

## A. Artifacts from Quy Nhon



This afternoon tour begins with a stop at the small Binh Dinh Museum, featuring a very diverse collection that ranges from Cham carvings to relics of the French and American wars. A translator will be available to answer questions. Then, the van will take guests to the city park and its twin Champa religious towers.

## B. Giant Bonsai Tour in and around Quy Nhon



For gardening and horticulture buffs, a tour of Vietnamese giant Bonsai plantings is guaranteed to fascinate. Many homeowners display a containered tree outside the front of the house, and they are found in parks or directly on the street; some of the trees are very old and intricately combined with water, goldfish, mosses and ferns. The oversized containers may measure as long as two meters.

### C. Hand-Carved Woodcraft Shopping tour, visit to Rice Wine producer



A drive to the small village Nhân Hậu of Bình Định features visiting several woodshops that produce intricately carved hardwood vessels. One may ask questions through an interpreter and/or photograph the process; you will then proceed to several shops that sell finished items, many of which are small and beautifully inlaid with mother-of-pearl. From wooden plates and vases, to complex Buddha images, there is a large selection and range of sizes. For larger items, one can arrange for shipping from the city, not directly in the village. The low prices will surprise Europeans and Americans accustomed to tourist markups in cities. The works are ideal for gifts and lovely decorations for the home. Fresh tropical fruits, Vietnamese banana leaf-wrapped cake, cold water, and hot tea will be served as a snack.

On the return to Quy Nhon, there will be a stop to visit a rural producer of the famous rice wine, at Nhơn Lộc, complete with a tasting offered. One may see the detailed steps required of the farmer to produce the wine, their home, and the completed display of decorative bottles.



## D. Custom-tailored Ao Dai



A very unusual and unforgettable experience from last year's conference will be offered again to ladies and girls: one of our volunteers has offered to take you shopping for fabric, then to a local tailor who will take measurements and create the lovely trousers and tunic that compose the Vietnamese "ao dai" to your specifications, all within several days. It is very inexpensive, very beautiful, and is a wonderful way to connect to local individuals and the very authentic hospitality of this community.

## **E. Hotel Activities**

The Seagull Hotel is on a clean and beautiful beach, excellent for sunbathing, jogging and swimming, along a beautiful curved coastline. For a complete listing of the activities available at the hotel, please visit their website, below. They advertise kayaking, parasailing, swimming in the pool on their patio, a very good spa, rooftop bar, and restaurant. From the bar, at night, one can see a magical pattern of lights on the ocean, which are from fishing boats that stay out all night, bringing their harvest to the fish market in the morning.

<http://www.seagullhotel.com.vn/en/default.aspx#.VSgn07qaJII>

## **F. Other activities that may be offered:**

- drum or music concert or demonstration of martial arts
- drum lessons and martial arts lessons for kids
- (write your name in Vietnamese script)
- Vietnamese cooking lessons
- local products offered for sale at the conference center
- walk to the adjacent neighborhood from the conference center to meet with local families, perhaps sit down for tea and a snack