

DEPARTURE MEETING VIETNAM, MARCH 18 , 2024 - 7:00 - at JM Cuelenaere Library

LARGE GROUP MEETING 7:00 but come early at 6:00 to hear about our 2025 trip -European Quartet! Can you guess the 4 countries we'll be touring??

1. Trina -will say a few words about a past travel club student Arabelle Gola whose grandparents Val and Chuck Macdougall are giving a \$200 draw in Arabelle's memory as she travelled with us to Italy and Greece and it was the trip she always dreamed of! It truly was her "Dream Trip of a Life Time!"
 2. We will not be answering any blog comments -do not ask us to tell so&so to call home -it will not happen
 3. Luggage MUST be identifiable -if you have black or blue luggage brighten it up with "hello kitty" etc duck tape - before our return flight be SURE you have your name tags on it (a few people had no names on their luggage and then when the luggage was lost there was no way to identify it). AS WELL, you must put on an Air Canada luggage tag with the destination as our 1st hotel is First Eden hotel Hanoi 0000 Viet Nam -look on your lanyard to correctly tag this on your Air Canada luggage tag.
 4. Packing your backpack -all meds must be in there! Pack 5-6 snacks, plus you will pack 3 outfits plus 3 underwear /socks-just in case your luggage is lost.
 5. Due to Covid things on flights have changed so, on the flights within Canada if you need to purchase snacks you can only purchase these with a credit card.
 6. Jana -play EF's departure video
 7. When going through security at different sites -pack your common sense -what ever would not make security at an airport will not pass through security at places we'll go to (ex. student packing a hunting knife as it was important to him) he didn't want to leave it in his hotel room -he was almost arrested for this at the Vatican City
7. Donna –go over luggage and some packing stories! **EVERYONE MUST KNOW WHAT MEDS THEY HAVE PACKED AND WHAT THEY ARE FOR AS WELL ALL TRAVELLERS MUST PACK THEIR BAGS –PARENTS ARE NOT TRAVELLING WITH YOU SO YOU MUST BE THE PACKER WITH YOUR\ PARENTS HELP!**

CARRY ON

Maximum size:

23 cm x 40 cm x 55 cm

(9 in x 16 in x 22 in)

Wheels and handles included.

Maximum weight:
10 kg (22 lb)

CHECKED BAGGAGE

Max. weight per bag:
23kg (50lb)

Max. linear dimensions per
bag:
158cm (62in)

8. PACK LIGHT –PACK LIGHT –PACK LIGHT –so your suitcase should not weigh more than 35 lbs when leaving Canada

9. EF's emergency number 1-800 387-1460

10. Download the EF traveler app. This can be done 72 hours prior to lift off!

11. Tour Directors: Red Bus - Tuyen Vuhuu + 84 83 9463366 td.tuyen.vuhuu@ef.com

12. Tape itinerary into your journal

13. Hotel keys -must always turn them in at the desk whenever you're leaving the room as 3 of you need to know where the key is. A \$75 fee for a lost key.

14. Jana -talk about "Agent Orange"

15. Jamie- talk about phone and using the Airalo

16. Jamie -talk about the museum we will see in Ho Chi Minh

17. Sam -talk about the tunnels we will go through

NEXT MEETING TO HEAR ABOUT OUR 2025 TOUR "European Quartet is on Monday April 15th.

SMALL GROUP MEETING

1. TD's lunch specials -you do not need to eat there -it's an option but lunches are your own choice
2. Go through scenarios of A) What does it look like to be a respectful roommate ie space /key/ helping pack/ if ill taking food back to them/ etc
 - B) What does it look like to be respectful to advisors
 - C) What does a “team player” on the travel club look like? –
welcoming/inclusive/ asking questions about that person/ if someone is by themselves ask if they’d like to join you/ sharing/ understanding/cooperative/
3. For this trip to be a success you MUST hydrate (drink at least 2 L of water daily) use a hand cleanser all the time (before meals/every time you get on and off the bus, before you open your water bottles.
4. Your toothbrush can NEVER TOUCH water that does not come from a water bottle. Put an elastic around the nozzle of the sink tap.
5. Hand out money –have the kids give you back the money they want you to carry. Have them put the money the advisor is carrying in a sealed envelope with their name on it. I’ll be carrying all but 2,500,000 Dong approx. \$150 of my kids' money. Once we get to the hotels this money will go into the safe - have a parent help collect spending money.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES that our Tour Director has suggested:

- 1: Paradise Cave In Quang bình : 45 USD
- 2: Sand dunes in Mui né in a jeep - 25 USD
3. Ao show at the opera house in Saigon , combination of music, Circus, and dancing (must see): 54 USD
- 4: Rickshaw tour in the old quarter of Hanoi for one hour : 20 USD
- 5: Water puppet show : 35 USD included tickets and transportation
- 6: Dinner on boat in Hoian : 35 USD
- 7: Dinner on boat in Saigon 45 USD

When you go to the bank here are the denominations that you should ask for

- 10 of the US \$20 bills
- 3 of the US \$10 Bills
- 5 of the US \$5 bills
- 10 of the US \$1

Total of \$265 US

6. GO OVER FLIGHTS – arrive at the airport 3:15 AM Sat. March 23
7. go over the rooming lists – we’re hoping to be in triples and quads
8. Talk about packing
9. Talk about long flights and bus rides
10. Go over “The last things to Think about” Doc