



**proudly presents
an amazing golfing holiday experience...**

9 nights in Vietnam

13 – 24 March 2012

See our new itinerary

Hoi An My Son Hue Ho Chi Minh City Mekong Delta

Ho Chi Min City (or Saigon) in the South is a fast-moving, modern economic capital. The Mekong Delta offers a wealth of cultural delights. And Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage Site is regarded as one of the Top 3 must-visit towns in the world.

And then of course the golf in Vietnam is top class all the way!

This is the golfing holiday so many people have been waiting for!

You won't believe it until you experience it yourself!!!



We have spent the past three years researching and planning this tour to ensure that our clients get the best experience in a charming and fascinating country, where golf is just one of the undiscovered treasures.

We sincerely hope that you will join us in November and discover it for yourself!

This is what you can look forward to when you board the plane in November:

Tuesday 13 March

Assemble mid morning at Johannesburg International before boarding our flight to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon).

Wednesday 14 March

On arrival at Saigon Airport, we are transferred by air-conditioned coach to our 5-star hotel, the Movenpick Saigon, selected not only for its quality but also its easy access from all directions. This historical capital city is regarded as one of the most attractive in Southeast Asia and exudes a rare sense of gracious charm and timelessness dating back to the French colonial days. Saigon has emerged from the troubles of the last century as an elegant, cultured and affluent city, where museums and galleries coexist with chic shops and fashionable restaurants.

After checking-in, we visit a number of the major sights of the city, before watching the sun set from the famous rooftop Rex Bar.



Our hotel foyer



Our hotel bedroom



Saigon's City Hall



Our local guide carrying the flag



Saigon's magnificent Post Office



Outside the Palace of Reunification



The traffic in Saigon

Thursday 15 March

Our first round of golf in Vietnam is at the prestigious **Vietnam Golf & Country Club**, a course co-designed by Lee Trevino and which winds through the natural forest of the area. The course is relatively open, but the numerous water hazards and undulating greens combined with the strategically placed bunkers make it an interesting challenge.



Vietnam Golf Club...typically Eastern with palms



Early morning on the 1st



A testing opening hole



Palms, water and bunkers

While the golfers are out on the course, the non-golfers head out with their own local guide to see some of the attractions of Saigon, including the fascinating Jade Emperor Pagoda before finishing their outing at Saigon's famous Ben Thanh Market...the largest concentration of shopping bargains in the city.



The Jade Emperor Pagoda



Ben Thanh Market...it has everything!

Friday 16 March

Golf today is at the SONG BE GOLF CLUB, widely regarded as being the first international standard championship course in Vietnam and certainly one of the most challenging and stimulating in the country. The course was crafted out of the beautiful landscape of Southern Vietnam and features numerous lakes, tree lined fairways and subtle undulating greens.



The challenge of undulating greens



Palms, water and bunkers



Sand under the Vietnam sky



Tree lined fairways with bunkers and palms waiting

Today has been kept as a free day for the non-golfers to re-visit the shops, markets or sights where they would like to spend more time, enjoy the culture and load up the endless bargains in the shops and markets.

Saturday 17 March

Today is an early start as we head to the Mekong Delta, famous for its vast rice fields and beautiful landscapes...and notorious for the wars which have waged there over the centuries. We visit all the major sites, including the Floating Market as well as Phoenix Island where all the local culture and handicrafts can be seen. In the afternoon we proceed by sampan boats through the small canals and side arms of the river to observe the daily life along the riverbanks and to admire the breathtaking scenery of the Delta.



Floating Market of the Mekong River



The Mekong Delta waterways



Exploring the Mekong Delta



We visit some of the sites of the Vietnam war

Sunday 18 March

After breakfast we check out of our hotel and spend the morning at the Cu Chi Tunnels...site of perhaps the most famous battle of the Vietnam War. The story of the war...from both sides... becomes far clearer and is explained through static displays and live demonstrations. There is even the opportunity to fire some of the weaponry from the war.



Exploring the static displays of Cu Chi Tunnels



Trap doors and booby traps

After the outing to the tunnels, a short visit to an up-market shopping mall close to the airport is the ideal opportunity for a quick lunch before our flight to Danang and the second part of the tour.

On arrival in Danang it is a short transfer to our hotel, the Boutique Hoi An, located close to the golf courses now regarded as the best in Vietnam and lying on the beach close to the World Heritage town of Hoi An. Both of the golf courses are just minutes from our hotel, so the keen golfers can slip away to practice at the world class facilities if their game needs it.



Our hotel on the Hoi An coast



Our hotel room



The hotel pool and beach beyond



Informal dining beside the river

Monday 19 March

Hoi An is a town with World Heritage status (they list it as one of the top 3 towns to visit in the world) and this morning we explore Hoi An with our local guide, checking out the sites, shops and restaurants of particular interest. The French-colonial quarter of Hoi An is the focus of attention and warrants multiple visits. Hoi An is just minutes away from our hotel, so will naturally be a favourite place to eat and relax after golf and in the evenings.



The relaxed lifestyle of Hoi An



The French influenced architecture



Narrow streets lined with little shops



Some of the finest restaurants and tea-rooms in Vietnam

Late morning we proceed to MY SON, a World Heritage site steeped in history and filled with centuries-old architectural marvels, some of which can be traced back as far as 450AD. My Son is set in a dense, vegetated valley and is both a tourist and a photographer's dream excursion.

Along the way we stop to marvel at the local population working their rice paddies and to buy delicacies from kerb-side vendors. 7



Proudly working her rice paddy



Delicacies for every palate



An awe-inspiring entrance to MY SON



The B5 Tower at My Son

Tuesday 20 March

Today's golf is at the newest of the Montgomerie courses worldwide...the Montgomerie Links at Danang. A masterpiece of design which has married links-style features with the natural vegetation of the coastal region, all within the view of the ocean. A golfing experience never to be forgotten.



The entrance to Vietnam's #1 course



The Montgomerie's practice facilities



Water on the 5th



Hole #10



Hole #6



Hole #12

For the non-golfers, we have arranged an optional cookery course, where you will learn about the most popular Vietnamese dishes and recognize and understand the basic ingredients. You will also be taught the many ways to cook and serve rice. And to round off the fascinating course you will even be taught the technique to master chop sticks!



The Hoi An cookery school



Ready to learn Vietnamese cooking secrets

Wednesday 21 March

Today's excursion is North up the coast to one of the most significant historic and cultural centres of Vietnam...HUE. Despite damage during the years of war, Hue remains a town of great beauty, charm, tradition and culinary delights and we shall get the chance to see all the major attractions on this fascinating outing. The Perfume River runs through Hue and a visit to the floating market is always a special experience.



The imposing entrance to the Imperial City



A gateway to the Imperial City



Bargain hunting in HUE



The floating market on the Perfume River

Thursday 22 March

Our final round of golf in Vietnam is at the magnificent Greg Norman-designed DANANG GOLF CLUB, a spectacular links-style course which winds through the dunes and natural vegetation and offers sweeping views across the coastline. Many who play the course return to play it again...as soon as possible!



Spectacular views from Danang GC's signature hole...Hole16



Sea or mountain views from every fairway



True links feel at hole10



The challenge at Hole12

Friday 23 March

This morning there is time for some last minute shopping before our afternoon flight to Saigon to connect for our flight back home.

Saturday 24 March

Our flight arrives in Johannesburg early-morning, and it's time to share our memories of wonderful Vietnam with all those unfortunate folk that were not with us on the tour (and to find a way past customs with all our purchases from the bazaars of Vietnam).

The tour package includes:

- Return economy airfares from Johannesburg
- 9 night's 5-Star accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis
- All sightseeing specified
- Lunch on Mekong Delta cruise, Hue visit and My Son visit
- 4 rounds of A-Grade golf (optional additional golf easily arranged)
- All caddy fees
- Air-conditioned coach transfers
- Experienced tour leader and the services of an English speaking local tour guide throughout the tour
- Sightseeing programme, on-site assistance and support for activities for non-golfers
- DVD featuring the photographs taken of the group during the tour
- Comprehensive pre-tour literature about the tour, the destinations and the attractions

Not included:

- visa costs
- medical and cancellation insurance
- airport taxes (currently R2 750,00)
- gratuities

Package price: The "per person" package prices for the tour are:

CATEGORY	Package Price
Golfer sharing a room	R 16 565,00
Non-golfer sharing a room	R 14 990,00
Golfer alone in a room	R 20 480,00

Please call us if you have any questions about any of the packages or any aspect of the tour.

For more information or to receive a booking form to ensure that you do not miss out on this fantastic golfing holiday, please call

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Please Note:

1. A deposit of R3 500 per person is required to secure your place on the tour
2. All prices are strictly subject to exchange rate fluctuations.
3. Tour members will be able to leave the group at the end of the tour and extend their stay. A nominal levy for the extension may be charged by the airline.
4. As the tour costing has been calculated on EFT payments, no credit card payments can be accepted. Cash and cheque deposit fees will be for the account of the depositor.
5. A handicap certificate issued by the player's club not more than 10 days prior to departure will be required from each participant.
6. Passengers over the age of 65 years on the date of departure will be required to supply a medical certificate of good health.
7. The Golf Travel Company will book golf cars when requested to do so by clients but cannot accept responsibility for availability on the day.
8. Both pages of the booking form must be completed in full by each passenger.