

"Rotorheads Return—Delta to the DMZ"

Helicopter Operations in Vietnam

3 – 16 Jun 2023

Tour Leader: LTC John Powell USA(Ret) 1st/9th Cav Tour

Then Vietnam President Nguyễn Xuân Phúc & granddaughter with MHT Group, staying at our Hue Hotel!



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During the Vietnam War, the United States relied on the helicopter as never before. The helicopter's role in combat expanded enormously in this conflict as thousands of "choppers" rapidly transported personnel throughout the war zone. Heavily armed helicopters offered a fearsome component to ground operations as close air support. With there mobility and firepower "helos" would be the keys operations in Vietnam providing an abundance of both. Helos role in support activities must not be overlooked, as thousands of missions were flown to resupply and reinforce troops on the ground, to evacuate the wounded, and to offer countless other services for the war effort. The UH-1 "Huey" is the ubiquitous symbol of the American War in Vietnam.

Without a doubt, the Vietnam War was the Helicopter War.

There are few times in a man's life when he has the opportunity to walk the places that profoundly shaped the rest of his life --- places with deep meaning for him --- like: **Saigon, Cu Chi, Dong Tam, Phouc Vinh, Bien Hoa, An Loc, Long Bien, Da Nang, An Hoa, Quang Tri, An Khe, Pleiku, Route 9, Tay Ninh, Tan Bien, Song Be, China Beach, Hanoi, the Hai Van Pass**, and many, many more.

The highly experienced, **Vietnam-veteran battlefield guides** of **MILITARY HISTORICAL TOURS** have walked them all. We have an outstanding working relationship with the Vietnam government that allows us access to areas previously restricted to other travelers. Our guides have been back to Vietnam dozens of times and are intimately familiar with the terrain, the battlefields, and the people. They have escorted American veterans and family members, aged 18 months to 84, all of whom had

richly rewarding and highly memorable trips. Each tour is custom-tailored from our time-proven basic itinerary. This ensures the most complete tour package possible, taking you to the most important places of your particular time or interest in the war. Vietnam is eager to welcome the returning American veterans. The Vietnamese people are gracious and sincerely happy to have us with them again. The scenery is great, the food is delicious and the hotels in which we stay are beautiful and very comfortable. Your spouse and children will love it, too.

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Tour Price: \$ 2,995

Based on double Occupancy

Single Supplement \$ 875

Tour Price Includes:

Vietnam Visa Processing and fees

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First Class Hotel Accommodations throughout tour

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Air-conditioned motor coach transportation

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Meals as indicated in itinerary

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MHT Historical Trip information packet.

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Admission fees to all sites, museums and special attractions listed

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Services of experienced Tour Leaders, and English- speaking local guides

Airfare not included. MHT will do Optional Round-trip economy class airfare from your city or Los Angeles to Vietnam upon your request & registration



Daily Itinerary

DA LAT PRE-TOUR

Day 1/2 – 31 May/1 Jun: DEPART US / ARRIVAL in Saigon: Arrival by evening flight. Transfer to Le Meridien for check in. **Hotel: LE MERIDIEN**

Day 3 – 2 Jun: SAIGON – DA LAT: Morning flight SGN to Dalat. Arrive in Da Lat & transfer to local restaurant for lunch. Afternoon visit Tuyen Lam, Bao Dai Villa, Dalat Railway Station & Dalanta waterfall. **Hotel: TTC NGOC LAN (Meal: B/L/D)**

Day 4 – 3 Jun: DA LAT: Morning visit to Van Thanh Flower Village - the largest flower growing village in Dalat. Drive through Ta Nung Pass to Lam Ha coffee plantation & view weasels producing the most expensive coffee in the world. Next is a visit to a organic rice wine vineyard. Our next stop is to a Silk Farm to see the process from silkworms to the finished product. We swing by the majestic Elephant Waterfall to feel the rush of roaring water & wind. Our last stop before lunch is to Linh An Pagoda with the giant smiling Maitreya Buddha. If you are still hungry we visit lunch a cricket farm to experience a rare food source. Our final stop of the day is to the Crazy House with one of a kind architecture & decorations. **Hotel: TTC NGOC LAN (Meals: B/L/D)**

Day 5 – 4 Jun: FLIGHT DALAT/SAIGON: Today, we enjoy the fresh morning air & visit a local market before flying back to Saigon to join with the main group at the Le Meridien Hotel. **(Meal: B)**

Pre-tour price \$745 / Single Supplement (SS) \$190

MAIN TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1/2 – 3/4 Jun: DEPART US / ARRIVAL in Saigon: Arrival by evening flight. Transfer to Le Meridien for check in. **Hotel: LE MERIDIEN**

Day 3—5 Jun: SAIGON – MY THO: Morning departure for the Mekong Delta to board a boat in the quaint provincial town of My Tho and then wind our way through the labyrinth of small canals bordered by tiny villages. After viewing the endless fields of rice paddies tended by peasants in their traditional conical-shaped hats we transfer to a sampan for a tour of scenic Thoisoi Island. We will have lunch on the island and view the



unique pottery produced on the island. We finish the day by returning to Saigon for some exploration of Saigon's markets before dinner. **Hotel: Le Meridien (Meals: B/L/D)**

Day 4—6 Jun: SAIGON – BINH PHUOC: Morning drive to Song Be, then Quan Loi, Phuoc Vinh & if time Dong Xoai. **Hotel: Le Meridien (Meals: B/L/D)**

Day 5—7 Jun: SAIGON – CUCHI – TAYNINH: This morning we head for the famous Cu Chi Tunnel system. We then continue to the Michelin Rubber

Plantation, passing Lai Khe, Dau Tieng & Nui Ba Den. We proceed to Tay Ninh, stopping to see the fabulous Cau Dai Temple. We end the day visiting the village of Phuoc Long before returning to Saigon where we have an opportunity to enjoy the city at night with dinner on your own. **Hotel: Le Meridien (Meals: B/L)**

Day 6—8 Jun: SAIGON: After breakfast we will have a full day of seeing the local site including the Notre Dame Cathedral, the old Post Office, the Presidential Palace, the Army Museum & the former location of the US Embassy. After lunch, we will tour a lacquer factory to watch craftsmen at work & finish the day at Saigon's markets to shop for souvenirs. **Hotel: Le Meridien (Meals: B/L)**

Day 7—9 Jun: SAIGON – PLEIKU: Morning departure for a flight to Pleiku and proceed to Kontum. Return to Pleiku, visit old Camp Hollaway, and stay overnight. **(Meals: B/L/D)**

Day 8—10 Jun: PLEIKU – AN KHE – QUY NHON – HOI AN: Morning departure for the An Khe Pass to Quy Nhon. Then we head north toward Hoi An with interesting stops along the way. **(Meals: B/L/D)**

Day 9—11 Jun: HOI AN – DA NANG: Visit Hoi An sites, Marble Mountain, Hill 55, Da Nang & other local sites. **(Meals: B/L)**

Day 10—12 Jun: HOI AN – HUE CITY: Morning departure for Hue after stop at Starbucks and the Da Nang Harley-Davidson Store. Stop at the Hai Van Pass, Phu Bai, Phu Cam Canal with a short city tour. **(Meals: B/L/D)**

Day 11—13 Jun: HUE CITY: Today we explore the north side of the Perfume River and discuss the battles for the Citadel and TT woods. We also visit the Forbidden City via the Dong Ba Gate & the airfield site within the Citadel. We conclude the day with a visit to the Thien Mu Pagoda. **(Meals: B/L/D)**



Day 12—14 Jun: HUE CITY: Morning departure for Khe Sanh, the Rockpile, Lang Vei, Khe Gia Bridge, Quang Tri, Dong Ha, and then return to Hue. **(Meals: B/L/D)**

Day 13—15 Jun: HUE CITY – HANOI: Flight to Hanoi. On arrival we have a city tour with the Hoa Lo Prison (Hanoi Hilton) & John McCain Monument. **(Meals: B/L)**

Day 14—16 Jun: HANOI: Continue our tour of Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Three Tier Pagoda, shopping in the



tourist area around the pagoda. Prepare for post tours, some for late evening flights home. **(Meals: B/L)**



Left & Above Left: North of the Cuu Viet River where Rusty Cascio's MedEvac picked up 8 WIAs



Ha Long Bay 2-Night Tour 17—19 June \$1,100/SS \$175 or 1-Night 17—18 June \$900/SS \$125
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