

MEKONG RIVER

SIEM REAP to HO CHI MINH CITY



Cruise along the Mekong through Cambodia and Vietnam as you are transported back in time to another era, where the rhythms of the countryside move at a slower pace and allow for a fascinating glimpse into a traditional way of life. Visit rural villages, colorful markets and a monastery, where you will receive a special Buddhist blessing by monks. Delve into the peaks and valleys of Cambodia's history in the Royal Palace and National Museums of its beautiful capital, Phnom Penh. Witness skilled artisans who create exquisite handicrafts and delicacies, and be treated to authentic experiences, including rides via oxcart, tuk tuk and trishaw. On this transformative journey, the Mekong truly reveals a vibrant world along its shores.



DATES:

2021: Sep 06, 20; Oct 04, 18; Nov 01, 15, 29;
Dec 13, 27

2022: Jan 10, 24; Feb 07, 21; Mar 07, 21; Apr 04,
18; Aug 15, 29; Sep 12, 26; Oct 10, 24; Nov 07, 21;
Dec 05, 19

2023: Jan 02, 30; Feb 13, 27; Mar 13, 27; Apr 10,
24; Aug 14, 28; Sep 11, 25; Oct 9, 23; Nov 5, 20;
Dec 4, 18

DURATION: 8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

EMBARK: SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA

DISSEMBARK: HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

SHIPS: *AmaDara*

On these itineraries, you will enjoy an extensive lineup of included tours. We include a large variety of activities so that you can choose how you want to explore. No matter your preference, your days will be full of discovery and wonder.



ITINERARY

**We recommend that you fly into Ho Chi Minh at least one day prior to embarkation; please inquire about important arrival arrangements prior to your cruise. Pre and Post tours available.*

DAY 1 Kampong Cham - EMBARKATION

Transfer via motorcoach from Siem Reap to the Amara Dara in Kampong Cham for your seven-night cruise. Your afternoon excursion takes you to the Twin Mountains, known as Phnom Pros and Phnom Srei (male and female mountains). In the annals of Khmer legend, the twin mountains were formed as the result of a competition between the men and women of an ancient Cambodian kingdom to resolve which gender would be responsible for wedding proposals. As the story goes, the women lit a fire at night, which made the men believe the sun was rising. As a result, the men stopped working and the women won the competition. Thus, men still need to ask the women's parents for permission and Phnom Srei is higher than



Phnom Pros. Later, join fellow guests for an evening Welcome Dinner. (L,D)

DAY 2 Angkor Ban - Oknhatey Village

During the morning, go on a walking tour to Angkor Ban, one of the few villages in Cambodia that was not destroyed under the Khmer Rouge regime in the 1970s. Here people still live in their traditional wooden abodes and keep their old cultural traditions alive. Hundreds of wooden houses stand intact on stilts, shaded with banana trees, among the hustle and bustle of the daily agricultural on-going of the local villagers. After visiting here, the ship sails to Oknhatey or "Silk Island," located on the lush banks of the Mekong River. This island is known for its rich tradition of silk weaving. While here, you'll visit a local elementary school and observe the traditional silk weaving that have been preserved for centuries. Your ship moors in Oknhatey village. (B,L,D)



DAY 3 Phnom Penh – Oudong - Kampong-Tralach

Your cruise continues to sail to Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia. The morning excursion takes you to Oudong, Cambodia's former royal capital from the early 17th century until 1866. Today, Oudong is a place of pilgrimage for Cambodians. While here, be treated to a memorable Buddhist Blessing Ceremony at a monastery. After visiting Oudong, be treated to a truly authentic excursion, an oxcart ride through a local village Kampong Tralach. Later in the day, experience Phnom Penh via a tuk tuk ride and be enchanted by the city's French Colonial architecture and tree-lined boulevards set amidst monumental Angkorian architecture. After returning to the ship, enjoy Khmer folk dancing performed by local children in the Saigon Lounge. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 Phnom Penh

This morning’s excursion takes you to Cambodia’s infamous Killing Fields and the Khmer Rouge’s grim Tuol Sleng S21 detention center (Genocide Museum). Alternatively, you may wish to shop for unique treasures at the bustling yellow-colored Central Market. After lunch on board, you’ll explore the highlights of the city, followed by a visit to the Royal Palace, the spectacular Silver Pagoda and the National Museum, which has an outstanding collection of Khmer crafts. (B,L,D)



“Evergreen Island.” Alternatively, take a boat ride to Evergreen Island and return to Tan Chau, where you will visit a rattan mat workshop. Later in the day, cruise to Sa Dec. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 Sa Dec - Xeo Quyt - Cai Be

Visit local workshops and historic Kiet Old House
Once ashore in Sa Dec, tour the town where French writer Marguerite Duras spent many years in her youth. Visit a colorful local market and the 19th-century house of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, Duras’ Chinese par-
amour, on whom her prize-winning novel “The Lover” is said to be based. Later, board a motorcoach for Xeo Quyt, once used as a military base during the French war and now an important ecological site. You will have an opportunity to visit candy and rice paper making workshops, and the historic Kiet Old House. In Cai Be, cap the day off with a festive Farewell Dinner on board. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 Border Crossing

Border crossing from Cambodia to Vietnam
Spend the day cruising the Mekong River as your ship crosses the border into Vietnam. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 Tan Chau

Visit Tan Chau, a small Mekong River town unspoiled by tourism. You will have the opportunity to enjoy an authentic experience via a traditional “xe-loi” (trishaw) ride around the town, with stops at silk-making and rattan mat workshops, followed by a boat ride through the narrow channels of the Mekong River to

**DAY 8 Ho Chi Minh City
DISEMBARKATION (My Tho Port)**

Your cruise concludes in My Tho Port, where you’ll disembark. (B)

PRE AND POST CRUISE OPTIONS

ADD 2 NIGHTS HO CHI MINH CITY PRE-CRUISE **\$399**

ADD 2 NIGHTS SIEM REAP POST-CRUISE **\$799**

ADD 8 NIGHTS - 2 NIGHTS HO CHI MINH CITY PRE-CRUISE AND 2 NIGHTS SIEM REAP, 2 NIGHTS HANOI, 1 NIGHT HA LONG BAY, 1 NIGHT HANOI POST-CRUISE **\$2,299**



RATES – PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY – Plus \$196 Port Charges

2021 RATES			Sep 06	Sep 20	Oct 04, 18; Nov 01, 15; Dec 13					Nov 29		Dec 27	
BASE RATE – CAT C			\$2,699	\$2,899	\$3,099					\$3,099		\$3,199	
Early Booking			\$1,949	\$2,149	\$2,599					\$3,099		\$2,699	
Savings			\$750	\$750	\$500					-		\$500	
2022 RATES	Jan 10; Feb 21	Jan 24	Feb 07	Mar 07	Mar 21	Apr 04	Apr 18	Aug 15	Aug 29	Sep 12	Sep 26	Oct 10, 24	Nov 07, 21; Dec 05,19
BASE RATE – CAT C	\$3,199	\$3,199	\$3,199	\$3,099	\$2,899	\$2,699	\$2,499	\$2,399	\$2,499	\$2,699	\$2,899	\$3,099	\$3,099
Early Booking Rate	\$2,949	\$2,699	\$3,199	\$2,599	\$2,899	\$1,949	\$1,999	\$1,399	\$1,499	\$1,699	\$1,899	\$2,099	\$2,349
Savings	\$250	\$500	-	\$500	-	\$750	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$750
2023 RATES		Jan 02, 30; Feb 13, 27		Mar 13; Oct 9, 23; Nov 6, 20; Dec 4, 18			Mar 27; Sep 25		Aug 14	Apr 10; Sep 11		Apr 24; Aug 28;	
BASE RATE – CAT C		\$3,199		\$3,099			\$2,899		\$2,399	\$2,699		\$2,499	
CATEGORY UPGRADE						B		A		SUITE		LUXURY SUITE	
Supplement - ADD						\$699		\$999		\$1,499		\$2,899	

Sadec (Sun Deck)

302	304	306	308	310	312	314	316	318
301	303	305	307	309	311	313	315	317

Saigon (Upper Deck)

202	204	206	208	210	212	214	216	218	220	222
201	203	205	207	209	211	213	215	217	219	221

Tonle (Main Deck)

102	104	106	108	110	112	114	116	118	120	122
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