



# CREATIVE PHOTO WORKSHOPS



## Ho Chi Minh City - Creative Photo Workshop with **Shelton Muller & Glynn Lavender** 22 – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012

*Join Shelton Muller and Glynn Lavender of Creative Photo Workshops as we hit Ho Chi Minh City and the Mekong Delta for a photo shoot like no other!*

*Our tour will feature fantastic street shooting opportunities that capture the life and soul of this bustling city. From fish markets to back streets and alleys we will be travelling the city and suburbs looking for amazing photo opportunities. With our local guide on hand to translate, our own coach and driver at our beck and call and even a security guard to keep an eye on our gear we will be ready to seize whatever opportunity comes our way. This is not a tour of the local tourist hot spots. This is a photo shoot with the city, the people and the way they live as our subjects.*

*If you love travel photography and love shooting people with life and character in their faces then this is the trip for you.*

### **Day 1: Thursday 22 March 2012: Melbourne Tullamarine Airport**

2230 hours (10:30pm) Meet next to the Thai Airways Int'l Check-In Counter

### **Day 2: Friday 23 March 2012: Melbourne – Bangkok – Ho Chi Minh City (B/L/-)**

Fly Melbourne to Bangkok with Thai Airways Int'l (overnight in-flight)  
Depart: 0030 hours, Arrive: 0540 hours

Fly Bangkok to Ho Chi Minh City with Thai Airways Int'l  
Depart: 0745 hours, Arrive: 0915 hours

On arrival in Ho Chi Minh City you will be met by our representative and transferred to the Grand Hotel.

Approx. 1100 hours check-in, shower and freshen up. We then go to lunch and commence our afternoon city exploring for photos (Dan Sinh Market & Old Market – Cho Cu). Return to hotel, this evening is free at leisure; perhaps we discover the night activities of Ho Chi Minh City at Ben Thanh market, located approx 10 minutes easy stroll from your hotel.

### ***OVERNIGHT AT GRAND HOTEL - HO CHI MINH CITY***



**Day 3: Saturday 24 March 2012: Ho Chi Minh City (B/L/-)**



**05:00 am** – Early morning depart for flower market at Ho Thi Ky street. We will spend about 1 hour shooting the locals and the market as it comes to life.

**06:30 am** – We then continue onto Tao Dan park to watch the locals do exercises and Tai Chi. We will also spend 1 hour here which will allow everyone to discover the area at their own pace.

**07:00 am** – Return to the Grand Hotel for breakfast.

**08:00 am** – After breakfast we will travel to China Town and visit the

Thien Hau pagoda, Binh Tay market, Cha Tam church (we will spend approx 1 hour at each location). There is also an optional visit to a kinder-garden school next to Cha Tam church.

Lunch will be at a local restaurant.

After lunch we may visit some of the following: a cigarette market (Hoc Lac st.), rice market (Tran Chanh Chieu), vegetable market (Mai Xuan Thuong), chicken market, and a cloth market (Soai Kinh Lam), before making our way to the Giac Lam pagoda (1 hour). Depending on shooting opportunities this may vary.

In the evening we travel along Nguyen Tri Phuong Street, Ta Uyen Street, and Thanh Thai Street to shoot night activities of local people.



***OVERNIGHT AT GRAND HOTEL - HO CHI MINH CITY***

**Day 4: Sunday 25 March 2012: Ho Chi Minh City – Cai be – Vinh Long - Can Tho (Mekong Delta) (B/L/-)**



**05:00 am** – This morning we will arrange a breakfast box for you. Early morning depart for Ba Chieu market before continuing to visit the Temple of Le Van Duyet and alley 77 on Dien Bien Phu Street (a slum area).

**08:00 am** - We depart to Cai Be. Along the way, we can stop to take photos of rice fields, markets, and people. Upon arrival, take a boat cruise to the Cai Be Floating Market. You will have a chance to observe the lively activities of local merchants trading their produce from their laden vessels. Visit a village where you will see some family run businesses that produce rice cakes and rice paper. After eating lunch at a local house, we proceed to

Binh Hoa Phuoc islet for a sampan ride before disembarking at Vinh Long for our drive to Can Tho.

***OVERNIGHT AT KIM THO HOTEL – CAN THO (Mekong Delta)***

**Day 5: Monday 26 March 2012: Ho Chi Minh City – Bangkok - Melbourne**

Enjoy a morning boat cruise to the Cai Rang Floating Market, full of small boats and vessels that deliver goods from all parts of the Mekong Delta. You will have a chance to observe lively activities of merchants trading their produce. Visit the Binh Thuy historic house before returning to Ho Chi Minh City. Lunch en route at a local restaurant.

Arrive Ho Chi Minh City back to Grand Hotel, collect any luggage in storage, shower, change and freshen up at the Health Club and then an opportunity reflect and discuss the weekend shoot before transfer to airport.

Approx 18:15 pm – transfer to airport for our flight to Bangkok - Melbourne.

Fly Ho Chi Minh City to Bangkok with Thai Airways Int'l

Depart: 2050 hours, Arrive: 2215 hours

**Day 6: Tuesday 27 March 2012: Bangkok - Melbourne**

Fly Thai Airways Int'l to Melbourne with Thai Airways Int'l

Depart: 0015 hours, Arrive: 1305 hours

**Price (A\$):**

Share Twin Room: ~~\$2,979.00~~  
**\$2,749.00**  
 Single Room Supp.: \$ 293.00



*\* Early Bird offer expires 13 Feb'12*

**Price Includes:**

- Thai Airways Int'l economy class return airfares & taxes from Melbourne
- 4 Days / 3 Nights accommodation in Twin share accommodation
- Met on arrival, airport transfers and land transportation as per itinerary
- Meals as specified (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch)
- English Speaking Guide
- Entrance fees as per above itinerary
- 1 guard (during tours)
- Use of Health Club at Grand Hotel on last day
- Mineral Water (during tours)
- International air ticket reconfirmation
- Vietnam Visa

**Price does not Included:**

- Travel Insurance (essential) from \$74.00 pp (see notes)
- All other meals and drinks
- Video and camera fees



### Travel Insurance:

A comprehensive travel insurance cover is absolutely necessary and starts at \$74.00 per person. As the premium cost can vary depending on age and pre-existing medical conditions (if any), a final quotation is done on case by case basis at the time of participant details advice. The approximate value of camera equipment taken will also need to be assessed so to ensure travel insurance cover for photographic equipment is adequate. Details should be completed on the booking form provided.

### Single Room Supplement:

Should a Single Room be preferred there is a supplement cost of \$293.00.

### Booking Procedures

1. Call or email your expression of interest as soon as possible (see contact detail below).
2. Please complete the attached Alma Travel Booking form and send back to our office along with a copy or scan of your passport.
3. Confirmation shall be forwarded confirming your participation with a request of deposit payment. The cost of a comprehensive Travel Insurance Cover shall be provided at this time.
4. A deposit will be required of \$500 per person plus payment of your travel insurance cover (your deposit is protected immediately from the time your travel insurance policy is issued).
5. Balance of monies will be required by early February 2012

### Your Point of Contact for Booking

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### Notes:

***Above prices are based on a minimum of 10 participants. Should numbers fall below this the price will need to be re-assessed.***

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