

CYCLE ★ ***VIETNAM***



HANOI



★ **HO CHI
MINH CITY**

JANUARY 6-27, 1994

The Tour

The Government of Vietnam has recently given permission for the first international bicycle tour to cross their country from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City. You have the opportunity to be part of this extraordinary event — with Cycle Vietnam!

The adventure will begin when we arrive in Hanoi on January 8. We stay in Hanoi for two days allowing you the time to adjust to the jet lag, to get your bike together and tested and to tour this charming, elegant city.

On January 10 we begin pedaling south on the "Reunification Highway" through the Red River delta to the Gulf of Tonkin. We will be cycling for four days in what was, from 1954 to 1975, North Vietnam. Crossing the Ben Hai River into the southern part of the country, we proceed on to Hue. Between there and Da Nang we cross the Hai Van Pass ("Pass of the Ocean Clouds"), six miles straight up, then six miles straight down.



We rest for a day in Da Nang. From Da Nang we follow the coastal highway for another five days to Phan Rang before heading inland. On the most challenging day of biking on the tour, we climb 5,000 feet to the resort city of Da Lat. After a day of rest and exploration around Da Lat, we head downhill on the final two days of the trip to Ho Chi Minh City.

Our route will allow us to visit Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and the "Hanoi Hilton" in Hanoi; the tunnels of Vinh Moc; the Citadel in Hue; Hoi An and China Beach near Da Nang; the My Lai memorial; the exquisite beaches of Sa Huynh, Song Cau and Nha Trang; the Cham Temples of My Son, Phan Rang, and Nha Trang; and, at the end of the tour, the former American Embassy and the Presidential Palace in Ho Chi Minh City.

Space is limited on this unique tour. It is important that you make your reservations as early as possible.

The cost of the tour, excluding air fare, is \$2,395. Included are: all accommodations (hotels except for three nights of camping); all meals (except for four dinners when you will be exploring on your own); support vehicle, including medical personnel; rest stops with supplies of fruit and bottled water; your Vietnamese Visa; guided tours in Hanoi, Hue and Ho Chi Minh City; and welcoming and farewell receptions.

You will need to bring your own bicycle and helmet. There are some rugged stretches of road, but the route is suitable for mountain bikes or sturdy touring bikes. A full equipment list will be included in your confirmation packet.

Questions?

Call (503) 282-8499

(9:00 am to 5:00 pm Pacific Time, M-F)



Important Details

Please read this section carefully before sending us your registration form.



Payments — Your deposit of \$450.00 is due with your completed registration form. Final balances are due by November 1, 1993. If you are registering after 11/1/93, full payment must accompany the registration form. Payment may be made by personal check.

Cancellations — If written notice of cancellation is received in our office by 11/1/93 you will receive a full refund minus a \$100.00 cancellation charge. Cancellation after 11/1/93 but before 12/1/93 will result in loss of 50% of the tour cost. Cancellation after 12/1/93 will result in loss of 100% of the cost of the tour.

Changes to the Itinerary — Due to changing government policies or other unforeseen circumstances, Cycle Vietnam, Inc. may have to make slight alterations in the itinerary. Cycle Vietnam, Inc. reserves the right to make these changes without prior notice. If in the highly unlikely event the tour is cancelled, a full refund of monies received will be made.

Air Tickets — We can make your flight reservations for you or you may choose to make your own travel arrangements. If you elect to make your own reservations, you accept full responsibility for arriving in Hanoi in a timely manner to begin the tour.

Responsibilities — Cycle Vietnam, Inc. gives notice that all tickets and coupons or vouchers issued by them and all arrangements for transport or conveyance, or for hotel accommodations, are made as agents upon the express condition that they shall not be held liable for any injury, damage, loss, accidents, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned either by reason of any defect in any vehicle or mode of transportation, or through the acts of default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passengers, or in carrying out the arrangement of the tour or otherwise in connection therewith, or of any hotel proprietor or employee, or for the failure on the part of any hotel to provide any of the facilities normally available. Cycle Vietnam, Inc. accepts no responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delays or schedule changes in flights or other services, sickness, accident, injury, weather, strikes, war, civil unrest or disturbances, riots, quarantine, or other causes. Additional expenses, if any, shall be borne by the tour participants.

REGISTRATION

Mail completed registration to: **Cycle Vietnam**
P. O. Box 4481 • Portland, OR 97208

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Please complete entire form and sign. Unsigned registration forms will be returned.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Day Phone _____

Evening Phone _____

Cycle Vietnam Package		\$2,395
Single Room Supplement	\$ 400	_____
Airfare:		
West Coast U.S. departure	\$1,195.	_____
East Coast U.S. departure	\$1,435.	_____
Will arrange own transportation to/ from Vietnam	\$ 0.00	_____
<i>(carefully read "Air tickets" section under "Important Details")</i>		
TOTAL		_____
Deposit enclosed	(\$450.)	_____
BALANCE DUE		_____

If registering after 11/1/93, full payment must accompany this registration form.

Please make checks payable to: **Cycle Vietnam, Inc.**

Upon receipt of your reservation you will be sent a packet containing detailed information about travel arrangements, visas, an equipment list, itinerary, etc.

Cycle Vietnam Release of Liability • All Applicants Must Read and Sign

I know that participating in the Cycle Vietnam Bike Tour is a potentially hazardous activity and I participate in it of my own free will and choice. In choosing to participate in Cycle Vietnam, I fully accept and assume all risks including without limitation, physical injury, mental injury or trauma, death, contact with other participants, equipment failure, inadequate safety equipment, the effect of weather including extreme temperature or conditions, traffic, contact motor vehicles of all types and descriptions, collisions with other riders or fixed objects, the condition of the road, camping and participating in events along the route, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. I assume the risk of all dangerous conditions during the Cycle Vietnam event and waive any and all specific notice of the existence of such conditions, and I will assume and pay my own medical and emergency expenses in the event of accident, illness, or other incapacities regardless of whether I have authorized such expenses.

I will not participate in Cycle Vietnam unless I am physically and medically able to do so and properly trained. I have no physical or mental impediments which would endanger myself or others. I agree to be solely responsible for the condition and adequacy of my bicycle, safety gear and riding equipment.

Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of my acceptance, I myself and anyone acting on my behalf waive and release Cycle Vietnam, Inc., all sponsors of Cycle Vietnam, Vietnamtourism, and the officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, and successors of all of the above, from any and all claims of any kind I have, may have or hereafter accrue against the released parties directly or indirectly arising out of or relating in any respect to my participation in Cycle Vietnam, including damage or loss to my person and property which may be caused by an act, or failure to act, by the above persons and entities. I grant permission to any and all of the foregoing to free use of my name, voice and or likeness in any broadcast, telecast, advertising and or promotion related to this event or future Cycle Vietnam, Inc. events.

I further agree to abide by all Cycle Vietnam rules and regulations. I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the information marked "Important Details" in this brochure.

Signature _____

Date _____

Parent's Signature if rider is under age 18 _____

CYCLE VIETNAM

A Remarkable Bike Tour But Not For Everyone

Should you Cycle Vietnam? Before registering for any bike tour you should give careful consideration to the challenges ahead. This is especially true for a 1,200 mile tour across Vietnam.

The distances we will be cycling are significant, ranging from 60 to 110 miles per day. Some days will be hot, maybe very hot. The hotels where we are

staying are clean but not luxurious. You will have plenty of nutritious food and clean water, but it will be Vietnamese food so your system will need to adjust.

The road will not always be smooth. There will be about 50 miles of very rough road on the trip. The remaining road ranges from marginal to good.

The people we meet along the road will be warm, friendly, and very curious. As a result, you will only rarely have the chance to be alone. Whenever you stop you should expect a group of people to quickly gather.

Finally Vietnam is a country of profound and personal meaning for each of us. From seeing the thousands of bomb craters surrounding the Hanoi airport as we arrive, to the rusting hangers at Ton Son Nhat Airport as we leave, memories of the war will pose personal challenges we will each have to meet.

It is not an easy tour, physically or mentally. It is not for everyone. But it may very well be one of the most remarkable adventures of your life.





THE COUNTRY, THE PEOPLE, THE RIDE YOU'LL NEVER FORGET.

The names still have the power to jolt us. Da Nang. Hue. My Lai. China Beach. Quang Tri. Hanoi. Vietnam. Eighteen years after the Vietnam War ended with the fall of Saigon, Americans are just now beginning to travel to Vietnam—or back to Vietnam. Some go to face old memories, some to visit family and friends, some to see what they missed. What they find—the people they meet, the country they see—has a warmth, a beauty, and an energy that is startling.

Cycle Vietnam is the first international bicycle tour of Vietnam. It will be a great adventure. Starting in Hanoi, the 1,200 mile tour will follow “the Reunification Highway” south skirting the Gulf of Tonkin and the South China Sea to Vinh, Hue, Da Nang, and Nha Trang. From Phan Rang the route turns inland, climbing nearly 5,000 feet to the Central Highland resort town Da Lat, then back downhill for the last 200 miles to Ho Chi Minh City.



This is your opportunity to be part of the first international group crossing Vietnam by bicycle.

***The challenge is enormous.
So are the rewards.***



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