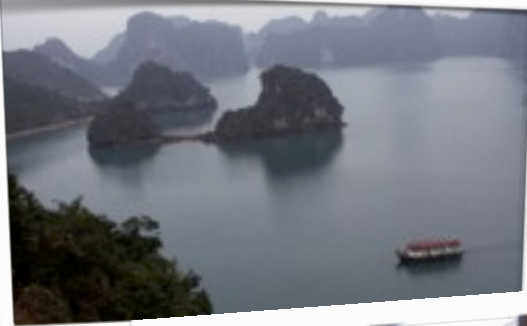


City College of San Francisco  
WINTER BREAK IN THE SUNSHINE OF SOUTHEAST ASIA  
**THAILAND, LAOS + VIETNAM**

December 27, 2011 - January 10, 2012



**ASAM 42. The Southeast Asian Experience: The Land Below the Wind (3 units)**

The poetic term “The Land Below the Wind” refers to those Southeast Asian countries whose ecosystems experience seasonal rain and dry, humid, and warm winters such as those of Thailand, Laos, and Vietnam. The seasonal rains which last from June to October bring much needed water to these regions, which have practiced wet rice cultivation for thousand of years. This water culture, which provides the livelihood for most of the population was the foundation for the establishment of many Southeast Asian kingdoms and continues to be the main source of food and revenue for these countries. Participants in the “Land Below the Wind” will have a chance to experience the way of life that has grown out of this ecosystem as we travel by boat along a section of the Mekong River and cross borders at various points to study how the lives of Thai, Lao, and Vietnamese people revolve around this precious natural resource. The trip will also take us to one of the most spectacular bays in Southeast Asia, Ha Long Bay, which is known as the location for several Hollywood productions. Lectures and informal discussions will be in English. These will take place at museums, monuments, local universities, and during boat and city tours.

**(or) ASAM 65. Individual Study in Asian American Studies (3 units)**

Supervised individual or group study on topics and issues in Asian American Studies. CSU (UC upon review). This course is being offered to students who have already completed ASAM 42 at CCSF.

Students may request an option of Credit (CR) or No Credit (NC) instead of a letter grade.

**ITINERARY:**

*Please note: Itinerary is subject to change due to weather, transportation, and other circumstances beyond our control.*

**December 26/27, 2011****San Francisco**

Group departure (subject to change): We will check into the San Francisco International Airport at approximately 9:00 PM on December 26th, depart at 12:25 AM on December 27th, and arrive in Bangkok, Thailand via Taipei the following morning at 11:00 AM.

**December 28, 2011****Bangkok (L, D)**

We will arrive in Bangkok, the capital city of Thailand, on December 28th, check into our hotel, enjoy a local lunch and have some time to relax. We will then visit the Jim Thompson House, the stunning home of the man who brought the silk industry to Thailand. Professor Chung will give a talk on *The Land of the King Who Never Smiles*.

**December 29, 2011****Bangkok (B, D)**

After breakfast we will view some of the city's history by Sky Train, including the Grand Palace, where Prof. Chung will lecture on *Contemporary Thailand*. We will also see the Emerald Buddha and visit Wat Po, home of the Reclining Buddha and blind masseurs in training. If time allows, we will also visit Wat Pra Keo across the Chao Phraya River, have lunch at the Paragon food court and take a tour of the city's canals, called klongs.

**December 30, 2011****Bangkok - Ayuthaya (B, L, D)**

In the early morning, we will take a 2-hour bus ride to Ayuthaya, the old capital, and site of a historical battle between Burma and Thailand. We will then visit the King's Palace, Reclining Buddha, and Cham Museum. There will be time to explore Ayuthaya on foot or by bicycle on your own before a group dinner. This evening, we board the overnight, sleeper train to Laos.

**December 31, 2011****Nong Khai - Vientiane, Laos (B, D)**

We will start our day in the town of Nong Khai with breakfast and a short walking tour. Then we will cross the border into Laos, where we will view over 200 massive religious sculptures. This afternoon, we will visit the local market, Dalat Sao, and a local NGO. Celebrate the New Year at a local restaurant near the Mekong.

**January 1, 2012****Vientiane (B, D)**

After breakfast, Professor Chung will give a lecture on *The Land of a Million Elephants*, followed by a visit to That Luang Temple, Wat Sisaket, Wat Pra Keo and Patuxay. After lunch, you will have the option to visit other sites on your own, such as the National Museum, and Wat Ong Tue. In the early evening, we will stroll along the Mekong and have dinner accompanied by a traditional Lao dance.

**January 2, 2012****Vientiane - Vang Vieng (B, D)**

This morning, we will drive to Vang Vieng and stop along way at a Hmong Market. In the afternoon, we will visit Tham Jang Cave and take a cruise on a long tail boat along the Namsong River. Stop at an organic farm for mulberry tea. Professor Chung will give a lecture on *The Ethnic Diversity of Laos and the CIA's Secret War*.

**January 3, 2012****Vang Vieng - Luang Prabang (B, L, D)**

After breakfast, we continue to Luang Prabang, the old capital and UNESCO Heritage site by bus. We will then visit Wat Visoun and the shrine of Wat Ahamm and climb the steps to Mount Phousi to experience a sunset on the Mekong. Today's lecture will be on *The Mekong River, Issues and Challenges*.

**January 4, 2012****Luang Prabang - Elephant Reserve (B, L)**

Our day will be spent at an elephant reserve. These elephants have lost their natural habitat, and are protected by the reserve. We will take an elephant ride over the Nam Khan River, and a boat ride to the Tad See Falls with lunch. Tonight we will spend the evening in Luang Prabang, where you will have the opportunity to see and buy colorful, ethnic crafts.

**January 5, 2012****Luang Prabang (B, L)**

Today, Professor Chung will talk about *Buddhism: The Laotian National Religion*. Then we will visit the city's oldest temple, Wat Sene, and also Wat Xiengthong. We will take a boat ride to Pak Ou Caves, with a stop at the village of Ban Xanghai. Return to Luang Prabang in the evening. Time to relax and enjoy a walk up Phousi Hill for sunset.

**January 6, 2012****Luang Prabang - Hanoi, Vietnam (B)**

Today, we will have the opportunity to visit one of the local NGOs in the morning. In the afternoon, we will fly to Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam. Later, we will take a stroll around Hoan Kiem Lake while Prof. Chung gives a lecture on *The Legend of Hoan Kiem Lake*. In the evening, we will watch a water puppet show.

**January 7, 2012****Hanoi (B, L, D)**

This morning, we will take a city tour by foot and cyclo, and then visit the National Museum with an in-depth explanation by Prof. Chung on *The History of Vietnam*. In the afternoon, we will take a tour of the Opera House, followed by a group dinner, at a local specialty restaurant.

**January 8, 2012****Hanoi - Halong Bay - Hanoi (B, L)**

Early departure for Halong Bay by bus. Today, we will enjoy a 5-hour cruise through this UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will return to Hanoi in the evening. Today's lecture onboard the boat will be on *Contemporary Vietnam - US Relations*.

**January 9, 2012****Hanoi (B, L, D)**

Today, we will spend a full day exploring Hanoi and the surrounding area, including the Silk Village, Bat Trang Ceramic Village, and shopping in the old quarter of Hanoi. Special Farewell Dinner with a performance by the faculty of a local music conservatory.

**January 10, 2012****Hanoi - USA (B)**

After breakfast, we will have some free time to get ready for our departure to the airport for our return to the US. We will arrive back in the US on Jan. 10th or 11th.

**Program Faculty**

Chuong Chung is an instructor at City College of San Francisco. He was formerly Director of the Vietnamese-American Studies Center at SFSU. His most recent publications are the "Book of Perceptions", which highlights the reconnection of Vietnamese Americans with their homeland, and other articles focused on the resettlement and adaptation of Southeast Asian Americans in the United States. He travels extensively to Southeast Asia to update course content, as well as working on new itineraries for CCSF. He is a native of Vietnam and is currently serving as the President of the San Francisco/Ho Chi Minh Sister City Committee. This is the eighth year that Professor Chung will be leading a group to Southeast Asia for CCSF.

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**Program Price: \$3,775 (based on a minimum of 15 participants)****Program price includes:**

- Round-trip airfare between SFO and Thailand/Vietnam
- All transportation in Thailand, Laos, and Vietnam as per itinerary
- Lodging in hotels based on double occupancy
- Meals as indicated in itinerary (B= Breakfast, L= Lunch, D= Dinner)
- All sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary
- Vietnam visa fees
- Travel Health Insurance
- AEA staff services

**Program price does not include:**

- CCSF tuition and enrollment fees (\$125 for three units for California residents; \$686 for non-residents of California, which are subject to change. See next page for further information)
- \$500 Single Room Supplement
- Passport fees
- Laos visa fee
- Gratuities / Tips
- Personal expenses, such as phone calls, laundry, postage, liquor, etc.
- Drinks at meals are not included, other than table water or tea, which is common in Southeast Asia
- Trip cancellation insurance

## City College of San Francisco Tuition and Fees

Residents of California must pay a \$36 per unit enrollment fee, plus a per semester fee of \$17 to City College of San Francisco at the time of registration. Non-residents of California pay \$223 per unit fee, plus a per semester fee of \$17. Please consult the CCSF Study Abroad Advisor at (415) 239-3778 for further information. Fees are set by the State of California and are subject to change.

## Financial Aid and Scholarships

Students currently attending CCSF may be eligible for grant or loan assistance through the Financial Aid Office. For an application and assistance, visit [www.ccsf.edu/Financial](http://www.ccsf.edu/Financial) or call (415) 239-3576. Students who have completed at least 12 units at CCSF may apply for scholarships ranging from \$50-\$500. For further information or an application, please call the Study Abroad Office at (415) 239-3778.

## Cancellation/Refund Policy

All cancellations must be made in writing and are effective when received by AEA. Please make note of our refund policy.

## How to enroll:

Please call the CCSF Study Abroad Programs Office at (415) 239-3778 or AEA at (800) 556-7068 for an application. Complete the application and send it to AEA with a **\$350** deposit by **September 20, 2012**, as indicated below. Please note that applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis, and space is limited. Participants will be required to complete an application and additional paperwork for CCSF, as well as additional paperwork for AEA, which will be sent to you once the completed program application has been submitted to and processed by AEA.

## Booking and final payments:

Sept 20:	\$350 Non-refundable deposit, unless program does not run
Oct 20:	\$1,725 payment
Nov 20:	\$1,700 payment

A **\$350** deposit must be received by AEA by **September 20, 2012** to confirm space. Acceptance in the program is on a first come, first served basis. Space is limited. After **September 25th**, applications will be accepted as space and deadlines permit. Your deposit will be returned immediately if space is not available. A first payment of

**\$1700** will be due on **October 20, 2012**. A second and final payment of **\$1725** will be due on **November 20, 2012**. *Payment arriving at AEA after November 20, 2012 will be subject to a late fee of \$100.*

## Cancellations:

All cancellation requests must be made in writing and are effective on the date of receipt at AEA. Once the deposit has been made, the following cancellation fees will be applied:

Sept 20- Oct 20: \$350 deposit  
 Oct 21 - Nov 21: \$650 + \$350 deposit  
 Nov 21 - Nov 25: \$2000 + \$350 deposit  
 Nov 26 - Departure: No refund

There are no refunds on, or after the day of departure. No partial refunds are possible for unused accommodations, air or land travel, unused or missed meals, transfers or tours. AEA reserves the right to cancel this program prior to departure for any reason, including insufficient participants. Should this happen, full refund will be made to the participants.

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## Winter Break in Thailand, Laos & Vietnam WITH CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO

Program space is limited. Participants should send in this application and a **\$350** non-refundable first payment to AEA at the address below as soon as possible. Upon receipt of your application and first payment, by check or direct deposit, AEA and City College of San Francisco will send you additional application and enrollment forms. Initial applications must be received by **September 20, 2012**. Beyond this date, limited enrollment is allowed, but only when space permits and after first and second payments have been received by AEA. **AEA does not accept post-dated checks, credit cards, or credit card checks.** The applicant shall be the client of AEA for all purposes. Any applicable refunds will be returned to the applicant regardless of the source of payment.

I have carefully read the brochure for the Winter Break in Thailand, Laos & Vietnam Program and wish to apply. I agree to the terms and conditions stated in the program brochure, including the payment and refund policies. I understand that if there are any changes in the terms and conditions, AEA will notify me in writing/email.

***Please type or print clearly in black, using the same name listed in your passport. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months from end of program.***

Name (LAST, FIRST MIDDLE)

Signature

School Attending

Year in School

Major

Current Address

How long can you be reached at your current address?

City

State

Zip

Home phone

Work phone

Cell phone

What is the best number/ time to reach you?

Email Address

Permanent Address if different from above

Country of Citizenship

Date of Birth (must be at least 18 years old at time of application)

How did you hear about this program? (Please be as specific as possible.)

*Please return this application with the **\$350** non-refundable first payment, made payable to:  
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