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A guide who speaks the local language will join the tour on arrival

- **Journey support provided**

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Summary of main points

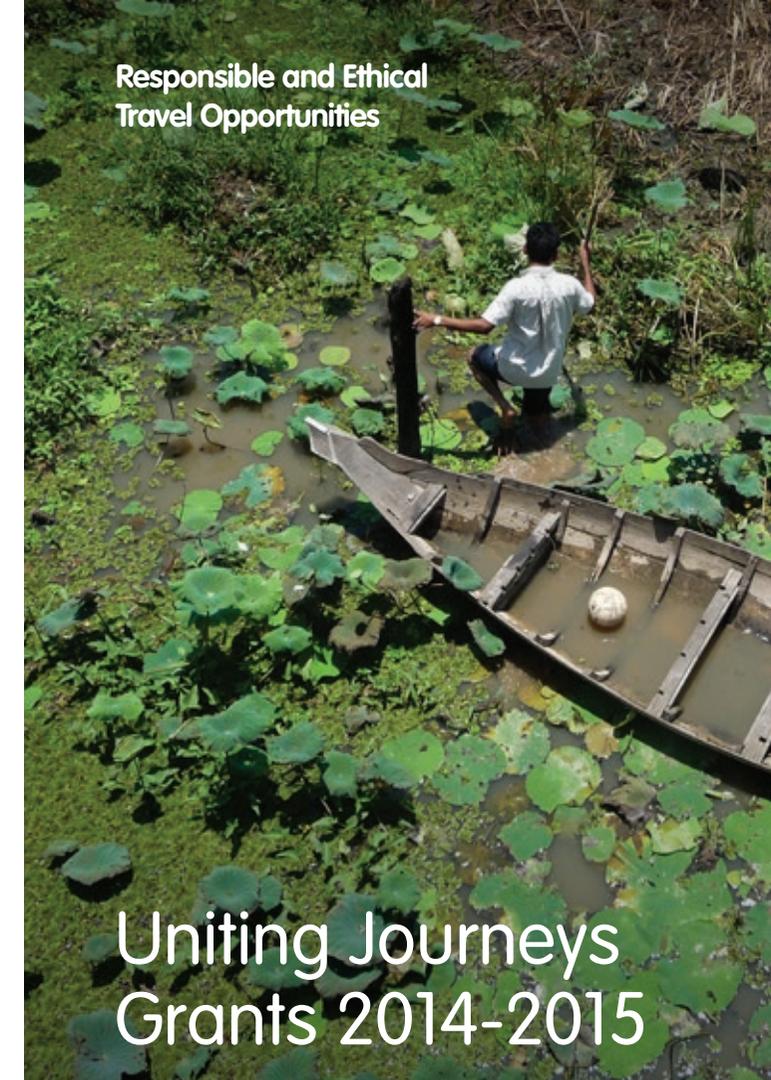
This exciting opportunity encourages groups to explore overseas travel through cultural exchange, environmental and economic sustainability, supporting destination programs and cultural and learning exchanges.

- The grants particularly encourage ‘older adults’ of 55+ to take part.
- Expressions of Interest should focus on:
 - the benefits to the over 55+ participants
 - the benefits to destination communities
 - how the tour could be “responsible”
- A group size of 6-8 is ideal, but other group sizes will be considered. The minimum duration of the tour is 6 nights.
- Our ‘responsible travel’ approach rewards ideas which benefit destination communities in Cambodia and other parts of Indochina.



(All applicants are subject to the **Uniting Journeys’ Grants terms and conditions document** available from the www.responsibletravel.org.au website)

Responsible and Ethical Travel Opportunities



Uniting Journeys Grants 2014-2015

- **Tour Cambodia, Laos or Vietnam with a group you put together**
- **Make an important contribution at the same time**
- **Have your trip partly funded up to \$10,000**

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FAQs

What is Uniting Journeys?

Uniting Journeys is a collaboration between the Commission for Mission and Jetaway Travel. Uniting Journeys produces responsible travel opportunities which compete on the open market.

The Uniting Journeys Foundation provides opportunities for constructive, responsible travel that otherwise might not be possible.

It works with marginalised groups in our community and in host countries, and supports travel ideas with worthwhile goals but insufficient funds. For every person travelling on a Uniting Journey, a donation is made to the Uniting Journeys Foundation.

Who is eligible to apply?

Individual or group applicants will:

- be based in Victoria or Tasmania;
- have a Victorian or Tasmanian street mailing address;
- be able to provide contact telephone numbers and addresses for at least three potential members of the group;
- agree to use Uniting Journeys partner travel consultants **Jetaway Travel** for all overseas bookings;

What is responsible travel in this context?

Responsible travel considers the effect of travel on destination communities.

It seeks to minimize the negative impacts and maximize the positive. With a little thought, it is almost always possible to create a more responsible journey, and this grant and mentoring program supports and rewards that thinking.

Often solutions are simple – for example supporting worthwhile community projects, staying in locally owned accommodation and buying locally produced souvenirs, riding a bicycle for part of the journey instead of travelling in a bus.

However, the one essential element of a Uniting Journey is to aim for mutual respect and cultural understanding. ‘One-on-one’ dialogue with people in the host country, where all parties are considered equals, is often a feature. These conversations may also identify specific needs of a community that future groups may be able to assist in meeting.

How many grants are there?

Six tours will be funded through these grants to Cambodia (preferably) but EOIs for Laos and Vietnam, or a combination of these countries will also be considered.

Preferably three of these tours will have a connection to Uniting Church Communities. The other three will be allocated within the wider community.

The 7 steps

Step 1	Register online Expression of Interest at www.responsibletravel.org.au	Closes 31/8/2014
Step 2	Information night in Melbourne for selected applicants (arrangements will be made for Tasmanian EOIs accepted)	2/9/2014
Step 3	Panel interviews	11-13/9/2014
Step 4	Finalists announced, mentors matched to EOI teams	19-20/9/2014
Step 5	Work with your mentor and develop the project together	20/9-20/10/2014
Step 6	Final proposals submitted	20/10/2014
Step 7	Developed project is approved and funds set aside	31/10/2014

What is the EOI selection process?

There will be a panel assessment by previous participants in Uniting Journeys

How much are the grants?

Up to \$10,000 per tour, see details opposite

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A native speaking guide will join the tour on arrival
- Journey support provided
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What does the mentor do?

The mentor is an experienced “responsible traveller” who will help you design the tour to meet your requirements. Probably there will be email, telephone and personal contact between the Mentor and one or two nominated members of the group. The mentor and the “conversation partner”, accompanying the tours, may be the same person.

Financial support calculator

% of travellers over 55	\$ support	Your tour?
50%+	7000	
40-50%	3000	
30-40%	2000	
20-30%	1000	

Additional support for demonstrating that the tour participants represent intercultural, intergenerational, and interfaith viewpoints: (NOTE: In the interest of diversity these individuals should not be the same person or persons)

% of travellers over 55	\$ support	Your tour?
Intercultural - where 1 or more members of the travelling group are from different cultural or ethnic communities	1000	
Intergenerational - where 1 or more members of the travelling group are from a different age cohort	1000	
Interfaith - where 1 or more members of the travelling group are from a different faith to the other travellers	1000	
Total \$ support	Max \$10,000	

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