

Itinerary of Vietnam Tour with Thầy and International Sangha of Plum Village
Ho Chi Minh City, Spring 2005
From January 23- February 18, 2005

January 2005

*** 01/23/2005 Sunday**

9:00 Arrive at Tân Sơn Nhất Airport, drive to Pháp Vân Temple (PVT)
10:45 Arrive at Pháp Vân Temple, receiving rooms
11:30 Lunch
14:30 Visit and pay respect to High Venerables Trí Tĩnh and Trí Quang
18:00 Dinner at Pháp Vân Temple and rest

*** 01/24/2005 Monday**

6:00 Breakfast at Pháp Vân Temple
7:00 Leave Pháp Vân Temple
8:00 Visit and pay respect to High Venerable Head of Board of Directors and Venerables of Board of Directors of HCM City Buddhist Sangha (Ấn Quang Temple), visit and pay respect to Venerables of Ấn Quang Temple
9:00 Leave Ấn Quang Temple
9:30 Visit and pay respect to Venerables of Board of Directors of VBS 2nd Office and Venerables of International Buddhist Council (Quảng Đức Zen Center)
10:30 Leave Quảng Đức Zen Center
11:00 Visit and lunch at Dược Sư Temple
14:00 Continue to visit and pay respect to High Venerables at Ho Chi Minh City
18:00 Dinner at Pháp Vân Temple and rest

*** 01/25/2005 Tuesday**

6:00 Breakfast at Pháp Vân Temple (PVT)
7:00 Leave PVT, visit and pay respect to Venerables in Board of Directors of Vĩnh Nghiêm Temple and Venerables in Board of Education of High Buddhist Institute of HCM City
8:00 Dharma talk and sharing with monastics of High Buddhist Institute at Vĩnh Nghiêm Temple: Stopping To Be In Touch With The Beginner's Mind, Looking Deeply To Nourish Bodhicitta: The Mind of Love
10:00 Walking Meditation
11:00 Lunch at Vĩnh Nghiêm Temple
13:30 Total relaxation
15:00 Dharma discussion
17:00 Return to Pháp Vân Temple
18:00 Dinner at Pháp Vân Temple and rest

*** 01/26/2005 Wednesday**

6:00 Breakfast at Pháp Vân Temple
7:00 Leave Pháp Vân Temple, visit and pay respect to Venerables in Board of Directors of VN Buddhist Research Institute, Directing Council of Buddhist Institute of HCM City and Venerables of Vạn Hạnh Zen Center
8:00 Dharma talk and sharing with monastics of VN Buddhist Research Institute and monastic students in HCM City: 10:00 Walking meditation

11:00 Lunch at Vạn Hạnh Zen Center
13:30 Total relaxation
15:00 Dharma discussion
17:00 Leave Vạn Hạnh Zen Center
18:00 Dinner at Pháp Vân Temple

*** 01/27/2005 Thursday**

5:30 Breakfast at Pháp Vân Temple
6:30 Bring luggages to bus
7:00 Leave Pháp Vân Temple, visit and pay respect to venerables at Trung Tâm Temple
8:00 Dharma talk and sharing with monastics of the Khất Sĩ Branch
10:00 Walking meditation
11:00 Lunch and rest at Trung Tâm Temple
13:00 Total relaxation
14:00 Dharma discussion in groups
15:30 Leave Trung Tâm Temple, drive to Hoàng Pháp Temple (at Hóc Môn), stay there and at nearby regions
17:00 Guest monastics gather at Hoàng Pháp Temple, register for retreat and check in room
18:00 Monastic Retreat begins
 Silence meal at Hoàng Pháp
19:30 Opening of Monastic Retreat
 Orientation talk
21:00 Sitting meditation
22:00 Noble silence and rest

*** 01/28 - 02/02/2005**

Monastic Retreat at Hoàng Pháp Temple (have separate schedule)
01/30: The Almsround Day at Hoàng Pháp Temple.
02/02: Wednesday
 16:00 Leave Hoàng Pháp Temple, drive to Pháp Vân Temple
 18:00 Dinner at Pháp Vân Temple and rest

February 2005

*** 02/03/2005 Thursday**

6:00 Breakfast at Pháp Vân Temple
7:30 Leave Pháp Vân Temple-The nuns of Plum Village visit and pay respect to the venerable nuns in the area and visit the markets of Tết (VN New Year). The monks of P.V visit the market of Tết.
17:00 Visit and pay respect to Venerables at Xá Lợi Temple and have light dinner there
18:30-21:30 Dharma talk at Xá Lợi Temple
21:30 Return to Pháp Vân

*** 02/04/2005 Friday**

6:00 Breakfast at Pháp Vân Temple
7:30 Plum Village Delegation visits the market of Tết
11:00 Lunch at Pháp Vân Temple
Tentative schedule:

13:30 Leave Pháp Vân Temple, drive to Hòa Bình Theatre
14:30-17:30 Dharma talk: The Future of Buddhism in Europe, Australia, and America
18:30 Dinner at Ấn Quang Temple
20:00 Return to Pháp Vân Temple

*** 02/05/2005 Saturday**

6:00 Breakfast at Pháp Vân Temple
7:30 Plum Village Delegation visits market of Tết
11:00 Lunch at Pháp Vân Temple
Tentative schedule:
13:30 Leave Pháp Vân Temple, drive to Hòa Bình Theatre
14:30-17:30 Spiritual poems, songs and chanting perform by the Plum Village Sangha : The Great Aspirations of Samathabhadra and of Avalokitesvara In The 21st Century
18:30 Dinner at Pháp Vân Temple and rest

*** 02/06/2005 Sunday**

6:00 Breakfast at Pháp Vân Temple
8:00 The Inauguration ceremony for the new Dharma Hall and Monastic Residence at Pháp Vân Temple
10:00 Dharma talk: Re-establishing Communication Between Two Generations, Connecting The Two Cultures (gap) and Rebuilding Relationship In The Family
12:00 Walking meditation
13:00 Lunch at Pháp Vân Temple
14:15 Total relaxation
15:00 Dharma discussion
18:00 Dinner at Pháp Vân Temple and rest

*** 02/07/2005 Monday**

6:00 Breakfast at Pháp Vân Temple
7:30 Plum Village Delegation visits the market of Tết
18:00 Dinner at Pháp Vân Temple and rest

*** 02/08/2005 Tuesday**

6:00 Breakfast at Pháp Vân Temple
Prepare for New Year Celebration
11:00 Lunch at PVT
17:00 Dinner at PVT
19:00 Sharing of poems and literature and welcoming New Year's Eve at Pháp Vân Temple
22:00 Touching the earth
23:30 Sitting meditation, New Year Ceremony (Year of the Chicken)

*** 02/09 -02/11 New Year activities at Pháp Vân Temple (there is a schedule for that)**

*** 02/11/2005 Friday**

15:00 Bring luggages to the bus

15:30 Leave Pháp Vân Temple, drive to Hoàng Pháp Temple (at Hóc Môn) and nearby areas and stay there
17:00 Lay friends gather in Hoàng Pháp Temple, register for retreat
18:00 Retreat for lay friends begins
 Silent dinner at Hoàng Pháp Temple
19:30 Opening Ceremony for Lay- Retreat, Orientation talk: Each step in freedom
21:00 Sitting meditation
22:00 Noble silence

*** 02/12/2005 Saturday**

6:00 Breakfast at Hoàng Pháp Temple
7:30 Walking meditation
9:00 Dharma talk: Re-establishing Communication, Transforming Hatred
11:00 Lunch at Hoàng Pháp Temple
13:30 Total relaxation
15:00 Dharma discussion
18:00 Dinner at Hoàng Pháp Temple
20:00 Sitting meditation
21:30 Noble silence

*** 02/13/2005 Sunday**

6:00 Transmission of the 5 Mindfulness Trainings
7:30 Breakfast at Hoàng Pháp Temple
9:00 Dharma talk: Welcoming Maitreya Buddha, The Buddha of Love, The Buddha of Our Century
11:00 Lunch at HPT
13:30 Total relaxation
15:00 Tea meditation
17:00 Dinner at HPT
19:00 Return to Pháp Vân Temple

*** 02/14/2005 to 02/16/05**

6:00 Breakfast at Pháp Vân Temple
Tentative schedule:
7:30 Rest, personal visiting or sharing
11:00 Lunch at Pháp Vân Temple
17:00 - 21:30: Teachings at Pháp Vân Temple

*** 02/17/2005 Thursday**

6:00 Breakfast at Pháp Vân Temple
Tentative schedule:
7:30 Rest, shop, and good-bye

*** 02/18/2005 Friday**

4:30 Bring luggages to bus (bring breakfast along)
5:00 Leave Pháp Vân Temple, drive to Tân Sơn Nhất Airport to fly to Huế (#VN250) at
6:30 am
7:50 Arrive in Huế