

### **Independent Travelers Program**

## **Vung Tau to Tay Ninh**



We offer our travelers an opportunity to tour areas in and around Saigon once called *III Corps* or the former *Saigon Capital Area*. The tour is offered on your dates from January through April or October through December. We don't recommend travel during the wet season (May through September).

This tour program is available for individuals, small groups or families. The cost depends on the number of travelers and whether you want us to include trans-Pacific flights. Some of our clients want to utilize their frequent flier points.

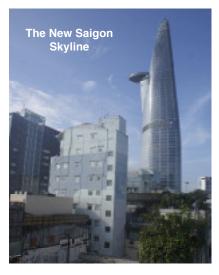
This program extends from Vung Tau on the South China Sea, where many US Soldiers first came ashore, and others enjoyed an "in-country R&R," through Long Binh and Ben Hoa to the far northwestern corner of Tay Ninh Province, near the border with Cambodia, where the Viet Cong hid COSVN (Central Office for South Viet Nam), their main headquarters.

Between those two points we visit Saigon, Cu Chi and the fabled tunnels, Dau Tieng in the Michelin Rubber Plantation, Tay Ninh City, Nui Ba Den ("the Black Virgin Mountain"), Katum, Go Da Ha, Trang Bang and numerous places along the route. Wherever possible, we will include "special places" nearby our travel route that our Veterans request.

Our tours are led by a Vietnamese guide proficient in the English language and experienced leading Americans. Ground transportation is provided in modern air-conditioned vehicles with professional drivers. Some US Veterans wonder how they will be greeted in Vietnam. The population of Vietnam has more than doubled since the war. Most were born after the war ended. To them the war is "ancient history." While the country has a one-party communist government, they abandoned Marxism almost 25 years ago, and the people have embraced capitalism. The United States is now Vietnam's #1 trade partner. The Vietnam Airlines fleet includes modern Boeing aircraft. KFC restaurants are all over the major cities

and Ford Motor Company has an assembly plant outside of Hanoi. Americans are warmly welcomed in modern Vietnam.

We advise you to plan your tour with us six months or more in advance. We can work with you on a shorter lead time, but there may be difficulty confirming our most desirable accommodations.



Vietnam hosts over 3 million visitors each year. Flights fill up and hotels are often booked months in advance. Don't delay making your reservation. Each year we have to turn away applicants who wait too long to make their reservation. Act today to secure your reservation on this great tour program!



### 2012 Vung Tau to Tay Ninh Itinerary



**Day 1: USA/Aloft.** Tour participants depart the USA today. Meal service aloft.

**Day 2: Aloft.** "Lose a day" crossing the International Dateline.

Day 3: Saigon. Arrive at Tan Son Nhut Airport. You are met by our MilSpec Tours English speaking guide and escorted to your hotel in central Saigon. After check in, time to freshen up before you go to the Rex Hotel Rooftop Garden for welcome cocktails and dinner. (D) Day 4: Saigon. After breakfast you board your van and leave Saigon, passing the site of the pivotal battle between the 25th Division's 3/4 Cavalry and VC/NVA battalions on the first day of the 1968 Tet Offensive. Continue north on Highway #1 over the Hoc Mon Bridge to Cu Chi, where you see the Military Museum. Leaving Cu Chi, drive along the perimeter of the 25th Division's former main basecamp en route to the Ho Bo Woods. After lunch on the Saigon River, you visit the nearby "Cu Chi Tunnels" and the Cu Chi Military Cemetery before we return to Saigon. (B, L)

Day 5: Saigon / Tay Ninh. Today check out of the hotel in Saigon, board your van and drive north. We get off Hwy #1 at Trang Bang and continue to Highway #26. At "Checkpoint Tango" you drive through the Ben Cui Rubber Plantation to Dau Tieng where the 25th Division's 3rd Brigade was based. Then continue through the Cau Khoi Rubber Plantation and arrive at the Cao Dai Temple in Tay Ninh in time to watch part of the midday religious service. Following lunch at a local restaurant, you go to Nui Ba Den to ride the gondola lift up to the temples built on the slopes overlooking Tay Ninh Province. Next, we drive by the Tay Ninh West Basecamp (still a military base). (B, L, D)

**Day 6: Tay Ninh / Saigon.** Today you go past French Fort (Camp St. Barbara) to Katum, the 173rd Airborne's

1967 Drop Zone. Then follow a roadway paralleling the Cambodian border to the South Central Department Base (known as COSVN by the US & Allied forces during the war) and other "special places" en route that you want to see. Lunch is at a local restaurant. Later you head south to Saigon, stopping at the Tay Ninh City market. Return to Saigon. (B, L, D)

**Day 7: Saigon.** Board a hydrofoil on the Saigon River for a two-hour cruise to Vung Tau. When you arrive, we explore the town. You will see the shipwreck museum and the Buddhist temple devoted to fishermen. You can walk the beach before we motorcoach back to Saigon by way of Bear Cat and Long Binh/Ben Hoa. Tonight, enjoy dinner at the Indochine restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Saigon. Your itinerary will include the War Remnants Museum, the French Colonial Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral, Reunification Hall (Presidential Palace), as well as Cholon. You will have lunch followed by free time to shop on Nguyen Hue Boulevard. Tonight a Farewell Dinner Cruise on the Saigon River. (B, L, D)

**Day 9: Saigon / USA**. Morning transfer to Tan Son Nhut for flight home. Cross International Dateline and arrive back in the USA the same day (B)

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner



Tay Ninh's World Famous Cao Dai Temple

# Independent Travelers: Vung Tau to Tay Ninh Tour Please PRINT clearly! Reservation Application

Please make reservation(s) on a 2012 Vung Tay to Tay Ninh Tour. Enclosed	is \$ representing \$400.00 per person deposit.	
(Please make checks payable to	"MilSpec Tours")	
Date in 2012 you with to depart the USA to begin your tour: Month	Date	
Tour Participants (Check $\sqrt{\text{one}}$ )		
☐ One Person \$2,970 per person (inclusive of private room)	The state of the s	
☐ Two Persons \$1,981 per person (double occupancy - single room \$382)	All the second s	
☐ Three-Four Persons \$1,771 per person (double occupancy - single room \$3	82)	
☐ Five or more Persons: \$1,593 per person (double occupancy - single room s	\$382)	
<u>Trans-Pacific Air:</u> (Check $\sqrt{\text{one}}$ ) $\square$ \$1,100 per person roundtrip $\square$ I/we with	will make our own airline reservations.	
Payment Option (Check $\sqrt{\text{one}}$ )		
Option A: I would like to Pay In Full. Payment enclosed. 🖵 Option B: I am paying a deposit only. I will pay in full 90 days before departure.		
Insurance Option (Check $$ one)		
I accept the travel insurance as follows and include the insurance premium in m	ny deposit:	
Total Tour Cost Per Person (tour cost + singe room (if selected) + Trans-Pacific	e Air (if selected) = <i>Insurance Premium</i>	
$\Box$ \$1,593 to \$2,000 = \$129 $\Box$ \$2,001 to \$2,500 = \$164 $\Box$	\$2,501 to \$3,000 = \$200	
$\square$ \$3,001 to \$3,500 = \$235 $\square$ \$3,501 to \$4,000 = \$270 $\square$	\$4,001 to \$4,500 = \$305	
☐ I will obtain my own insurance.		
We require the full name (as it appears on the passport), gender and date of birth of each tour participant.		
#1	☐ Female Date of Birth:	
#2		
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#5 <b>\( \bigcup \) Male</b> \( \bigcup \)		
#6		
Attach a list for additional participants!		
☐ I/we have attached a good quality photocopy of each person's passport data pages.		
☐ I/we do not have a passport but will apply for one (forms ava.	ilable at your local US Post Office)	
Address: City/State/Zip Code:	Email;@	
If participants do not share the same address, a	ttach a list of each person's address!	
Please furnish us with your street address to avoid delays in shipment of documents to you by Federal Express		
Home Phone () 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 # ()	
Special requests/places to visit:		
I desire: ☐ 2-in-a-room. ☐ Single Room at \$382 extra		
☐ Willing to share, 2-in-a-room basis. Roommate (if known)		
To charge your deposit to a major credit card, please complete the following: $\Box$ I	*	
Name on Card:	Tour #12-125	
Credit Card #:	Mail to:	
Expiration Date: Month Year	MilSpec Tours	
Signature of Cardholder:	Post Office Box 340	
I agree to the terms and conditions as outlined in this tour brochure.	Flourtown, PA 19031-0340	
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Phone 215-248-2572 Fax 215-248-5250  $\textbf{Email: MilSpecTours@aol.com} \cdot \textbf{Web:GoMilSpec.com}$ 



### Your MilSpec Tour Includes...

\* Nonrefundable roundtrip coach-class TransPacific airline transportation on regularly scheduled flights if elected. \* First-class and selected hotels with private bath (where available) 2-in-a-room basis. Single Room additional cost except one-participant programs. \* Breakfast daily plus other meals as noted in the itinerary. \* Visa processing \* Mini-van transportation as required by the itinerary. \* Sightseeing as specified with Professional English-speaking guide & appropriate admission fees. \* Transfers between airports and hotels if traveling on group flights. \* Tips & taxes on all prepaid services.

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

**Tour Prices are based** on the number of 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. Applicable single supplements are indicated for those wishing single room accommodations. Single rooms are limited in quantity and are sometimes not of the same size or quality as twin/double rooms. We do not recommend triple rooms as they tend to be very crowded; in most cases, triple rooms are a twin room to which a cot has been added. There is no reduction in tour cost for triple rooms. If you wish to share a room and do not have a roommate, we will place you in a twin/double room with the next same-sex participant to register for the tour who also requests to share a room. If we are unable to match you with a roommate, you will be assigned to a single room and must pay the single supplement.

**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 60 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 and are included in the cost of your tour.

**Smoking**: Please note that for the safety and well-being of the group, smoking is not permitted in the van, on the motorcoach, or at group meals at any time.

Cancellations for unforeseen and valid reasons in advance of departure are entitled to a full refund less actual expenses incurred and a \$100.00 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 \$175 per person service charge; less than 60 days prior to departure date, deposits will be refunded, less a \$300 per person service charge and any cancellation charges assessed against MilSpec Tours by hotels, transportation companies, airlines and other purveyors of services. Cancellations less than 30 days prior to departure are not refundable. Trip cancellation and interruption insurance is available and strongly recommended on all tours.

Revisions and Refunds: All changes must be confirmed in writing. A handling fee of \$75.00 per transaction will be charged for any alteration or revision made to a tour reservation. All claims for refunds must be made within 60 days after termination of the tour and must be accompanied by a statement from the Tour Manager, certifying exactly the services not taken. No refund can be made for unused transportation where group tickets or vehicles are involved. No refund can be made for services not taken unless the services omitted cover 72 consecutive hours or more. 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. Responsibility: MilSpec Tours and/or its agents act only in the capacity of agent for carriers, hotels, bus operators, and other suppliers of services and shall not be held responsible for any injury or for any loss or damage caused by accidents or events beyond their control, or by any action or negligence of attendants or third parties who are not in their employ and on their payroll. The tour operator and/or its agents can accept no responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air, sea or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, or other causes. All such losses will have to be borne by the passenger, as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. The right is reserved to substitute hotels specified for others of similar category. The right is reserved to make minor adjustments in the itinerary. Prices are based upon current tariffs and are subject to adjustment in the event of change. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour. No refund will be made for any unused portion of the tour unless arrangements are made prior to departure. The issuance and acceptance of vouchers or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the above conditions. In addition, transportation companies concerned shall not be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time that passengers are not on board their carriers. The passenger contract in use by the carriers concerned, when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation companies and the purchaser of the tour and/or passengers. The itineraries shown are planned at the time of issue of this flyer, but are subject to revision should circumstances make it necessary. Such revisions will be shown on the individual traveling itinerary you receive before departure. © MilSpec Tours 2011



#### **Travel Insurance**

Take advantage of our valuable insurance protection. For \$129 to \$305 you can enjoy the security of the following coverage:

Schedule of Coverages

<ul> <li>Trip Cancellation &amp; Interruption</li> </ul>	Up to Tour Cost
• Travel Delay (\$100 maximum per day)	\$500
Baggage and Travel Documents	\$1,000
Baggage Delay	\$100
Medical Expense	\$10,000
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Emergency Medical Transportation \$20,000
 Accidental Death & Dismemberment \$25,000

This is a brief summary of the insurance plan offered. For a full description of the benefits, exclusions & conditions, an insurance brochure is available. Or, call Travel Guard International at 1-888-826-1300.