

Indochina: Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos

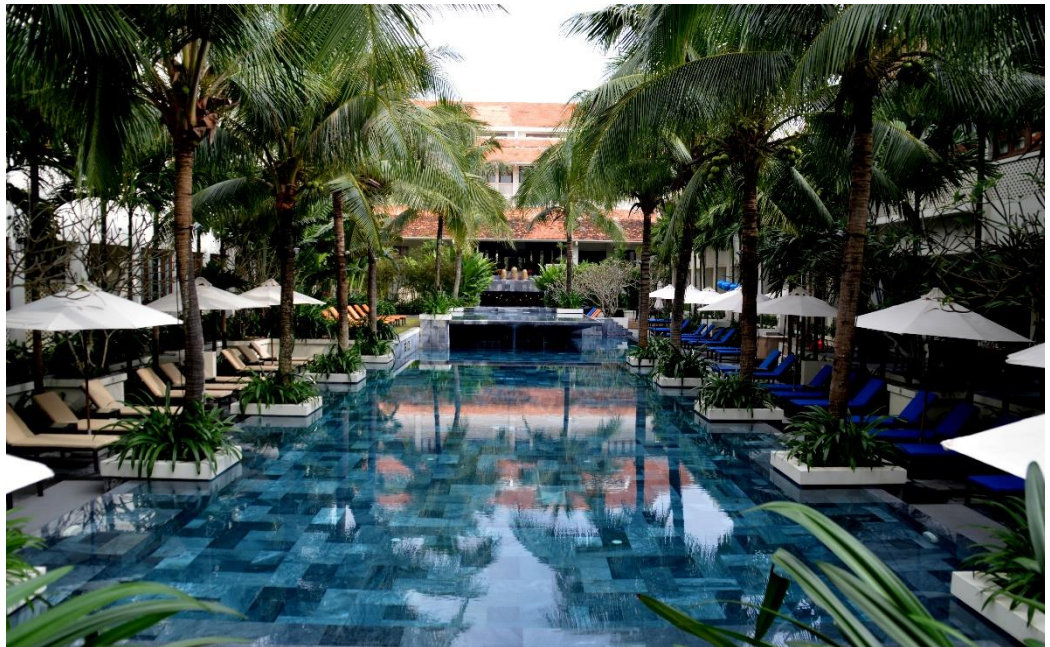
Last Waltz in Saigon

December 18, 2017



You know it's time to go home when your laundry bill costs more than your hotel room. We left the Almanity Wellness Resort and Spa in Hoi An, Vietnam,

catching a shuttle to Da Nang International Airport. We returned to the New World Hotel Saigon for two days to unwind and recover from our three-week junket through Indochina. We arrived 4 hours late into Saigon



due to technical aircraft issues, but arriving 4 hours late is better than never arriving.



We chose to stay again at the New World Hotel in Saigon which offered the necessary extravagances of a Five Star Hotel to the travel-weary itinerants who have come to expect its known amenities. We were not disappointed.

Even with our later arrival, our friend Brian, the Night Manager at the New World Hotel, made all the necessary engagements to ensure our full recovery before leaving Saigon for home. A room upgrade and spa appointments complemented the arrangements.



We spent our last day re-packing our souvenirs and praying our luggage would meet the international 23 kg margin. With a 3:00am hotel pickup from Asia Car Services for a 5:40am flight

to Beijing, we dined early in the Mekong Ballroom Restaurant of the hotel and danced our last waltz to the band's arrangement of Peggy Lee's, the Christmas Waltz.



This ends the Epistle of "Indochina - Images Left Behind".



Ky Son Village Decorations



Duong Lan Ceiling Lanterns



Water Puppets of Ha Noi



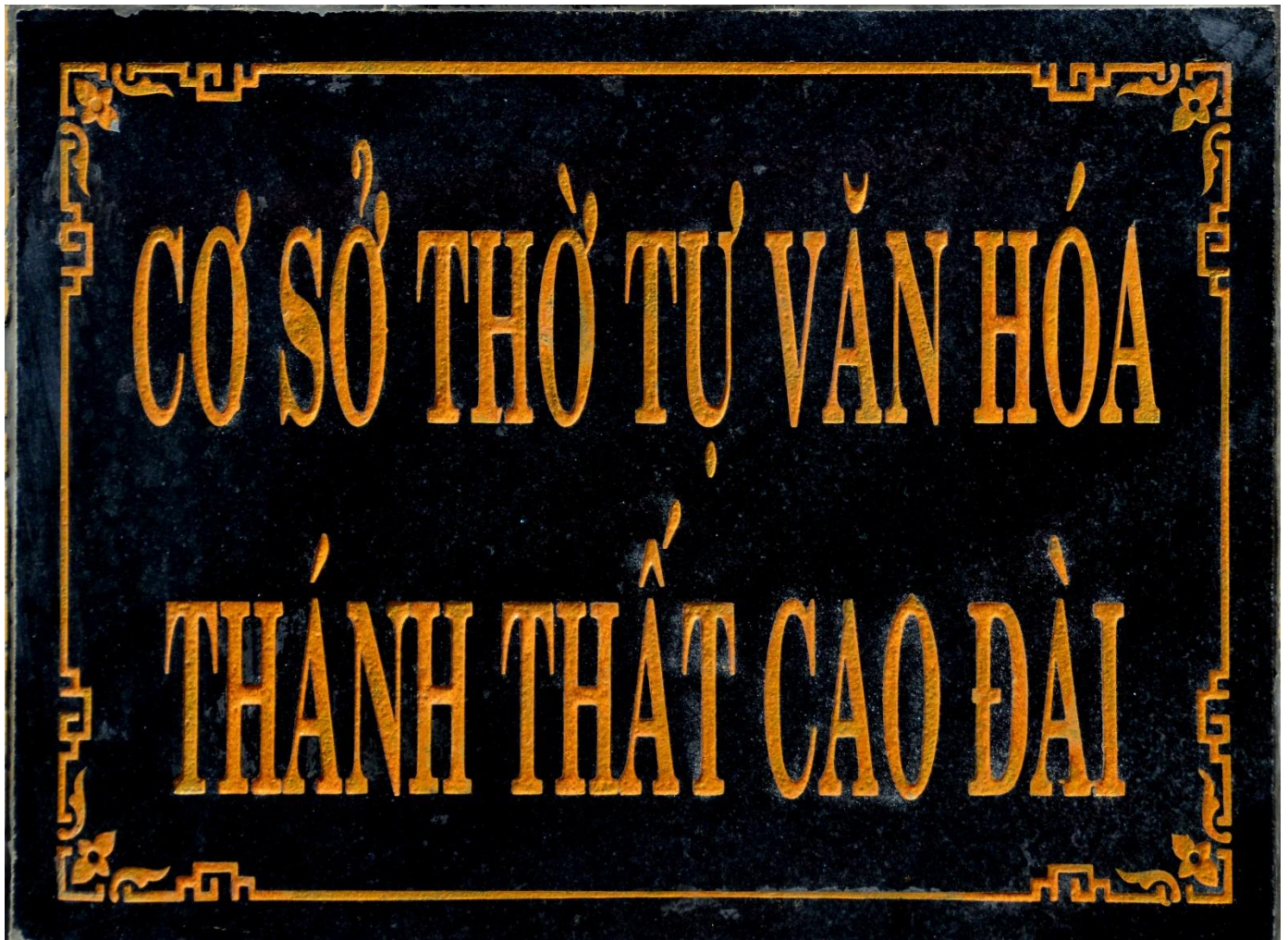
Water Puppets of Ha Noi



Water Puppet Shows Starts @ 5:00pm



Lead Musician Puppet Show



Vietnamese **religious** movement with a strongly nationalist political character. **Cao Dai** draws upon ethical precepts from Confucianism, occult practices from Taoism, theories of karma and rebirth from Buddhism, and Ancestor Worship



Cao Dai Temple



Temple Exit



Temple Altar



All Seeing Eye



Silk Artist of Hoi An



An Invitation for Tea in Ky Son



Village Elder – Ky Son



Homeward Bound



Mi Son Dance Troup

