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**Pearls of Southeast Asia**

**Hong Kong to Saigon**

Featuring guest speaker Jim Laurie, former ABC and NBC News correspondent

aboard the Exclusively Chartered Small Ship

Five-Star *M.S. L’Austral*

October 18 to 28, 2017

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Dear Alumni & Friends of McMaster University,

In a timeless stretch of land cradling the South China Sea, awe-inspiring natural beauty, sacred myths and honoured traditions shaped over centuries by legendary dynasties await you. Join us for this exclusive, custom-designed, nine-night cruise of the alluring jewels of Vietnam—an intriguing destination of mystical ancient pagodas, serene rice paddies, bustling sampan-filled harbours, grand colonial mansions and authentic markets filled with talented Vietnamese craftsmen skilled in their ancient artistic traditions. By exclusive arrangement, award-winning journalist Jim Laurie, the only American network correspondent to witness the fall of Saigon to the North Vietnamese in April 1975, will provide revealing lectures and reflections on his experience in Vietnam.

Cruise from the spectacular harbour of Hong Kong, the “Crossroads of the East,” to vibrant Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star small ship M.S. L’AUSTRAL, featuring only 110 ocean-view Suites and Staterooms and with access to ports inaccessible to larger vessels. Spend a full day exploring dynamic Hanoi, Vietnam’s culturally diverse capital showcasing a romantic blend of old Asian and French heritage. Sail beside the limestone karst pillars and islands and the lush, forested shores of majestic Ha Long Bay in a traditional Vietnamese junk. Walk among the incredible fortifications of the Forbidden Purple City in the former imperial city of Hue and enjoy stunning mountainous coastline views on the famous Hai Van (Ocean Cloud) Pass. Stroll through the lively, traditional riverfront market while interacting with local craftsmen and artisans and admire the brightly coloured, intricately carved Assembly Hall in ancient Hoi An, an old-world gem and UNESCO World Heritage site. In the historic French Colonial city of Saigon, explore the spectacular contrast of old and new architecture.

Discover the mystique of ancient customs and colourful traditions on this comprehensive voyage encompassing the breadth of Vietnamese culture from North to South. It is a great value, with round-trip air included from Los Angeles, complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages served throughout the Five-Star cruise, all meals and an excursion in every port. Enhance your travel experience in Southeast Asia with the three-night Pre-Cruise Option in Hong Kong and/or the three-night Post-Cruise Option featuring UNESCO World Heritage-designated Angkor Wat.

Make your reservation before May 1, 2017, while Early Booking Savings are still available!

Warmest regards,

Karen McQuigge ’90
Director, Alumni Advancement

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**The Alluring Beauty of Southeast Asia**

Bold colours, vivid landscapes, scenic coastline, stunning limestone pinnacles rising from teal waters, delectable cuisine, exquisite architecture, colourful markets and a compelling history render Southeast Asia one of the most enriching and exotic regions on Earth. Discover Vietnam’s rich legacy of cultures as well as the imprint of Japanese, Chinese, French and American influences that helped shape this fascinating part of the world. Experience the social, intellectual and spiritual heartbeat of Vietnam’s captivating people in its palaces, pagodas, temples and tombs, and in the stunning fusion of its past and present.

### Hong Kong
Formerly a British crown colony, this bustling metropolis returned to China in 1997 and is today a dazzling, cosmopolitan city of skyscrapers pulsing with life and the fascinating convergence of British and Chinese cultures, from Kowloon to Hong Kong Island.

Be on deck for the spectacular sail away in Hong Kong’s harbour this evening.

### Hanoi, Vietnam
From Haiphong, travel by way of scenic roads through an intricate patchwork of well-manicured rice paddies to historic Hanoi. The undeniable charm of this capital city resides in its shaded boulevards and bucolic parks, while the city centre is a marvellous time capsule of 1930s French-colonial architecture. Along the shores of the peaceful Hoan Kiem Lake, residents can still be seen performing traditional Tai Chi exercises.

Begin your walking tour in famous Ba Dinh Square and see a testament to more recent history, the imposing, granite Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum. The Beaux-Arts-style former French Governor’s Residence is adjacent to the garden and modest cottage where Ho Chi Minh lived in the 1960s. Nearby, see the 11th-century One Pillar Pagoda—one of Vietnam’s most iconic temples. Visit the Temple of Literature, founded in A.D. 1070 and which educated scholars in Confucianism for more than 400 years. Walk through Hoa Lo Prison, the infamous “Hanoi Hilton” where captured pilots were held during the Vietnam War.

### Itinerary

- **HONG KONG Pre-Cruise Option**
  1. Depart Los Angeles, U.S./Cross the International Date Line
  2. Hong Kong/Embark m.s. L’Austral
  3. Cruising the Gulf of Tonkin
  4. Haiphong, Vietnam, for Hanoi
  5. Ha Long Bay
  6. Cruising the South China Sea
  7. Hue/Hai Van Pass/Da Nang
  8. Da Nang for Hoi An
  9. Day at Sea
  10. Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City)
  11. Saigon/Disembark ship/Depart for the U.S./Cross the International Date Line

- **ANGKOR WAT Post-Cruise Option**

Cover: Cruise among the verdant limestone towers of idyllic Ha Long Bay, said to have been formed by dragons unleashed by the mythological Jade Emperor.

Photo this page: The Vietnamese have cultivated rice, a staple of the Southeast Asian diet, in concentric terraced paddies for centuries.
In the bustling 36 Streets District, stroll the 15th-century lanes, which carry the names of traditional handcrafts practiced here, such as “Silk Weaving Street.”

**Ha Long Bay**

Board a traditional Vietnamese junk for a private cruise of spectacular Ha Long Bay, the majestic “Bay of the Descending Dragon,” one of Vietnam’s most extraordinary natural features and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Amid over 3000 chalk and limestone islands, wooden-hulled Vietnamese junks with their characteristic orange sails glide along the bay’s tranquil waters between caves and coves, grottoes and stone towers. Walk among the impressive natural stalactites and stalagmites up close in picturesque Thien Cung—the Heavenly Palace Cave.

Passage through the stunning Hien Nhon Gate on the east side of Hue’s monumental Imperial Citadel was once reserved for men only.

**Hue and the Hai Van Pass**

The UNESCO World Heritage site of Hue, located on the banks of the Perfume River and one of Vietnam’s most intriguing and alluring destinations, was the Imperial City of the Nguyen kings from 1601 to 1945. Explore its Imperial Citadel—rivalling Beijing’s Forbidden City in sheer immensity—and see its massive ramparts and moat dating from the 18th and 19th centuries. Tour the Imperial Closure and its Forbidden Purple City, a citadel within a citadel, formerly reserved only for the royalty and servants of the Nguyen Dynasty. Visit the 17th-century Thien Mu (Heavenly Lady) Pagoda, built to ensure the country’s prosperity, according to a legendary prophecy.

**Featured Guest Speaker**

**Jim Laurie**

A distinguished journalist and broadcaster, Jim Laurie has been witness to several of the most defining moments in Asia’s history over the past 40 years. Mr. Laurie was the only American network correspondent to cover the communist takeover of Saigon, Vietnam, on April 30, 1975. Subsequently, he opened the first American television bureau in Beijing in July of 1981 and reported from Beijing on the events of Tiananmen Square in June of 1989.

Mr. Laurie has interviewed many historically influential Asian leaders, including China’s Deng Xiaoping, the Dalai Lama and Cambodia’s King Norodom Sihanouk. For 26 years, Mr. Laurie was a global correspondent for ABC News and NBC News. He is the winner of two Emmy Awards, a Peabody Award for his coverage of the Vietnam War and an Overseas Press Club Award. From 2005 through 2011, he was Director of Broadcasting at the Journalism and Media Studies Center at the University of Hong Kong. He has specialized in the study of media in China; continues to be a frequent visitor to China, Vietnam and Cambodia; and speaks on a variety of Asia-related issues.

Since 2004, Mr. Laurie has specialized in the development of global television news channels. He has served as a consultant to three TV channels in India, the Qatari-owned Al Jazeera English Channel and China Central Television in Beijing. Currently he is advising on China’s growth as a media power in the United States. He is also the producer of recent documentaries including *Cambodia Surgical Ward* for BBC World News in 2010 and the environmental film *Earth Factor Asia: Making a Difference* (KQED World San Francisco: February 2012). Earlier films include Vietnam: 25 Years Later (2000), China’s Unruly Dragon (1988) and Japan: Myths Behind the Miracle (1981).

Scheduled guest speakers may be altered due to circumstances beyond our control. See Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

**AIR is Included from Los Angeles**

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The pagoda’s seven-tiered, octagonal Phuoc Duyen tower is the highest stupa in Vietnam.

Enjoy lunch overlooking the scenic Perfume River, then visit the impressive tomb of Emperor Tu Duc, considered one of the most beautiful architectural works of the Nguyen dynasty and designed by the emperor himself.

Drive through the picturesque mountains to the breathtaking Hai Van (Ocean Cloud) Pass, the 15th-century boundary between Vietnam and the kingdom of Champa.

**Hoi An**
Prior to the 14th century, ancient Hoi An was the commercial capital of the Cham Empire and a strategic port for the very lucrative spice trade. Later, Chinese, Japanese, Indian and Dutch merchants settled Hoi An’s ancient town, and today this UNESCO World Heritage site is a well-preserved example of a 15th- to 19th-century trading post with more than 800 period buildings still intact. Admire the Japanese-style covered bridge, the emblem of Hoi An. Visit the intricately carved grand temple of Phuc Kien Assembly Hall and its workshop for traditional handcrafts, including woodcarving, mat-weaving and embroidery.

**Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City)**
Saigon has remained a vibrant convergence of French romance and Vietnamese flair, where women still wear the traditional national costume of **áo dài** dresses, a silk tunic worn over pantaloons. Visit the imposing Reunification Hall, which once served as the South Vietnamese Presidential Palace; the lovely 19th-century, European-style Central Post Office; and the War Remnants Museum, which offers a unique perspective on the Vietnam War through the eyes of the Vietnamese. See the neo-Romanesque-style Notre Dame Cathedral and the opulent Saigon Opera House, both a distinct reminder of the city’s French Colonial history. Then, visit the Ben Thanh Market, one of the oldest surviving structures in Saigon, where merchants offer exotic spices, aromatic cuisine, traditional Chinese medicines and alluring handcrafted wares and textiles.

Experience the colourful atmosphere of an outdoor market, a quintessential aspect of daily life in Saigon.
Five-Star Small Ship
M.S. L’AUSTRAL

Five-Star, State-of-the-Art Design
The exclusively chartered M.S. L’AUSTRAL represents the newest generation of Five-Star small ships, featuring only 110 Suites and Staterooms, distinctive French sophistication and complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship.

Elegantly Appointed Suites and Staterooms, 95% with Private Balconies
Each air-conditioned, deluxe Stateroom and Suite (18.5 to 45 square metres) features a private bathroom with shower, luxurious Five-Star hotel amenities and minibar with complimentary beverages; most have two twin beds that convert into one queen bed. Enjoy accommodation amenities including individual climate control, satellite flat-screen television, safe, full-length closet, writing desk/dressing table, plush robes and slippers.

Chic and Casual Dining
International and regional cuisine is served in the stylish, spacious Le Coromandel dining room in single, unassigned seatings; alfresco in the casual Le Rodrigues Restaurant; or from 24-hour room service. Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise. Continental and buffet breakfasts, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and a four-course dinner are served daily. Wine is served with lunch and dinner.

Spacious Public Areas/
World-Class Service and Facilities
In keeping with the low passenger density, the public areas are spacious and inviting, and they can accommodate all passengers comfortably. Enjoy views from the Panoramic Lounge; nightly entertainment in the Main Lounge; and lectures, cultural performances or film screenings in the state-of-the-art theatre. There is a library, Internet salon, Sun Deck with open-air bar, swimming pool, beauty salon, spa, Turkish bath-style steam room, full range of fitness equipment, two elevators and an infirmary staffed with a doctor and a nurse. The highly trained and personable, English-speaking, international crew provides attentive service.

Respect for the Environment
The state-of-the-art propulsion system and custom-built stabilizers provide an exceptionally smooth, quiet and comfortable voyage. By design, the ship is energy efficient and environmentally protective of marine ecosystems and has been awarded the prestigious “Clean Ship” designation due to its advanced eco-friendly features, a rarity among ocean-cruising vessels. The ship has two tenders.
Acclaimed Guest Speaker
Jim Laurie, distinguished journalist and witness to some of Vietnam's most defining historical moments.

Included Features
Round-trip Cathay Pacific flight from Los Angeles.* On board the exclusively chartered, Five-Star small ship M.S. L'Austral

◆ Nine-night cruise from Hong Kong to Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City), Vietnam, with port calls at Haiphong for Hanoi, Hue, and Da Nang for Hoi An.

◆ Elegantly appointed, Five-Star Suite or Stateroom, each with a private bathroom.

◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.

◆ Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are available throughout the cruise.

◆ All meals—early continental breakfast, buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, afternoon tea and dinner—throughout the cruise, featuring fine international and regional cuisine, served at single, unassigned settings.

◆ Wine is served with lunch and dinner.

◆ Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship.

◆ Spectacular sail away while cruising the dynamic harbour of Hong Kong.

◆ Excursion to the stoic political capital city of Hanoi to see the 11th-century Temple of Literature, the manicured grounds of the Ho Chi Minh complex and mausoleum and the colourful 36 Streets Old Quarter district, with lunch.

◆ Cruise on a Vietnamese junk along the majestic shores of Ha Long Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage site dominated by more than 3000 limestone karsts, with a visit to the amazing Thien Cung Cave.

◆ Excursion to the former Imperial Capital City of Hue, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring the impressive Tu Duc Tomb, the fortified Forbidden Purple City and the 17th-century Thien Mu Pagoda, including lunch.

◆ Scenic drive over the breathtaking Hai Van Pass from Hue to Da Nang.

◆ Excursion to the ancient port of Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring the impressive Museum of Cham Sculpture in Da Nang, displaying the world’s largest Cham sculpture collection.

◆ Tour of vibrant and cosmopolitan Saigon featuring its French Colonial architecture, central Post Office, War Remnants Museum, former Presidential Palace (Reunification Hall), Notre Dame Cathedral and a visit to the lively Ben Thanh Market.

◆ Onboard guest speakers to provide educational discussions on the culture and history of Vietnam.

Enhanced Travel Services
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).

◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.

◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.

◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom and on excursions.

◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship.

◆ The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.

◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.

◆ Complimentary use of a state-of-the-art audio headset for each participant during guided excursions.

◆ Automatic $250,000 USD flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.

* Included economy-class air from Los Angeles has limited availability and is not guaranteed.
Hong Kong
Pre-Cruise Option
Experience the exciting contrasts and epic drama of Hong Kong, where the present is infused with the past. See Chinese junks and sampans juxtaposed with ocean liners in the harbour, temples and markets tucked below ultramodern high-rises and the interplay of the exotic and the technically advanced. Enjoy a scenic sampan ride through the village of Aberdeen with lunch in one of its renowned floating restaurants and an excursion to the summit of Victoria Peak to see spectacular views of modern-day Hong Kong. Cross famed Victoria Harbour on the iconic Star Ferry. Visit the opulent Man Mo Temple, one of Hong Kong’s oldest shrines; the famous Wong Tai Sin Temple, a brilliantly hued Taoist temple known for fortune-telling and granted wishes; and the stunning Chi Lin Buddhist Nunnery. Stroll the beautifully landscaped grounds of the Tang Dynasty-style Nan Lian Garden and walk through the lively, colourful bird and flower markets in Kowloon. Accommodations are for three nights in the ideally located, Five-Star KOWLOON SHANGRI-LA HOTEL.

Angkor Wat
Post-Cruise Option
Further your journey through this captivating region by discovering the magnificent 12th-century temples and sculptures of Angkor, the capital of the Khmer Empire and one of the world’s most important UNESCO World Heritage sites, located in the lush jungles of Cambodia. Before departing Saigon, tour the Cu Chi Tunnels, an extraordinary underground complex used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War, then continue on to Siem Reap, Cambodia. Visit the iconic temple of Angkor Wat, the largest religious monument ever built. Explore the phenomenal imperial fortified city of Angkor Thom; the ruins of the 11th-century temple mountain, Baphuon; the “lost temple” of Ta Prohm, an impressive Buddhist monument nearly overrun by fig, banyan and kapok trees; and the pink sandstone temple of Banteay Srei, the famed “Citadel of Women.” Accommodations are for three nights in the historic, Five-Star RAFFLES GRAND HOTEL D’ANGKOR, ideally located in Siem Reap’s Old French Quarter. Your flight is included between Saigon and Siem Reap, with return to Los Angeles at no additional cost.

Built nine centuries ago, the stunning Temple of Angkor Wat remains a pilgrimage site for Buddhist monks today.
Singles are available in category 6 at $16770 USD* and in category 4 at $19270 USD* on or before May 1, 2017.

Taxes are an additional $695 USD per person and are subject to change.

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Double at $1030 USD per person.
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I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

Angkor Wat Post-Cruise Option
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Please make my/our air arrangements to Hong Kong, China, with return from Saigon, Vietnam.*
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A customary means of transportation for generations, the bicycle is a ubiquitous sight in Vietnam.

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