

11th Armored Cavalry Regiment Vietnam Tour



On Nui Ba Den in Tay Ninh Province

April 5-13, 2011

Join our tour to Vietnam for Veterans, family, and friends of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment! We will visit important sites in Vietnam where 11th Armored Cavalry troopers made history more than 40 years ago.

Our Blackhorse Tour extends from Vung Tau on the South China Sea, where many US Soldiers first came ashore, and others enjoyed an “in-country R&R,” to the far northwestern corner of Tay Ninh Province, near the border with Cambodia, where the Viet Cong hid COSVN (Central Office for South Viet Nam), their main headquarters. East of the Saigon River, we venture to Phuoc Vinh and Xuan Loc.

Between those these points we visit Saigon, Cu Chi and the fabled tunnels, Dau Tieng, the Michelin Rubber Plantation, Tay Ninh City, Nui Ba Den (“the Black Virgin Mountain”), An Loc, Lai Khe, Dong Xoai, Ben Cat, the Iron Triangle, Bien Hoa, Long Binh and numerous places along the route. Wherever possible, we will include “special places” that our Veterans request nearby our travel route.

Our Vietnam tours are more than battlefield tours. We include visits to temples, colorful marketplaces and villages to give you a new appreciation and understanding of Vietnam’s culture and its people. Our tour participants have ample opportunities to shop for local crafts, clothing, unique souvenirs and other quality products.



Our tours often include wives and adult children wishing to see where their Veteran served.

An American Tour Manager and a Vietnamese guide proficient in the English language lead these tour programs. Ground transportation is provided in modern air-conditioned vehicles with professional drivers.

Many US Veterans wonder how they will be greeted in Vietnam. The population of Vietnam has more than doubled since the war. Most were born after the war ended. To them the war is “ancient history.” While the country has a one-party communist government, they abandoned Marxism more than 20 years ago, and the people have embraced capitalism. The United States is now Vietnam’s #1 trade partner. The Vietnam Airlines fleet includes modern Boeing aircraft. KFC restaurants are all over the major cities and Ford Motor Company has an assembly plant outside of Hanoi. Americans are warmly welcomed in modern Vietnam.

You can make your own airline reservations to and from Vietnam, or you can fly with your tour group from the West Coast. Please indicate your choice on your Reservation Application.

Vietnam hosts over 3 million visitors each year. Flights fill up and hotels are often booked months in advance. Don’t delay making your reservation. Each year we have to turn away applicants who wait too long to make their reservation. Act today to secure your reservation on this great tour program!



**Michelin Rubber Plantation
near Dau Tieng**

Blackhorse Vietnam Itinerary

Tuesday, April 5, 2011: USA/Aloft. Depart the USA today. Meal service aloft.

Wednesday, April 6: Aloft. “Lose a day” crossing the International Dateline.

Thursday, April 7: Saigon. Arrive at Tan Son Nhut Airport. We are met by our MilSpec Tours English speaking guide and escorted to our hotel in central Saigon. After check in, we have some time to freshen up before we go to the Majestic Hotel Rooftop Garden for welcome cocktails and dinner. (D)

Friday, April 8: Saigon. After breakfast we board our motorcoach and leave Saigon, passing the site of a pivotal battle between US and VC/NVA battalions on the edge of Tan Son Nhut airbase on the first day of the 1968 Tet Offensive. Continue north on Highway #1 over the Hoc Mon Bridge to Cu Chi, where we see the Military Museum. Leaving Cu Chi, we drive along the perimeter of the 25th Division’s former main basecamp en route to the Ho Bo Woods. After lunch on the Saigon River, we visit the nearby “Cu Chi Tunnels” and the Cu Chi Military Cemetery before we return to Saigon. (B, L)

Saturday, April 9: Saigon / Tay Ninh. Today we check out of the hotel in Saigon, board our motorcoach and drive north. In Tay Ninh City, we visit the world famous Cao Dai Temple. Then we drive to the jungle in the far northwest corner of Tay Ninh Province where we visit the South Central Department Base of the VC (known as COSVN by US and allied forces during the war.) Then we go to Nui Ba Den, the “Black Virgin Mountain” to ride the gondola lift up to the temples built on the slopes overlooking Tay Ninh Province. Returning to Tay Ninh City, we check into our hotel. (B, L, D)

Sunday, April 10: Tay Ninh / Bien Hoa. Leaving Tay Ninh, we follow a roadway along the dike that created Lake Dau Tieng all the way to the town of Dau Tieng in the Michelin Rubber Plantation. Some remnants of the former brigade size base camp are still visible as are reminders of the French plantation. We drive through the Michelin Plantation all the way to Highway 13, “Thunder Road.” We venture north to An Loc and then south

to Lai Khe where we turn east through Dong Xoai to Phuoc Vinh. Later we double back and continue south on Highway 13 through Ben Cat where the 11th ARC fought in the Iron Triangle in 1967. We visit Di An, once a major basecamp and now an industrial park, before checking into our Bien Hoa City hotel. (B, L, D)

Monday, April 11: Bien Hoa / Saigon. This morning we begin touring around Bien Hoa and Long Binh before driving Route 1A to Xuan Loc, a former Blackhorse base. Later we drive through Bear Cat to Vung Tau. After exploring sites in Vung Tau, we board a high-speed hydrofoil for a one-hour cruise to Saigon. Tonight, enjoy dinner with Vietnamese veterans at the Indochine restaurant. (B, L, D)

Tuesday, April 12: Saigon. Our itinerary will include the War Remnants Museum, the French Colonial Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral, Reunification Hall (Presidential Palace), as well as Cholon. We will have lunch followed by free time to shop on Nguyen Hue Boulevard. Tonight we all meet for a Farewell Dinner Cruise on the Saigon River. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, April 13: Saigon/USA. Midmorning transfer to Tan Son Nhut for return flight to the USA. Cross the International Dateline and arrive back in the USA the same day. (B)



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Vets, Family & Friends on a MilSpec Vietnam Tour

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Reservation Application

From \$1,640 per person [land only - double occupancy]

Please make ____ reservation(s) on the 11th Armored Cav 2011 Vietnam Tour.

Enclosed is \$_____ representing \$400.00 per person deposit.

(Please make checks payable to "MilSpec Tours")



Tour Options (Check \checkmark one)

- Land only. I will make my own airline reservations to and from Vietnam: \$1,640 per person*
- Land and TransPacific air: \$2,490 per person*
*double occupancy - single room \$375 additional

Please PRINT clearly!

Payment Option (Check \checkmark one)

- Option A: I would like to Pay In Full. Payment enclosed.
- Option B: I am paying a deposit only and will pay in full 90 days before departure.

Insurance Option (Check \checkmark one)

I accept the travel insurance as follows and include the insurance premium in my deposit:

- Land-Only \$129 (total deposit \$529 per person)
- Land & Air \$164 (total deposit \$564 per person)
- I will obtain my own insurance.

New TSA regulations require the full name (as it appears on the passport), gender and date of birth of each airline passenger.

Name: _____ Male Female Date of Birth: _____

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I have attached a good quality photocopy of each person's passport data pages.

I do not have a passport but will apply for one (forms available at your local US Post Office)

Address: _____ City/State/Zip Code: _____

*Please furnish us with both your street address and post office box address
to avoid delays in shipment of documents to you by Federal Express*

Home Phone (_____) _____ - _____ Work Phone (_____) _____ - _____

Any diet/health problems? _____

FAA regulations require emergency notification information for all international passengers. Please print the name and phone number of a person not traveling with you who is to be notified in the event of an emergency.

Name: _____ Relationship _____ Phone # (_____) _____

Special requests/places to visit: _____

I desire: 2-in-a-room. Single Room at \$375 extra
 Willing to share, 2-in-a-room basis. Roommate (if known) _____

To charge your deposit to a major credit card, please complete the following:

Discover Card Visa Mastercard American Express

Name on Card: _____

Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: Month _____ Year _____

Signature of Cardholder: _____

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***I agree to the terms and conditions as outlined
in this tour brochure.***

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Your MilSpec Tour Includes. . .

* Nonrefundable roundtrip coach-class TransPacific airline transportation on regularly scheduled flights if elected. * First-class and selected hotels with private bath (where available) 2-in-a-room basis. Single Room additional cost. * Breakfast daily plus other meals as noted in the itinerary. * Visa processing * Mini-van or motorcoach transportation as required by the itinerary. * Sightseeing as specified with English-speaking guide & appropriate admission fees. * Transfers between airports and hotels if traveling on group flights. * Portage of one (1) suitcase per person, where available. * Tips & taxes on all prepaid services. * Professional Escort while on tour.

Tour Prices Do Not Include: Airport/customs/departure taxes, fuel surcharges, passports, excess baggage charges, optional sightseeing, meals other than those shown in the itineraries, items not on table d'hote menus, laundry, liquor, mineral water, beverages with lunch & dinner, customary gratuities to Tour Guides, Coach Drivers & local guides, & any other expenses of a personal nature.

Tour Prices are based on a minimum of 20 tour participants as shown in the itinerary, and on tariffs and rates (currency & exchange) known at the time of printing; prices are subject to adjustment without notice in event of changes to such rates prior to departure.

Airfares are subject to change without notice. Coach-class airfares are often non-refundable and/or subject to cancellation fees. Trip Cancellation Insurance is strongly recommended.

Hotels: Unless otherwise stated, all tour prices are based on two persons sharing a twin/double room. Applicable single supplements are indicated for those wishing single room accommodations. Single rooms are limited in quantity and are sometimes not of the same size or quality as twin/double rooms. We do not recommend triple rooms as they tend to be very crowded; in most cases, triple rooms are a twin room to which a cot has been added. There is no reduction in tour cost for triple rooms. If you wish to share a room and do not have a roommate, we will place you in a twin/double room with the next same-sex participant to register for the tour who also requests to share a room. If we are unable to match you with a roommate, you will be assigned to a single room and must pay the single supplement.

Deposits and Final Payments: A deposit of \$400 per person is required to effect reservations. This deposit forms part of your final payment which is due when billed but not later than 60 days prior to departure. Acceptance on tour is subject to verification of payment in full to MilSpec Tours.

Baggage: No responsibility is incurred by MilSpec for loss or damage to baggage or any of the passengers belongings. It is recommended that all passengers purchase baggage insurance.

Passports and Visas: A valid passport is required for all tour participants. Visas are required for this tour program and are included in the cost of your tour.

Smoking: Please note that for the safety and well-being of the group, smoking is not permitted in the van, on the motorcoach, or at group meals at any time.

Cancellations for unforeseen and valid reasons in advance of departure are entitled to a full refund less actual expenses incurred and a \$75.00 per person service charge, if written notice is received not later than 120 days prior to departure. If cancellation occurs between 119 and 60 days prior to departure, deposits will be refunded less \$150 per person service charge; less than 60 days prior to departure date, deposits will be refunded, less a \$250 per person service charge and any

cancellation charges assessed against MilSpec Tours by hotels, transportation companies, airlines and other purveyors of services. Trip cancellation and interruption insurance is available and strongly recommended on all tours.

Revisions and Refunds: All changes must be confirmed in writing. A handling fee of \$50.00 per transaction will be charged for any alteration or revision made to a tour reservation. All claims for refunds must be made within 60 days after termination of the tour and must be accompanied by a statement from the Tour Manager, certifying exactly the services not taken. No refund can be made for unused transportation where group tickets or vehicles are involved. No refund can be made for services not taken unless the services omitted cover 72 consecutive hours or more.

Tour Participants: In order to insure the smooth operation of all tours, and to ensure congenial tour groups, MilSpec Tours reserves the right to accept or reject any person as a tour participant and to expel from the tour any person for any reason including anyone whose conduct is deemed incompatible with the interest of the tour group. Any handicapped participant who requires special assistance must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the handicapped participant's well-being. MilSpec Tours reserves the right to exclude from the tour any handicapped participant whose physical condition impairs customary operation of the tour. Should a wheelchair or other special equipment, care, maintenance or services be required at any time, all arrangements shall be made and all costs and obligations will be borne by the tour member. All tour members must be able to make their own way on/off the motorcoach. Well-behaved children over 10 years of age are welcome on any MilSpec Tours tour under the same conditions as noted above.

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Schedule of Coverages

• Trip Cancellation & Interruption	Up to Tour Cost
• Travel Delay (\$100 maximum per day)	\$500
• Baggage and Travel Documents	\$1,000
• Baggage Delay	\$100
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