

VIETNAM, CAMBODIA & THE RICHES OF THE MEKONG

SPEND 2 NIGHTS IN HANOI, OVERNIGHT IN HA LONG BAY, THEN TRAVEL TO SIEM REAP FOR 3 NIGHTS BEFORE EMBARKING ON YOUR MEKONG RIVER CRUISE, ENDING YOUR JOURNEY WITH A 2 NIGHT STAY IN HO CHI MINH CITY
16 DAYS · TRAVEL TO HANOI & RETURN FROM HO CHI MINH CITY (SAIGON)

**CAN ALSO BE BOOKED AS
★ AN 8-DAY CRUISE! ★**



Your journey begins in Vietnam's charming capital of Hanoi, followed by an excursion to Ha Long Bay for a once-in-a-lifetime overnight stay aboard a traditional Junk. A short flight to Siem Reap, Cambodia, brings you to the gateway of the ancient Khmer empire. Spend three days touring the awe-inspiring temples of Angkor Archeological Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, before embarking upon your Mekong cruise at Tonle Sap Lake. Visit rural villages, historic pagodas, floating markets, craftsmen's workshops and a Buddhist monastery along the way. After a night in Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, conclude your cruise in vibrant Ho Chi Minh City (still known as Saigon to locals), where you will enjoy a two-night stay.

DAILY PROGRAM FEATURES

DAY	DESTINATION	ACTIVITIES
1	Hanoi	Hotel check-in
2	Hanoi	City tour & rickshaw ride Water Puppet Show
3	Hanoi Ha Long Bay	Transfer to Ha Long Bay Bay excursion Overnight cruise aboard traditional wooden Junk
4	Ha Long Bay Siem Reap	Transfer to airport Flight to Siem Reap Hotel check-in
5	Siem Reap	Angkor Thom & Banteay Srei Visit English-language school
6	Siem Reap	Angkor Wat & Ta Prohm Temple
7	Tonle Sap Lake	EMBARKATION Welcome Dinner
8	Kampong Chhnang Kampong Tralach Oudong	Local boat excursion to lakeside wetlands Oxcart ride Buddhist monastery visit
9	Koh Chen Phnom Penh	Walk to silk weaving village Guided walking tour Onboard Khmer Folk performance
10	Phnom Penh	City tour Afternoon Killing Fields excursion
11	Border Crossing	Cruise from Cambodia to Vietnam
12	Tan Chau	Visit to local craftsmen's workshops Trishaw ride
13	Sa Dec Xeo Quyt Cai Be	Local boat ride to Sa Dec Visit to local market, museum & temple Xeo Quyt excursion Local boat ride to floating market Visit rice paper & candy-making workshops
14	Ho Chi Minh City	DISEMBARKATION (My Tho Port) Transfer to city City tour
15	Ho Chi Minh City	Free day
16	Ho Chi Minh City	Prepare for your homeward flight

INCLUDED FEATURES

- » 2 nights hotel accommodation in Hanoi at the Sofitel Legend Metropole (or similar), including daily buffet breakfast
- » Overnight stay on board a luxurious traditional wooden Junk in Ha Long Bay
- » 3 nights hotel accommodation in Siem Reap at the Sofitel Angkor Phokeenthra Golf & Spa Resort (or similar), including daily buffet breakfast
- » 7 nights deluxe cruise accommodation in an outside stateroom - most staterooms with balconies
- » Life-enriching tours and excursions
- » Fine dining with all meals included during your cruise
- » Free-flowing wine with every lunch and dinner on board
- » Complimentary local beer, house-brand spirits and soft drinks during cruise
- » Bottled water in every stateroom replenished daily
- » Welcome Dinner and Farewell Dinner
- » 2 nights hotel accommodation in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) at the Sheraton Saigon Hotel & Towers (or similar), including buffet breakfast
- » Onboard special highlights including folklore dances and music performances, culture discussion forums, theme dinners and piano entertainment
- » Non-smoking environment (smoking permitted only on the Sun Deck)
- » All transfers with the purchase of cruise & air package

YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1, ARRIVE IN HANOI, VIETNAM. Welcome to Hanoi, Vietnam's capital city, known for its graceful colonial architecture, frenetic streets, verdant parks and temples. After checking into your hotel, the remainder of the day is yours to explore on your own.

Day 2, HANOI. A morning sightseeing tour will take you to some of Hanoi's most famous historical and cultural sites, including the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Ba Dinh Square, One-pillar Pagoda and The Temple of Literature. You will also visit the infamous prison that American POWs sarcastically dubbed the "Hanoi Hilton" during the Vietnam War. In the afternoon, experience an authentic rickshaw ride (known as "cyclo") in the Old Quarter, followed by a traditional water puppet show. (B)

Day 3, HANOI - HA LONG BAY. After breakfast, leave Hanoi behind and take a scenic ride to one of Vietnam's most renowned locations, Ha Long Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Board a traditional wooden Junk, where you will spend the night - an incredible once-in-a-lifetime experience, and an AMAWATERWAYS exclusive. Enjoy an onboard dinner set against the Bay's magnificent scenery and dramatic limestone cliffs and rock formations. (B,L,D)

Day 4, HA LONG BAY - HANOI - SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA. This morning, your Ha Long Bay Junk continues its scenic cruising during your onboard breakfast. Late morning, disembark the Junk and transfer to Hanoi Airport. A short flight will take you to Siem Reap in Cambodia, the gateway to Angkor, the former capital of the Khmer empire and one of the most renowned archeological sites in all of Southeast Asia. Tonight, you will be treated to a special Apsara Dancing Show at your hotel, featuring local Cambodian/Khmer folk dancers. (B,L,D)

Day 5, SIEM REAP - ANGKOR. After breakfast, you will have a guided sightseeing tour of the Angkor Archaeological Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Highlights include Angkor Thom, the newly restored Baphuon Temple, Terrace of the Elephants,

and the Terrace of the Leper King. You will also see the Bayon, best known for its gigantic stone faces. This afternoon, travel through the rural countryside to visit the pink sandstone temple of Banteay Srei. Afterwards, you will visit an English-language school sponsored by AMAWATERWAYS in Ta Toum. (B,D)

Day 6, SIEM REAP - ANGKOR. This morning we will visit the most iconic temple of all Angkorian temples, Angkor Wat. This massive temple complex was built in the early 12th century to honor the Hindu god Vishnu. You will also visit Ta Prohm, known as the "Kingdom of Trees" for the way in which the temple stones have become intertwined with thick forest vegetation. A site that will be easily recognized by fans of the film "Tomb Raider." (B)

Day 7, SIEM REAP - TONLE SAP LAKE - EMBARKATION - KAMPONG CHHNANG. Today you will board your river cruise ship at Tonle Sap Lake, the great lake that has dominated Cambodia and its people for centuries. Meet your fellow travelers at a Welcome Dinner as the ship cruises to Kampong Chhnang. (B,L,D)

NOTE: During low water season, transfer from Siem Reap to the ship via motor coach to Preak Kdam, a small village on the Tonle River.

Day 8, KAMPONG CHHNANG - KAMPONG TRALACH - OUDONG. After breakfast, a local boat will take you into the lakeside wetlands that form the mouth of the Tonle Sap River. Enjoy the stunning variety of bird life here, and be on the lookout for the traps used to catch fish in this area - some are over a half-mile long! After returning to the ship and cruising to Kampong Tralach, you will have a truly memorable afternoon excursion - an oxcart ride through the rice paddies surrounding a small village. Later, you will be transferred to Oudong, the former capital of Cambodia, and tour a monastery where you will receive a special Buddhist blessing. Back on board the ship, relax and enjoy the scenery as you cruise towards the village of Koh Chen. (B,L,D)



DATES & PRICES

Day 9, KOH CHEN - PHNOM PENH. This morning, take a leisurely walk to the Koh Chen silk weaving village. You will also visit home workshops specializing in silversmithing and coppersmithing. Later, your ship will depart for Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, where an afternoon walking tour will give you a wonderful introduction to the city. Your tour includes a stop at Wat Phnom. Return to the ship for dinner and an onboard Khmer folk performance presented by local children. The vessel moors overnight in Phnom Penh. (B,L,D)

Day 10, PHNOM PENH. A morning tour explores the highlights of the city, famous for its French colonial architecture, busy cafés and colorful nightlife. Visit the Royal Palace, the spectacular Silver Pagoda, and the National Museum, which has an outstanding collection of Khmer crafts. After lunch on board, you will take an afternoon excursion to Cambodia's infamous Killing Fields, and also visit the Khmer Rouge's grim Tuol Sleng S21 detention center (Genocide Museum) just outside the city. An overnight on the waterfront provides an opportunity to dine on your own in one of many nearby restaurants, if you so choose. (B,L,D)

Day 11, PHNOM PENH - BORDER CROSSING - TAN CHAU, VIETNAM. Spend the day cruising the Mekong River and crossing the border into Vietnam. Your vessel moors at the small town of Tan Chau, Vietnam. (B,L,D)

Day 12, TAN CHAU - SA DEC. Today, you will take a small local boat through narrow channels to several scenic locations. Later, you will see Tan Chau from the vantage point of a traditional "xe-loi" (trishaw) that will take you around to all the sights, with stops at a silk-making workshop and another that produces rattan mats and slippers. This afternoon, your ship cruises to Sa Dec, where it will moor overnight. (B,L,D)

Day 13, SA DEC - XEO QUYT - CAI BE. In the morning, board a local boat for Sa Dec. Once ashore, you will tour the town where French writer Marguerite Duras spent many years



in her youth. Visit a local market and the house of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, Duras' Chinese paramour, now a small museum. Afterwards, board a motor coach for Xeo Quyt, once used as an army base during the Vietnam War and now an important ecological site. After lunch on board, a local boat will take you to Cai Be's spectacular floating market. You will also have an opportunity to visit candy and rice paper workshops. This evening, enjoy a festive Farewell Dinner on board. (B,L,D)

Day 14, HO CHI MINH CITY - DISEMBARKATION. Your cruise comes to an end as the ship docks at My Tho Port, followed by a transfer to nearby Ho Chi Minh City (still affectionately referred to by locals as Saigon). This former capital of Indochina was once known as "Paris of the Orient." Today, Vietnam's largest city is an industrial, cultural and educational hub, but still retains vestiges of its colonial past. Upon your arrival, enjoy a city tour that explores such famous landmarks as the former Presidential Palace, the Central Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral, Cho Lon (China Town) and the Thien Hau pagoda. You will also visit the War Remnants Museum, one of the city's most popular tourist attractions, known for its vast collection of artifacts from the Vietnam War. You will spend the night at a hotel in Ho Chi Minh City. (B,L)

Day 15 HO CHI MINH CITY. Today is free to explore Ho Chi Minh City on your own, perhaps venturing to nearby shops and markets for mementos of your Southeast Asia odyssey. (B)

Day 16, DEPART HO CHI MINH CITY. Bid farewell to Southeast Asia as you prepare for your homeward flight. (B)

Cruise prices are per person in a Cat. C, deluxe outside stateroom. To upgrade to a higher category, add per person:

AMALOTUS				
CAT.	DECK	STATEROOM	2013 ADD'L	2014 ADD'L
B	Tonle	Balcony	\$449	\$499
A	Saigon	Balcony	\$749	\$799
S	Sadec	Balcony	\$1,099	\$1,199
L	Sadec	Balcony	\$2,199	\$2,399

LA MARGUERITE				
CAT.	DECK	STATEROOM	2013 ADD'L	2014 ADD'L
B	Tonle	Balcony	\$449	\$499
A	Saigon	Balcony	\$749	\$799
S	Sadec	Balcony	\$1,099	\$1,199
L	Sadec	Balcony	\$1,699	\$1,899

Port charges: Additional \$119 per person (2013); \$133 per person (2014)

Single Suppl. for Cruise: Category A, B & C 50% of twin price; Suite 75% of twin price and Luxury Suite 100% of twin price.

Single Suppl. for pre/post land arrangements: \$999 per person

Bedding: Please call for details.

Visa: Travel visas are required for travel to Vietnam and Cambodia; please consult with your Consulate for more information.

LAND START DATE	START CITY	EMBARK DATE	SHIP NAME	CRUISE ONLY	CRUISE & LAND
2013					
1 Jan	HAN	7 Jan	La Marguerite	\$2,599	\$4,498
8 Jan	HAN	14 Jan	AmaLotus	\$2,599	\$4,498
15 Jan	HAN	21 Jan	La Marguerite	\$2,599	\$4,498
22 Jan	HAN	28 Jan	AmaLotus	\$2,599	\$4,498
29 Jan	HAN	4 Feb	La Marguerite	\$2,599	\$4,498
5 Feb	HAN	11 Feb	AmaLotus	\$2,599	\$4,498
12 Feb	HAN	18 Feb	La Marguerite	\$2,599	\$4,498
19 Feb	HAN	25 Feb	AmaLotus	\$2,599	\$4,498
26 Feb	HAN	4 Mar	La Marguerite	\$2,599	\$4,498
5 Mar	HAN	11 Mar	AmaLotus	\$2,599	\$4,498
12 Mar	HAN	18 Mar	La Marguerite	\$2,499	\$4,398
19 Mar	HAN	25 Mar	AmaLotus	\$2,399	\$4,298
26 Mar	HAN	1 Apr	La Marguerite	\$2,199	\$4,098
2 Apr	HAN	8 Apr	AmaLotus	\$1,999	\$3,898
9 Apr	HAN	15 Apr	La Marguerite	\$1,799	\$3,698
16 Apr	HAN	22 Apr	AmaLotus	\$1,699	\$3,598
25 Jun	HAN	1 Jul	AmaLotus	\$1,699	\$3,698
9 Jul	HAN	15 Jul	AmaLotus	\$1,699	\$3,698
23 Jul	HAN	29 Jul	AmaLotus	\$1,699	\$3,698
6 Aug	HAN	12 Aug	AmaLotus	\$1,699	\$3,698
13 Aug	HAN	19 Aug	La Marguerite	\$1,799	\$3,798
20 Aug	HAN	26 Aug	AmaLotus	\$1,899	\$3,898
3 Sep	HAN	9 Sep	AmaLotus	\$2,099	\$4,098
10 Sep	HAN	16 Sep	La Marguerite	\$2,199	\$4,198
17 Sep	HAN	23 Sep	AmaLotus	\$2,299	\$4,298
1 Oct	HAN	7 Oct	AmaLotus	\$2,499	\$4,498
8 Oct	HAN	14 Oct	La Marguerite	\$2,599	\$4,598
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24 Dec	HAN	30 Dec	AmaLotus	\$2,699	\$4,698
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4 Feb	HAN	10 Feb	AmaLotus	\$2,699	\$4,798
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** Land programs start from Ho Chi Minh City and end in Hanoi

Airfare: Please call for AmaWaterways' special roundtrip airfares.

Intra-Asia Air (Hanoi-Siem Reap): \$300 per person (2013); \$330 per person (2014) including taxes and fuel surcharges.