Vietnam

Vietnam is one of the most popular destinations for Antipodeans Abroad Expedition teams. It never fails to thrill the traveller with its unique sights, sounds, tastes and smells. Culturally and historically, Vietnam is a labyrinth waiting to be explored. Students are able to book much of their transport, tours and accommodation and choose from countless cheap restaurants as they travel. The community projects and outstanding trekking, means Vietnam fits perfectly with the leadership and community service objectives of the Expedition program.

THE PROJECT – hill tribe region of north west Vietnam 4 to 6 days

Projects are based at village schools about 3 hours out of Hanoi in the Mia Chau region. Teams may be involved in decorating/painting classrooms, renovating kitchens, installing water tanks or play areas, building desks or book shelves for libraries. Students will be surrounded by the local children who are eager to learn English and play badminton and soccer. Students can enjoy weaving classes, cooking classes and visit local markets to purchase souvenirs knowing their money goes directly to local communities.

THE TREK – village treks in hill tribe region of north west Vietnam 1 to 6 day
(N.B. treks are optional for Community Service Tours)

The northwest highlands provide the venue for some spectacular trekking. Teams travel through local villages where ethnic hill tribe people live. As a team of students and teachers they stay in local homestays. Students gain a real understanding of life for these ethnic hill tribe people of Vietnam. Students are given an opportunity to taste amazing and authentic Vietnamese food provided by host families

THE JOURNEY – teachers/students will help choose where and for how long

Hanoi's famous Old Quarter, numerous museums, Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum
Halong Bay for boat tour with unforgettable sunsets
Hue, the old Imperial Capital and UNESCO World Heritage site
Hoi An for architecture, delicious food, great markets and a relaxing beach
Ho Chi Minh city, Mekong delta, Cu Chi tunnels, markets and museums
Amazing restaurants and superb hostels are all bookable by students with guidance

TRANSPORT OPTIONS – teachers/students will help choose their transport arrangements

International & internal flights will be arranged by Antipodeans Abroad
Local buses and taxis in urban settings
Trains and tour buses/coaches for longer overland travel

* Please note this is block itinerary used by students and school as the basis for research and discussions. A day-by-day itinerary will be provided to all parents once students and the school have made decisions *