

## **Hold it                      All change                      Prices tumble**

As you are aware we tried without success early on to deal with travel Groups in Vietnam without success and then tried to deal with Flight Centre. We eventually received an offer from Flight Centre (\$760.00) which was a lot less than their earlier quote (\$2050.00) but did not include the Saigon area tours which the higher quote had.

Unfortunately in their lower quote they also could not provide a meeting or hospitality room, they are still having some difficulty with that requirement.

In the meantime Bernie Cunningham, a long term friend and compatriot of Gary Cole, has arrived in Saigon and is a close friend of the operator of TNK travel in Saigon. To cut a long story short we have now received a quote from TNK based on 50 people attending which is \$550.00 (AUD) per person plus or minus depending on final numbers, it includes the following

### **Proposed Program**

**Deluxe room at Winsor Plaza:** <http://www.tnktravelvietnam.com/html/detail-hotel.php?hotelid=38>)

#### **Day 1 : ( Mon - Sep 1<sup>st</sup> 08 ) Hochiminh and arrival**

Arrive at Tan San Nhat international airport. Welcomed by your local tour guide and driver. Transfer to your hotel in the city center. Overnight at your proposed hotel in Ho Chi Minh

#### **Day 2 : ( Tue - Sep 2<sup>nd</sup> 08 ) Ho chi Minh city tour: (B/L)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Start the sightseeing tour to the Reunification Palace, which was the former residence of the President of South Vietnam until end of April 1975, and some French colonial structures including the Notre Dame cathedral, the Old Central Post Office. Tour of Chinatown and Tien Hau. After seeing the Emperor Jade Pagoda and the War Remnants Museum we end the city tour with Ben Thanh market where anything and everything is for sale. Dinner on guests account. Overnight at your proposed hotel in HCMC.

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**Day 3: ( Wed - Sep 3<sup>rd</sup> 08 ) Ho Chi Minh - Long Tan - Nui Dat - Vung Tau (B/L)**

Breakfast at the hotel 8 : 00 AM Pick up at your hotel and depart for Vung Tau. Stop over Ba ria to pick up your travel permit to the sites. Visit the Long Tan Cross, Horse Shoe then to Long Phuoc Tunnels en-route. After lunch, visit Nui Dat (SAS Hill). Proceed to Vung tau and transfer to Vung tau jetty for boarding to Hochiminh city on the express boat (16 : 30 - 17 : 45pm). Pick up at the boat station and transfer to the hotel

**Day 4: ( Thur Sep 4<sup>th</sup> 08 ) Ho Chi Minh - Cu Chi Half Day tour (B/L)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Driving Cu Chi Tunnels, an underground tunnels network constructed by Vietnamese fighters during the struggle for independence. The tunnels contained hospitals, accommodation, etc. and were used as a military base for the Vietcong in the American war. Driving back to HCMC. Dinner on guest's account. Overnight at your proposed hotel in HCMC

**Day 5: ( Fri - Sep 5<sup>th</sup> 08) Ho Chi Minh - My Tho - Ben Tre (B/L)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Pick up at hotel. Depart for My Tho. Take the boat ride through the Bao Dinh natural canal, view the stilt houses and the fruit plantation along the river sides. Visit the My Tho wholesale fruit market. Proceed to the Tortoise island. Lunch served in the heart of the orchard. Enjoy the nice boat ride through the Tan Thach natural canal in Ben Tre, cruise under the shadow of the water coconut trees. Visit the family where you can experience the agricultural lifestyle. Trekking through the fruit plantation in Thoi Son island, enjoy the rowing boat ride along the creeks before returning to My Tho by motorized boat. Return to Ho Chi Minh around 16:00pm. Overnight at your proposed hotel in HCMC

**Day 6 : ( Sat - Sep 6<sup>th</sup> 08 ) Hochiminh (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel, free for leisure, lunch, and dinner on guest's account. Overnight at your proposed hotel in HCMC

**Day 7: ( Sun - Sep 7<sup>th</sup> 08 ) Hochiminh and departure (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel, free for leisure until transfer to the airport for departure. End of service

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**Tour price includes:**

- A/C Deluxe bus for pick up, transfer & sightseeing as per program.
- English speaking tour guide
- Hydrofoil boat from Vung Tau - Ho Chi Minh
- Entrance fee
- Private boat trips in the Mekong Delta.
- Meals as indicated in the program as B = Breakfast L = Lunch; D = Dinner.
- Accommodation based on 2 guests sharing a Twin/Double room at the hotel - 1 FOC for tour leader (double room)
- Drinking water all the trip

**Tour price excludes :**

- International flight to/from Vietnam
- Travel insurance
- Drinks & other meals not mentioned in the program.
- Laundry & telephone fee at hotels
- Vietnamese entry visa

**- Single supplement charge (hotel ) \$270 USD**

This is a very good offer and I believe we will not improve on it, however it does not include Flights, Travel Insurance, Visas or any taxes etc at departure. It does include 1 Room free of charge for the tour leader, this room will be used as our meeting or hospitality room with beds etc removed.

We are required to pay a deposit by 15 April 2008 to hold the rooms . To facilitate the whole thing and simplify the payment I am in the process of setting up a joint bank account in the names Gannon & Cole with both to sign.

**Everyone will be required to ensure they arrange their own Flights, Travel Insurance and Visa, Jet Star has very cheap flights and most of the other Airlines offer reasonable connections to Saigon. Anyone who requires help in these matters please contact me.**

**The quote we have is based on 50 people attending, so if less people attend or book their own accommodation etc the cost per person (for the group) will increase. Accordingly I have added a loading to cover any extra costs etc. Monies left over will be returned at end of trip. Shortages will be shared amongst us.**

**Completed registration forms and payments of \$550.00 Per Person made out to Gannon & Cole should be forwarded to**

**Barry Gannon**

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**Australia**

# Registration Form Vietnam 1-7 Sept 2008

## Dispatcher Rigger Reunion

	Passenger 1	Passenger 2
Surname	_____	_____
First Name	_____	_____
Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms)	_____	_____
Address	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
Telephone	_____	_____
Fax	_____	_____
Email	_____	_____
Passport No	_____	_____
Expiry Date	_____	_____
Nationality	_____	_____
Room Type	_____	_____
(Double/Twin/Single)	_____	_____
Airline Booked	_____	_____
Date/Time Arrival	_____	_____
Number of Nights	_____	_____
Accommodation Required	_____	_____
Date/Time Departure	_____	_____
Interested in Other Tours	_____	_____
After/ Before Reunion	YES NO (Circle one)	YES NO (Circle One)