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**VIETNAM by SEA and ANGKOR WAT**

Hanoi ♦ Ha Long Bay ♦ Hue ♦ Da Nang
Hoi An ♦ Saigon ♦ Siem Reap

Featuring Guest Speakers
Kim Phuc and Jim Laurie

Cruising aboard the Exclusively Chartered
Five-Star, Small Ship **Le Laperouse**

November 3 to 17, 2020
Dear Alumni and Friends:

Breathtaking natural beauty, sacred rituals and the sublime UNESCO-inscribed temples of Southeast Asia summon awe and wonder like few places on Earth. Join us on this exclusive journey through Vietnam and Cambodia, where centuries-old cultures flourish harmoniously in jungle landscapes and Asian and European traditions coalesce amid cinematic streetscapes.

Cruise along serene shores and explore the captivating treasures of ancient pagodas, sampan-filled harbors, colonial palaces and dynamic architecture. In the lush jungles of Cambodia, discover the 12th-century temples and sculptures of Angkor, the capital of the Khmer Empire and an astonishing fusion of spiritual devotion and creative genius. This exceptional itinerary encompasses the breadth of Vietnamese culture and the magnificent religious, imperial and artistic traditions of Cambodia.

Cruise for seven nights aboard the exclusively chartered, state-of-the-art, Five-Star Le Laperouse. Featuring only 92 Suites and Staterooms, each with a private balcony, this elegant small ship cruises into small ports inaccessible to larger vessels.

By exclusive arrangement, South Vietnamese-born Kim Phuc, a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Peace; and award-winning former news correspondent and media consultant Jim Laurie will accompany us on this program. Hear a firsthand account from Phuc, who was the subject of the photograph “Napalm Girl,” an enduring image from the Vietnam War. Learn more about the fall of Saigon from Laurie, winner of two Emmy Awards and a Peabody Award for his coverage of this time in Vietnam.

This unique program features four UNESCO World Heritage sites—beautiful Ha Long Bay, ancient Hoi An, the dignified Forbidden Purple City in Hue and the vaunted temples of Angkor. Experience Hanoi, Vietnam’s culturally rich capital showcasing an amalgam of Asian and French heritage, and sail in a traditional Vietnamese junk past the limestone karst pillars and forested islands of majestic Ha Long Bay. Explore the juxtaposition of traditional and contemporary architecture in historic, French-colonial Saigon.

The allure of ancient customs, colorful traditions and timeless tableaus of Southeast Asia await us on this comprehensive journey, a great value that includes Five-Star accommodations throughout, tours each day in Hanoi and Siem Reap, and a cruise with an excursion in every port, with all meals and alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages on board the ship. Make your reservation now, while Early Booking Savings and space are still available.

Sincerely,

Your Ohio University Alumni Travel Team
**THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF SOUTHEAST ASIA**

Stunning limestone pinnacles rising from teal waters, vivid landscapes, scenic coastlines, delectable cuisine, exquisite architecture, authentic markets and a compelling history render Southeast Asia one of the most alluring regions in the Eastern Hemisphere. Discover Vietnam and Cambodia’s rich cultural legacy as well as Japanese, Chinese, French and American influence that helped shape these countries’ pasts and presents. Experience the social, intellectual and spiritual heartbeat of Vietnam’s captivating people in its palaces, pagodas and temples, and explore the mystique of Cambodia’s Angkor complex.

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**HANOI, VIETNAM**

The undeniable charm of this enigmatic capital city resides in its time-honored rituals and compelling fusion of Vietnamese, Chinese and French-colonial influences. Wide leafy boulevards, modeled after the Champs-Élysées in Paris, are lined with stately Neoclassical mansions and palaces. A red wooden bridge leads you to the Ngoc Son Pagoda, a jewel box on the mystical Hoan Kiem Lake. In Ba Dinh Square, the revered father of the nation lies in state in the granite Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum. Starkly juxtaposed against the Beaux Arts-style Presidential Palace and facing a pristine lake, Ho Chi Minh’s modest two-room stilt house—where he lived from 1958 until his death in 1969—was built to reinforce the revolutionary leader’s image as a “man of the people.”

**ITINERARY**

1-2 Depart the U.S./Cross the International Date Line

3 Arrive in **HANOI, VIETNAM**

4 **HANOI**

5 **HANOI** for **HAIPHONG**/Embark Le Laperouse

6 **HA LONG BAY**

7 Cruising the Gulf of Tonkin

8 **CHAN MAY** for **HUE**

9 **DA NANG** for **HOI AN**

10 Cruising the South China Sea

11 **SAIGON (HO CHI MINH CITY)**

12 **SAIGON**/Disembark ship/Fly to **SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA**

13-14 **SIEM REAP**

15 **SIEM REAP**/Cross the International Date Line/Return to the U.S.

**Post-Program East Meets West Option**

*Available at additional cost.

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**SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA**

Lauded for its sublime statuary and bas-reliefs, resplendent Angkor Wat remains a pilgrimage site for Buddhist monks.
Nearby, the 11th-century One Pillar Pagoda is one of Vietnam’s most iconic temples, designed to resemble a lotus blossom (purity). Tour the Temple of Literature, a Confucian sanctuary and learning center since A.D. 1070 and a paradigm of traditional Vietnamese architecture. Visit the Hoa Lo Prison Museum, or “Hanoi Hilton,” where American pilots, including the late Senator John McCain, were held as prisoners during the Vietnam War. In the 13th-century Old Quarter, stroll its 36 Streets, named after guilds formed in the middle ages by resident craftspeople.

Ha Long Bay
Board a traditional Vietnamese junk for a private cruise and experience the ethereal beauty of Ha Long Bay, the “Bay of the Descending Dragon.” This UNESCO World Heritage site is characterized by a seascape of over 1600 emerald green pinnacles that soar from the bay’s tranquil waters. Cruise between limestone islands with wave-eroded caves and coves, and walk among the tapering stalactites and stalagmites in the natural grottoes of Thien Cung, the Heavenly Palace Cave.

Hue
The UNESCO World Heritage site of Hue, located on the banks of the Perfume River, was the Imperial City of the Nguyen kings from 1601 to 1945. Explore its Imperial Citadel and the massive ramparts and moat dating from the 18th and 19th centuries. Tour the Imperial Enclosure of the emperor’s residence, palaces, temples and state buildings and the Forbidden Purple City, a citadel within a citadel formerly reserved for the royalty of the Nguyen Dynasty. Visit the 17th-century Thien Mu (Heavenly Lady) Pagoda and the tomb of Emperor Tu Duc, built and designed by the emperor himself during the Nguyen dynasty.

Da Nang
Encircled by the Marble Mountains and clear-blue waters, coastal Da Nang is known for its exquisite Museum of Cham Sculpture, exhibiting the world’s largest collection of indigenous Cham sandstone art and statues dating from the fifth to 15th centuries.

Hoi An
Prior to the 14th century, ancient Hoi An was the commercial capital of the Cham Empire and a strategic global port for the spice trade. This captivating UNESCO World Heritage site preserves more than 800 buildings from the 15th to 19th centuries that emanate a timeless, mystical aura. Learn about the city’s heritage at the Hoi An Museum of History and Culture housed inside the 17th-century Quan Am Pagoda. Visit the grand temple of Phuc Kien Assembly Hall, a masterpiece of Fujian artistry. Stroll the city’s famed handicraft workshops and colorful riverside market and admire the graceful arc of the Lai Vien Keiu Bridge, originally built in 1590.

Kim Phuc
On June 8, 1972, 9-year-old Kim Phuc was photographed fleeing a napalm strike. The photograph, “Napalm Girl,” remains one of the most influential images from the Vietnam War. Today, Phuc is a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Peace and the author of Fire Road, the inspirational story of her unexpected survival and unshakeable faith. She shares her experience at global events and has received awards and recognitions, including six honorary doctorates, for work supporting child victims of war and her commitment to global peace. She has also inspired the nonprofit organization KIM Foundation International.

Jim Laurie
Jim Laurie is a distinguished international broadcaster, writer and media consultant who has witnessed many defining moments in Asia’s history for over 50 years. He began covering Indochina for NBC News in 1972 and became the only American network correspondent to witness the fall of Saigon to the North Vietnamese in 1975. Laurie is completing his memoirs of his early days in Vietnam and Cambodia; Indochina: War, Love, and Betrayal is due out in April 2020. He is the recipient of a Peabody Award, two Emmy Awards and an Amnesty International Award and has also co-produced, written and directed several television documentaries.
Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City)
Saigon remains a vibrant convergence of Vietnamese heritage and French panache. Women still don the traditional áo dài, a silk tunic worn over pantaloons. Here, see the neo-Romanesque-style Notre Dame Cathedral and the City Opera House, a stunning counterpart to the Petit Palais in Paris, recalling the city’s French-colonial history. Visit the European-style Central Post Office; the imposing Reunification Hall Palace, the former South Vietnamese presidential palace; and the War Remnants Museum, which offers a Vietnamese perspective on the Vietnam War.

Explore the Ben Thanh Market, an authentic symbol of Saigon, where merchants offer aromatic spiced cuisine, traditional Chinese medicines and handcrafted wares and textiles. Outside Saigon, explore the Cu Chi Tunnels, an underground complex and an engineering marvel built by the Viet Cong, stretching over 150 miles from Saigon to the Cambodian border.

Siem Reap, Cambodia, for Angkor
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Near Siem Reap, the Temple of Angkor Wat is the largest religious structure in the world, built in the 12th century by King Suryavarman II to honor the Hindu god Vishnu. Angkor Wat stands in testament to the centuries-long grandeur of the prosperous Khmer Empire.

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**EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED, FIVE-STAR MV LE LAPIEROSE**

**Luxury Small Ship, Innovative Design**

Le LAPIEROSE, launched in 2018, ushers in a new generation of Five-Star small ships, combining revolutionary design and a new standard of luxury for unparalleled cruising. Dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships where authentic cultural experiences and majestic scenery await you.

**Respect for the Environment**

A new addition to the Ponant “Clean Ship” fleet, an important distinction among ocean-cruising vessels, Le LAPIEROSE is energy efficient and eco-friendly, protecting fragile marine ecosystems.

**Elegant Suites and Staterooms, 100% with Private Balconies**

Each of the 92 Five-Star Staterooms and Suites (up to 484 square feet) features a private balcony. Grand Deluxe Suites have a bay window and spacious private terrace. Accommodations offer two twin beds or one queen bed, individual climate control, private bathroom with shower and luxury hotel-style amenities.

**Chic and Casual Dining**

Dine indoors or alfresco on international and regional cuisine served in the stylish, spacious indoor-outdoor restaurant, at the casual pool deck grill or from 24-hour room service. Daily meals include continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and four-course dinner.

**Life on Board**

Experience the Blue Eye, the world’s first underwater multisensory Observation Lounge. Enjoy sweeping views from the upper lounges—which open to the outdoors—and lectures, cultural performances or film screenings in the state-of-the-art theater. Relax in the spa, sauna or infinity-style swimming pool. The ship has a beauty salon, a fitness room and three elevators. Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available (conditions permitting).

**World-Class Service**

The highly trained, English-speaking crew is personable and attentive, and the ship has a medical center staffed with a doctor and a nurse.
Acclaimed Guest Speakers

Kim Phuc was photographed as a child in 1972 fleeing a napalm strike and became a living symbol of the Vietnam War.

Jim Laurie is a distinguished journalist and was a TV news correspondent during the Vietnam War.

Included Features

In Hanoi, Vietnam
- Two nights in the landmark Five-Star Sofitel Legend Metropole.
- American breakfast each morning and one lunch.
- Welcome Reception in the hotel.
- Tour of the mesmerizing capital city of Hanoi to see Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and Hoan Kiem Lake.
- Guided walk through the Hoa Lo Prison Museum and the 11th-century Temple of Literature.
- Walking tour of the 36 Streets District.

Scenic transfer from Hanoi to Haiphong.

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star, Small Ship Le Laperouse
- Seven-night cruise from Haiphong, Vietnam, to Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City).
- Elegantly appointed, Five-Star Suite or Stateroom, each with a private balcony.
- Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages available throughout the cruise.
- All meals and afternoon tea aboard ship.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access (conditions permitting).
- Complimentary bottled water in your Stateroom and on excursions.
- Hospitalty desk aboard ship and in the hotels.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.

UNESCO World Heritage Site Highlights
- Scenic cruise amid the pinnacles of Ha Long Bay.
- Excursion to Hoi An and visit its Museum of History and Culture and the ornate 17th-century Phuc Kien Assembly Hall.
- Explore the former Imperial Capital City of Hue and visit the Imperial Citadel, Forbidden Purple City and Thien Mu Pagoda.
- Visit to the sublime Temple of Angkor Wat.
- Excursion to renowned Banteay Srei.
- Tour the 11th-century imperial city of Angkor Thom and the “lost temple” of Ta Prohm.

Always Included
- Transfers and luggage handling aboard if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.
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East Meets West
Post-Program Option*

Journey to Southeast Asia’s “City of Angels,” a mesmerizing blend of hemispheres, comprised of more than 26,000 shrines and multi-tiered roofed temples. Visit three of Bangkok’s most famous temples: Temple of the Golden Buddha, featuring a solid gold Sukothai Buddha statue; Temple of the Reclining Buddha, Bangkok’s largest temple; and Marble Temple, a magnificent white marble sanctuary. Board a longtail boat and see traditional Thai rituals unfold against the backdrop of the city’s emblematic landmarks along the Chao Phraya River.

Explore the lavish Grand Palace Complex, the former royal residence, officially opened in 1785 to mark the rebirth of the Thai nation. The ornamented Temple of the Emerald Buddha is the apogee of Thai art and the spiritual heart of Thailand’s Buddhist faith. The temple is a sanctuary for the nation’s holiest treasure: a solid jasper Buddha statue dating from the 15th century. Tour the Jim Thompson House Museum, the former home of the American who revitalized Thailand’s silk industry, and admire a dazzling collection of Khmer sculptures, Burmese carvings and Chinese porcelain. Accommodations for three nights are in the centrally located, Five-Star The Peninsula Bangkok.

*The Post-Program Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
LAND/Cruise Tariff* excluding taxes*

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Deluxe Suite

- Suite with expansive sliding glass door, private balcony, sitting area with sofa. (limited availability)
  - Decks 3, 5 and 6.
  - Deck 6, midship.
  - Deck 5, midship.

Prestige Suite

- Two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, larger private balcony, two bathrooms, two closets, larger sitting area with sofa. (limited availability)
  - Deck 5.

Privilege Suite

- Large Suite with expansive sliding glass door, larger private balcony, sitting area with sofa. (limited availability)
  - Decks 5 and 6.

Grand Deluxe Suite

- Extra-large, two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath, sitting area with sofa. (limited availability)
  - Decks 5 and 6.

Owner’s Suite

- Extra-large, two-room Suite, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace, with outdoor Jacuzzi, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath, sitting area with sofa. (limited availability)
  - Deck 5.

Singles are available in category 5 at $15195* and in category 2 at $17595* on or before April 3, 2020. Add $1000 for reservations made after April 3, 2020.

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Email Address (Business)

Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s) Program No. 118-11/03/20-082

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person East Meets West Post-Program Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $ as deposit.
- Make checks payable to Gohagan & Company.
- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $ to:
  - Visa
  - MasterCard

Card Number Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

Please make my/our reservation(s) in category:

1st choice 2nd choice

- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one queen bed).
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

East Meets West Post-Program Option*

- Double at $995 per person.
- Single at $1695 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.
- Air from Siem Reap, Cambodia, to Bangkok, Thailand, is an additional cost.

1/We want you to book my/our air, at an additional cost to be advised, from:

(fill in departure city)

- Economy Class
- Upgraded Economy
- Business Class
- First Class

*Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

1/We will make my/our own air arrangements.

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VIETNAM BY SEA AND ANGKOR WAT RESERVATION FORM

Le Lapérouse has been specially contracted for this program, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

East Meets West Post-Program Option.

- Taxes are an additional $440 per person and are subject to change.

Grand Deluxe Suite

- Deck 4.
- Deck 5.
- Deck 6.

VIETNAM  BY  SEA  AND   ANGKOR  WAT   RESERVATION  FORM
Carved reliefs at the striking Angkor temple of Ta Prohm.

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