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George Dutton is Professor in the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures. He is a specialist in Vietnamese history and teaches courses on premodern and modern Vietnam at UCLA. He is co-editor of the definitive volume on Vietnamese historical texts, *Sources of Vietnamese Tradition*. He is also the author of two books on early modern Vietnamese history, *The Tay Son Uprising: Society and Rebellion in Eighteenth-Century Vietnam* (Hawaii Press, 2006) and *A Vietnamese Moses: Philippe Binh and the Geographies of Early Modern Catholicism* (UC Press, 2016). He has been visiting and conducting research in Vietnam since 1990.



Dear UCLA Alumni and Friends,

Join an enthralling 12-night discovery of Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam, extraordinary destinations blessed with centuries-old histories and diverse cultures. From the vibrant streets of Bangkok to legendary Angkor, historic Hanoi to the emerald waters of Ha Long Bay, you'll unlock a wealth of relics across Southeast Asia.

Begin your adventure in Thailand, where you'll cruise along Bangkok's buzzing waterways, encounter daily life and visit the Grand Palace and the ancient city of Ayutthaya's historical park. Then, fly to Cambodia to explore Siem Reap by tuk-tuk and stand in awe amid Angkor's jungle-shrouded ruins. Conclude your journey in Vietnam, discovering Hanoi's historic streets, the stunning countryside and the dramatic limestone karsts of Ha Long Bay.

Along the way, enjoy immersive cultural experiences, engage with warm, friendly locals and savor tantalizing cuisine. This exceptional program has been thoughtfully designed with educational enrichment from expert guides and lecturers. Don't miss this remarkable opportunity to connect with Southeast Asia's authentic, untouched culture!

Regards from Westwood,

Christel Aragon
Director, Alumni Travel

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Ta Prohm, Angkor

UNESCO World Heritage

1. **Historic City of Ayutthaya**, Thailand
2. **Angkor**, Cambodia
3. **Ha Long Bay - Cat Ba Archipelago**, Vietnam





Discovery begins here



Adventure awaits in enigmatic Southeast Asia! Tap into the pulse of this fascinating corner of the globe, where sacred traditions and modern innovation coexist in harmony. From the energetic streets of Bangkok and the ancient wonders of Siem Reap to the bustling capital of Hanoi and the alluring waters of Ha Long Bay, stand in awe before centuries-old temples, jungle-shrouded ruins and stunning scenery. Plus, you'll participate in authentic, immersive cultural experiences in every country!

Top: Angkor Wat | Above: Street markets in Hanoi
Cover: Ha Long Bay | Mail panel: Angkor Wat | Ayutthaya

Inspiring Moments



- Thrill to the **glories of Southeast Asia**, a medley of energetic cities, stunning landscapes and ancient ruins.
- Marvel at Bangkok's iconic **Grand Palace**.
- Wander through the beautiful remains of **Ayutthaya**, once the heart of a powerful kingdom.
- Appreciate Cambodian tradition through a captivating **acrobatic performance**.
- Step into Hanoi's history during exclusive tours of **Hoa Lò Prison** and a **hidden wartime bunker**.
- Cruise along the legendary **Ha Long Bay**.
- Be awed by ancient temples at **Angkor Wat, Ta Prohm** and **Angkor Thom**.
- Savor the tantalizing flavors of **Southeast Asia's outstanding food culture**, and learn to make Cambodian rice noodles.
- Experience three **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Temple of the Emerald Buddha, Bangkok

Days 1 & 2 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Bangkok, Thailand. 🌐

Cross the international date line.

Day 3 | Bangkok, Thailand

Arrive in Bangkok, transfer 🔄 and check in to the deluxe Peninsula Bangkok Hotel.

Join us for a Welcome Reception tonight.

Day 4 | Bangkok

Enrichment: Thailand's History & Culture.

Bangkok's River Life. Witness daily Bangkok life and commerce as you cruise along the Chao Phraya River and Thonburi canals.

Bangkok Highlights. Take an express boat to Bangkok Klong. Disembark to visit the opulent Grand Palace and the sacred Temple of the Emerald Buddha, Thailand's holiest temple.

Then, take a tuk-tuk ride to Wat Pho to see the enormous Reclining Buddha. Conclude with an authentic Thai lunch at the famed Blue Elephant.

Free Time: Spend the afternoon at leisure.

Tonight, join your fellow travelers for an evening immersed in Thai culture, with a traditional dance performance and a dinner of classic dishes.

Day 5 | Bangkok

Ayutthaya. Travel to this ancient city today to visit the stunning Bang Pa-In Summer Palace, boasting a unique blend of Thai, Chinese and European architecture. Then, explore the historical park, home to centuries-old brick ruins of towering wats, timeworn Buddhas, lion guardian statues and other amazing artifacts.

Chao Phraya River Cruise. Glide along Bangkok's river on a scenic cruise, sipping cocktails and savoring a Thai lunch as you pass lively markets, magnificent temples and more!

Day 6 | Bangkok

Free Time: Craft your own path during a full day at leisure! Explore the vibrant streets of Bangkok or simply relax by the hotel pool overlooking the Chao Phraya River.

Day 7 | Bangkok | Siem Reap, Cambodia

This morning, fly to Siem Reap and transfer to the deluxe Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf and Spa Resort to check in.

Siem Reap. Tour this quaint provincial capital on a tuk-tuk ride, stopping to visit an art and dance center to see local artisans perform.

Enrichment: The Temples of Angkor.

Day 8 | Siem Reap

Discover Angkor Wat. Angkor Wat is the 12th-century jewel of Angkor Archaeological Park. Visit the extensive galleries of bas-relief murals, considered to be the finest in Khmer. Immerse yourself in a world long forgotten!

🌐 **AHI Connects | Rice Noodles.** Uncover culinary traditions with a Cambodian family while making rice noodles, a local specialty.

Cambodian Circus. Delight in a cultural performance of dance, acrobatics and stories.

Day 9 | Siem Reap | Hanoi, Vietnam

Angkor's Temples. Witness Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Khmer Empire. See the Bayon Temple's 54 towers carved with 200



Left: Ancient statues lining the bridge leading to the South Gate of Angkor Thom | Below: Rural countryside of Hanoi



smiling faces. Continue along jungle-claimed paths to the haunting temples of Ta Prohm. Here, the roots of massive kapok trees have overtaken the buildings. Also view exquisite carvings at the restored Thommanon temple.

Free Time: Explore on your own at leisure.

This evening, fly to Hanoi. Upon arrival, transfer to the deluxe Grand Mercure Hanoi.

Day 10 | Hanoi

Highlights of Hanoi. Explore the landmarks within the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum Complex. Then, wander through Hanoi's bustling streets and admire the tranquil Temple of Literature and the impressive Hanoi Opera House, both masterpieces of French colonial design.

Hanoi Hilton. Take an exclusive guided tour of Hoa Lò Prison, an important historic site in Hanoi. Known to American prisoners of war during the Vietnam War as the "Hanoi Hilton," the former prison now operates as a museum.

Enrichment: *Origins of the Second Indochina War.*

Day 11 | Hanoi

Vietnamese Countryside. Journey through Vietnam's serene landscapes to visit an authentic, ancient village. Immerse yourself in the calm, simple way of life and savor a traditional lunch.

Free Time: Spend the evening at leisure and explore Hanoi's hidden culinary gems for dinner.

Day 12 | Hanoi | Ha Long Bay

This morning, enjoy a panoramic drive through Vietnam's tranquil countryside to the iconic Ha Long Bay, where you will embark your ship.

Ha Long Bay. Sail through the spectacular Ha Long Bay, often called Vietnam's eighth wonder of the world. Marvel at limestone cliffs rising from emerald waters, dotted with a pristine archipelago. Discover the magical

Ayutthaya





landscapes of scattered islands and anchor overnight in a secluded cove.

Day 13 | Bai Tu Long Bay

Cruise through the outer reaches of Bai Tu Long Bay, discovering its maze of sparkling channels and mysterious caves.



Bid farewell to an unforgettable journey with a special Farewell Dinner on board.

Day 14 | Ha Long Bay | Hanoi



Disembark the ship and stop to visit a rural community during your journey back to Hanoi.

Yen Duc Village. Visit a rural village nestled in the Vietnamese countryside and savor a homemade lunch. Attend a private water puppetry performance, an ancient art form that offers a fascinating glimpse into Vietnam's rich cultural history and traditions.

Days 15 & 16 | In Transit

Transfer  to the airport for the return flight  to your gateway city. Depending on individual flight itineraries, passengers will arrive in North America on Day 15 or Day 16.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

 Flights and  transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

Active Travel

This **Active Program** is designed for people who are in good health and can comfortably participate in a demanding daily schedule of physical activities. For more details, please call or visit our website.

Excursions on this program require:

- walking on unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches and boats
- tolerating varying climatic conditions

Included Features



Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **4 nights** in Bangkok, Thailand, at the deluxe Peninsula Bangkok.
- **2 nights** in Siem Reap, Cambodia, at the deluxe Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf and Spa Resort.
- **4 nights** in Hanoi, Vietnam, at the deluxe Grand Mercure Hanoi.
- **2 nights** aboard the deluxe Bhaya Soul.



Transfers (with baggage handling)

- All transfers in the Land Program: flight and deluxe motor coaches.

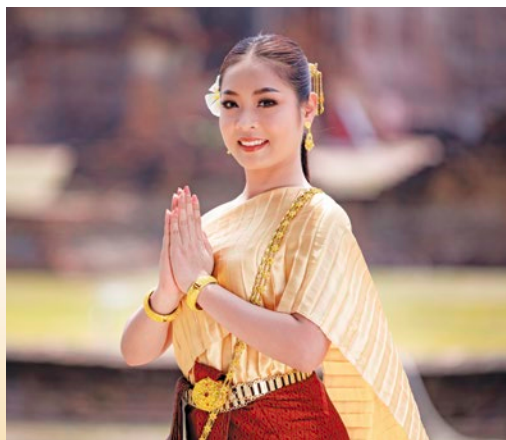
Extensive Meal Program

- 12 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 4 dinners, including wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Visit 3 countries** during this program.
- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **Free time** to pursue your individual interests.
-  **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Welcome Reception to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.
-  **AHI Sustainability Promise:**
We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

Traditional Cambodian dancer





Temple of Dawn along the Chao Phraya River, Bangkok



Above: Floating village, Ha Long Bay | Below: Opera House, Hanoi



2027 | Departure Details

Program Dates

Travel dates † **April 1-15, 2027**

† Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

Tour dates* **April 3-14, 2027**

* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

Land | Cruise Program

Category-Deck	Full Price	Special Savings Price*
A-Main Deck	\$7,545	\$6,795
S2-Upper	\$8,245	\$7,495
S1-Upper Bow	\$8,745	\$7,995

***This Special Savings Price includes our \$250 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full discounts and is valid if you book by the date on the address panel and pay in full at booking.**

Deposit amount is \$1,000 per person.

Final Payment is due at least 150 days prior to departure.

Category A features a private terrace. Categories S1 and S2 feature a private terrace and balcony.

Price includes applicable program taxes (such as VAT and port charges).

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Special offers, promotions and discounts cannot be combined.

Single prices are available upon request (limited availability).

Please note: Program-specific terms and conditions are available at <https://ucla.ahitravel.com/destinations/1996A?schoold=170>.

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Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase
- arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates
- **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservation before departure on most flights (Fees may apply.)
- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays

AHI Travel Expertise

Travel Consultants guide you through the reservation process.

Travel & Air Coordinators offer assistance with flights, electives and special requests.

Travel Information provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

Your Travel Director, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

Handpicked Expert Guides and **Knowledgeable Lecturers** deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.



Accommodations

Bhaya Soul

Cruise the tranquil waters of Ha Long Bay aboard the intimate Bhaya Soul. Launched in 2025, this small, luxurious ship places wellness and relaxation at the forefront, offering attentive service and graceful travel amid the bay's breathtaking scenery. Unwind on the sun deck or retreat to the elegant lounges. Sip a cocktail, take a dip in the pool, or indulge in a soothing spa treatment. Enjoy exquisite onboard dining that celebrates authentic Vietnamese flavors with a contemporary twist. Each evening, return to the comfort of your luxurious suite for a truly rejuvenating journey.



Peninsula Bangkok | Bangkok, Thailand



Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf and Spa Resort | Siem Reap, Cambodia



Grand Mercure Hanoi | Hanoi, Vietnam



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