

CHARMING MEKONG

HO CHI MINH CITY to SIEM REAP



Cruise along the mighty Mekong, discovering a glimpse into another era; one where people still happily honor the timeless traditions passed down through the centuries from their ancestors. Throughout your trip, immerse yourself into the culture and heritage with visits to rural villages, historic pagodas and colorful markets. Be treated to a special blessing by monks in Buddhist monastery, and witness skilled artisans who create exquisite handicrafts and delicacies. Experience all this and more on this life-enriching cruise along the Mekong.



DATES: **2019:** Oct 28 | Nov 11; 25 | Dec 09; 23
2020: Jan 06; 20 | Feb 03; 17 | Mar 02; 16; 30 |
Apr 13 | Aug 03; 17; 31 | Sep 14; 28 | Oct 12; 26 |
Nov 09; 23 | Dec 07; 21
2021: Jan 04; 18 | Feb 01; 15 | Mar 01; 15; 29 |
Apr 12

DURATION: 8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

EMBARK: HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

DISEMBARK: SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA

SHIPS: AmaDara

FROM: \$1,649 + \$168 Port Charges

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

DAY 1 My Tho, Vietnam - EMBARKATION

Board the AmaDara at My Tho Port. Settle in and then meet fellow guests at a Welcome Dinner as the ship cruises to Cai Be. (L,D)

**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 2 Cai Be - Sa Dec, Vietnam

Take a local boat to Cai Be. You will have an opportunity to visit candy and rice paper making workshops, as well as the historic Kiet Old House. Later in the day, journey to Sa Dec, a sprawling town on the Mekong Delta, where French writer Marguerite Duras spent part of her youth. You will visit the colorful market,



Cao Dai Temple and the house of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, Duras' Chinese paramour, which her prize-winning novel, "The Lover," is said to be based on. (B,L,D)



DAY 3 Tan Chau Border Crossing from Vietnam to Cambodia

Enjoy a visit to Tan Chau, a small Mekong River town unspoiled by tourism. Be treated to an authentic experience on 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 "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 from Vietnam to the Cambodian border en route to Phnom Penh. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 Phnom Penh, Cambodia

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 will 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. After returning to the ship, enjoy Khmer folk dancing performed by local children in the Saigon Lounge. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 Oudong, Kampong-Tralach, Phnom Penh

Visit 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. You may also take a walking tour of Oudong. In Kampong Tralach, you will have a truly authentic excursion – an oxcart ride through a local village. 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. (B,L,D)



DAY 6 Oknhatey Village

In the morning, set sail for Oknhatey Village. Oknhatey is the “Silk Island,” located on the lush banks of the Mekong River and known for its rich tradition of silk weaving. While here, you will visit a local elementary school and observe the traditional silk weaving, an art that has been preserved for centuries. Your cruise continues to sail to Angkor Ban. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 Angkor Ban - Kampong Cham - Phnom Pros & Phnom Srei “Twin Mountain”

Go on a walking tour of 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 sets sail for Kampong Cham, where you will go on an afternoon excursion via motorcoach 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. Cap the day off with a festive Farewell Dinner on board. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 Kampong Cham - DISEMBARKATION

Your cruise concludes in Kampong Cham, where you disembark and Motorcoach transfer to Siem Reap. (B)



PRE AND POST CRUISE OPTIONS

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

ADD 2 NIGHTS SIEM REAP POST-CRUISE **\$499**

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 **2019: \$2,199** **2020-21: \$2,559**



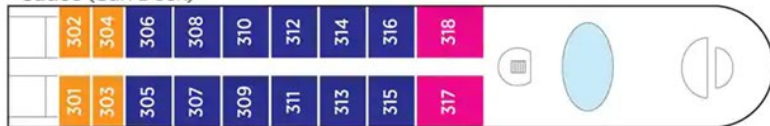
2019 DATES & RATES	Oct 28; Nov 11; Dec 23	Nov 25	Dec 09
BASE RATE – CAT C	\$2,999	\$2,999	\$2,999
Early Booking Rate	\$2,999	\$2,749	\$2,249
Savings	-	\$250	\$750

2020 DATES & RATES	Jan 6; 20; Feb 3; 17	Mar 2	Mar 16	Mar 30	Apr 13	Aug 3, 17	Aug 31	Sep 14	Sep 28	Oct 12; 26; Nov 9; 23	Dec 7; 21
BASE RATE – CAT C	\$3,099	\$3,099	\$2,899	\$2,699	\$2,499	\$2,399	\$2,599	\$2,799	\$2,999	\$3,099	\$3,099
Early Booking	\$2,849	\$3,099	\$2,149	\$1,949	\$1,749	\$1,649	\$1,849	\$2,049	\$2,249	\$2,599	\$2,349
Savings	\$250	-	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$500	\$750

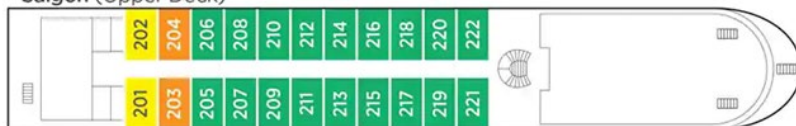
2021 DATES & RATES	Jan 04; 18; Feb 1; 15	Mar 01	Mar 15	Mar 29	Apr 12
BASE RATE – CAT C	\$3,199	\$3,199	\$2,999	\$2,799	\$2,599
Early Booking Rate	\$3,199	\$2,699	\$2,499	\$2,049	\$1,849
Savings	-	\$500	\$500	\$750	\$750

CATEGORY UPGRADE	B	A	SUITE	LUXURY SUITE
2019 Supplement - ADD	\$599	\$899	\$1,399	\$2,699
2020-21 Supplement - ADD	\$699	\$999	\$2,499	\$2,899

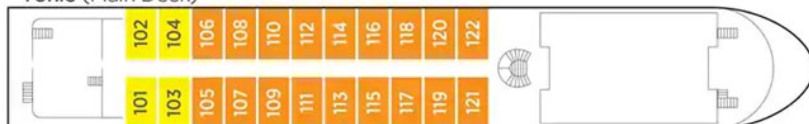
Sadec (Sun Deck)



Saigon (Upper Deck)



Tonle (Main Deck)



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