

Vietnam 2012

Mercer Island High School & Global Citizenship Travel

One of the longest running traditions at Mercer Island High School, the annual Vietnam trip is on again for 2012. Taken in conjunction with the High School's senior International Studies curriculum, this trip is an opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge and experience with the past, present, people, and culture of Vietnam and, for the 4th year in row, Cambodia. Most importantly, student travelers will continue our 14 year support of the Da Nang Street Children's program by fund-raising for and visiting several of the orphanages for which we are the main source of support. Other trip highlights include visiting Vietnam's capital city of Hanoi, the ancient Japanese trading village of Hoi An, Cambodia's Angkor Wat temple complexes, and more.

The application packet and initial deposit are due November 21st. All students with fully completed materials and the deposit in by this date will be submitted to the initial pool and chosen by random draw if the number of applicants exceeds the number of slots available. Remaining slots available after that day are on a first-come-first-serve basis with completed application packets and deposit. Slots will no longer be available beginning on the day our travel service can no longer acquire airfare from the airline company.

Dates and Costs:

Friday November 4th: Student Interest Meeting, either lunch, Library Presentation Room

Monday November 14th: Parent Interest Meeting, 7 pm in room 206 at the High School

Monday November 21st: Application Packet and initial \$1175 deposit due by 3:30pm to Mr. Johnston, room 200 at Mercer Island High School. All application materials and checks must be delivered in person.

Monday December 12th: Second deposit of \$1275 due by 3:30 pm to Mr. Johnson, room 200 at Mercer Island High School. This deposit is used to secure in-country travel and lodging reservations—missing this deposit is likely to result in the student having to be bumped from the trip with no refund. \$300 of this deposit includes the fund raising commitment deposit. Parents will receive a tax deduction letter from Global Citizenship Travel (501c3) after this deposit is submitted, applicable to the 2011 tax year if desired.

Monday January 12th: Final deposit of \$1375* due by 3:30 pm to Mr. Johnson, room 200 at Mercer Island High School. This deposit is used to secure in-country services that must be paid up front—missing this deposit is likely to result in the student having to be bumped from the trip with no refund.

*The overall cost of the 12 day trip, including the \$300 fund raised portion, is \$3825. This amount is subject to a small change depending on the cost of flights at the time of booking.

Contact Information:

For Further Information about the trip, including pictures and testimonials from previous year's trips to Vietnam, Cambodia, and Costa Rica visit www.globacitizenshiptravel.weebly.com

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