ABOTA will embark on a discovery of some of the most exotic, enchanting and enlightening locales of Hong Kong and Vietnam. We start at the edge of the South China Sea in Hong Kong, a city of many contrasts and one that owes its birth to opium. Ancient customs are deeply preserved and regarded alongside modern technology and some of the tallest skyscrapers found anywhere. The British may have handed over Hong Kong back to the Chinese in 1997 but their influence is still evident today; from the Peninsula Hong Kong and its largest fleet of Rolls Royce to afternoon tea. We leave Hong Kong and travel deep into Vietnam’s history and its evolution into a youthful modern society. We start in the bustling capital city of Hanoi before going to the romantic seaside city of Danang. An optional overnight trip to mystical Halong Bay is also available.

Dear Fellow ABOTANS:

We want to make you and your family’s trip to Hong Kong and Vietnam precisely what you would like it to be. In addition to the wonderful group activities we have planned that are discussed more fully in this brochure, I have asked Carrousel Travel to research optional side trips, for those who like to travel with a significant other or a small group, to do something a bit off the beaten path. So, if you want to strike out on a scooter or take a day bicycle trip around the Danang area, kayak in the South China Sea, enjoy a hot-air balloon ride or a helicopter tour, take a guided four wheel drive to explore the China Beach and Marble Mountain area, or a day tour to see the Mekong Delta — or anything else along those lines, just list the side activities in which you are interested in the section of the registration form entitled “Special Activity Interests” when you register, email the registration form to Carrousel Travel as noted and we will investigate and get back to you!

Cynthia McGuinn
2018 National President

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**Hong Kong**
April 4-8, 2018

**Hanoi**
April 8-10, 2018

**Halong Bay**
Optional Overnight
April 10-11, 2018

**Danang/Hoi An**
April 10-14 or April 11-14, 2018
TRIP PRICING

Hong Kong & Vietnam: April 4-14, 2018
$7,750 or ($8,021*)

Halong Bay Optional Overnight: April 10-11, 2018
$750 or ($776*)
(If you prefer to take a float plane or helicopter to Halong Bay, instead of the three hour drive, we will offer this option for around $300 per person.)

All prices are quoted per person, based on double occupancy and include all items listed under the Tour Inclusions.
* Price based on non-cash payment.

Internal Air: Carrousel Travel will handle internal air for the trip. The internal air will include flights from Hong Kong to Hanoi and Hanoi to Danang. We quote the internal air separately because it’s hard to predict possible fuel surcharges or the need to add a charter flight if preferred schedule flights are discontinued. You will be billed later for internal flights.
Many Asian cities claim to be where East meets West but this former British Crown Colony is probably the closest the world comes to that claim. Hong Kong is a place of geographic, social and economic contrasts. Scratch the cosmopolitan, high-tech surface and discover vestiges of ancient China in its culture. Locals invariably live in two worlds: skyscrapers and enormous shopping malls adjoin narrow alleys crowded with traditional vendors’ stalls.

Take a trip on the 100-year old tram to the top of Victoria Peak for a panoramic birds-eye view of the city down below. Discover Aberdeen Floating Village and Harbor on a traditional sampan (flat-bottomed Chinese wooden boat). Day-trips outside of the city include Macau, to try your hand at one of the many casinos, or, for a Zen experience, Lantau Island to visit the big Buddha and monastery. To get deep into the heart and soul of Hong Kong, a neighborhood foodie tour, with stops at some of the best-kept secret places, is a must especially for a taste of authentic dim sum. Evenings here are literally over-the-top with a dinner at Sky 100 for 360-degree views of the entire city and a Victoria Harbor cocktail cruise on a different night to admire the skyline from the water. Lan Kwai Fong & SoHo are buzzing late night and worth a visit with their many hipster bars, restaurants and boutiques.

A place of retail pilgrimage, Hong Kong is a shopper’s paradise. Every international brand is well-represented - from Armani to Zegna - but Shanghai Tang is Hong Kong’s very own luxury brand.
Dynamic, chaotic and rapidly changing, Vietnam’s capital city of Hanoi will be our next stop and the famed Metropole Hotel will be our home. Here, we visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Botanical Garden, Presidential Palace and Uncle Ho’s humble house. A few other tours and activities we’ve arranged include cyclo rides through the Old Quarter for a trip back in time and to understand the local culture, cooking classes for you to try your hand at perhaps spring rolls or banh coun, and a viewing of a theatrical water puppet show, a tradition that dates back to the 11th century. The fall of French Indochina may have been over half a century ago but the French influence is still evident throughout Hanoi - from the wide, tree-lined boulevards to the architecture of the old buildings and even the flaky baguettes used for the beloved banh mi sandwiches.
For anyone that wants to experience the wild wonder and beauty of Halong Bay, we have substituted the first night in Danang/Hoi An for a luxury afternoon and overnight cruise. A sailing in and around the quieter bays promises glimpses of the rugged and the untouched landscape that includes picturesque floating villages, towering limestone islands topped by rainforests, wind- and wave-eroded grottoes and pristine beaches.

The overnight boats in Halong Bay feature private cabins and suites to ensure you are sleeping pretty and an exciting array of activities will keep you entertained while taking in the spectacular scenery of the “Bay of Descending Dragons.” Each vessel features a stylish restaurant and bar for an exclusive dining experience. The top deck serves as the perfect place to enjoy lingering in the sunshine and discovering the splendid beauty of Halong Bay. Your senses are sure to be revived and your well-being nurtured with the massages and beauty treatments offered onboard. (Space is limited)
Coastal city and halfway point between Hanoi to the north and Ho Chi Minh to the south, Danang has grown from a provincial backwater to a hip and thriving destination that now attracts those seeking luxury resorts and R&R along its white sandy beaches. In between poolside lounging and spa treatments, visit the nearby Marble Mountains to see the five craggy marble outcrops topped with pagodas, discover the former imperial city of Hue and ancient town of Hoi An and the Cham Museum for the largest display of Cham sculpture and artwork found in the world. Hike the narrow jungle roads or hop on a bike and discover even more. Take in all of the beauty of the area while staying at the top luxury resort in all of Vietnam, Four Seasons Resort, The Nam Hai.
The Peninsula Hotel, Hong Kong
April 4-8, 2018  ▮  4 Nights in Hong Kong
At the edge of Victoria Harbor, the Peninsula Hotel is the Grande Dame of the East and the city’s oldest hotel. Sometimes being old has its perks – the hotel is among the world’s best and still sets standards worldwide. With eight award-winning restaurants and bars plus a sprawling spa, this is a slice of paradise in the heart of the city. Numerous antiques and historical artifacts are on display around the hotel. Reimagined rituals, such as Afternoon Tea in The Lobby, evoke the colonial romance of yesteryear. A stay here allows you to relive the glamor of travel of a by-gone era.

Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi Hotel
April 8-10, 2018  ▮  2 Nights in Haoni
An icon in the city and enviably located in the bustling Old Quarter across from the Opera House. Built in 1901, this colonial and neo-classical luxury hotel boasts a rich history and a century-long tradition of hospitality for dignitaries ranging from ambassadors and writers to statesmen and entrepreneurs. A historic bomb shelter resides at the hotel dating back to when Hanoi was bombed during the Vietnam War, from the mid-1960s to Christmas of 1972. During that time, guests were led to relative safety in the 430-sq-ft underground bomb shelter. In the years after, the shelter was sealed and essentially lost, until a chance rediscovery in 2011 during the reconstruction of the hotel’s Bamboo Bar. The shelter has since been reopened as a monument to the staffers, who led guests to safety. It is also the anchor in the Metropole’s Path of History hotel tour.
Four Seasons Resort The Nam Hai, Danang/Hoi An
April 10-14 or 11-14, 2018  ❖  4 Nights Danang
(3 Nights for Halong Bay Group)
A harmonious ode to coast, culture and community in Vietnam’s UNESCO-strewn center, this former fishing village is now the stunning setting for The Nam Hai and is an authentic connection to the region. Set on a half-mile stretch of Ha My Beach and hailed by Forbes as one of the best beaches in the world – perfect for lazing or water sports. Providing a true sanctuary and soothing escape, the resort’s Heart of the Earth Spa is perched over a lotus pond and was beautifully inspired by renowned Vietnamese Zen master, scholar and peacemaker. For the ultimate dining indulgence, the onsite restaurants feature open kitchens, world-class chefs, homegrown herbs and sea breezes. Rooted in Vietnam’s cultural heartland, the resort is the perfect gateway for exploring three extraordinary UNESCO sites – from Hue’s imperial city to the temple sanctuary of My Son and Hoi An’s enchanting lantern-lit streets. Each unit is a stand-alone private villa, luxuriously outfitted for absolute R&R and your enjoyment.
TOUR INCLUSIONS

Hong Kong  April 4-8, 2018
- 4 nights in Hong Kong at the Peninsula Hotel in Grand Deluxe Harbor View Rooms
- Evening Victoria Harbor cocktail cruise to admire the famous skyline
- Highlights of Hong Kong Island & Fishing Village tour including Victoria Peak, and sampan (flat bottom boat Chinese wooden boat) ride in Aberdeen fishing port followed lunch
- Private shopping event with refreshments at the famed Shanghai Tang for their latest in high-end fashion
- Design your own custom-tailored clothing and shop for pearls and other precious jewelry
- Optional tours: Wet Market & Dim Sum Cooking Class or Foodie Tour in Sai Ying Pun
- Optional day-trips to Macau and Lantau Island
- Grand farewell dinner at Sky 100 overlooking the entire city and harbor

Hanoi  April 8-10, 2018
- 2 nights in Hanoi at the historic Metropole Hotel
- Welcome to Vietnam dinner sampling specialties from many different regions of the country
- Tour of the capital city including a visit to Ho Chi Minh’s Mausoleum, Presidential Palace, Temple of Literature, Hoa Lo Prison (Hanoi Hilton) and other main sites followed by lunch
- Included optional tours: Water puppet show, cyclo ride and visit to the Old Quarter, or bunker tour at the hotel

Halong Bay Optional Overnight  April 10-11, 2018
- 1 night aboard your private charter vessel
- All meals on board the boat
- Included optional activities in the bay: swimming or kayaking, cave tour, rowboat to fishing village or cooking demonstration on the sun deck

Danang/Hoi An  April 10-14 or April 11-14, 2018
- 4 nights in Danang/Hoi An at the Four Seasons The Nam Hai (3 nights for Halong Bay Group)
- Hoi An walking tour including visits of the 18th century Japanese Covered Bridge, Phuoc Kien temple, custom tailor shop and more
- Tour of Marble Mountains and other local sights
- Hue historic city tour to learn about the country’s former capital
- Optional resort activities and facilities such as spa, pools and cooking classes
- Lunch at a colonial riverside restaurant in Hoi An
- Beachside cocktail party and barbeque
- Grand evening of music and dining at the Four Seasons Resort for our farewell reception and dinner

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Halong Bay Optional Overnight

April 10-11, 2018

- 1 night aboard a Paradise Luxury Cruise boat
- All meals onboard the boat
- Included optional activities in the bay: swimming or kayaking, cave tour, rowboat to fishing village or cooking demonstration on the sun deck

Danang/Hoi An

April 10-14 or April 11-14, 2018

- 4 nights in Danang/Hoi An at the Four Seasons The Nam Hai (3 nights for Halong Bay Group)
- Hoi An walking tour including visits of the 18th century Japanese Covered Bridge, Phuoc Kien temple, custom tailor shop and more
- Tour of Marble Mountains and other local sights
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ABOTA REGISTRATION FORM

- **Hong Kong & Vietnam**
  April 4-14, 2018  $7,750  or  ($8,021*)

- **Halong Bay Optional Overnight** *(Space is limited)*
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- Please send me information on pre- or post-trip excursions to Saigon or Cambodia.

- **Special Activity Interests:** __________

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  **International Air:** Terry Likens at Carrousel Travel is an expert on international air and we recommend that you contact Terry at (800) 800-6508 or tlikens@carrouseltravel.com for assistance. Your international flight should bring you to Hong Kong and return you from Danang.

Submit registration by email to abota@carrouseltravel.com or fax to 612-866-9644 or mail with check payable to: Carrousel Travel, 6625 Lyndale Avenue South, Suite 104, Minneapolis, MN 55423

Please include a photo copy of the first page of your passport.

Name  ________________________________  (Must be your legal name exactly as it appears on your passport)

Email  ____________________________________________________________

Companion  ________________________________  (Must be your legal name exactly as it appears on your passport)

Companion Email  ___________________________________________________

Preferred Mailing Address  ❑ Home  ❑ Office

If Office, Company Name:  ________________________________

Address:  ________________________________

City______________________________  State_______  Zip________

Home Phone __________________________  Work Phone __________________

Cell ____________________________  Companion Cell _____________________

❑ I have read/agree to the Terms & Conditions of this tour brochure.

Signature______________________________  Date______________________

Enclosed is $______________________________  To cover:

❑ Deposit of $1,500/person  ❑ 2nd Payment of $2,000/person *(Due on 11/17/2017)*

❑ Final Payment *(Due on 1/10/2018)*

❑ Bill my credit card  ❑ Visa  ❑ Mastercard  ❑ American Express

Acct. #______________________________  CVV  Exp. Date____________________

Signature______________________________  Date______________________

❑ I authorize Carrousel Travel to charge my credit card for the deposit and all scheduled payments on the due dates.

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**Terms & Conditions**

Reservations must be accompanied by a $1,500 per person deposit and signed registration form. A second payment of $2,000 per person is due November 17, 2017. Final payment is due January 10, 2018. All payments will be non-refundable. Carrousel Travel highly recommends trip cancellation and interruption insurance. We cannot guarantee any refunds from cancellations and any refunds will be based on the refunds received from hotels and suppliers along with the ability to fill your hotel rooms.

**Responsibility**

ABOTA and Carrousel Travel purchase transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant services and other services from various suppliers that are not subject to their control. ABOTA and Carrousel Travel cannot, therefore, be liable for any personal injury, property damage or personal loss in connection with any service which may occur due to (1) any act or omission of such a supplier, or (2) defects in or failures of any aircraft, vessel, automotive vehicle or other means of transportation that is not under their control, or (3) any circumstances arising as a result of military or political action, terrorism, weather, acts of God, epidemiological events or any other circumstances over which ABOTA and Carrousel Travel have no control.

ABOTA and Carrousel Travel reserve the right to adjust US Dollar prices without notice to reflect fluctuations in the foreign exchange markets. ABOTA and Carrousel Travel also reserve the right to alter, change or omit any part of the itinerary as they deem necessary or desirable, and to pass on to tour members any expenditures or losses caused by delays or events beyond their control.

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