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Mysteries of the Mekong River
Cambodia ♦ Vietnam

Cruising from Siem Reap to Saigon aboard the M.V. Jayavarman

March 2 to 13, 2010

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Dear Alumni and Friends:

Ancient cultures, steeped in fantastic mythologies and serene philosophies, have infused the lands of Southeast Asia with a mysterious beauty. Some of the world’s greatest art and architectural treasures lie hidden in the secluded jungles and breathtaking seascapes of Cambodia and Vietnam. The Mekong River, “Waterway of the Nine Dragons,” winds its way through these two countries, forming the lifeline of a meandering network of tributaries in a timeless and tranquil world of rice paddies, floating villages and grand pagodas and palaces.

Join us on this magical nine-night journey, highlighted by a five-night cruise down the Mekong River encompassing the history, culture, and modern life of Cambodia and Vietnam. Experience the energy and vitality of these ancient nations, which, until recently, have been obscured by the specter of war. Become enveloped in the mysterious allure of Indochina while cruising in style and comfort aboard the deluxe, colonial-style M.V. JAYAVARMAN, as well as staying in deluxe hotels for two nights in Siem Reap and two nights in Saigon. Travel from the sleepy pockets of “Old Asia” in Phnom Penh to the French Colonial districts of cosmopolitan Saigon. In the lush jungles of Cambodia, discover the magnificent 12th-century Khmer temples and sculptures of Angkor Wat, one of the world’s most sublime monuments. And explore Vietnam’s most splendid temples, local marketplaces and tranquil villages, where traditional ways of life blend with the modern world.

This custom-designed itinerary offers once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to experience the living heritage and ancient cultural riches of Indochina. This program features an evening of authentic Khmer dance and cuisine, meetings with local residents—including a survivor of the Cambodian Killing Fields—and a lecture about the evolution of American-Vietnamese relations in the historic residence of former U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge in Saigon. We also invite you to complement your Indochina experience with the optional two-night Thailand Pre-Program in Bangkok and/or the three-night Vietnam Post-Program in Hanoi.

Discover two lands of ancient traditions that evoke the glories of bygone civilizations, kingdoms and empires, and which are meeting the challenges of a modern world. We urge you to make your reservation today, while Early Booking Savings are still available!

Sincerely,

Tripp Hall
Vice President for University Development

Rennie Cook
Associate Vice President for Alumni Affairs and Executive Director,
OU Alumni Association
U.S. Tuesday, Day 1 and Wednesday, Day 2
Depart for Siem Reap, Cambodia. Cross the International Date Line.

Siem Reap, Cambodia
Thursday, Day 3
Arrive in Siem Reap and check into the deluxe Hotel Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra. Join fellow program participants this evening for the welcome reception.

Siem Reap/Angkor
Friday, Day 4
Following breakfast, visit the National Museum for an in-depth look at the glories of the Angkor civilization and its temples, kings and religions. Then spend the entire day exploring the stunning temples of Angkor, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Proceed to the South Gate and visit the Baphuon, the Elephant Terraces, the Terrace of the Leper King and the Royal Palace. Following lunch, tour mystical Angkor Wat, the largest and most breathtaking of the monuments constructed by the Khmer civilization between the ninth and 14th centuries.

Vietnam’s terraced rice fields cascade throughout the countryside from the Mekong River delta to the northern mountains, producing enough rice to make Vietnam the second largest exporter of rice in the world.

Cover: Unlock the mysteries of the temples of Angkor, which number more than 1,000 and include Angkor Wat, the world’s largest religious monument.

Siem Reap/Prek K’dam
Saturday, Day 5
Join an early morning excursion to Ta Prohm, an impressive 12th-century Buddhist temple that was nearly swallowed up by the jungle before European explorers first stumbled upon it. Still partially obscured by the jungle and crumbling as vast root systems of nearby trees overturn its stones, it stands as a mysterious sight, a silent witness to the encroaching power of the jungle.

Following lunch, transfer to Prek K’dam and embark the M.V. Jayavarman. This evening, enjoy the Captain’s welcome cocktail reception and dinner with your traveling companions.

Kampong Chhnang
Sunday, Day 6
This morning, board an excursion boat and cruise to the mouth of the great Tonle Sap River to explore the vast wetlands and the Prek Toal Bird Sanctuary, the single most important breeding ground in Southeast Asia for globally threatened large waterbirds. This afternoon navigate the labyrinthine floating community of Kampong Chhnang to learn about daily life in Cambodia’s wetlands at a floating fish farm and a floating classroom.
PHNOM PENH

Monday, Day 7

Arrive in Phnom Penh and set out for the magnificent Royal Palace, built in 1866. Continue to the Silver Pagoda, named for the 5,329 pure silver tiles that cover the floor; its solid-gold Buddha is encrusted with over 2,000 diamonds. Tour the National Museum, which houses some of the finest Khmer art in the world. End this morning’s excursion at Wat Phnom, an active pagoda and the legendary cornerstone of Phnom Penh. Following lunch in a nearby restaurant, visit the Tuol Sleng Museum of Genocidal Crime, housed in the former Khmer Rouge Security Prison 21, where thousands were tortured during Pol Pot’s dictatorship.

Tonight’s dinner onboard the ship features traditional Khmer cuisine, music and an apsara dance performance.

CHAU DOC, VIETNAM/
VINH LONG

Tuesday, Day 8

Cross the border into Vietnam and arrive in Chau Doc, one of Vietnam’s bustling river cities. Board a small boat and visit fish-farming houses built on stilts along the Mekong. Continue to a Cham village to learn more about the Muslim heritage of the Cham people and to enjoy a demonstration of their traditional weaving techniques. Explore the floating market after lunch before returning to the ship for an afternoon of cruising.

VINH LONG/CAI BE

Wednesday, Day 9

Cruise to Cai Be and board a traditional sampan (boat) to experience the river town’s bustling floating market. Large boats, specializing in one or a few types of produce, act as wholesalers for customers shopping in their smaller boats. This colorful and vibrant atmosphere is set against the backdrop of the large Catholic cathedral on the waterfront. Observe workers in family-run factories making rice paste, drying fruit and fashioning coconut shell handicrafts. Following lunch, reboard the sampans and navigate narrow canals to an ancient Mandarin house for tea with members of a local family.

Experience life in a Vietnamese river town as you visit the floating market in Cai Be.
MY THO/HO CHI MINH CITY

Thursday, Day 10
Disembark in My Tho and transfer to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon). Upon arrival, check into the deluxe Caravelle Hotel, centrally located and offering incredible views of the Saigon River. This afternoon, set off on the walking tour to see landmarks such as the Notre Dame Cathedral, a distinct reminder that the French once ruled this country; the Reunification Hall, which once served as the South Vietnamese Presidential Palace; and the War Remnant Museum, which offers a unique perspective on the American war through the eyes of the Vietnamese. Continue to the former residence of U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge for an engaging lecture on the current relationship between the United States and Vietnam.

HO CHI MINH CITY

Friday, Day 11
Meet with a Vietnamese War veteran before touring the Cu Chi Tunnels, an extraordinary underground complex used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War for communication routes, hospitals, food and weapon caches and living quarters. The afternoon is free for individual pursuits in Saigon. Rejoin your traveling companions for the farewell reception in the hotel this evening.

HO CHI MINH CITY/U.S.

Saturday, Day 12
Check out of the hotel and transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S.

Though officially known as Ho Chi Minh City since 1976, Saigon still retains its French Colonial charm as evidenced by the ornate architecture of many of its oldest edifices, including the historic City Hall.
The small ship M.V. JAYAVARMAN (jä-yä-ˈvär-mən) evokes the “Golden Age of Travel.” Tastefully appointed in Indochine decor with Khmer and Vietnamese accents, M.V. JAYAVARMAN provides 21st-century comfort and amenities yet recalls the old-world charm and style of a bygone era. This intimate ship can navigate small ports inaccessible to larger vessels.

Each of the 27 spacious (from 225 to 280 square feet), outside staterooms features a private balcony, bathroom with shower, individual air conditioning and temperature controls, desk, safe and minibar.

Meals are served in the inviting, air-conditioned Dining Room in a single seating. Buffet breakfast, buffet lunch and dinner feature Western cuisine and Khmer and Vietnamese specialties prepared with fresh local ingredients. A Khmer-Vietnamese cooking workshop will be presented aboard ship. Twenty-four-hour room service is available.

Public areas include an observatory, lobby lounge, stylish bar, covered deck with bar and dining area, library, boutique, beauty salon and massage center. Passengers may participate in daily, early morning Tai Chi lessons on the Sun Deck. Laundry service is offered.

The M.V. JAYAVARMAN’s English-speaking Cambodian and Vietnamese hospitality crew provides courteous, professional service. Launched in 2009, the ship is compliant with the highest environmental and safety standards.
BANGKOK PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

Broaden your Southeast Asian experience with two nights in Bangkok, one of the most captivating cities in Asia. Marvel at the elegant grandeur of the city’s magnificent temples and palaces, mingle with local shoppers at traditional markets and enjoy deluxe accommodations in the heart of the city. Complete details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

HANOI POST-PROGRAM OPTION

Complement your journey with three nights in the ancient Vietnamese capital of Hanoi. Enjoy deluxe accommodations in the centrally located Melia Hotel, ride a cyclo through the colorful markets of the “36 Streets” and discover Vietnam’s rich Confucian heritage during a visit to the 11th-century Temple of Literature. Complete details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

INCLUDED FEATURES

IN SIEM REAP
- Two nights in the deluxe Hotel Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra, including breakfast daily and one lunch.
- Welcome reception.
- Excursion featuring visits to the National Museum and Angkor Thom.
- Tour of Angkor Wat,* with lunch in a restaurant.
- Excursion to the temples of Ta Prohm.

Transfer from Siem Reap to Prek K’dam.

ON BOARD THE DELUXE M.V. JAYAVARMAN
- Five-night Mekong River cruise from Prek K’dam, Cambodia, to My Tho, Vietnam, with port calls in Kampong Chhnang and Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and Chau Doc and Cai Be, Vietnam.
- Spacious and comfortable outside stateroom with private bathroom, private balcony and air conditioning.
- Captain’s welcome reception.
- All meals—buffet breakfast, buffet lunch and dinner—featuring a choice of Asian and European foods with an emphasis on local produce, served at single, unassigned seatings.
- Scenic cruise along the Tonle River to the bird sanctuary and the wetlands of Kampong Chhnang.
- Phnom Penh city tour, including the Royal Palace, the Silver Pagoda, the National Museum, War Phnom and the Khmer Rouge “Killing Fields.”
- Special Khmer-themed evening featuring traditional cuisine, music and dance.
- Cruise to a traditional floating village, a Cham tribal village and catfish farms near the famous river town of Chau Doc.
- Excursion by a traditional sampan (boat) from Cai Be to explore the island’s pagodas, colorful markets and fruit orchards, featuring afternoon tea with a local family.

IN HO CHI MINH CITY (SAIGON)
- Two nights in the deluxe Caravelle Hotel, with breakfast daily.
- Private farewell reception.
- Tour of Ho Chi Minh City featuring the Central Post Office, the War Remnants Museum, the former Presidential Palace and the Notre Dame Cathedral.
- Lecture by a member of the American Chamber of Commerce at the former U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge’s residence.
- Meeting with a Vietnamese War veteran.
- Visit to the Cu Chi tunnels, an underground network built by the Viet Cong.

ENHANCED TRAVEL SERVICES
- All transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants who have purchased their air tickets through Gohagan & Company and whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- All excursions and visits, as outlined in the itinerary, with experienced, English speaking local guides.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions.
- Experienced Travel Director(s) to accompany you throughout the program.
- Hospitality desk in the hotels and aboard ship.
- Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information for each participant.
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.

* UNESCO World Heritage site.
M.V. JAYAVARMAN

**Mysteries of the Mekong River Reservation Form**

Send to:
OU Alumni Association
900 ASP Avenue, Suite 427
Norman, OK 73019-4051
(405) 325-1710

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**TARIFF**

| Stateroom Category | Description - All staterooms have sliding glass doors opening onto a private balcony, private bathroom facilities with shower, air conditioning, a desk and minibar. DVD player and screen are available upon request. | Early Booking Price through September 28, 2009 | Regular Price
|---|---|---|---
| 4 | Two twin beds, 226 sq. ft. Main Deck, aft. (limited availability) | $3195 | $4195
| 3 | One queen bed or two twin beds. 226 sq. ft. Main Deck, midship. | $3995 | $4995
| 2 | One queen bed or two twin beds. MP-3 player. 258 sq. ft. Upper Deck. | $4695 | $5695
| 1 | Larger stateroom with corner balcony and one king bed. MP-3 player. 280 sq. ft. Upper Deck. (limited availability) | $5595 | $6595

- Singles are available in category 3 at $5995 and in category 2 at $7095 on or before September 28, 2009. Add $1000 for reservations made after September 28, 2009.
- Taxes are an additional $295 per person and are subject to change.

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**Full name (exactly as it appears on your passport) Class Year**

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**Address (no P.O. Box number please)**

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**City State ZIP Code**

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**Telephone (Home) (Business) (Fax)**

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**Email Address**

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**Preferred name(s) on badge(s) Tour No. 105-03/02/10-142**

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Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $______ as deposit ($600 per person, plus $200 per person Bangkok Pre-Program Option and/or $200 per person Hanoi Post-Program Option). Make check payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.

Deposits can also be made by credit card; however, all FINAL payments are required to be made in cash, by check or wire transfer by November 27, 2009.

I/we authorize you to charge my/our deposit to: □ Visa □ MasterCard

Card No.__________________________ Exp. Date_________

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Signature as it appears on credit card

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**EARLY BOOKING SAVINGS - Reserve by September 28, 2009 and Save $2000 per couple!**

Please make my/our reservations in stateroom category:

1st Choice ______ 2nd Choice ______
□ Double occupancy (one queen bed).
□ Double occupancy (two twin beds).
□ Single accommodations.
I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

**HANOI PRE-PROGRAM RESERVATIONS:**

□ Double at $995 per person.
□ Single at $1295 per person.
I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

**BANGKOK POST-PROGRAM RESERVATIONS:**

□ Double at $1095 per person.
□ Single at $1395 per person.
I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

**Program Air:**

□ Flights Los Angeles/Siem Reap with return Ho Chi Minh City/ Los Angeles. Airfare is available at an additional cost to be advised.

Please contact your travel agent or air carrier directly for any deviations to the above.

□ Flights from ________________ (fill in departure city) to Siem Reap, Cambodia, with return from Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, at an additional cost to be advised.

Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

□ I/we will make my/our own air arrangements.

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(To be completed after February 1, 2009 and returned to OU Alumni Association.)

□ Yes □ No
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**Oklahoma Graduate**

□ Yes □ No

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CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:
Cancellations for all or any substituted only at the full-fare tariff. Change and/or cancellation fees in the event a “discounted” reservation must be cancelled, no Gohagan & Company for comprehensive coverage of such expenses insurance. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Thomas P. recommend for your protection that you purchase trip cancellation cancellation fees and administrative fees will be assessed. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellations are subject to a $200 per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 121 days prior to departure; from 95 through 120 days prior to departure, $800 per person; from 60 through 94 days prior to departure, 50% of the published full regular tariff; cancellations 59 days or less prior to departure, a no-show, or early return from the trip result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariff. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees and administrative fees will be assessed.

PRE- AND POST-PROGRAM CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:
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Because these cancellation policies are strictly enforced, we strongly recommend for your protection that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company for comprehensive coverage of such expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident, as well as damaged or lost luggage. We will send you an application after you make your reservation.

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