

Vietnam, Cambodia & the Mekong River

23 February - 9 March, 2024



16 DAYS

from

\$ 8,570 pp

(Cat B twin occupancy)
cabin upgrades &
single supplement available

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- includes intra air & prepaid gratuities, baggage handling
- breakfast daily, 11 lunches, 11 dinners

VACATION OVERVIEW

On this inspiring Southeast Asia river cruise through Vietnam and Cambodia, you'll be immersed in the cultures and ancient traditions as you sightsee and spend time with locals in the most fascinating places along the mighty Mekong River.

The best way to experience Vietnamese culture is with a tour of its fascinating capital of Hanoi. Go on a cyclo ride through the ancient streets of the Old Quarter and enjoy a water puppet performance. Travel through the peaceful countryside to Ha Long Bay, where you'll cruise by its breathtaking limestone islands. Next, in Siem Reap, Cambodia, see the phenomenal Temples of Angkor with an intricacy and architectural grandeur unmatched in the world. Enjoy an inspiring Aspara dance performance before embarking on your river cruise. Go on an ox cart ride amongst rice paddy fields and witness the daily lives of farmers. In the capital of Cambodia, Phnom Penh, tour the National Museum and Royal Palace with its striking Silver Pagoda.

On a hilltop at the site of the 8th-century temple of Wat Hanchey, take in the stunning views before walking through the rural village of Angkor Ban to visit with welcoming school children. Continue your cruise into Vietnam and visit a colorful market, the home of a local family making handcrafted sampans, and a workshop to learn how rice wine and traditional candies are made.

This memorable Southeast Asia river cruise vacation ends in Ho Chi Minh City, where you'll see the famous landmarks and try your hand in the kitchen, Vietnamese-style, with a cooking class. On an excursion to the Cu Chi Tunnels, walk through a section of the immense underground tunnel system used during the Vietnam War.

- *hosted departure with min 15 passengers*
- *limited space - book by Aug 15, 2023*





Day 1 Arrive Hanoi:
Welcome to Vietnam

Day 2 Hanoi:
Visit Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum, One Pillar Pagoda, Ho Chi Minh Museum, and Temple of Literature; lunch at Koto; take an electric-cart ride through the Old Quarter; water puppets performance.

Day 3 Hanoi - Ha Long Bay:
Scenic cruising through countryside dotted with 3000 islands, tunnels, caves and islets on Ha Long Bay

Day 4 Ha Long Bay - Siem Reap:
Fly to Siem Reap

Day 5 Siem Reap:
Explore temples by tuktuk and visit Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom, and Bayon Temple; Apsara dance performance

Day 6 Siem Reap:
Visit the tree roots of Ta Prohm, Banteay Srei Temple, and a famous noodle-making village

Day 7 Siem Reap - Phnom Penh (Embarkation):
Fly to Phnom Penh; onboard welcome reception

Day 8 Wat Hanchey - Angkor Ban:
Visit the hilltop of Wat Hanchey and partake in a traditional water blessing by local monks; walking tour in Angkor Ban with local school and traditional khmer house visit

Day 9 Kampong Tralach - Konpong Louang - Phnom Penh:

Ox cart ride through the countryside and visit a local farmer's home in Kampong Tralach; visit the silversmith village of Konpong Louang; visit the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum and one of the Killing Fields in Phnom Penh, OR visit the lively central market by tuktuk

Day 10 Phnom Penh:

Sightseeing by private cyclo, including visits to the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda, and the National Museum; show by children from local orphanage

Day 11 Border Crossing - Chau Doc:

Guided tour of a local market and the back waters of the Mekong with its traditional floating houses and religious sites

Day 12 Long Khanh - Cu Lao Gieng:

Take a sampan to Long Khanh for walking tour and cotton-weaving demonstration; continue by sampan and motor cart to learn about the conical hat making families in Cu Lao Gieng

Day 13 Vinh Long:

Visit a local garden and a local workshop to see how rice wine, rice paper and traditional candies are made

Day 14 Ho Chi Minh City (Disembarkation):

Walking tour of historical landmarks; visit the famous Rex Hotel for a drink, War Remnants Museum, and Ben Thanh Market; for lunch participate in a cooking class

Day 15 Ho Chi Minh City:

Secret passage ways of Cu Chi Tunnels excursion

Day 16 Ho Chi Minh City:

End of vacation



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Spacious closets with shelves for ample storage

Writing desk/vanity with mirror & comfortable chair

In-house telephone

Individual climate control

Egyptian super-combed cotton linens

Bathrobes & slippers

Comfort Collection Beds

Soft & firm pillows

Alarm clock

Complimentary filtered water

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Choice of bed configuration

In-room safe

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