



# CELEBRITY MILLENNIUM

Home for this *alumni UBC* cruise is the comfortable, modern, 1950 passenger *Celebrity Millennium*. On board you will be enlightened by seminars, entertained by shops, a choice of dining, swimming pools and a casino and fall deep in to relaxation at the Aqua Spa.



### Veranda Stateroom 2A

Window staterooms with a sitting area where you can relax. Also includes a flat screen TV. 170 sq. ft.



## OUR ROUTE:



Singapore landmark Merlion

## Across Southeast Asia: Chinese Migrations and Cuisine

March 15 - 29, 2015

Join Professor Henry Yu and *alumni UBC* travellers as we cruise to Hong Kong, Vietnam, Bangkok and Singapore on board the beautiful *Celebrity Millennium*.

Our itinerary is filled with exclusive events, seminars and presentations; just for UBC travellers.

- Explore Bangkok's grand temples
- Tour Ho Chi Minh City's Cholon district
- Visit the World Heritage site of Hoi An
- Discover Sino-Vietnamese heritage in Hanoi

## YOUR HOST: PROFESSOR HENRY YU

Professor Henry Yu is currently the Principal of St. John's Graduate College, UBC's international graduate college, and is an Associate Professor in the Department of History at UBC. A Founding Board Member of the Chinese Canadian Historical Society of British Columbia (CCHSBC), Prof. Yu continues to serve on the Board of Directors and actively engages his UBC students in community history projects through CCHSBC. In 2012, he was honoured for his work with a Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal.



## How to Book:

Please contact Worldwide Quest for more information and to book this expedition.

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### Cruise Cost:

Veranda Stateroom (2A): US\$3995 + US\$495 (taxes and gratuities for group excursions)

*Staterooms are subject to availability at the time of booking. Other categories available at extra cost – please enquire.*

### Included:

- Accommodation in selected stateroom, based on double occupancy
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily
- Private excursions as described with transportation and sightseeing with English-speaking guide
- All entrance fees to sites visited with the group
- Port taxes
- Gratuities for group services as noted

### Not Included:

- Roundtrip airfare from your home
- Visas as required
- Cancellation and medical insurance
- Items of a personal nature
- Gratuities for ship board services (approx. US\$12 per person, per day)



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## Dear Alumni and Friends

Over the last decade, I've had the privilege of taking UBC students each summer on a unique field class that we called "Eating Our Way Across Southeast Asia." The students learned about how migrants from the southern coasts of China went all around the Pacific and Southeast Asia for the last five centuries, helping transform the societies in which they lived and worked. But they also got to eat some of the most amazing food in the world! Because the creation of small restaurants and food stalls were one of the most common features worldwide of Chinese migrations, we can actually track their presence wherever Chinese have gone by the unique dishes they created. Blending local cuisines and the cooking techniques they brought with them, Chinese helped bring to the world everything from ramen to Peruvian roast chicken to Peranakan cuisine. Marrying into local communities, building new industries, and creating new kinds of small businesses like restaurants and stores, the ethnic Chinese have become a ubiquitous presence. I'm happy to be able to offer now this blend of serious scholarship and fun eating not just to UBC students, but to alumni and all of those interested in learning about the role food played in the rise of ethnic Chinese business networks worldwide.

Prof. Henry Yu

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Our goals at *alumni UBC* are to connect you with the university and your fellow grads by providing you with programs, communications, and services that enrich your life and add value to your degree. Alumni Travel programs connect you with fellow alumni as you experience the world.

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## OUR ITINERARY

### 15 March: Embark the Celebrity Millenium in Hong Kong

Please be in touch with Worldwide Quest for your personalized flight arrangements. Participants embark the ship today. The afternoon is at leisure before our briefing session with Professor Yu and the group.

*Overnight: On board*

*Meals: Welcome Dinner*

### 16 March: Hong Kong - Full day excursion

Today we will explore the dramatic city of Hong Kong with Professor Yu to see some of the city's spectacular features and lesser-known secrets.

*Overnight: On board*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### 17 March: At Sea - On board seminars

Join Professor Yu for on board seminars this morning and enjoy the ship's many features and activities this afternoon.

*Overnight: On board*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### 18 March: Hanoi - Full day excursion

Today we set off for Hanoi (about a three-hour drive, one way). Here we will explore Ba Dinh Square and continue to the One Pillar Pagoda and then onward to the Temple of Literature. Built in 1070 and then dedicated to Confucius, the temple became Vietnam's first university. After lunch in a local restaurant we'll gain insight into Vietnam's turbulent

past as we pause at the Hoa Lo Prison, known as the 'Hanoi Hilton' during the years of the American War. In the afternoon we'll visit old Hanoi, exploring the ancient quarter known as the '36 streets'.

*Overnight: On board*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### 19 March: Halong Bay

Located in the Gulf of Tonkin, Halong Bay is one of the world's outstanding natural wonders, resembling a geographic work of art with thousands of limestone islets soaring dramatically from the clear emerald waters. This morning we'll cruise the area on board a private traditional junk to enjoy the spectacular scenery of grottoes, caves and white sand beaches.

*Overnight: On board*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### 20 March: Hoi An - Full day excursion

From the Chan May Port we will set off across Hai Van Pass and then along Da Nang Bay to Hoi An (about a 90-minute drive, one way). At this UNESCO World Heritage city we'll enjoy a walking tour taking in the traditional merchant houses, the local market and the Phuoc Kien Temple. After lunch in a local restaurant, enjoy some free time to take in the lively market and explore the old town.

*Overnight: On board*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### 21 March: At Sea - On board seminars

Join Professor Yu for on board seminars this morning and enjoy the ship's many features and activities this afternoon.

*Overnight: On board*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### 22 March: Ho Chi Minh City: Full day excursion

We disembark at the port of Phu My and transfer by private coach to Ho Chi Minh City (about a two-hour drive, one way). We'll spend the morning getting acquainted with the historic centre, called Saigon, visiting the former Presidential Palace, now known as Reunification Hall and seeing examples of well-preserved colonial architecture. After lunch in a local restaurant, we visit Cholon, the focus of the Chinese community in Saigon and activities with Professor Yu.

*Overnight: On board*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### 23 March: At Sea - On board seminars

Join Professor Yu for on board seminars this morning and enjoy the ship's many features and activities this afternoon.

*Overnight: On board*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### 24 March: Bangkok - Full day excursion

We arrive into the port of Laem Chabang this morning and head off for Bangkok (about a 90-minute drive, one way). We'll get to know the city as we visit three fascinating temples; Wat Trimut which houses a 700-year-old, three-meter tall Golden Buddha; Wat Po, home to a colossal reclining Buddha and Wat Phra Kaew in the Royal Palace compound, which houses the sacred Emerald Buddha. After lunch in a local restaurant, we'll ride through the Thonburi Klongs by small boat to get a feel for a more rural lifestyle along the small rivers of the city.

*Overnight: On board*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### 25 March: Bangkok - Full day excursion

Today we head back to Bangkok and start our visit in the city's Chinatown (Yaowarat) with a guided walking tour. Our walk will take us to the giant red Royal Jubilee Gateway, built to symbolize the prosperity between Thai and Chinese cultures and along the main street of Yaowarat. After lunch in a local restaurant, we continue our explorations with Professor Yu.

*Overnight: On board*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### 26 March: At Sea - On board seminars

Join Professor Yu for on board seminars this morning and enjoy the ship's many features and activities this afternoon.

*Overnight: On board*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### 27 March: At Sea - On board seminars

Join Professor Yu for on board seminars this morning and enjoy the ship's many features and activities this afternoon.

*Overnight: On board*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### 28 March: Singapore

Today is dedicated to special activities arranged by Professor Yu in Singapore, including the Hokkien Temple and the modern aspects of the city exemplified by the Marina Bay Sands Hotel designed by Canadian architect Moshe Safdie.

*Overnight: On board*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### 29 March: Disembark Singapore

This morning we disembark in Singapore and are transferred to the airport for homeward bound flights or onward arrangements.

*Meals: Breakfast*

## OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS:

**Pre-Cruise: Two days exploring Hong Kong and Kaiping**  
**Approx. US\$550 per person**

### 13 March: Hong Kong

Meet the group at our Hong Kong Hotel today. Join Professor Yu for a briefing and scheduled activities.

*Overnight: Hong Kong (four star hotel)*

*Meals: Dinner*

### 14 March: Excursion to Kaiping

Today we travel by private coach to the UNESCO site of Kaiping, about 137km southwest of Guangzhou. The area is famous for its more than 1,800 "diaolou", centuries-old watchtowers that dot the rice fields around the city. The multistory watchtowers were built in the beginning of the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644) as a defensive response to incessant bandit raids and eventually also served residential and communal purposes. At the beginning of the 20th century, Kaiping became a major source of overseas emigration and we'll explore those roots. Sweets are a specialty of Kaiping street stalls and we'll be sure to sample plenty of these along the way!

*Overnight: Hong Kong (four star hotel)*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### 15 March: Embark the Asia Cruise

Today we are transferred to our ship to begin our Asia Cruise.

*Meals: Breakfast*

**Post-Cruise: Singapore and Malacca**  
**Approx. US\$495 per person**

### 29 March: Singapore

Participants disembark today and are transferred to our city centre hotel. The day is at leisure to explore the city.

*Overnight: Singapore (four star hotel)*

*Meals: Dinner*

### 30 March: Excursion to Malacca

We'll have a full day private excursion to visit the UNESCO World Heritage town located across the border in Malaysia. Our activities will focus on the Chinese and unique Malay-Chinese Peranakan community that continues to thrive here.

*Overnight: Singapore (four star hotel)*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### 31 March: Depart Singapore

We are transferred to the airport for homeward bound flights or onward arrangements.

