Department website [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1060.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1060.html) and the Viet Nam Embassy website at <http://www.vietnamembassy-usa.org/>. A Viet Nam visa application can be downloaded from the embassy website.

A valid passport and Vietnamese visa are required to enter Viet Nam. A visa must be obtained from a Vietnamese Embassy or Consulate prior to traveling to Vietnam; entry visas are not available upon arrival. Vietnamese visas are usually valid for only one entry. Persons planning to leave Vietnam and re-enter from another country should be sure to obtain a visa allowing multiple entries. Please note that Viet Nam requires you to have a passport that is valid for at least 6 months after entering the country. And be sure that you have enough pages left in your passport.

You can send your visa applications and passport directly to the Viet Nam Embassy OR you may want to use a Visa Service to secure your TOURIST visa. A Visa Service generally charges \$50 or more per passport plus the Country visa charge. ALWAYS SEND YOUR PASSPORT BY A CARRIER WITH A TRACKING SYSTEM. The Visa Service that Heifer uses is:

**DMS Visa International**  
**Dastagir Samee**  
**2661 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 201**  
**Washington, DC 20008**  
**(202) 745-3815**  
**[dsamee@dmsvisainternational.com](mailto:dsamee@dmsvisainternational.com)**

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