

# BOBCATS 2012 RETURN TO VIETNAM



*A Special Tour for 1966 Bobcats and their 1966 Wolfhounds comrades who fought the Viet Cong in the early stages of the Vietnam War.*

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**Monday, January 30, 2012 – USA/Aloft:** Depart Los Angeles.

**Tuesday, January 31 – Aloft:** Cross International Dateline

**[1] Wednesday, February 1 – Saigon:** Arrive mid-morning in Saigon. After clearing Immigration and Customs, you are met by your English-speaking Vietnamese MilSpec guide and escorted to your hotel in central Saigon. Balance of the day free until approximately 6PM when you enjoy a Welcome Dinner and a Folk Dance show at the Rex Hotel Rooftop Restaurant. (D)

**[2] Thursday, February 2 – Saigon:** Today you tour Saigon, including Notre Dame Cathedral, the Colonial Post Office, Presidential Palace, War Remnants Museum, the History Museum, a Cholon Pagoda and the Ben Thanh Market. We go to the US Consulate, site of the former Embassy where MPs, Soldiers and Marines fought VC sappers on the first day of the 1968 Tet offensive. On the grounds of the Consulate is the only monument to US Soldiers in Vietnam today. We will request permission from Consulate officials to enter the compound and see this monument. Lunch at a local restaurant. Tonight, dinner at the Majestic Hotel. (B, L, D)

**[3] Friday, February 3 – Saigon / Ch Chi / Saigon:** Drive up Highway 1 today, through Hoc Mon, past the entrance to the 25<sup>th</sup> In-

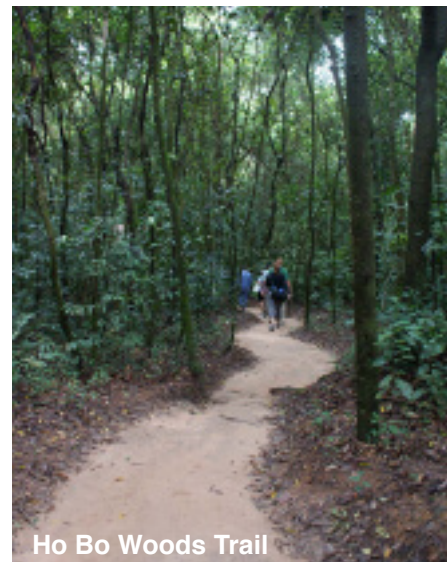


fantry Division's main base camp (a request will be made to visit the base – approval by local military and political bodies will be necessary and is realistically unlikely). We will visit several sites around the base including “Ann Margaret.” We see the Cu Chi Military Museum. After lunch at a Pho (noodle) restaurant, we walk through the busy Cu Chi Marketplace. Then we go to a tunnel complex near the Trang Bang (not the one in the Ho Bo Woods) and tour the site. Later we drive past the Heineken brewery in Hoc Mon on our return to our Saigon. Tonight dinner with several former enemy combatants of the 9<sup>th</sup> VC/NVA Division. (B, L, D)

**[4] Saturday, February 4 – Saigon / Tay Ninh:** Return north on Highway #1, then go cross-country past the former Cu Chi Military base toward the Ho Bo Woods. We may see Soldiers of the New Peoples Army drilling. Stop at the Cu Chi Military Cemetery where we see the Memorial Benches we had installed last year. Then visit the “Tunnels of Cu Chi” in the Ho Bo Woods.



Tour participants will have an opportunity to fire war-era weapons at the firing range. After lunch on a floating restaurant in the Saigon River, continue north through the Boi Loi Woods (now largely a rubber plantation) toward the town of Dau Tieng. Along the way, we stop in the Ben Cui Rubber Plantation where the 1/5 Mech fought a brutal battle on 21 August 1968. SSG Marvin Young (C/1/5) earned the Medal of Honor in this action. Then cross the Saigon River into the town of Dau Tieng, a brigade size base during the war. See the remnants of the short runway that challenged fixed-wing pilots and relics of the French Colonial control of the nearby Michelin Rubber Plantation, such as the above-ground swimming pool that once hosted GIs. Then we drive along a road



Ho Bo Woods Trail

## Cu Chi Tunnel Guide



once hosted GIs. Then we drive along a road paralleling the massive dike that created Lake Dau Tieng. Along the route, stop for photo-ops on the dike and at a VC base marked by a large concrete VC flag. Continue to Tay

Ninh City and check into our hotel. (B, L, D)

**[5] Sunday, February 5 – Tay Ninh:** A day in and around Tay Ninh City. We begin with a walk through the main Tay Ninh Marketplace. Then we drive by the entrance to the former 25<sup>th</sup> Division 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade base, known as Tay Ninh West. As with the Cu Chi basecamp, this is still an active military base. Late in the morning, we go to the main Cao Dai Temple and observe part of the noon service. We then drive to Nui Ba Den, the famed “Black Virgin Mountain.” Visible on a clear day as far away as Saigon, this iconic 3,000 foot mountain is etched in the memory of tens of thousands of former GIs. At the base of the mountain, before we enter the park, we visit a military cemetery where VC Soldiers killed in nearby battles are buried. We have lunch and then take a gondola lift half-way up the mountain where we can visit temples, see a deep valley that once housed a VC hospital and see one of the many caves that provided shelter to VC and NVA during the war. A local friend we met on our last visit may show us some interesting caves around the mountain. Later, return to Tay Ninh City and our hotel. (B, L, D)

**[6] Monday, February 6 – Tay Ninh/Cambodia:** Today we pick up local guides and drive north of Nui Ba Den. Passing by the area known by GIs as the “Dog Face,” we drive to COSVN nearby the Cambodian border. After touring the military museum, we walk through the former communist headquarters where concrete trench lines and bunkers remain and several buildings have been rebuilt to represent the former complex. Later we bid our local guides farewell and cross the border into Cambodia, obtaining visas at the crossing point. We will either enter Cambodia through Trapeang Phlong border gate near COSVN and travel along the road toward Kampong Cham Town, once an operational area of US forces during the Cambodian incursion or we could head southeast of Tay Ninh and cross into Cambodia via Bavet gate and explore this war-related area before checking in at the casino hotel close to the border gate. We will overnight at a casino hotel in Cambodia. (B, L, D)

**[7] Tuesday, February 7 – Cambodia/Saigon:** After breakfast, we drive south within Cambodia and cross the border back into Vietnam on Hwy 1 near Go Da Ha. Then we explore former bat-

tle grounds including the Sugar Mill on the Van Co Dong and Duc Hoa. Later we return to Saigon. (B, L) *Note: Full Moon today.*

**[8] Wednesday, February 8 – Saigon:** Today we drive to Ben Cat in the former operational area of the US 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division. If we determine that a tunnel complex there is safe, we will explore it. If not, we will continue into War Zone D to explore the Long Phuoc underground tunnel network built by local VA fighters. This was the site of the famous Long Tan Battle and is the site of a former Australian Royal Regiment base. Later, return to Saigon. Tonight, dinner on a floating restaurant cruising up and down the busy Saigon River. (B, L, D)

**[9 – 12] Thursday, February 9 through Sunday, February 12 – Saigon:** Days at leisure to shop or relax by the hotel pool. We won't have a vehicle or driver on these days, but you can easily get round on foot or take a metered taxi. Your Vietnamese guide can advise you where to get bargains and may accompany you if you wish. **OPTION:** Those wishing to return to Cu Chi as a day trip may do so. Cost will depend on the number who elect this option. Payment will be made directly to the Guide. Sunday, a Farewell Dinner at the Lemon Grass Restaurant. (Breakfast daily - Dinner only on Sunday)

**(13) Monday, February 13 – Saigon/USA:** After breakfast, a mid-morning transfer to Tan Son Nhut Airport for your flight home to the USA. You will cross the International Dateline and arrive back in the USA the same day. (B)

B = Breakfast  
L = Lunch  
D = Dinner



Riding up Nui Ba Den



Nui Ba Den - Black Virgin Mountain

**Note: Vietnam draws more than 2 million visitors each year. Hotels and flights fill up months in advance. We cannot guarantee last-minute sign-ups. Act today to insure your place on this tour!**



# 2012 BOBCAT VIETNAM TOUR

## Reservation Application

From \$2,989 per person (double occupancy - cash price - If paid by credit card \$3,111)

**Please PRINT clearly!**



Please make \_\_\_\_\_ reservation(s) on the *2012 Bobcat Vietnam Tour*.

Enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ representing \$400 per person deposit. Please reserve my position on this tour.

(Make checks payable to "MilSpec Tours")

### Insurance Option (Check one)

I accept the travel insurance at an additional \$200 and have included that amount in my enclosed deposit (\$600).

I will obtain my own insurance.



My name followed by the person(s) traveling with me: \_\_\_\_\_

Check (✓) one:

I have attached a photocopy of each person's passport data pages.

I do not have a passport but will apply for one (forms available at your local US Post Office)

My Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please furnish us with both your street address and post office box address to avoid delays in shipment of documents to you by Federal Express.*

Telephone Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Any diet/health problems? \_\_\_\_\_

FAA regulations require emergency notification information for all international passengers. Please print the name and phone number of a person not traveling with you who is to be notified in the event of an emergency.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

I desire:  Willing to share, 2-in-a-room basis. Roommate (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Note: All rooms are double occupancy. If an odd number of Bobcats sign on, then one individual will go into a single room and the supplemental charge for the single room will be shared equally by all participants.

To charge your deposit to a major credit card, please complete the following:

Note: You may charge your deposit and insurance payment to a credit card and pay the balance by check to get the \$2,989 price!

Discover Card  Visa  Mastercard  American Express

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I agree to the terms and conditions as outlined in this tour brochure.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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\* Nonrefundable roundtrip coach-class TransPacific airline transportation from Los Angeles on regularly scheduled flights. \* First-class and selected hotels with private bath (where available) 2-in-a-room basis. Single Room additional cost. \* Breakfast daily plus other meals as noted in the itinerary. \* Mini-van or motorcoach transportation as required by the itinerary. \* Sightseeing as specified with English-speaking guide & appropriate admission fees. \* Visa processing. \* Transfers between airports and hotels if traveling on group flights. \* Portage of one (1) suitcase per person, where available. \* Tips & taxes on all prepaid services. \* Professional Escort while on tour.

**Tour Prices Do Not Include:** Vietnam departure taxes, passports, excess baggage charges, fuel surcharges, optional sightseeing, meals other than those shown in the itineraries, items not on table d'hote menus, laundry, liquor, mineral water, beverages with included meals, customary gratuities to Tour Guides, Drivers & local guides, & all other expenses of a personal nature.

**Tour Prices are based** on a minimum of 7 tour participants as shown in the itinerary, and on tariffs and rates (currency & exchange) known at the time of printing; prices are subject to adjustment without notice in event of changes to such rates prior to departure.

**Airfares** are subject to change without notice. Coach-class airfares are often non-refundable and/or subject to cancellation fees. Trip Cancellation Insurance is strongly recommended.

**Hotels:** Unless otherwise stated, all tour prices are based on two persons sharing a twin/double room.

**Deposits and Final Payments:** A deposit of \$400 per person is required to effect reservations. This deposit forms part of your final payment which is due when billed but not later than 90 days prior to departure. Acceptance on tour is subject to verification of payment in full to MilSpec Tours.

**Baggage:** No responsibility is incurred by MilSpec for loss or damage to baggage or any of the passengers belongings. It is recommended that all passengers purchase baggage insurance.

**Passports and Visas:** A valid passport is required for all tour participants. Visas are required for this tour program. Instructions will be sent to you.

**Smoking:** Please kindly note that for the safety and well-being of the group, smoking is not permitted at any time in the van, on the motorcoach or at any meal included in the itinerary. Local restrictions may also apply

**Cancellations** for unforeseen and valid reasons in advance of departure are entitled to a full refund less actual expenses incurred and a \$75.00 per person service charge, if written notice is received not later than 120 days prior to departure. If cancellation occurs between 119 and 60 days prior to departure, deposits will be refunded less \$150 per person service charge; less than 60 days prior to departure date, deposits will be refunded, less a \$250 per person service charge; 30 days or less deposits will be refunded less a \$400 per person service charge and any cancellation charges assessed against MilSpec Tours by hotels, transportation companies, airlines and other purveyors of services. Trip cancellation and interruption insurance is available & strongly recommended on all tours.

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**Tour Participants:** In order to insure the smooth operation of all tours, and to ensure congenial tour groups, MilSpec Tours reserves the right to accept or reject any person as a tour participant and to expel from the tour any person for any reason including anyone whose conduct is deemed incompatible with the interest of the tour group. Any handicapped participant who requires special assistance must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the handicapped participant's well-being. MilSpec Tours reserves the right to exclude from the tour any handicapped participant whose physical condition impairs customary operation of the tour. Should a wheelchair or other special equipment, care, maintenance or services be required at any time, all arrangements shall be made and all costs and obligations will be borne by the tour member. All tour members must be able to make their own way on/off the motorcoach. Well-behaved children over 10 years of age are welcome on any MilSpec Tours tour under the same conditions as noted above.

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• Travel Delay (\$100 maximum per day)	\$500
• Baggage and Travel Documents	\$1,000
• Baggage Delay	\$100
• Medical Expense	\$10,000
• Emergency Medical Transportation	\$20,000
• Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000

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