

**50TH ANNIVERSARY  
1975-2025**

# THE FALL AND BEYOND TOUR

14 Days 17 - 31 August 2025

A WORLD-EXCLUSIVE  
TOUR TAILORED FOR



## HO CHI MINH CITY HA NOI

**Ba Ria - Vung Tau  
Tien Giang - Ben Tre  
An Loc - Loc Ninh**

**A special moment in history  
Fifty years on from the end of the conflict in Viet Nam  
Explore what led to the 1975 southern collapse  
Experience modern Vietnam and its place in the world**

### \$AUD3390\*

All meals, four star hotels, internal air fares, all transfers, air conditioned road transport

Travel with a unique veteran who has spent time in combat, is steeped in the language and culture, and has lived an authentically Vietnamese village lifestyle.

\*Land only; twin share - International Airfares not included



### Walter Pearson

**Journalist  
Writer  
Documentary maker  
History expert  
Vietnam Veteran  
Vietnamese linguist**

For the past 53 years, Walter has lived Viet Nam's history and watched her take her place in the world community. During that time he has:

Served Two tours In Viet Nam, was wounded twice, and fought in the Battle of Binh Ba  
Qualified as a Military Linguist  
Studied East Asian History and Chinese  
Attended the first gathering of Australian Veterans at the replica Long Tan Cross while working as a journalist for the Ten Network  
Organised some of the earliest tours of Viet Nam for veterans, their families and friends and linked them up with their former enemies  
Researched, wrote, and produced the acclaimed documentary "Vietnam Minefield" for SBS TV, interviewing soldiers from both side of the conflict  
Searched for Australia's six Viet Nam War MIAs and successfully found the remains of two

Escorted US veteran Sammy L Davis to the site of the battle where he was awarded the Medal of Honor and introduced him to members of the VC unit he fought against

Took staff of the Australian War Memorial, including the Senior Historian, on a study tour of Viet Nam

Advised and appeared in episodes of the TV programs "Who Do You Think You Are" and Foreign Correspondent" and advised producers of several other programs including "The Team"

Led tours by motorbike, train, and bus throughout Viet Nam

Lived in a country village in Viet Nam for more than half a decade

[Watch a video about Walter here.](#)

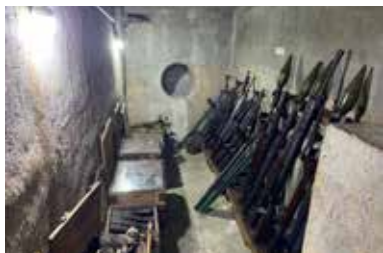
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**Day 1,2,3 17- 19 Aug 2025 Ho Chi Minh City - Ba Ria - Vung Tau**  
 We explore the old Australian area of Operations once called Phuoc Tuy  
 See the old base area, visit Binh Ba, discover the secrets of the Long Hai Hills  
 Attend a gathering at Long Tan Battle site and Cross on Viet Nam Veterans Day  
 Explore the seaside town of Vung Tau, once the home of the Australian logistical base



**Day 4, 5, 6, 20 - 22 Aug 2025 Ha Noi.**  
 We focus on the air war that dominated the north.  
 Visit HCM Mausoleum.  
 See Nha 68 Bunker where the DRV's Military Commission met under threat of US bombs to conduct of the war.  
 Stroll in the 36 Streets  
 Visit the Monument to the capture of John McCain  
 Visit the new War History Museum, the Air Defence and Air Force Museum, the Ha Noi Hilton where captured aircrew were held, and visit the B 52 Museum's display on the Xmas 1972 bombing - Viet Nam's Dien Bien Phu of the air



**Day 7, 23 Aug 2025 Ha Noi - HCM City**  
 Fly HCM City. On arrival check in to hotel and begin exploring today's Ho Chi Minh.



**Day 8, 24 Aug 2025 Tien Giang - Ben Tre**  
 Day Trip to the Mekong Delta.  
 Visit Ap Bac site of a 1963 Battle that signalled the start of the NLF's campaign to destroy the Sai Gon Government  
 Traditional lunch on Ben Tre Island  
 Sampan through the Green Tunnels  
 Visit the Coconut Monk's Refuge - a rarely visited relic of a forgotten story of the war



**Day 9, 10, 11, 25 - 27 Aug 2025 FSB Coral site - Binh Long (An Loc), Loc Ninh, Ta Thiet**  
 Tan Uyen town, FSB Coral site.  
 Dong Xoai and the rubber hills arounde Song Be River to Binh Long. Dinner. Overnight Binh Long.  
 Visit to Loc Ninh site of the Nha Giao Te where the 1973 Paris Peace Accords were implemented.  
 Visit the Ho Chi Minh Trail Museum.  
 Travel to Ta Thiet to visit the vestiges of the Headquarters of the NLF as they orchestrated the final assault on Sai Gon in 1975.  
 Sightseeing among the vestiges of the 1972 siege. Visit the grave of the 3000 martyrs, see remnants of the Hon Quan Airstrip and military base.  
 A highlight of the stay will be the time spent in the local hamlet of Windy Hill where you will see local life in all its rural authenticity



**Day 12, 28 Aug 2025 Cu Chi and HCM City**  
 Breakfast. Drive to Ben Duoc the other Cu Chi Tunnels. Discover a more authentic and revealing take on this aspect of the war in Viet Nam. Lunch. Return to HCM City



**Day 13, 29 Aug 2025 HCM City**  
 Visit the 5 Commando Museum the unit famous for assaults in the city especially during in Tet 1968.  
 Visit the underground bunker 5 Commodo Unit used to store arms and ammunition for the assaults during Tet 1968.  
 Visit the Memorial to Thich Quang Duc, the monk who self-immolated in 1963 in protest at the Diem Regime  
 See the residence once occupied by General William Westmoreland,  
 See the oldest house in HCM City,  
 See the old Australian Headquarters site



**Day 14 30 Aug 2025 Time to Return Home**  
 Final exploration and last minute shopping. Farewell lunch. Late check out. Evening flight out



**Day 15 31 Aug 2025 Arrive Home**  
 Arrive home



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