PEARLS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA
VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA ABOARD M.S. L’AUSTRAL
WITH JIM LAURIE, FORMER ABC AND NBC NEWS CORRESPONDENT
OCTOBER 18–31, 2017
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In A TIMELESS STRETCH OF LAND CRADLING THE SOUTH CHINA SEA, AWE-INSPIRING NATURAL BEAUTY, SACRED MYTHS, AND HONORED TRADITIONS AWAIT YOU.

Join this comprehensive 12-night journey to the alluring jewels of Vietnam and Cambodia. Cruise for nine nights from Hong Kong to Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) aboard the exclusively chartered, five-star small ship *m.s. L’Austral* and then spend three nights in the sophisticated city of Siem Reap, gateway to UNESCO World-Heritage designated Angkor Wat.

Explore dynamic Hanoi, the Vietnamese capital showcasing a romantic blend of old Asian and French heritage. Sail beside the limestone karst pillars and islets of majestic Ha Long Bay. Walk among the fortifications of the Forbidden Purple City in the former imperial city of Hue and enjoy stunning coastal views on the famous Hai Van (Ocean Cloud) Pass. Stroll through the traditional riverfront market in ancient Hoi An and admire Saigon’s spectacular contrast of old and new architecture. In the lush jungles of Cambodia, experience the “lost city” of Angkor. During the cruise, enjoy lectures and discussions with journalist Jim Laurie, a former ABC and NBC News correspondent and witness to some of the most monumental events in modern Vietnamese history.

This exceptional journey is a great value, with round-trip air included from Los Angeles, complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages served throughout the cruise, and an excursion in every port.

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GUEST SPEAKER

Jim Laurie, distinguished journalist and broadcaster, has been witness to several of the most defining moments in Asia’s history over the past 40 years. Mr. Laurie was the only American network correspondent to cover the communist takeover of Saigon, Vietnam, on April 30, 1975. Subsequently, he opened the first American television bureau in Beijing in July of 1981 and reported from Beijing on the events of Tiananmen Square in June of 1989.

Mr. Laurie has interviewed many historically influential Asian leaders, including China’s Deng Xiaoping, the Dalai Lama, and Cambodia’s King Norodom Sihanouk. For 26 years, Mr. Laurie was a global correspondent for ABC News and NBC News. He is the winner of two Emmy Awards, a Peabody Award for his coverage of the Vietnam War, and an Overseas Press Club Award. From 2005 through 2011, he was Director of Broadcasting at the Journalism and Media Studies Center at the University of Hong Kong. He has specialized in the study of media in China; continues to be a frequent visitor to China, Vietnam, and Cambodia; and speaks on a variety of Asia-related issues.

Since 2004, Mr. Laurie has specialized in the development of global television news channels. He has served as a consultant to three TV channels in India, the Qatari-owned Al Jazeera English Channel, and China Central Television in Beijing. Currently he is advising on China’s growth as a media power in the United States. He is also the producer of recent documentaries including Cambodia Surgical Ward for BBC World News in 2010 and the environmental film Earth Factor Asia: Making a Difference (KQED World San Francisco: February 2012). Earlier films include Vietnam: 25 Years Later (2000), China’s Unruly Dragon (1988), and Japan: Myths Behind the Miracle (1981).

HARVARD STUDY LEADER

As this brochure goes to print, we have not yet confirmed the faculty study leader for this program. We intend, however, that you will be joined by a Harvard lecturer who will enhance your travel experience. You will discover that our lecturers are not only first-rate scholars and teachers but also friendly traveling companions, eager to share their insights through conversation.

Scheduled guest speakers may be altered due to circumstances beyond our control. See General Information section.
Wednesday and Thursday, October 18 and 19

**U.S. / HONG KONG**
Depart the U.S. for Hong Kong and cross the International Date Line. On arrival, embark the five-star m.s. *L’Austral*. Enjoy a spectacular sail away while cruising Hong Kong’s harbor. (d)

Friday, October 20

**CRUISING THE GULF OF TONKIN**
Spend the day cruising, with opportunities to attend educational lectures. Join the captain this evening for the Welcome Reception. (b,L,r,d)

Saturday, October 21

**HAIPHONG, VIETNAM, FOR HANOI**
From Haiphong, travel by way of scenic roads through a patchwork of rice paddies to historic Hanoi. The undeniable charm of Vietnam’s capital resides in its shaded boulevards and bucolic parks, while the city center is a marvelous time capsule of 1930s French-colonial architecture. Begin your walking tour in famous Ba Dinh Square and see the imposing Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum. The Beaux-Arts style former Governor’s Residence is adjacent to the garden and modest cottage where Ho Chi Minh lived. Nearby, see the 17th-century One Pillar Pagoda—one of Vietnam’s most iconic temples. Visit the Temple of Literature, founded in A.D. 1070, where scholars were educated in Confucianism for more than 400 years. Walk through Hoa Lo Prison, the infamous “Hanoi Hilton” of the Vietnam War. In the bustling 36 Streets District, stroll the 15th-century lanes, which carry the names of traditional handcrafts practiced here, such as “Silk Weaving Street.” (b,L,d)

Sunday, October 22

**HA LONG BAY**
Board a traditional Vietnamese “junk” for a private cruise of the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Ha Long Bay, the majestic “Bay of the Descending Dragon.” Amid chalk and limestone islands, wooden-hulled junks with their characteristic orange sails glide between caves and coves, grottoes, and stone towers. Walk among the impressive natural stalactites and stalagmites in the picturesque Thien Cung—the Heavenly Palace Cave. (b,L,d)

Monday, October 23

**CRUISING THE SOUTH CHINA SEA**
The day is at leisure. Enjoy the passing coastal scenery and onboard lectures. (b,L,d)

Tuesday, October 24

**HUE / THE HAI VAN PASS / DA NANG**
The UNESCO World Heritage site of Hue, located on the banks of the Perfume River, was the Imperial City of the Nguyen kings from 1601 to 1945. Explore its citadel and see the massive ramparts and moat dating from the 18th and 19th centuries. Tour the Imperial Closure and the Forbidden Purple City, formerly reserved only for the royalty and servants of the Nguyen Dynasty. Visit the 17th-century Thien Mu (Heavenly Lady) Pagoda, built to ensure the country’s prosperity, according to a legendary prophecy. Enjoy lunch overlooking the scenic Perfume River, then visit the impressive tomb of Emperor Tu Duc, designed by the emperor himself. Drive through the picturesque mountains to the Hai Van (Ocean Cloud) Pass, the 15th-century boundary between Vietnam and the kingdom of Champa. Reboard the ship in Da Nang. (b,L,d)

Wednesday, October 25

**DA NANG FOR HOI AN**
Prior to the 14th century, Hoi An was the commercial capital of the Cham Empire and a strategic port for the lucrative spice trade. Later, Chinese, Japanese, Indian, and Dutch merchants settled Hoi An’s ancient town, and today this UNESCO World Heritage site is a well-preserved example of a 15th- to 19th-century trading post with more than 800 period buildings still intact. Admire the Japanese-style covered bridge, the emblem of Hoi An. Visit the grand temple of Phuc Kien Assembly Hall and its workshop for traditional handicrafts. Stroll the city’s colorful riverside market and observe locals engage in the art of bartering.

In Da Nang visit the Museum of Cham Sculpture, with the world’s largest collection of Cham sandstone works of art on exhibition. Stop at the foot of the landmark Marble Mountain, where skilled carvers chisel marble jewelry and sculptures. (b,L,d)

Thursday, October 26

**DAY AT SEA**
Cruise the southeastern coast of Vietnam and attend onboard lectures today. This evening, attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception. (b,L,r,d)

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- Enrichment program of lectures and discussions by distinguished journalist Jim Laurie
- Round-trip air from Los Angeles to Hong Kong with return from Siem Reap, Cambodia
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SAIGON (HO CHI MINH CITY)
Saigon has remained a vibrant convergence of French romance and Vietnamese flair, where women still wear traditional áo dài dresses, a silk tunic worn over pantaloons. Visit Reunification Hall, which once served as the South Vietnamese Presidential Palace; the 19th-century Central Post Office; and the War Remnants Museum, which offers a unique perspective on the Vietnam War. See the neo-Romanesque-style Notre Dame Cathedral and the opulent Saigon Opera House. Then, visit the Ben Thanh Market, where merchants offer exotic spices, medicines, and alluring handcrafted wares and textiles. (b,L,d)

SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA
Disembark the ship this morning and tour Cu Chi Tunnels, an extraordinary underground complex used by the Viet Cong. The subterranean network stretched from Saigon to the Cambodian border and included living quarters, kitchens, and field hospitals. Fly from Saigon to Siem Reap, gateway to the “lost city” of Angkor. Check into the five-star Raffles Grand Hotel D’Angkor. (b,l)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31
SIEM REAP / U.S.
Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S., during which you will cross the International Date Line. (b)

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