

# Pop A Smoke's "55th Anniversary—1968"

Marine Helicopter Ops in Vietnam  
"Beginning to the End"  
13 – 26 April 2024

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Honoring six KIAs  
from the Helo  
crash on Hill 41.



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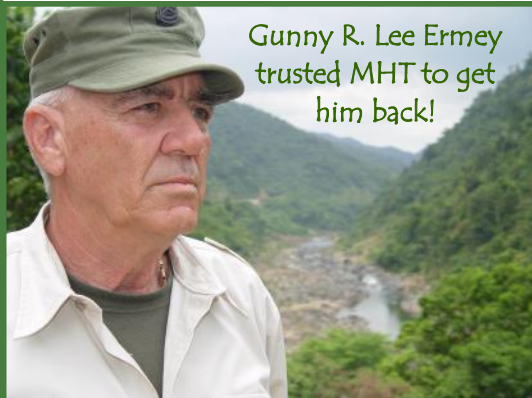
**Airfare Not Included: MHT will do your Round-trip economy class airfare from your city or Los Angeles to Vietnam upon your request & registration**



## Daily Itinerary

### 13 & 14 APR SAT/SUN - (Day 1 & 2)

Depart Los Angeles for flight to Vietnam—Cross International Dateline, lose a day transfer. (International Air will be quoted upon registration and can be tied



Gunny R. Lee Ermey trusted MHT to get him back!

into domestic flights upon request.) Arrive Saigon and check-in for evening.

**Hotel: Le Méridien**

**15 APR MON - (Day 3)** After a western style

breakfast we will have an early departure for a full day of seeing the local site including the Notre Dame Cathedral, the old Post Office, the Presidential Palace, the Army Museum and the former location of the US Embassy. We will have lunch in a local restaurant and as a final stop before returning to the hotel we will tour a lacquer factory to watch craftsmen at work. If time permits we will visit one of Saigon's markets to shop for souvenirs. **Hotel: Le Méridien (B/L/D)**

### 16 APR TUE - (Day 4)

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

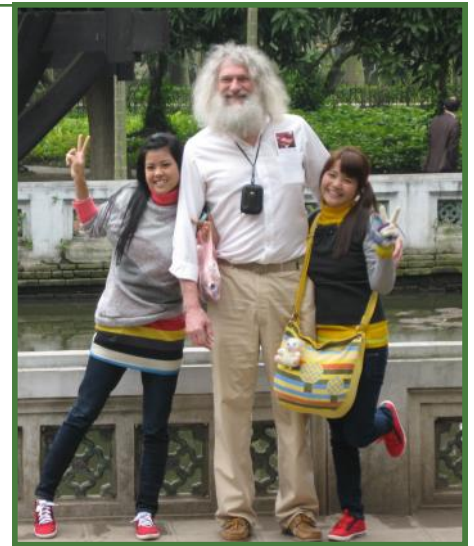


small canals bordered by tiny villages. After viewing the endless fields of rice paddies tended by peasants in their traditional conical-shaped hats we transfer to a sampan for a tour of scenic Thoisson Island. We will have lunch on the island and view the unique pottery produced on the island. We finish the day by returning to Saigon for some exploration of Saigon's markets before dinner. **Hotel: Le Méridien (B/L/D)**

**17 APR WED - (Day 5)** This morning we head for the famous Cu Chi Tunnel system. We then continue to the Michelin Rubber Plantation, Lai Khe, Dau Tieng, and Nui Ba Den. As we end the day in Tay Ninh, we will stop to see the fabulous Cau Dai Temple. We end the day back in Saigon where we have an opportunity to enjoy the city at night with dinner on your own. **Hotel: Le Méridien (B/L)**

### 18 APR THUR - (Day 6)

We check out of the hotel and catch a flight to Quy Nhon. The route up the famous Highway 19 is also remembered as a major French defeat and known as the "Death of GM 100" and the old 1st Cav HQ at An Khe. While over-



nighting in Pleiku we visit the old 4th Inf Div CP at Camp Enari & Holloway. **Hotel: Kontum (B/L/D)**

**19 APR FRI - (Day 7)** This morning we drive from Kontum to Da Nang seeing the military sites in Northern II Corps & lower I Corps. **Hotel: Almanity (B/L/D)**

**20 APR SAT - (Day 8)** Today we commence touring the Da Nang area to include Elephant Valley, Red Beach, Nam O, Hill 34, Dog Patch, and the old China Beach. We visit Marble Mountain and for the adventurous, we will climb to the top and see where the VC maintained a secret hospital throughout the war. We will also visit a marble carving shop before touring the ancient city of Hoi An and the many shops there. **Hotel: Almanity (B/L/Dinner on your own)**

**21 APR SUN - (Day 9)** After an early breakfast we depart Da Nang for Hue with stops at the Hai Van Pass, Lang Co and Phu Bai Airfield. We will commence a short city tour south of the Perfume River starting at the Phu Cam Canal and ending at Hue University. **Hotel: Imperial (B/L/Dinner on your own)**

**22 APR MON - (Day 10)** This day 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 and visit the airfield site within the Citadel. Later we take a short visit to the Thien Mu Pagoda. **Hotel: Imperial (B/L/Dinner on your own)**

Right:  
Shopping in  
the Delta!



**23 APR TUE - (Day 11)** After an early morning departure we drive north to the DMZ with stops at Camp Evans, and LZs Sharon and Nancy. We briefly stop in Dong Ha and then continue west along Rt 9 with stops at Camp Carroll, Khe Gia Bridge, the Rockpile, Lang Vei and the Khe Sanh Combat Base. Lang Vei was where the NVA first used tanks against the Special Forces Camp. **Hotel: Saigon Tourist (B/L/D)**



**24 APR WED - (Day 12)** An early morning check-out

finds us touring Leatherneck Square starting at

Cam Lo, “The Washout”,

Con Thien, the Market Place, Gio Linh and the blowing of the Dong Ha Bridge. After lunch in Dong Ha we make it back to Hue arriving early afternoon. **Hotel: Imperial (B/L/D)**

**25 APR THUR - (Day 13)** Early morning flight to Hanoi. We start our tour with visits to the Hoa Lo Prison, Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, the John McCain Monument, and the Army Museum. **Hotel: Silk Path (B/L/D)**

**26 APR FRI - (Day 14)** After breakfast, we depart Hanoi (cross international dateline) arrive in Los Angeles or your hometown same day.

Left & Above Left: North of the Cuà Viet where Rusty Cascio’s MedEvac picked up 8 WIAs out of a hot LZ!

Above Right: Happy Hour in Hanoi!



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