



CAREER DEVELOPMENT



SLP, OT, PT & Rehabilitation Journey to Hanoi, Siem Reap & Phnom Penh

May 26 – June 5, 2019

11 days / 8 nights – Vietnam & Cambodia

\$5,999 (based on double occupancy)

\$1,199 (Based on double occupancy)

Enjoy the unique culture and traditions of Southeast Asia while you engage with the local people. This adventure includes the special opportunity to meet a local Buddhist monk for a blessing as well as interact with the local people in Vietnam & Cambodia!

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Vietnam & Cambodia Highlights

- ✓ 8 night / 11-day journey through Southeast Asia
- ✓ Exploration of the **Angkor Wat temple complex**, the **Killing Fields of Phnom Penh**, and the **Old Quarter** showing Hanoi's colonial French past will give you a fascinating feel for both countries.
- ✓ Step back in time as you explore the **Angkor Wat** temple complex and learn the history of the Khmer.
- ✓ **Accompanying guest program** available on this program. *Alternate activities will be provided for those who do not wish to attend the meetings*
- ✓ An **optional** pre-program extension to **Halong Bay** will be offered.

Community Connections

- ✓ Giving back and engaging with the community face to face is an important part of your journey.
- ✓ Spend time with staff and families from a non-profit like **HUSK**, focused on helping the families in rural Cambodia. For more information, please visit: <http://www.huskcambodia.org/>

Focus on SLP, OT, PT & Rehabilitation

- ✓ **Meaningful interaction and collaboration** with SLP, OT, PT, and rehabilitation counterparts will focus on the greatest challenges faced in the provision of services as well as other topics of interest. Develop an understanding of issues related to providing culturally appropriate, sustainable, collaborative, community-based rehabilitation services in underserved countries like Vietnam & Cambodia.
- ✓ **Establish connections** with speech-language pathology, physical therapy, and occupational therapy professionals and associations in Cambodia and Vietnam.
- ✓ Participants in this journey will **enhance their understanding and appreciation of the culture and history** of the Vietnamese and Cambodian people while learning about the rich diversity of individuals treated.

What's Included:

- 4-5* accommodations throughout
- All transportation and activities outlined in the itinerary
- Group transfers to and from the international airports
- International air (gateway city set tentatively out of Los Angeles) and flights throughout the program
- National guide and local specialized guides
- Two meals most days and most tips

Not Included:

- Personal expenses at the hotel
- Meals not specified
- Obtaining or renewing passport
- Domestic flight to and from the gateway city
- Deviations or special requests
- Tourist visa for both Vietnam and Cambodia



📍 Los Angeles, California

May 26-27: Days 1-2

Depart for Vietnam

Depart from Los Angeles on your way to **Hanoi**, Vietnam. The stunning beauty and friendly people alone are worth a visit! Vietnam's capital city has a complex personality and impressions of the city can vary depending on a person's location within it. Like other large Asian cities, busy commercial streets are filled with cars and bicycles and are edged by shops, restaurants, bars and stalls.

Lose a day as you cross the International Date Line.

Included meals: N/A

📍 Hanoi, Vietnam

May 28: Day 3

Arrival & welcome

Please Note: Breakfast is included daily in your program.

Upon arrival, you will be met by your national guide who will travel with you throughout this program. Transfer to the hotel for check in and some time to relax before a welcome and orientation session. Lunch is by individual arrangement today.

This afternoon, join the leader and national guide at the hotel for an **orientation and cultural briefing** on Vietnam and Cambodia. You will be briefed on the political and cultural diversity of Vietnam and Cambodia and receive further information on the journey.

Dinner will be provided at a local restaurant.

Overnight: De L'Opera Hotel (or similar)
Included meals: Dinner



📍 Hanoi, Vietnam

May 29: Day 4

Career Enrichment Program Day

Begin your day by meeting with **Ministry of Health** officials (or representatives from an SLP or similar rehabilitation association). This will serve to provide an overview of the medical system and challenges facing Vietnam today regarding the provision of care in the fields of speech-language pathology, occupational therapy, physical therapy and rehabilitation.

After lunch at a local restaurant, continue your journey with a stop at a **local hospital or clinic**. Spend the afternoon talking with the staff to learn about how to provide OT, PT and SLP services to people with communication and other disorders.

Accompanying guests:

Accompanying guests will visit the Fine Art Museum to view intricate sculptures, paintings, lacquer ware, ceramics and other traditional Vietnamese fine arts. Drive to Bat Trang. The famous village is situated approximately 15 km outside of Hanoi, surrounded by fertile farmland. Watch the artisans forming, painting and glazing their products, which are then baked for several days in huge kilns.

Dinner will be provided at a local restaurant.

Overnight: De L'Opera Hotel (or similar)
Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



📍 Hanoi, Vietnam

May 30: Day 5

Cultural Exploration

Today enjoy some of Hanoi's cultural treasures. This morning visit **One Pillar Pagoda**, which dates to the 11th century and was built to resemble a lotus blossom. Then visit the **Temple of Literature, Hoan Kiem Lake**, located in the heart of Hanoi and **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum**. The mausoleum is the final resting place of Vietnamese Revolutionary Leader Ho Chi Minh, President of the Communist Party from 1951 until his death in 1969.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant today.

In the afternoon, explore the **Old Quarter** of the city, with its colonial French architecture and slower pace of life, during a **rickshaw tour**. Stop briefly to see Hôa Lò Prison, which was a prison used by the French colonists in Vietnam for political prisoners, and later by North Vietnam for U.S. Prisoners of War.

You will have some time to relax this evening with dinner on your own arrangement.

This evening you will attend a Vietnamese cultural show: **Lang Toi My Village**. The innovative performance highlights the poetic beauty of Vietnamese village life using twenty different exotic folk instruments, dance and acrobatics.

Overnight: De L'Opera Hotel (or similar)
Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch

📍 Siem Reap, Cambodia

May 31: Day 6

Depart for Cambodia

Wrap up your professional program interaction in Hanoi with a visit to a local university such as **Hanoi Medical College** this morning. Spend time with faculty, and if possible students, to discuss how the various provinces are beginning to provide training for SLP OT, PT and rehabilitation professionals throughout the country.

Accompanying guests:

Accompanying guests will have some free time this morning to relax and check out of the hotel before heading to the airport for the flight to Siem Reap late this morning.

Fly to **Siem Reap**, Cambodia this afternoon where you will be met and transferred to the local hotel. Nestled between rice paddies and stretched along the Siem Reap River, this small provincial capital serves as the gateway to the ancient temple ruins of the Khmer Empire. *Lunch is on your own today at the airport where you will have time to grab something light.*

Time permitting, explore some of the city's vibrant markets after dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Lotus Blanc Resort (or similar)
Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner





📍 Siem Reap, Cambodia

June 1: Day 7

Introduction to the Khmer Empire & Village Visit

Begin your morning with a visit to a few of the unique architectural monuments of Khmer civilization. Explore **Ta Prohm Temple**, a former monastery conquered by massive trees growing around and through the remains of the complex. Built in the mid-12th to early 13th centuries, Ta Prohm is unique in that it has been left largely as it was found: overgrown by jungle trees and vines, with many parts of the temple crumbling to the ground. Your visit will also include **Banteay Kdei**, a Buddhist monastery from the late 12th century, and **Srah Srang**, also known as the "pool of ablutions".

Continue onward to see the **Bayon Temple** in the exact center of the city. This 12th century masterpiece is a study in grandeur and is well-known for its 54 towers with enigmatic faces representing the 54 provinces of the Great Khmer Empire. Time permitting, visit the **Royal City of Preah Khan** where the fabulous carved-stone lanterns and impressive sculptures make for a visually rich experience.

Visit and explore the **Kompheim Village** where you will have lunch in a local village house. One of the biggest challenges vulnerable families face is earning an income. Most of the families supported have no land, they are generally uneducated, perhaps having reached a Grade 4 primary education, and have no skills. They are reliant on menial and back breaking labor jobs. Life is hard and extremely physically demanding, when there is no work, so life becomes extremely difficult.

Spend time with staff from a non-profit like **HUSK**, focused on helping the families in rural Cambodia with the challenges noted above. HUSK has a team of eight women all supporting their families (or supplementing incomes) while learning a craft and making not only toys but a range of other items like laundry bags, coasters and simple clothing items that can be sold locally.

****A donation will be made on behalf of Nanda Journeys to the HUSK organization. Additional personal donations would be warmly welcomed, should you wish to contribute further.**

Dinner will be provided at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Lotus Blanc Resort (or similar)
Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner





📍 Phnom Penh, Cambodia

June 2: Day 8

Angkor Wat & Fly to Phnom Penh

At the top of many bucket lists, explore the fabulous **Angkor Wat** this morning. Enjoy a sunset visit to the temple for a fantastic sunrise view. One of the most breathtaking architectural masterpieces in the world, the temple was built in the 12th century. The Lost City of Angkor remained undiscovered by archeologists until the late 19th century. Today, it is a legacy of the force that was once the Khmer Empire, and its detailed history has been carved into the many walls of this fortified temple. Enjoy exploring the many galleries containing columns, libraries, pavilions, courtyards, and pools as the sun sets and the crowds thin.



Depart for **Phnom Penh** where lunch is by individual arrangement. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your local hotel for check-in.

Tonight, dinner will be provided at a specialty local restaurant.

Overnight: Palace Gate Hotel (or similar)

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

📍 Phnom Penh, Cambodia

June 3: Day 9

Career Enrichment Program Day

Begin your day with a visit to the **Cambodian Physical Therapy Association (or similar)** to learn about the provision of rehabilitation services in Cambodia, or lack thereof, and inroads to improving this.

Later this morning, visit a **local primary or special needs school** to talk to teachers and speech advisors. For example, the *Rabbit School* helps Children with Intellectual Disabilities (CWID) and their families to cope with several problems that they face like discrimination, lack of adapted education, a lack of health-related rehabilitation, and barriers to employment.

Lunch will be provided at a local restaurant this afternoon.

After lunch, visit a local hospital such as the **Khmer Soviet Friendship Hospital**, where they have a rudimentary speech department to provide speech, language, and general feeding advice to patients and their families before they receive cleft lip or palate surgery.

Accompanying guests:

This morning accompanying guests will visit Wat Phnom Temple, located in the center of Phnom Penh, a revered place of worship for all Khmers. It is the namesake of the capital and is the focal point for many Buddhist ceremonies, especially Pchum Ben, and is highly revered by Phnom Penh residents. After lunch experience the Tonle Sap Riverfront, the hub for Phnom Penh residents' leisure activities. Here, you'll gain insight into the everyday lives of the local people.

Dinner is on your own this evening to allow for some time to explore independently.

Overnight: Palace Gate Hotel (or similar)

Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch



📍 Phnom Penh, Cambodia

June 4: Day 10

Explore Phnom Penh

Explore the notorious **Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum**, to learn why in 1975 Tuol Svay Prey High School was overtaken by Pol Pot's security forces and turned into a prison known as Security Prison 21 (S-21). The museum displays include room after room of floor-to-ceiling photographs of men, women, and children.

Continue on to experience the **Killing Fields of Choeung Ek**, a concentration camp from the era of Pol Pot that has 129 communal graves, 43 of which have been left untouched. Between 1975 and 1978, about 17,000 men, women, children, and infants detained and tortured at the S-21 prison were transported to the extermination camp of Choeung Ek. Take some time to consider these atrocities, why they happened, and what can be done to prevent such actions in the future.

Late this afternoon, visit the **Royal Palace**, built by the French in 1866 on the site of the old town, and the **Silver Pagoda**. Located within the grounds of the Royal Palace, the Silver Pagoda is so named because of its floor, which is made up of 5,000 silver tiles. The treasures found inside include a solid gold Buddha encrusted and weighing 90 kilos, and a small 17th century emerald and baccarat crystal Buddha.

Gather with fellow travelers this evening to share your memories of Vietnam and Cambodia at a farewell dinner.

Overnight: Palace Gate Hotel (or similar)
Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

📍 Phnom Penh, Cambodia

June 5: Day 11

Depart

Head to the airport this morning for your flight home. Arrival back in Los Angeles the same evening.





📍 Hanoi

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