As we grow it is the collection of our experiences that makes us who we are as people. Our culture is the foundation upon which these experiences settle. The Vietnam Cultural Tour’s mission is to establish an appreciation of the Vietnamese culture through the ultimate in interactive experiences. This is a travel program that will allow each participant to see, smell, taste, and feel all that beautiful Vietnam has to offer.

Price: $2800/person

Price includes 3-4 star hotel lodging, most meals, entrance fees, private transportation, and donation to Catalyst Foundation. It does not include international flight and visa to Vietnam and domestic airfare (in Vietnam).

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"We wanted our son to see the country through the eyes of someone who is Vietnamese and could understand his own needs having been adopted. As well as having kids to travel with. It was a perfect combination!"

The Catalyst Foundation “Vietnam Cultural Tour” follows in the successful footsteps of the Catalyst Foundation “Vietnam Culture Camp” and fosters the same ideas and purpose. These tours will reinforce families’ appreciation of the heritage and culture of Vietnam. Through interactive travel experiences, your adopted child’s cultural awareness will develop, as will their self-esteem and identity. As with everything we undertake, Catalyst Foundation insures that every step in this journey will be anticipated as much as possible.

This homeland journey includes a short “Aid Expedition” where you will meet and work with the community we serve in Vietnam. Your family will become an active participant in the culture of an exciting and evolving homeland, rather than a bystander watching a foreign country. This will reinforce those lessons you have been teaching your child throughout their lives. Traveling with them to experience and learn their birth culture is irreplaceable. Beyond the cliché of an “experience of a lifetime”, this will instill a sense of pride that can only come from direct contact in the country.

"The Cultural Tour has opened our children’s eyes to how other people live. I feel like we gave them such a gift being able to participate in the Aid Expedition. They haven’t stopped talking about how good it felt to help the community. And we are all talking about our next trip being sooner rather than later."

The Vietnam Cultural Tour offers an opportunity for family members to connect with each other and build a unique community of support. This trip allows the opportunity for priceless memories such as eating pho for breakfast, sharing experiences with other adoptees, and catching up with longtime online friends.

This is NOT a tour that includes visiting orphanages or meeting birth families. We believe that this is an emotional, private and personal matter that needs to be held in a different setting before/after the Tour. If you are interested in that experience, we can assist you with organizing transportation, meetings, and translators. Please feel free to contact Catalyst Foundation for more information.

The participant fee includes a $1000 tax-deductible donation to Catalyst Foundation, and will be used towards continuing our community development programs. Each year Catalyst Foundation continues to improve on and advance our mission of helping at-risk populations and preventing human trafficking in Vietnam. We strive to educate and break the cycle of poverty through community capacity building.

"From our Culture Camp experience, I had confidence in Caroline’s ability to organize and execute a great experience for both kids and adults, and I’d seen first hand at camp her passion for Vietnam and adoptees."

In preparation for the trip you will work directly with Caroline Ticarro, Founder and Executive Director of Catalyst Foundation. She has been working with the adoption community for over 20 years. She has extensive experience working closely with adoptive families, including supporting a variety of cultural events, the “Vietnam Culture Camp”, and also an adoptive mom of twins born in Vietnam.

Prior to the trip, you will hear first-hand accounts by adoptees and their parents about their own cultural tour experiences. We will provide supplemental materials that include webinar presentations and readings appropriate for the family to share and discuss with each other. As participants map out their activities, the same approach will be taken to map out what can be done to make the trip an emotionally empowering one.

Having traveled to Vietnam over 50 times, Caroline brings not only warmth and compassion, but also unmatched expertise. She has first hand experience traveling with her own adopted children and dealing with the issues that may come up. As a native speaker with a full time staff in country, she has the resources to deal with any situation. As accomplished world travelers we will guide you through every step – from how to handle certain questions, to where to eat, to what to buy, and to even where the best coffee is! We commit to being there for your family before, during, and after the trip.