

CAMBODIA, VIETNAM & MEKONG CRUISE



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Cambodia & Vietnam with Mekong Cruise & Flights

Duration: 14 days

Stay: 5 nights hotels, 7 nights cruise cabin, overnight flight

Travel style: Escorted tour with flights from Australia

Booking code: VTCAMG14M

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14 Days Cambodia & Vietnam Tour with Flights

About the holiday

Experience the wonders of Indochina on this journey that's packed with cultural highlights, picturesque scenery and astounding ancient history.

Begin with flying to Cambodia's second-largest city, Siem Reap. A highlight is bound to be standing in front of the world's largest and most impressive religious complex - The Temples of Angkor Wat!

Then travel through the lush countryside to Kampong Cham, where you'll board your cruise on the mighty Mekong River. Along the way you'll see the stilt wooden houses of quaint Angkor Ban village, see skilled artisans crafting copper and silver creations and travel by cyclo to elegant Raffles Hotel Le Royal for a cocktail at the famed Elephant Bar. Cruise to Phnom Penh, where you'll discover the ornate buildings and royal palaces on a tour the city, then sail across the Cambodia-Vietnam border to witness the craft villages and floating markets for which the Mekong is famous.

Upon disembarkation in Ho Chi Minh City, take a cyclo ride through the heart of bustling Chinatown and there's time to experience the famous attractions of Ho Chi Minh City at your leisure or take an option tour to the legendary Cu Chi Tunnels.

This comprehensive adventure through Cambodia and Vietnam is filled with authentic, unique and unforgettable adventures!

Why you'll love this tour...

- Stay in carefully selected premium hotels on a value-packed tour
- Cruise the Mekong in style, on a ship that launched in 2019 and is one of the newest in the region
- Incredible sightseeing with expert guides, including stunning Angkor Temples
- The top-value tour includes flights from Australia

Travel dates

2024 & 2025 - Contact us for available dates & current prices

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Tour Package Includes:

Flights - Return economy class flights to Siem Reap & from Ho Chi Minh City
Airtfares include taxes, fees & checked baggage

Accommodation - 12 nights in first class accommodation
2 nights Siem Reap hotel
7 nights outside cabin aboard Victoria Mekong
3 nights Ho Chi Minh City hotel

Meals - 12 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 9 dinners

Transportation - Air-conditioned coach or mini-bus

Escorted tour - Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
Sightseeing per itinerary in modern, air-conditioned motor coach
Entrance fees per itinerary
Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring
Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
Hotel & cruise portorage

Package excludes:

Visa fees for Vietnam & Cambodia

Airport transfers - can be pre-booked on request for an additional fee

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry, WiFi etc.

Gratuities for tour managers & drivers

Video & camera permits

Additional costs due to airline schedule changes, flight delays or cancellation

Travel insurance is essential - please contact us for a quote

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

***Subject to confirmation by airlines, hotels, tour company & local operators.
Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.***

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Tour highlights:

- Stand in awe at the architectural masterpiece of Angkor Temple Complex
- Admire the mysterious Bayon Temple, replete with over 172 giant smiling stone faces
- Explore Silk Island in Cambodia and witness the intricate art of silk weaving
- Tour the village of Koh Chen, and visit a local copper and silversmith workshop
- View the impressive Silver Pagoda on the grounds of the Royal Palace complex in Phnom Penh with its floor of over 5,000 shimmering silver tiles
- Visit the Long Xuyen floating market in Vietnam, where local vendors sell, and exchange goods directly from their boats
- Ho Chi Minh City Tour includes the Notre Dame Cathedral, City Hall and the magnificent Saigon Opera House

Itinerary:

DAY 1, Sunday - Fly from Australia to Cambodia

DAY 2, Monday - Arrive in Siem Reap

Arrive in Siem Reap, gateway to the mystical Angkor Temple Complex, and catch a taxi to the hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure

Overnight: Siem Reap

DAY 3, Tuesday - Full Day Angkor Thom & Angkor Wat Tour

Today, explore the architectural masterpieces of Angkor Thom and Angkor Wat, designated as one of the "Seven Wonders of the World." At the fortified city of Angkor Thom visit the Elephants Terrace and Terrace of the Leper King, all adorned with dramatic bas-reliefs. Continue to the mysterious Bayon Temple, highlight of Angkor Thom, replete with beautifully preserved bas-reliefs and more than 172 giant smiling stone faces. On to the monuments of Ta Keo, Prasat Kravan and Srah Srang before arriving at Ta Prohm, where the jungle was left untouched. The high point of the day is the visit to stunning Angkor Wat, a temple dedicated to the Hindu god Vishnu. World-famous for its beauty and splendour, Angkor Wat has the longest continuous bas-relief in the world, which runs along the entire outer gallery walls, narrating stories from Hindu mythology. In the evening, attend an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager at approximately 5:30 PM, followed by a light dinner at the hotel

Overnight: Siem Reap

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4, Wednesday - Travel to Kampong Cham, Cruise Embarkation

Depart Siem Reap on a long drive through the lush Cambodian countryside to Kampong Cham. Along the way, stop for lunch. Arrive at the pier for your cruise embarkation. Tonight, meet your Cruise Director and enjoy dinner as it sets the mood for your cruise on the mighty Mekong River

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5, Thursday - Angkor Ban, Explore Silk Island

This morning, explore the quaint village of Angkor Ban with its wooden stilt houses and local vibe. Stroll through the streets, and interact with the locals, before heading back for lunch on board. In the afternoon, the ship docks in Silk Island. Explore the island in a three-wheeled tuk tuk, and discover the intricate art of silk weaving. Learn about the entire silk production process, from silk larvae to the creation of textiles using traditional looms. Chance to observe local families weaving the iconic Cambodian krama

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6, Friday - Koh Chen, Vipassana Dhura Meditation Centre

After breakfast, take a walking tour of the village of Koh Chen. One of the highlights of the tour is a visit to a local copper and silversmith workshop. Witness skilled artisans as they demonstrate the techniques of copper and silver crafting. Next, travel to Oudong, the ancient capital of Cambodia with a stop at the fascinating Vipassana Dhura Meditation Centre. In late afternoon, hop on a pedal powered cyclo to the elegant Raffles Hotel Le Royal for a signature cocktail at the famed Elephant Bar. Return to the ship, and attend an interesting lecture about Cambodia as well as learn some basic Khmer phrases

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7, Saturday - Phnom Penh City Tour

Hop on a three-wheeled cyclo, and ride to the majestic Royal Palace complex, a compound of Khmer-style structures with gilded spires. These ornate buildings have served as the royal residence of the kings of Cambodia since the 1860s. Within these walls, see the glittering Silver Pagoda with its floor of over 5,000 silver tiles. Next, walk to the nearby National Museum, a masterpiece of Khmer architectural glory, home to over 14,000 historical items, including Khmer art, ceramics, and archaeological treasures. Following lunch, drive to Choeung Ek, one of the mass grave sites of the Killing Fields. The memorial here is dedicated to those who lost their lives in the late 1970s during the Khmer Rouge regime. Tonight, watch a lively performance of Khmer Apsara dancing

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8, Sunday - Tan Chau Village

As the ship sails towards the Cambodia-Vietnam border, begin the day with an early yoga class followed by a leisurely breakfast. Participate in many onboard activities including a tour of the ship, mini-golf tournament, or simply admire the scenery. After, select from the many onboard activities including a ship's tour, mini golf tournament, or simply admire the scenery. In the afternoon, the ship sails into Vietnamese waters, and anchors near Tan Chau Village. Tender sampans take you ashore to visit the local market, and colourful temple which is the spiritual centre for local residents. This evening, watch a traditional Vietnamese lion dance, followed by dinner. The ship sets sail for Vam Nao

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 9, Monday - Phu Tan, Tiger Island

Cruise towards Phu Tan district of An Giang province in the Mekong Delta. Tender ashore to visit a craft village, known for its handmade Ca Rang clay stoves. Used for hundreds of years by the southern Vietnamese, these stoves have a unique design which allows them to block the wind, retain heat, and keep ash from dispersing. Return to the ship, and continue sailing. The ship docks near Tiger Island from where you head ashore by sampan. Begin the exploration of Tiger Island in a "xe loi," a modified three-wheeled bicycle. Discover the art of plant pot and incense making, and continue with a visit to a site locally known as "Mr. Tiger's Temple" while hearing the story that gave the island its name

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 10, Tuesday - Long Xuyen Floating Market, An Giang Museum, Dinh Yen Village

In the morning, visit the vibrant Long Xuyen Floating Market. Engage with local vendors, and experience the lively atmosphere. Next, venture to the An Giang Museum, showcasing the diverse cultures, traditions, and historical milestones of the An Giang province. Return to the ship, and continue sailing towards the village of Dinh Yen where we'll observe colourful straw mats being woven on mechanized looms. On the way, visit a family who makes delicate tofu skin, a food product made from boiling soy milk with a plethora of uses. Return to the ship and cruise towards Can Tho, the beating heart of the Mekong Delta. Attend a traditional Southern Vietnamese folk music performance known as Don Ca Tai Tu, and bid farewell to your Cruise Director during dinner

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 11, Wednesday - Disembarkation, Travel to Ho Chi Minh

Disembark the ship at Can Tho, and travel through the lush Vietnamese countryside to Ho Chi Minh (formerly Saigon). Arrive, and check into your hotel in Ho Chi Minh, followed by an orientation walk of the city. Balance of the day is at leisure

Overnight: Ho Chi Minh

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 12, Thursday - Explore Ho Chi Minh

This morning, embark on a guided tour of Ho Chi Minh, which includes the neo-Romanesque Notre Dame Cathedral, the Central Post Office with its French style architecture, City Hall, and the magnificent Saigon Opera House. From here, visit lively Ben Thanh Market, where an unbelievable assortment of wares and crafts are sold under one roof. Continue to Dong Khoi Street, a major shopping thoroughfare in the centre of the city. Then, take a cyclo ride, through the heart of bustling Chinatown

Overnight: Ho Chi Minh

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 13, Friday - Full Day in Ho Chi Minh

Today is at leisure to further explore the city on your own or, join the *optional* half day tour to Cu Chi Tunnels. They were part of an underground tunnel network built by the Viet Cong to control a largely rural area near Saigon. The Cu Chi network includes 125 miles of tunnels with many branches connecting to underground hideouts, weapon factories, hospitals, shelters, and other tunnels. The rest of your day is at leisure before dinner this evening

Optional: Half Day Cu Chi Tunnels (AM)

Overnight: Ho Chi Minh

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 14, Saturday - Depart Vietnam

Check out of your hotel this morning, then make your own way via tax to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast

Please note: The day-by-day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

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