

## ROCHEDALE

### Vietnam Tour

We recently enjoyed a fantastic, 16-day small-group tour of North and Central Vietnam with Uplift Tours and Travel, hosted by our amazing tour leader Claire McErlane, director of Uplift.

The pace was easy-going and included all the best sights with many hidden treasures too! We were delighted to stay four nights in both Hanoi at the beginning of the tour, and historic Hoi An for a wonderful finale. Some of the highlights of the

tour were in Hanoi where we enjoyed a show at the historic Opera House, and a decadent Chocolate Buffet at the Sofitel Hotel!

Other tour highlights included a visit to the non-touristy province of Ninh Binh, Vietnam's ancient capital, Halong Bay for a junk boat cruise, and Hue, where we enjoyed a fabulous private buffet dinner cruise on the Perfume River, entertained by local artists (all dressed in our royal family outfits!) This was followed by a visit to a primary school where the principal sang us a touching Vietnamese folk song.

Cyclo-rides in Hanoi and Hue's Old

Quarters were so much fun! We fell in love with Hoi An and loved that our hotel was located very close to the Ancient City so we could discover the beautiful lanes, markets, historical sites and shop to our hearts content.

The whole experience was fantastic thanks to the fabulous organisation of Uplift Tours and Travel.

We would never try to venture into this country alone as you definitely need an experienced hand to hold and show you the sights, tastes and history of this interesting country. We highly recommend Uplift as a very professional tour company!

**Carol Fisher and Russ Cass.**

