

INDOCHINA

THAILAND, CAMBODIA, VIETNAM

OCTOBER 25 - NOVEMBER 11, 2007

This fantastic trip is the direct result of an ongoing effort to spoil you as much as possible. Just how much, you ask? Well, for openers, we'll span the continents on Singapore Air, considered the best airline in the world. We'll arrive in Bangkok and check into the Peninsula, which just happens to have been voted the best hotel in the world last year, and the best hotel in Asia six years running. That's only the beginning, but it sets the tone for the entire trip, which will be about as first class as you can get. The itinerary itself is very leisurely, with no early morning departures from the beginning of the trip to the very end, with enough time to hang out by the pool, get the works in one of the world class spas at your whim, or just to shop yourself silly.

What all will I see, you ask? A lot! From the bustling streets and waterways of Bangkok to the ancient, jungle covered temples of Cambodia and the scooter infested boulevards of Hanoi to the majestic beauty of Halong Bay and the tranquility of the royal tombs in the beautiful hills of the Central Highlands, you will walk away with an experience which very few people on this planet can even dream of. And that's more of an understatement than an exaggeration.

In Bangkok, you will see the Grand Palace with its gleaming gold domes, fanciful statues and colorful decorations, which to a lot of people seem to define Thailand. But zooming down the narrow canals on a boat straight from the James Bond movie, bargaining at the floating market or taking in the local flavor at the night market is just as much a part of Bangkok as the reclining Buddha or the royal barges. When done touring, just hop the Peninsula's water taxi and explore the town on your own. You won't be bored, I can promise you that!

After three nights at the Peninsula, we'll fly to Chiang Mai, in the north of Thailand, for a complete change of scenery. The stylistic influences of Burma are readily visible in the architecture of the temples, and the surrounding mountains let your imagination wonder, picturing the hill tribes, the elephant camps and the opium trade routes. But you will do more

than imagine, as we'll spend a day visiting a hill tribe village and see the training of elephants, formerly used for logging. Then on for an elephant ride through the lush countryside, and after lunch, take a very serene ride down the river on a bamboo raft.

After two nights at our most charming accommodations in the Yaang Come Village, we'll be off to Siam Reap, Cambodia. Guaranteed to be nothing like you expected! The Sofitel Royal Angkor will be our home for the next three nights. From here, we'll explore the majesty of Angkor Wat (a UNESCO World Heritage site), the mystery of the jungle temple, the fortified royal city, the Terrace of Elephants and other incredible sites which seem to come to life as if from one of your childhood adventure novels. Then back to the present, touring the Great Lake and one of the floating villages, where whole communities spend their entire lives on their boats.

The next stop will take us across the border, via Saigon into Hue, Vietnam. Here, you will marvel at the royal palaces and tombs, forgotten by time and bypassed by mass tourism and glitzy "restorations". All this in a lush, hilly countryside, making for some of the most serene and picturesque scenery. The Imperial Hotel (best in town, of course) will make for a wonderful home base for a couple of nights, before moving on to Hanoi.

The city of Hanoi is a wonderful blend of Asia and French colonial flavor, exemplified by the wide, tree lined boulevards packed with motorcycle traffic - gone are the bicycles of yesteryear. The European architecture and the dizzying commerce of Asia give the city a very unique flavor. The Sofitel Metropole, our last home-away-from-home for four nights is a prime example of the old, colonial Hanoi. Yet, you are surrounded by the fruits of the newly found and firmly embraced free-market economy. This cultural synergy is also reflected in the cuisine, which you will have an opportunity to sample in the surrounding restaurants and cafes.

We will not only tour the city, but also embark on some very memorable day trips. One of them will

take us to Halong Bay (another UNESCO World Heritage site) for a cruise on a local junk, explore the caves, and to take in this incredible natural beauty. Another day, we will take a rowboat ride to the Perfume Pagoda and other Buddhist temples on the side of the mountain and in the local caves.

All these experiences are so very hard to cover in words, as they lie outside the realm of our present experiences. Perhaps you can get a better feel for what this trip will bring into your life by looking at some of the pictures from the very places you will be visiting. I hope that they capture not only the places, but also your minds and your hearts. Log on to the Indochina page at miamiskiclub.com and judge for yourself.

TRIP INCLUDES:

A pre-trip party; all air and ground transportation costs, including current taxes; tips for all guides, drivers, and local services; private guides for the entire trip, entrance fees to historical sites and museums; all lodging accommodations; daily breakfast; many lunches and dinners, including our special welcome and farewell banquets; free admission to Springfest 2008, and a guaranteed experience of a lifetime.

TRIP PRICING:

\$4,995 per person, double occupancy
\$3,970 double occupancy, if providing your own air
\$6,655 single occupancy
\$5,630 single occupancy, if providing your own air
\$1,500 deposit due at time of signing up for trip
\$2,500 sec. payment (w. adjustments) by June 15
\$ 995 balance due before August 1, 2007

All prices quoted with a cash/check discount; if paying by credit card, 3% will be added by vendor. Credit card payment form available on our web site.

TRIP REQUIREMENTS:

Current Miami Ski Club membership
Completely filled out and signed:
MSC Trip Application form and the
Supplemental Terms and Conditions form
Forms will be available at the sign-up, or can be downloaded from the miamiskiclub.com web site.
If renewing membership at the same time, membership dues must be paid by a separate check. As always, trip insurance is strongly advised.

TRIP OPENING:

7 PM sharp, Friday, April 20 at our happy hour at the GNU Lounge (formerly the Bice Bar) in the Grand Bay Hotel, 2669 South Bayshore Drive, Coconut Grove, phone (305) 858-9600. No applications or deposits will be accepted before this time.

SINGAPORE EXTENSION

November 10 - 14, \$695 dbl occupancy with trip

To round off this adventure, you must see Singapore, one of the most dynamic cities in the world. We will have full three days to explore this marvelous city, all from the comforts of the Intercontinental Hotel, about as centrally located as you can get! You can walk to the water, shop from the back door and have dozens of choices for dinner as soon as you step out of the hotel. We will have a day and a half of the most unique touring, including the night ZOO, lunch at the world famous Raffles Hotel, kick back Singapore slings at the Long Bar, and so much more! For details and pricing, see the Singapore trip sheet, the web site, or just call!

OVERSEAS AIR:

Trip departs from and returns to Miami, via American Airlines and Singapore Airlines. Air for alternate cities can be arranged, and may carry additional costs. Prices quoted with current taxes, which may increase by time of ticketing. Any additional taxes (if any) will be the responsibility of each traveler.

Oct. 25, 3:10 PM: American Airlines #1178 MIA to NY
9:30 PM: Singapore Airlines # 25 to Singapore

Oct. 27, 8:45 AM: Singapore Airlines # 60 to Bangkok

Nov. 10, 1:35 PM Singapore Airlines # 175 from Hanoi to Singapore

If returning home (without the extension):

Nov. 10, 11:50 PM: Singapore Airlines # 26 to NY

Nov 11, 2:00 PM American Airlines # 1621 to MIA

If doing the Singapore Extension:

Nov. 13, 11:50 PM: Singapore Airlines # 26 to NY

Nov 14, 2:00 PM American Airlines # 1621 to MIA

PHOTOS, FORMS:

For photos, forms and additional information, visit the miamiskiclub.com web site and click on the Indochina trip. Please check the site frequently, as it is being constantly updated.

VISAS:

Visas will be obtained in each country on arrival, visa fees and departure taxes to be published prior to trip.

SINGAPORE EXTENSION:

To be priced separately; cost will be higher for those providing their own air.

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