NONG LAM UNIVERSITY OF HCMC
CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Biodiversity study program

(5 days)

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Are you interested in study of creatures in mangrove forest and learning their characteristics and their habitats? Do you want to harmonize with nature and explore tropical mangrove forest? Participate in our biodiversity study program in 5 days. Located just 50km south from Ho Chi Minh City, Can Gio mangrove forest involves the flora of mangrove and brackish water forest with over 150 types of plants which are food source for over 700 species of aquatic invertebrates, 130 species of fishes, 9 species of amphibians, 31 species of reptiles (including 11 reptile species named in the Vietnamese Red Book), 4 species of mammals, 130 species of birds… They all live in an environment that is preserved and restored as natural as possible.

Moreover, Can Gio mangrove forest which was appreciated by experts is one of the best restored and preserved areas in Vietnam and in the world. That is an appropriate location to serve scientific research and ecotourism.
# TENTATIVE PROGRAM
Number of participants: **20 people**

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<th>Day</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Activities</th>
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| **Day 1**    | Arrive in HCMC    | • Picking up overseas participants from Tan Son Nhat Airport  
• Overseas participants check in to designated hotels  
• Orientation for Vietnamese participants |
| **Day 2**    | Opening ceremony  | Morning  
• Welcome party  
• Introduction to Nong Lam University  
• Introduction to directorates of Center for International Education  
• Presentation of student design  
• University tour  
• Lunch break  
Afternoon  
• Going to Can Gio  
• Participants check in to designated hotels  
• Dinner time |
|              | Can Gio field trip| Morning  
• Breakfast  
• Using canoe to the center of Vam Sat  
• Conquering Tang Bong tower *(26m high, challenging suspension bridge, visiting friendly mild forest deer swarm, feeding the deer.)*  
• Visiting crocodile swamp, learning about the process of crocodile incubation, visiting new-born crocodile swarm *(joining the game “Boat and fish crocodile”)*  
• Visiting wild monkey swarm (long-tailed macaque)  
• Visiting and learning about reduced model of unrefined salt production (in dry season)  
• Visiting natural bird reserve (more than 7000 birds in 26 different species).  
• Lunch break, seeing and playing with yellow-cheeked gibbon couple  
Afternoon  
• Bathing and discovering the wonder of “floating lake” *(not swimming but floating on the water)*  
• Visiting bat reserve, rowing boat threading through the mangrove forest to learn about the flora of mangrove forest and see garden of bat in sleep  
• Playing game in water area (self-sufficiency)  
• Leaving forest and getting back the hotel  
• Dinner time |
| **Day 4**    |                    | Morning  
• Breakfast  
• Introduction to Directorates of Can Gio mangrove management boards  
• Walking tour inside Can Gio mangrove forest protection  
• Visiting Can Gio Mangrove Research Center  
• Visiting nursery plants  
• Lunch break  
Afternoon  
• Packing and going back HCMC  
• Dinner time |
| **Day 5**    | City tour and free time |  
• Breakfast *(enjoying Pho – special food in Vietnam)*  
• Visiting War Remnants Museum  
• Visiting Reunification Palace  
• Visiting Ben Thanh market  
• Lunch break and discovering HCMC (self-sufficiency)  
• Packing and leaving HCMC |
PICTURES OF CAN GIO TRIP
# ESTIMATED COST

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<tr>
<th>Items</th>
<th>Unit cost (USD)</th>
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<td><strong>1. Transportation</strong></td>
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<td>Traveling at the airport</td>
<td>80USD</td>
<td>2 days</td>
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<td>Traveling for city tour</td>
<td>150USD</td>
<td>1 day</td>
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<td>Traveling for Can Gio</td>
<td>300USD</td>
<td>2 days</td>
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<td><strong>2. Accommodation</strong></td>
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<td>Viet Thang Hotel (HCMC)</td>
<td>21USD/ night /room/ 2 pp</td>
<td>2 nights x 10 rooms</td>
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<td>Can Gio resort</td>
<td>50USD/ night /room/ 2 pp</td>
<td>2 nights x 10 rooms</td>
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<td><strong>3. Meal (Breakfast, lunch, dinner, drinking water during trip)</strong></td>
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<td>Can Gio and City tour</td>
<td>25USD/ person/day</td>
<td>3 days x 20 people</td>
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<td>Daily meal</td>
<td>20USD/ person</td>
<td>2 days x 20 people</td>
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<td>Farewell party</td>
<td>25USD/ person</td>
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<td><strong>4. Can Gio trip free</strong></td>
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<td>22USD/ person</td>
<td>20 people</td>
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<td><strong>5. Entrance fees museums of city tour</strong></td>
<td>5USD/ person</td>
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<td><strong>6. Assistant during trip</strong></td>
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<td>25USD/ day</td>
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<td><strong>7. Applying for field visit permission</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Cost for 1 person in 5 days</strong></td>
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**NOTE:** Cost does not cover any extra fees. It can be sent directly in CASH to Center for International Education. If you pay in Cash, you don’t have to pay 10% overhead.