

Exclusive Duke departure – February 13-March 4, 2020

SOUTHEAST ASIA ODYSSEY

21 days from \$6,597 total price from Boston, New York, Wash, DC

(\$5,795 air & land inclusive plus \$802 airline taxes and fees)

Exotic, diverse, intriguing ... This just begins to describe Southeast Asia and our small group odyssey. We cruise the Mekong through Laos; explore the spectacular – Angkor Wat – and the sublime – Ha Long Bay; and engage with local farmers and hill tribespeople on this comprehensive, well-paced adventure.



Avg. High (°F)	Feb	Mar
Hanoi	69	74
Luang Prabang	87	92
Bangkok	89	91



We spend three days touring the Angkor Wat temple complex, including Bayon Temple pictured here.

Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Hanoi sightseeing • Ha Long Bay cruise • Charming Hoi An • Extensive touring of Angkor Wat complex • Luang Prabang alms giving ceremony • Interactive rice farming experience • Two-day Mekong cruise with overnight in riverside lodge • Elephant sanctuary • Bangkok sightseeing

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1-2	Depart U.S. for Hanoi		
3-5	Hanoi	Melia Hanoi	Sup. First Class
6-7	Hoi An	MGallery Hotel Royal	Deluxe
8-10	Siem Reap	Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra	Deluxe
11-13	Luang Prabang	Avani Luang Prabang	Sup. First Class
14	Pakbeng (Mekong River)	Le Grand Pakbeng	Sup. First Class
15-16	Chiang Rai	The Riverie by Katathani	Deluxe
17-19	Bangkok	Royal Orchid Sheraton	Deluxe
20	Bangkok/Depart for U.S. (overnight flight)		
21	Arrive U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Days 1 & 2: Depart U.S. for Hanoi, Vietnam

Day 3: Arrive Vietnam We arrive in the Vietnamese capital today and transfer to our hotel. Tonight, we enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. *D*

Day 4: Hanoi Our tour of this French-accented city begins in Ba Dinh Square at the revered mausoleum and home of Ho Chi Minh. Next: historic One Pillar Pagoda, a Buddhist retreat; the serene Temple of Literature (c. 1070); Hoa Lo Prison, the infamous “Hanoi Hilton” of the Vietnam War; and Hanoi’s Ancient Quarter, dense with street vendors. After this visit, we dine at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Day 5: Hanoi/Ha Long Bay We depart this morning on a full-day excursion to Ha Long Bay, a breathtaking waterway in the Gulf of Tonkin dotted with 2,000 islands and islets, and surrounded by limestone cliffs and hidden caves. Here we board a traditional “junk” for lunch and an afternoon cruise through the fairy-tale seascape, a UNESCO site. *B,L*

Day 6: Hanoi/Da Nang/Hoi An An early departure for the airport and our flight to Da Nang. Upon arrival, we tour the acclaimed Cham Museum, boasting a collection of sculptures and artifacts dating from the 7th to 15th centuries. Then we are at leisure for lunch

on our own before heading to our riverfront hotel in Hoi An. Tonight we enjoy dinner together at our hotel. *B,D*

Day 7: Hoi An An easy boat ride on the Thu Bon River brings us to the colorful ancient port of Hoi An. We tour the lively daily market, and stroll the shop- and gallery-lined back streets and alleyways of Old Town, now a UNESCO site. Tonight’s small group highlight: an interactive Vietnamese cooking class, followed by dinner. *B,D*

Day 8: Hoi An/Da Nang/Siem Reap, Cambodia We see local life up close this morning as we take a walking tour of a nearby farming settlement. We enjoy lunch together in a local restaurant, then transfer to the airport for the flight to Siem Reap, arriving this evening. *B,L*

Day 9: Siem Reap We make our first visit to the temples at the Angkor Wat complex, a small-scale city built between the 9th and 13th centuries and now a UNESCO site. We travel via *tuk-tuks* (auto rickshaws) to Angkor Thom, the last Khmer capital; and Bayon Temple, an imposing stone edifice of 54 towers each carved with four enigmatic faces. We also explore 12th-century Ta Prohm, the mystical, decaying Buddhist shrine where the giant roots and limbs of

Tour membership limited to 24 Duke alumni and friends

banyan trees have overtaken the labyrinth of stone rooms and hallways. Later we tour stunning 12th-century Angkor Wat itself, the world's largest temple. We dine together tonight at our hotel. *B,L,D*

Day 10: Siem Reap Today's highlights include the restored 12th-century monastery and temple complex at Preah Khan; and 10th-century Banteay Srei, the "citadel of women" dedicated to the Hindu god Shiva and known for its delicately carved pink sandstone. *B,L,D*

Day 11: Siem Reap/Luang Prabang, Laos This morning we visit Les Artisans d'Angkor, a development project for young adults to learn traditional crafts. Late this afternoon, we fly to Luang Prabang. *B,L,D*

Day 12: Luang Prabang Our introduction to Laos begins early today with a time-honored tradition: the "tak-bat," where hundreds of saffron-robed monks collect alms from their fellow Buddhists. Later we set out to explore this ancient royal city; our walking tour features the Old City, a UNESCO site, where we tour the beautiful 16th-century Wat Xieng Thong temple complex, and the National Museum, formerly the royal palace. We return to our hotel for an afternoon at leisure. *B,D*

Day 13: Luang Prabang This morning we learn about the lives of local farmers first-hand as we travel to a community-based rice farm where we can join in the farming activities. After a lunch of traditional Laotian specialties, we visit a buffalo dairy farm. *B,L*

Day 14: Luang Prabang/Mekong River Cruise/Pakbeng We begin a tour highlight today as we board a private riverboat for an upstream voyage on this remote stretch of the Mekong. Along the way we stop to visit villages of ethnic hill tribes, and the Pak Ou Buddha Caves, housing hundreds of Buddha icons. Upon arrival in Pakbeng, we check in at our riverside lodge, where we dine tonight. *B,L,D*

Post-Tour Extension

March 3-7, 2020

SINGAPORE

4 days/3 nights for \$1,395

Single Supplement: \$395

Encounter this multi-cultural city-state, at once exotic and sophisticated.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Air transportation Bangkok/Singapore, including transfers
- 3 nights' accommodations at Hotel Jen Orchardgateway Singapore (Superior First Class)
- 5 meals: 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing, including Singapore cultural tour, bumboat ride on Singapore River, National Orchid Garden, and Gardens by the Bay
- Private motorcoach transportation
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited representative
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

"FILL THE HARBOR WITH BOATS.
FILL THE CITY WITH RICE."

— LAOTIAN PROVERB

Day 15: Pakbeng/Mekong River Cruise/Chiang Rai, Thailand Back on board our riverboat today, we cruise past wild and diverse mountain scenery, stopping to visit a Hmong village. After crossing the border into Thailand, we transfer to our hotel in Chiang Rai. *B,L,D*

Day 16: Chiang Rai Today we visit an elephant sanctuary set on 40 acres of jungle habitat. After a morning shadowing these magnificent animals, we travel to Wat Rong Khun, the unusual "White Temple" celebrating Lord Buddha's purity. Tonight: the lively night market, where we can select dinner on our own from the many food stalls. *B,L*

Day 17: Chiang Rai/Bangkok Today we visit the Doi Tung Royal Villa and Gardens, the former home of the king's mother who led efforts against the heroin trade. Late today we fly to Bangkok. *B,L,D*

Day 18: Bangkok We discover the Thai capital at the colorful Flower Market; Wat Pho Temple, home of the gold-leafed Reclining Buddha; and the splendid Grand Palace complex, where we visit the revered Temple of the Emerald Buddha. *B,L*

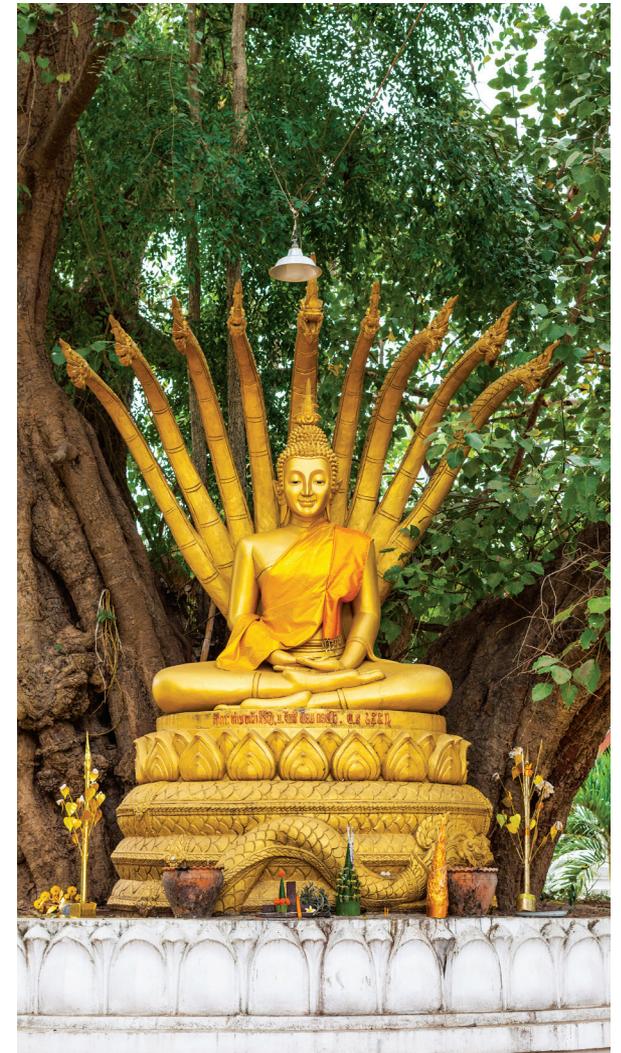
Day 19: Bangkok A morning visit to the Jim Thompson House reveals the prized Southeast Asian art collection of the American who revived the Thai silk industry. Tonight we celebrate our southeast Asia odyssey at a farewell dinner. *B,D*

Day 20: Bangkok/Depart for U.S. Today is at leisure; tonight, we transfer to the airport for our overnight flight to the U.S. *B*

Day 21: Arrive U.S. We arrive in the U.S. and connect with our return flights home.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 17 nights' accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class accommodations
- 39 meals: 17 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 12 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers
- \$100 frequent traveler credit towards your next Duke/Odysseys Unlimited tour (\$200 after 3 tours; \$300 after 10 tours)



Gilded Buddha statue in Luang Prabang

Tour Departs: February 13, 2020

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees

Boston, New York, Washington, DC \$6,597

Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle \$6,897

Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Philadelphia, Raleigh-Durham, Tampa \$6,997

Denver, Detroit, Phoenix, Portland (OR) \$7,097

Land Only (transfers not included) \$5,595

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$802, which are subject to change until final payment has been made.

Single travelers please add \$1,795. All 2020 tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip international flight: \$5,995 per person in addition to the above costs. Upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change.

For reservations, call Duke Alumni Travels at (919) 684-2988



THE SMALL GROUP TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

Important Information About Your Tour

General Terms and Conditions

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a deposit represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Tour Prices

Tour prices quoted are guaranteed through December 31, 2020, and include accommodations based on double occupancy; airfare from your departure city; airline taxes, surcharges, and fees, and port charges and cruise line fees (where applicable), which are subject to change until final payment has been made; internal air, rail, and motorcoach transportation; meals, sightseeing, and transfers as described; hotel taxes; entrance fees for included sightseeing; the services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director; luggage handling for one bag per person; and all gratuities as described below. Please note that the cost of air upgrades is subject to change.

Gratuities

Tour prices include all gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers on base tours and on optional extensions when accompanied by an Odysseys Unlimited representative. Please note that gratuities for the Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour) are not included unless otherwise specified. These tips are optional and should be extended on a voluntary basis. Gratuities are not included on "On Your Own" optional extensions.

Not Included in Your Tour Price

Airfare from your hometown to your departure city; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages,

laundry, room service, and meals not specified; communications charges; airport transfers when purchasing a land-only package; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour) unless otherwise specified, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities \$10-\$15 per guest, per day); and a Travel Protection Plan. Additional baggage fees levied directly by the airline(s) may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Registration and Payment

A deposit of \$500 per person confirms your reservation. Full payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure and may be made by personal check or credit card. Odysseys Unlimited reserves the right to cancel any reservations that are not paid in full at any time after final payment is due. If you make your reservation after the final payment date, payment in full will be required upon reservation.

A minimum number of participants is required to secure the services of a Duke Alumni Travels representative (faculty or host). Every attempt will be made to find a Duke host who will join the program to add a uniquely Duke perspective to the experience. If this is important to you in making your decision to travel with this program, please call 1-919-684-3046 before making your final payment.

Cancellations and Refunds

If you must cancel your tour, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:

For all tours (except as noted)

<u>Prior to departure</u>	<u>Charge</u>
95 days or more:	\$200
94-65 days:	25% of tour price
64-45 days:	50% of tour price
44-30 days:	75% of tour price
29-0 days:	No refund

*For Southeast Asia Odyssey,
Africa's Wildlife*

<u>Prior to departure</u>	<u>Charge</u>
95 days or more:	\$200
94-65 days:	50% of tour price
64-30 days:	75% of tour price
29-0 days:	No refund

Please note that we will not refund the cost of any unused portion of your tour package. If due to unforeseen circumstances Odysseys Unlimited cancels your tour, you will receive a complete refund of all payments you have made to us.

Pre-Departure

After reserving your tour, you will receive pre-departure mailings that include a detailed itinerary, visa requirements, and reading list. We will send your final tour documents, including airline itineraries (with e-ticket numbers) two to three weeks before departure.

Single Travelers

We welcome single travelers, and offer a limited number of single accommodations on each tour. Because hotel and cruise rates are priced by the room or cabin, the per person cost for accommodations occupied by one person is higher than that shared by two people. We will endeavor to keep single supplements at a reasonable cost. Please note that single rooms in many foreign hotels may be smaller than those to which you are accustomed.

Changes to Your Reservation

We will not charge a fee for any changes made to your reservation outside of 95 days before departure. From 94 to 30 days before departure, if you make any changes to your reservation, a \$100 per person administrative fee will apply, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by airlines, hotels, or other third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes to your reservation can be made within 30 days of departure.**

Required Information

Upon reservation, we will need to obtain from you passport information including the following, in accordance with the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Secure Flight program, as well as by our international travel partners: **your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender** (for further information, please visit tsa.gov). In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, or if you use a different passport than originally cited, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

Travel Documents

A passport valid for at least six months after the completion of your tour is required for U.S. citizens on all tours in this catalog. If your tour requires a visa(s), we strongly recommend that you have at least six blank visa pages available; for tours not requiring a visa(s), we recommend that your passport have at least three blank visa pages. We will send you specific visa and entry requirements after you make a reservation. You are responsible for obtaining these documents. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please contact your embassy or consulate to ensure you obtain the proper documentation.

Smoking

For the convenience of the majority of our travelers, Odysseys Unlimited has a No Smoking policy on all tour buses. We will arrange sufficient rest stops so those who wish to smoke may do so.

Health and Medical Issues

We welcome all travelers, but request that you be in good health to participate in an Odysseys Unlimited tour. All of our tours involve a reasonable amount of walking (typically two to three miles per day), often uphill or on uneven or cobblestone streets. **You must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own.** We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire, and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. Please call or email us to inquire, and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical condition or behavior, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other tour members. In that event, Duke Alumni Association, Inc. and Odysseys Unlimited assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour

operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, booking the tour “Land Only” is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

Responsibility

The liability of Duke Alumni Association, Inc., as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. Duke Alumni Association, Inc. and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that maybe caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers.

We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality. Cruise itineraries may change due to factors such as government regulations, water levels, or weather conditions.



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DUKE ALUMNI TRAVELS RESERVATION FORM

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$_____ (\$500 per person) for ___ person/people on the tour listed below. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. **Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and mail deposit check to: Duke Alumni Travels, Box 90572, Durham, NC 27708. Or you may fax this form securely to (919) 660-0148. For more information, please call Duke Alumni Travels at (919) 684-2988. For trip information only, please contact Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., at (888) 370-6765.**

Tour Name _____
Departure Date _____
Pre- or Post-Tour Extension (as described on tour page): Please sign me/us up

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Ph. (_____) _____ Alternate Ph. (_____) _____

E-mail _____ Badge name(s) _____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/we request an air upgrade to _____

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

I/We request an upgrade to a thatched tent suite (for *Africa's Wildlife* only)

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for the above-referenced tour, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Method of Payment

Check American Express Discover MasterCard VISA

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and can be paid by check or credit card.