

2019 ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU PROJECT IN LAMPHUN, THAILAND

IMPORTANT NOTE: *We must secure our reservations with Victoria Tours now to hold our 15 reserved rooms on the Halong Bay boat (Emeraude), It is high season and we don't want to lose these slots which are tied to our entire tour package. It is important that those doing this tour make at least a 50% payment (\$475) to Rotary Club of Honolulu by January 25. Full payment of \$950 will also be accepted. We deeply appreciate your cooperation.*

CURRENT PLANNING STATUS

The project is set but we are still in the planning process on project arrangements. The Post project tour is fully planned.

THAILAND PROJECT: In October & November 2019 we will do a project in the small ancient town of Lamphun which lies just south of Chiang Mai, Thailand where we did a project in 2013.

Lamphun is a town of about 15,000 people with a lot of charm, some 1,000 year old temples, good accommodations and interesting eating options. This will be a comfortable experience that will be couples friendly. The project is a 100 year old wood house that serves as an educational facility in the town of Lamphun. It is mainly used for conducting English and other classes. These and other programs are primarily but not exclusively for children. The facilities have been leased for about 20 years and definitely need improvements. There should be good opportunities to teach English for those less interested in physical labor. Air travel service to Chiang Mai is quite reasonable in price and fairly convenient.

The same YMCA people that were our hosts for our 2013 Chiang Mai Project will again be our hosts. They are fabulous hosts and their attention to detail, thoughtfulness and provision of cultural exposure have never been equaled on any of our projects/sightseeing adventures. Our post project tour to Laos and Vietnam will be outstanding. There will be optional sightseeing opportunities in Chiang Mai before going to Lamphun. Elephant rides, beautiful temples and a night market are among the opportunities there. After the project, we would drive up to Chiang Rai for a couple of days and visit the White Temple, ethnic villages and huge market on the Myanmar border.

POST PROJECT TOUR: The November 4 - 11 Laos (Luang Prabang) and Viet Nam (Hanoi, Sapa & Halong Bay) Tour will cost \$950 dollars per person (\$896 charge by the Victoria Voyages Tour Company and \$54 extra that we will use for driver and guide gratuities and other incidentals). This \$950 cost will include lodging, transportation, guides and some meals. Some meals and other incidentals will be extra at your own expense.

PROJECT COSTS: The cost for the October 27 to November 4 Thailand (Chiang Mai, Lamphun & Chiang Rai) is not yet determined but I would guess it will be in the \$700 range.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

1. Friday, Oct 25 - Depart HNL
2. Saturday, Oct 26 - Arrive Chiang Mai (Stay Chiang Mai YMCA Hotel); or *Depart HNL*
3. Sunday, Oct 27 - Tour day in Chiang Mai (Stay Chiang Mai YMCA Hotel) or *Arrive Chiang Mai*
4. Monday, Oct 28 - Depart for Lamphun, settle in, start work (Stay in a Lamphun hotel to be determined for next 5 nights)
5. Tuesday, Oct 29 - Work
6. Wednesday, Oct 30 - Work
7. Thursday, Oct 31 - Work
8. Friday, Nov 1 - Work
9. Saturday, Nov 2 - Drive to Chiang Rai (Stay Chiang Rai YMCA Hotel)
10. Sunday, Nov 3 - Chiang Rai (Stay Chiang Rai YMCA Hotel)
11. Monday, Nov 4 - Chiang Rai and drive to Luang Prabang, Laos (Victoria Xiang Thong Palace Hotel)
12. Tuesday, Nov 5 - Tour Luang Prabang (Victoria Xiang Thong Palace Hotel)
13. Wednesday, Nov 6 - Luang Prabang, Afternoon flight to Hanoi, Vietnam (Stay in Hanoi at Silk Path Luxury Hotel)
14. Thursday, Nov 7 - Free day in Hanoi; overnight train to Sapa (Stay on Victoria Express Train)
15. Friday, Nov 8 - Day in Sapa (stay at Victoria Sapa Resort & Spa)
16. Saturday, Nov 9 - Sapa and afternoon bus back to Hanoi (Stay at Silk Path Luxury Hotel)
17. Sunday, Nov 10 - After Breakfast transfer to Halong Bay - 115 miles (Stay on Emeraude, a boutique sailing vessel)
18. Monday, Nov 11 - Depart boat at noon for transport to Airport or back to Hanoi.

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