

RICHES OF THE MEKONG

SIEM REAP to HO CHI MINH CITY



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.



CRUISE-TOUR DATES:

2023: Aug 11, 25 | Sep 8, 22 | Oct 6, 20 | Nov 3, 17 |
Dec 1, 15, 29

2024: Jan 12, 26 | Feb 9, 23 | Mar 8, 22 | Apr 5, 19 |
Aug 9, 23 | Sep 6, 20 | Oct 4, 18 | Nov 1, 15, 29 | Dec 13,
27

2025: Jan 10 | Feb 7, 21 | Mar 7, 21 | Apr 4, 18

DURATION: 13 DAYS/12 NIGHTS

EMBARK: SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA

DISSEMBARK: HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

SHIP: AmaDara

CRUISE-TOUR FROM: \$2,598* + Port Charges

CRUISE-ONLY FROM \$1,399* + Port Charges

***AFTER \$1,000 PER PERSON SAVINGS**

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DAY 1 - SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA

Arrive in Siem Reap, Cambodia, the gateway to Angkor Archaeological Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the former capital of the Khmer empire.

DAY 2 - SIEM REAP - ANGKOR

Begin your morning exploration of the Angkor temple complex at Angkor Thom, meaning "the great city." This is home to Bayon Temple, best known for its gigantic smiling stone faces, as well as the Terrace of the Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper King. You'll then visit nearby Ta Prohm, known as the "Kingdom of Trees," for the way in which the temple stones have become intertwined with thick forest vegetation over the centuries. Afternoon excursions take you to the fascinating jewel in the crown of Angkorian art, Banteay Srei, meaning "Citadel of Women," as it has been said that the carving is too fine to have been done by the hand of man. Cap this memorable day off with a special "Apsara Dance Show" at your hotel, featuring local Cambodian/Khmer folk dancers. (B,D)



DAY 3 - SIEM REAP - ANGKOR

Discover the heart and soul of Cambodia and the most iconic of all Angkorian Temples, Angkor Wat. This is one of the largest religious monuments ever constructed and a true masterpiece of Khmer architecture built by King Suryavarman II in the early 12th century to honor the Hindu god, Vishnu. (B,D)

DAY 4 - SIEM REAP – KAMPONG CHAM, CAMBODIA – EMBARKATION

Transfer via motorcoach to the AmaDara in Kampong Cham for your seven-night cruise. Board a 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. Later, join fellow guests for an evening Welcome Dinner. (B,L,D)



DAY 5 - ANGKOR BAN – OKNHATEY

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 6 - OUDONG - KAMPONG TRALACH - PHNOM PENH—our 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 7 - 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). 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. Alternatively, you may wish to shop for unique treasures at the bustling, yellow-colored Central Market after your visit to Royal Place. After returning to the ship, enjoy Khmer folk dancing performed by local children in the Saigon Lounge. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 - PHNOM PENH – BORDER CROSSING – TAN CHAU, VIETNAM

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

DAY 9 - TAN CHAU – SA DEC, VIETNAM

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 “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 10 - SA DEC - XEO QUYT - CAI BE

Once ashore in Sa Dec, 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 11 - DISEMBARKATION – MY THO – HO CHI MINH CITY

Disembark the AmaDara in My Tho Port and transfer to Ho Chi Minh City. Vietnam's former capital of Indochina was once known as “Paris of the Orient,” and today, it is an industrial, cultural and educational hub. Explore such famous landmarks as the former Presidential Palace, the Central Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral and the War Remnants Museum before visiting the Ben Thanh Market—one of the oldest and most iconic structures in Ho Chi Minh City. (B,L)

DAY 12 - HO CHI MINH CITY

Visit Chu Chi Tunnels, an immense underground network built during the Vietnam War. Spend your afternoon at leisure exploring more of Ho Chi Minh City. (B)

DAY 13 - DEPART HO CHI MINH CITY

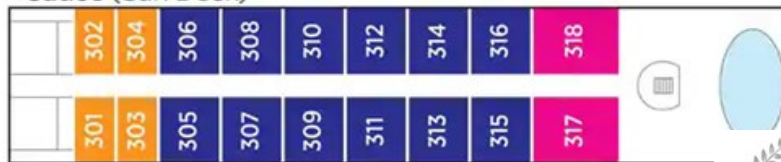
Bid farewell to Vietnam as you prepare for your homeward flight. (B)



CRUISE AND CRUISE-TOUR RATES – PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

2023 RATES	Aug 11	Aug 25	Sep 8	Sep 22	Oct 6 – Dec 15	Dec 29
CRUISE ONLY – CAT C	\$2,399	\$2,499	\$2,699	\$2,899	\$3,099	\$3,199
CRUISE- TOUR	\$3,598	\$3,698	\$3,898	\$4,098	\$4,298	\$4,398
2024 RATES	Jan 12 – Feb 23	Mar 8	Mar 22	Apr 5	Apr 19	
CRUISE ONLY - CAT C	\$3,199	\$3,099	\$2,899	\$2,699	\$2,499	
CRUISE- TOUR	\$4,398	\$4,298	\$4,098	\$3,898	\$3,698	
2024 – Cont.	Aug 9	Aug 23	Sep 6	Sep 20	Oct 4 - Dec 13	Dec 27
CRUISE ONLY - CAT C	\$2,399	\$2,499	\$2,699	\$2,899	\$3,099	\$3,199
CRUISE- TOUR	\$3,598	\$3,698	\$3,898	\$4,098	\$4,298	\$4,398
PLUS - Port Charges - \$224						
2025 RATES	Jan 10 - Feb 21	Mar 7	Mar 21	Apr 4	Apr 18	
CRUISE ONLY – CAT C	\$3,199	\$3,099	\$2,899	\$2,699	\$2,499	
CRUISE-TOUR	\$4,398	\$4,298	\$4,098	\$3,898	\$3,698	
PLUS - Port Charges - \$210						
CATEGORY UPGRADE		B	A	SUITE	LUXURY SUITE	
Supplement - ADD		\$699	\$999	\$1,499	\$2,899	

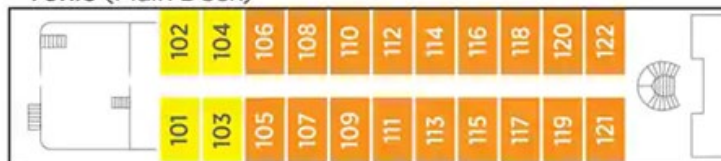
Sadec (Sun Deck)



Saigon (Upper Deck)



Tonle (Main Deck)



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