

INFORMATION SHEET

Project title: Learn Vietnamese culture via Traditional Handicraft Villages

Organization: SJ Vietnam

Partner: Go Green Club, E&C Center, and Bell Village





ABOUT SJ VIETNAM



SJ Vietnam (www.sjvietnam.org) is an international youth NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) that promotes values of solidarity, peace, tolerance through young citizenship projects to improve society during and after the voluntarism. It was set up in 2004 by and for national and international young volunteers.

SJ Vietnam is an independent Vietnamese branch of SJ France, a full member of CCVIS (UNESCO) and NVDA, a partner of YAP and Alliance. SJ Vietnam is a non-political and non-religious organization which open to everybody without any distinction of nationality, race, philosophy, financial resources, and education or sex

1. HISTORY

At December 24th 2004, with the help of UNV Vietnam, NVDA and Un ETAI Pour Le Vietnam, SJ Vietnam was set up. The volunteering organization started as an informal cooperation between Miss Do Thi Phuc, Vice-president of Vietnam Youth Volunteer Club and Mr. Pierre De Hanscutter a Belgian UNV working for UNDP Vietnam.

In June 2006, with the support of a sister organization in France, Solidarités Jeunes, Miss Do Thi Phuc was nominated as the official director of SJ Vietnam, Mr. Pierre De Hanscutter became the honorific president and European representative. At the same time, SJ Vietnam is a full member of Network for Voluntary Development in Asia-Pacific (NVDA) and an active member of the Coordination Committee for the International Voluntary Service (CCVIS) at UNESCO.

In 2006, 2007, 2008, SJ Vietnam got prize from the World Bank, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health for its projects on "Vietnam innovation day" on topics of "Disadvantaged Youth and Children", "Safety traffic" and "HIV/AIDS". In January 2008, SJ Vietnam was the co-host organization for 7th NVDA General Assembly in Vietnam and welcomed young volunteers of AEYVE from Asia and Europe.

In December 2008, we successfully coordinated Arte-Diem, a jointed project of SJ Vietnam, NVDA and YAP (Youth Action for Peace) to promote peace through art which involved 4000 less-fortuned children and thousands volunteers.

In 2009, we cooperate with United Nations Volunteers (UNV) in Vietnam to celebrate International Volunteers' Day and we are invited to launch our speech and message on behalf of volunteers in Vietnam for promotion of sustainable environmental protection.

Currently, 5000 Vietnamese volunteers have been official members of SJ Vietnam. Around 500 international volunteers took part in our activities each year. SJ Vietnam is one of the biggest international workcamp organizations in Vietnam.

2. GOALS

By developing International Volunteering, SJ Vietnam aims to:

- ❖ Work towards a society of justice, peace and solidarity
- ❖ Break cultural misunderstanding between people and nations
- ❖ Improve local and global environment, provide informal education, help to reduce poverty and strengthen human rights
- ❖ Encourage young people to participate actively in the society in which they live

Special skills

Volunteer should:

- Love to play with children and be willing to share, Know activities, games, songs that children can enjoy
- Eager to learn Vietnamese culture in Traditional Handicraft Villages
- Comply to the procedures and instructions of "Director" of the Villages
- Be flexible, imaginative, patient
- Be able to create a friendly environment by cleaning the local area and raising awareness of local people about environment

Project location

Chuong cone village traditional handicraft village

Chuong village is a famous region of Ha Tay province with traditional village for over 400 years. In Chuong My District, Ha Tay on the Day river, a village specializing in cone is the Chuong village. Cone village was well-known several centuries ago. Old there, the Cone of Chuong village is the material for advancing the queen and princess, also a first for her jewelry, her sisters, especially those young women

Cost: 200 Euro/ 2 weeks/ person; 300 Euro/3 weeks/ person; 400 Euro/1 month

We spend our budget as following:

I	Office + Administration		20%
A	Local staff costs		7%
B	Staff Travel Costs		1%
C	Administration		12.68%
D	Capital Equipment		0.41%
II	Project:		41%
E	Fisher Village costs		14%
F	Other projects		10%
G	Project materials		7.77%
H	Training		10%
III	Volunteers		29%
I	Accommodation & Food		25.96%

J	Local Transport		3.03%
K	Contingency		10%

Age: +18

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Arrival

You will need to arrange your flights into Noi Bai International Airport. We will arrange a taxi driver to pick you up on request. The address of your orientation place in Hanoi is:

International Youth House / Workcamp Accommodation

Number 16, An Xa, Phuc Xa street, Ba Dinh, Hanoi, Vietnam

Tel: + 84 975 750 540 (Ms. Hang)

Work Details

- It is a great chance for you to learn and savor Vietnamese culture via Traditional Handicraft Villages. You may join the manufacturing procedure of the Village to understand how to make it and make Vietnamese handicrafts by yourself. When joining the manufacturing process directly, some aspects of Vietnamese cultures will be exposed to you, not only aspects of people, scenery, but also thoughts, norms, traditions, etc. They are lively, challenging, and interesting experience that you may never enjoy in any voluntary programs in Vietnam.
- Also, you will be our "green agents" to do PR programs to raise awareness of the local people of the importance of the surrounding environment. You and your group will implement "Green Community" program via cleaning, gathering rubbish, planting trees, or giving the flyers or organizing environment discussions for local people. Messages about Keeping our community clean will be transmitted directly through your group's activities to local people.
- Organize English classes: Many children in Traditional Handicraft Villages are disadvantaged kids who are very eager to learn English. If we can arrange time with joining the manufacture process and Environmental PR

program, we can organize English Classes for the children. You have to be creative in your method of teaching such as by telling tales, playing games, teaching English songs in order to let them receive knowledge the most efficiently.

Camp activities

- There are the first two days granting for Vietnamese introduction and lessons as well as Hanoi capital tour. You will have lively experience and knowledge about Vietnam, its characteristics, and its peaceful capital that you have never undergone if you only read through books or travel brochures.
- After that, you will come to Bell Village not only for doing voluntary activities but organize intercultural activities exchange in the evening as well. You will have chance to show off interesting things about your own country. Youth Union and local volunteers in the Village also instruct you to cook Vietnamese dishes and play traditional games in a quiet and fresh atmosphere of Bell Village.

Accommodation and Meals

About your accommodation, we offer two options: Home stay

House in Traditional Handicraft Village is basic and very simple in appearance, but you'll be made to feel very welcome and be provided with all necessities to make your stay comfortable. Keeping the house clean is the responsibility of all, there will not be a house cleaner to tidy up after you. By following the following simple rules, the house will be a clean and tidy place to live for all:

- Wash and put away dishes after dinner
- Keep toilets and bathrooms clean
- Regularly take out the rubbish
- Remove shoes before entering the house

Travel plan

- Orientation day: on this day, you can have one day to go on Hanoi city tour. Hanoi is not only the capital but also considered to be the cultural center of Vietnam where history has left behind its imprint. Hanoi hosts more cultural sites than any other city in Vietnam so you can have one interesting day going around and enjoy the peaceful beauty of Hanoi in some places such as the Old Quarter, Hoan Kiem lake, the Temple of Literature, One Pillar Pagoda, Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum...

- On the weekends: We will help you to book 1 or 2 day tour in the north of Vietnam. You can travel to Halong Bay, which has been named a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is one of breathtaking scenic beauties. Or you can go to Sapa, the fanciful town in fog, famous for its special cultural diversity in a combination of ethnic minority groups' culture, for a glimpse of the famed "Love Market". And many other wonderful destinations in the north. We will arrange private tours with professional guides, high quality service, unique and diversity of activities (team work games and leadership games, etc.) with a reasonable price. You will have the chance to discover the hidden charm of the Vietnamese culture and people and we ensure that you will have cheerful and unforgettable trips in Vietnam

Remarks

Kit List – What to pack

Please note that this kit list is intended to help you plan what you may need to take with you and, therefore, you may not need all of the listed items on your travels nor is it exhaustive.

Personal Admin

- Photocopies of important papers such as passport, airline tickets and insurance documents

General

- Inflatable mattress
- Sleeping bag
- Sheet
- Small pillow
- Mosquito net
- Day bag / rucksack (for excursions)
- A torch
- Mobile phone
- Camera & batteries
- Phone charger with a two pin adaptor plug
- Playing cards for free time
- Diary – you will have so many amazing experiences to remember
- CD walkman and speakers (if you wish)
- Tissues



- Plastic bags
- Snacks (cup of soups, biscuits etc)
- Pocket-knife
- Towel

Clothing

- Walking shoes / trainers
- Flip Flops
- A hat to protect you from the sun
- Rain coat
- Clothes; Long sleeve shirts and trousers are great.

Medical Kit

- Small medical kit containing plasters, medicine for diarrhea, head ache tablets, anti-histamine cream and any medication you will need
- Mosquito repellent
- Contraception including condoms
- Bio logical soap (if you are taking the trekking option)
- Antibacterial soap gel (does not need water to rinse off)