



Program Summary

Date	Section & Activity	Meeting Place	Time	Registration Contact
Tuesday 05 Apr	City Walks (For Kids): Hồ Chí Minh Mausoleum Area Japanese	The Crossroad of Ngọc Hà and Lê Hồng Phong Streets	9:30 AM (1.5 hrs)	Madoka herijapan@yahoo.co.jp
Tuesday 12 Apr	Lecture: Delta to Delta English	54 Traditions Gallery, 30 Hàng Bún Street	7:00 PM (1.5 hrs)	Maureen maureen.lewis2013@gmail.com
Saturday 16 Apr	Excursion: Thành Chương's Việt Palace English	Meet outside of the Sofitel Plaza Hotel on Yên Phụ St, at the corner of Thanh Niên Rd	8:30 AM (5.5 hrs)	Helen Huntley helenshuntley@yahoo.com
Tuesday 19 Apr	City Walks: Hồ Chí Minh Mausoleum Area Japanese	The Crossroad of Ngọc Hà and Lê Hồng Phong Streets	9:30 AM (2 hrs)	Madoka herijapan@yahoo.co.jp
Sunday 24 Apr	City Walks: St Joseph's Cathedral and the surrounding area English	In front of St Joseph's Cathedral on the corner of Nhà Thờ and Nhà Chung streets	9:30 AM (2.5 hrs)	Loan Phuongloan2704@gmail.com
Thursday 28 Apr - Sunday 01 May	Explorer: Study tour to South-Central Vietnam English	Nội Bài International Airport – Domestic Terminal	4 days	John left-handed2hanoi@yahoo.com
Thursday 28 Apr	Film: Announcement is coming soon	Hanoi Cinematheque, 22A Hai Bà Trưng Street	Please reserve the date on your calendar	Hang nguyenvu_nganhang@yahoo.com

Friends of Vietnam Heritage (FVH) is a non-formal group of mainly Hà Nội residents from many countries who work voluntarily to promote and preserve Vietnamese cultural and historical heritage. With a cadre of dedicated volunteers and limited financial resources, FVH is proud to offer an array of events like those listed above and detailed on the following pages.

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Program Details

Discover Hanoi City Walk (For Kids):

Hồ Chí Minh Mausoleum Area

Tuesday, 5 April, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

(Japanese)

The main topics of the walk for Kids are: "Who was Hồ Chí Minh?" and "What had he done?" We hope they understand well. The usual tour start at Ba Đình Square, take a look at Historic buildings and tourist sites: Hồ Chí Minh Mausoleum (also called as Uncle Mausoleum, the large memorial in Hanoi), Hồ Chí Minh House-on-stilts, the Presidential Palace, one Pillar Pagoda. This walk is going to be conducted in Japanese.

Place: The Crossroad of Ngọc Hà and Lê Hồng Phong Streets

Cost: 70,000 VND

Limit: 8 people

To Register: Madoka, herijapan@yahoo.co.jp

Please leave your mobile phone number so we can contact you in case of any last minute changes.

Note: Wear comfortable shoes and clothes

Lecture:

Delta to Delta

Tuesday, 12 April, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

(English)

"How Vietnam Became One Country from 1460-1802?"

This is the story of how Vietnam, divided in the 15th century into a Vietnamese state in the north, Chăm kingdoms in the center and Khmer settlements in the south, evolved into the unified Vietnam of today. The lecture, illustrated with both archival and contemporary photographs, covers the main narrative events and causes of war and migration, as well as the cultural adaptations the Vietnamese made in the course of expansion.

Jim Goodman lives in Chiang Mai, Thailand and has been making regular research trips to Vietnam since late 1999. Married to a Vietnamese woman from Hanoi, he is the author of *Uniquely Vietnamese* and *A Dragon Still Ascending: 1000 Years of Hanoi*, both published by World Publishers Hanoi, as well as books on the people and places of Yunnan, China, Thailand and Nepal.

Place: 54 Traditions Gallery, 30 Hàng Bún Street

Cost: 100,000 VND (50,000 VND for student)

Limit: 20 people

To Register: Maureen, maureen.lewis2013@gmail.com

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Excursion:

Thành Chương Việt' Palace

Saturday, 16 April, 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

(Japanese)

Come with us and enjoy the Vietnamese countryside and a little-known attraction. Not far from Nội Bài Airport is Thành Chương Việt Palace, a complex of historic buildings which is the showcase of well-known Vietnamese artist, Thành Chương. In 2001, he acquired the palace property and spent three years transforming it from a bare hillside into a beautiful environment of historic and reconstructed buildings set amongst lush gardens, trees, and ponds. The buildings provide an atmospheric and serene setting for the artists's paintings and his collection of Vietnamese antiques. **Please bring your own snack or lunch.** Although there is a restaurant on site, the service is likely to be very slow. A teahouse is available for drinks, and we'll provide the bottled water. Don't forget your hat and sunscreen or umbrella.



Place: Meet outside of the Sofitel Plaza Hotel on Yên Phụ St, at the corner of Thanh Niên Rd

Cost: 320,000 VND

Limit: 25 people

Registration: Helen, helenshuntley@yahoo.com

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Discover Hanoi City Walk:

Hồ Chí Minh Mausoleum Area

Tuesday, 19 April, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

(Japanese)

The usual tour start at Ba Đình Square, take a look at Historic buildings and tourist sites: Hồ Chí Minh Mausoleum (also called as Uncle Mausoleum, the large memorial in Hanoi), Hồ Chí Minh House-on-stilts, the Presidential Palace, one Pillar Pagoda. This walk is going to be conducted in Japanese.

Place: The Crossroad of Ngọc Hà and Lê Hồng Phong Streets

Cost: 70,000 VND

Limit: 8 people

To Register: Madoka, herijapan@yahoo.co.jp

Please leave your mobile phone number so we can contact you in case of any last minute changes.

Note: Wear comfortable shoes and clothes



Discover Hanoi City Walk:

St Joseph's Cathedral and the surrounding area

Sunday, 24 April, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

(English)

This walk commences at St. Joseph's Cathedral and travels through some of the streets of the Old Quarter, including Lý Quốc Sư, Yên Thái, Hàng Quạt, and Hàng Trống. It also includes visits to two important pagodas/temples (or Chùa/Đền) and two community houses (or Đình).



Place: St Joseph's Cathedral on the corner of Nhà Thờ and Nhà Chung streets

Cost: 70,000 VND

Limit: 10 people

Registration: Loan, phuongloan2704@gmail.com

Please leave your mobile phone number so we can contact you in case of any last minute changes.

Notes: Dress appropriately for the weather. Please bring comfortable walking shoes, and plenty of water. There will not be many places to sit or toilets.

Explorer:

Study tour to South-Central Vietnam

Thursday, 28 April – Sunday, 01 May

(English)



Day 1:

Take Vietnam Air flight from Hanoi to Huế. Estimate to flight at 9:00 AM and will be Huế at 10:10 AM. From Phú Bài airport in Huế, our group will travel by bus to An Bang City. Outside the city there is a very unique cemetery Here we will experience the extreme forms of architecture used in these Family plots and enjoy a tour of the cemetery with our local guide..

After this tour the group will travel to Thuận An City to stop and enjoy lunch and check out the local lifestyle. Then on to Quảng Trị Province.

Arrival in Quảng Trị Town, stop briefly at war relic Long Hưng Church, on Hwy 1A, then tour the historic Q Drive Route # 9 to Khe Sanh, a former U.S. Marine base and visit nearby war museum. Along this route we will see large coffee and black pepper farms stopping along the way for photos.

16:00 Visit Trường Sơn National Cemetery near Bến Hải River, along the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). uảng Trị Citadel which was the scene of terrible fighting and continuous bombing for 81 days in 1972.

Check in to Saigon Đồng Hà hotel and have dinner.

Day 2:

Breakfast from 6:30 AM to 7:30 AM

08:00 Depart from Sài Gòn Đồng Hà hotel and start scenic drive to Đồng Hới, Quảng Bình Province.

08:45 Stop at DMZ and Hiền Lương Bridge over the Bến Hải River.

09:30 Visit Vinh Mốc Tunnel complex, home to an entire village during the American war.

10:30 Continue to Đồng Hới stopping along the way to photograph this beautiful area.

11:30 Arrive in Đồng Hới City.

Always check our website, www.fvheritage.org, for more events.



Lunch in a small local cafe in Đồng Hới Town, then proceed to the Phong Nha Kẻ Bàng National Park (about 40 km).

Check in to Saigon Phong Nha hotel located on the bank of the Son River. Afterwards we will take a boat ride along the Son River to visit Phong Nha Cave & Fairy Cave.

17:00 Boat returns to Saigon Phong Nha hotel and have dinner

Day 3:

08:00 Depart hotel.

The group will visit the Paradise Cave and Nước Mooc Spring Eco trail along its turquoise waters. Our group is also the guest of the National Park allowing us to visit the closed section of the National Park.

Here are the facilities used to support the Park such as their nursery and the Center for Rescue Conservation and Creature Development facility.

We will stop and take a guided tour of these facilities and afterwards take a scenic drive around the National Park to see the beauty of Trường Sơn Jungle. .

18:00 Arrive back at Saigon Phong Nha Hotel where we can enjoy dinner or visit many of the local food restaurants surrounding the area.

Day 4:

07:15 Early morning departure from the hotel to Đồng Hới Town.

Here, those wishing to stay and take the afternoon train back to Hanoi can investigate the local fish market, walk along the beach and/or swim. Or, those who want to can take the Vietnam Air flight from Đồng Hới to Hanoi and will depart at 08:50 AM and arrive Hanoi at 10:00 AM.

We will need a minimum number of participants needed to make this trip. When 5 participants are signed up to enjoy this FVH study tour, we can then start to make flight and hotel reservations. The maximum number of participant will be held at 14.

Those signing up will then receive further information about the items to bring, requirements to travel into these Provinces and entry to the National Parks closed area.

Place: Nội Bài International Airport – Domestic Terminal

Cost: 450 US\$ or 10,000,000 VND (includes airfare or train fare back, transportation, hotels, guides, entry tickets, boat rental and donations to the Project and PNKB National Park)

Limit: 14 people

Registration: John / Daniel / Hang ; left-handed2hanoi@yahoo.com

Film:

FVH Film night will be held on Thursday, 28 April at Hanoi Cinematheque, 22A Hai Bà Trưng Street

Announcement is coming soon!

Get Involved, Volunteer!

Walking Guide

Have you ever been on one of FVH's fabulous walks and thought to yourself: "Wow! I want to be a guide just like that!"? Well, now you too have the chance – we have a very limited number of walks that need guiding, and you could be the lucky person to guide one of these walks!

Main duties once every 3-6 months:

- Schedule the walk by sending in a pre-written template to the FVH newsletter publisher
- Register and keep track of attendees
- Send out a reminder e-mail before the walk
- Guide the walk, check-in attendees, and collect the event fee
- Submit a follow-up report

Expected output: One activity every 3-6 months (except during summer months)

Estimated time: 3 hrs per month

For more information: Please email fvh.citywalks.english@gmail.com





Publications

Friends of Vietnam Heritage produce a number of publications. All publications are **60,000 VND**. If you would like to purchase any of these books just contact FVH at fvheritage@gmail.com. Books are also sold at all FVH events or at Bookworm.

1. Bạch Mã Temple Guidebook (White Horse Temple)

Learn about King Lý Thái Tổ's dream and why the temple honors the White Horse Deity. This guidebook offers detailed information on the history of Bạch Mã Temple on Hàng Buồm Street, including temple layout, translation of panels written in Chinese characters, as well as information about the symbolism used in the temple. The guided walk contained at the end of this guidebook provides an opportunity to explore and experience some of the same streets where the craft guilds and merchants set-up within the third enclosure of the citadel.

Published 2001

2. Quán Thánh Temple Guidebook

This publication details the legends of Huyền Thiên Trấn Vũ, also known as the 'genie who guards the Dark Heaven.' This guidebook contains detailed information on the history of Quán Thánh Temple, as well as translations of the many parallel sentences and poems on the walls and columns of this magnificent Taoist Temple. A walking tour of the bronze-casting village of Ngũ Xã, with its Chùa and Đình and the enjoyable atmosphere around Trúc Bạch Lake is included.

Published 2002, reprinted 2008

3. Trấn Quốc Pagoda Guidebook

The Trấn Quốc Pagoda on Thanh Niên Road was founded some 1400 years ago, and it is one of the most ancient Buddhist pagodas in Hà Nội. Nestled between West Lake and Trúc Bạch Lake, the pagoda is considered a magnificent symbol of Buddhism in Việt Nam, and is one of the most visited sites in the capital. This guidebook covers the history of Buddhism, the temple layout, and describes in detail the different areas of the pagoda. A fascinating publication, which includes especially commissioned drawings and photographs.

Published 2003, reprinted 2006

4. Phủ Tây Hồ Guidebook (West Lake Palace)

Have you ever wondered who these doll-like statues in glass cabinets, in blue, white, red or green attire may be? Phủ Tây Hồ at the far end of the Tây Hồ peninsula is the most impressive pagoda dedicated to the cult of the Mother goddesses in Hà Nội, an indigenous cult that seems to permeate the lives of all Vietnamese women in varying degrees. The guidebook describes in detail the complex itself, then discusses the religion of the Mother goddesses, including its philosophy, pantheon and rituals.

Published 2004

5. Lãn Ông Street Guidebook (Traditional Medicine Street)

Traditional medicine is very much alive on this particular street of the Old Quarter. This guidebook not only describes the area in its historical context and current set-up, but also offers information on a variety of Vietnamese herbal teas for the health conscious as well as a comprehensive pictorial of Lãn Ông Street.

Published 2005, reprinted 2005



6. Bát Tràng Traditional Pottery Village: A Self-Guided Walk

This guidebook focuses on the old section of the pottery commune of Bát Tràng, a village with a long history hitherto unknown to many outsiders. The guidebook is based on a self-guided walk. There are three different circuits lasting from 45 minutes to two hours, all shown on a map.

Published 2006, reprinted 2009

7. Hoàn Kiếm Lake, its Legends and Temples: A Self-Guided Walk

The area around Hồ Hoàn Kiếm represents the physical heart and spiritual soul of Hà Nội. Continuing the tradition of FVH to promote the understanding of Việt Nam's history and culture, this guidebook focuses on the history and legends, the temples and pagodas surrounding the lake. Also included is information on the large Báo Ân Pagoda complex, which was razed between 1886-1889 and left only the Hòa Phong tower still standing today.

Published 2007

8. Vignettes of French Culture in Hà Nội

This guidebook provides an insight and appreciation of the influence on Hà Nội of the French colonial period from 1873 until 1954. The three guided walks contained in this guidebook provide an opportunity for the reader to explore and experience aspects of what the people of Hà Nội have absorbed and made their own as a result of eighty years of French presence in their city.

Published 2008

9. Hồ Tây – Walks Around West Lake

Hồ Tây continues to inspired writers, artists and photographers with its beauty, history, culture and religious aspects, but it also provides for its local residents a source of fish, water and a rich soil to cultivate a variety of plants and vegetables. This guidebook covers the legends of the lake, as well as its history and future plans for this rapidly expanding part of Hà Nội. Included are five self-guided walks identifying those places of interest both old and new around the entire West Lake shore.

Published 2009

10. Văn Miếu Walking Tour (Temple of Literature)

This guidebook introduces visitors to the Văn Miếu, or the Temple of Literature, one of the foremost architectural treasures of Việt Nam and its capital city Hà Nội. The Văn Miếu - Quốc Tử Giám ranks third in Việt Nam's register of national historic sites. A leafy oasis in the centre of the bustling city, it is a magnet for the citizens of Hà Nội and for visitors to the city who wish to spend a quiet moment contemplating its rich past. This guidebook contains a history of the school and the temple, a description of each courtyard and its meaning as expressed through its architecture, translations of all the plaques, as well as quick guides to Confucianism and the Royal Examinations

Published 2010



Resource Center

Hanoi City Library Thư Viện Hà Nội 47 Bà Triệu, 4th floor Hà Nội, Việt Nam

The Friends of Vietnam Heritage's Resource Center is on the 4th floor of the Hanoi City Library (Thư Viện Hà Nội), located on the corner of Trần Hưng Đạo and Bà Triệu streets. The FVH collection includes books and journals that focus on Vietnamese art, history and culture.

In order to access the collection you need to get a Reader's Card. Go to the office (just inside the main entrance of the library), fill out a simple form, and attach one photograph. You'll also need to show your passport and pay an annual fee of 22,000 VND. After becoming a member, show your card whenever you go in.



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Say goodbye to FVH by leaving us your gently-used books about Việt Nam. Your donation will be added to our reference collection, housed inside the FVH Resource Centre, Hanoi City Library. Contact John Reilly (lefthanded2hanoi@yahoo.com) to arrange donation. Your books will be enjoyed by many people for years to come—thank you!



The Last Page

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- Website:** www.fvheritage.org
Bookmark the Friends of Vietnam Heritage website where you will find the monthly program and further information about FVH, including a photo page and links.
- Email:** fvheritage@gmail.com
Address all correspondence to the Friends of Vietnam Heritage email address.
- Program:** To receive our free monthly program, please send an email to fvheritage@gmail.com.
- Participation:** Our programs are open to all people. FVH programs and events are in English or translated into English, unless noted otherwise.
- Volunteering:** If you are interested in serving on the FVH Governing Council or in volunteering for a specific section, please send an email to fvheritage@gmail.com. Also visit the "Get Involved" section of our website for current volunteer openings. FVH does not have an office, so all volunteers work from home.
- Council Meetings:** The FVH Council usually meets every first Tuesday of the month at the Fine Arts Museum. However, times and dates may change. Everyone who receives this program is welcome to attend the meetings as an observer. If you are interested in attending, please email fvheritage@gmail.com to verify date and time.
- Executive Committee:** John Reilly - Chair; Yuko - Treasurer
Helen Huntley - Vice Chair;

Student Invitation

FVH would like to invite Vietnamese students to join our events for half of the activity cost. Please contact the event coordinator to reserve a place (subject to availability, as determined by the coordinator). Students are required to present their current student identification card.

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