

8 DAY MEKONG DISCOVERY (WHS)





On this unique and inspiring 7-night Southeast Asia river cruise through Vietnam and Cambodia, you'll be immersed in the cultures and ancient traditions as you sightsee and spend time with locals in the most interesting places along the mighty Mekong River.

Via sampan, cruise into Vinh Long and experience Vietnamese culture with a visit to a workshop to learn how rice wine and traditional candies are made. See firsthand how handcrafted sampans are built at the home of a family in Cu Lao Gieng. Walk through a colorful market as the locals are busy with their daily routine of buying and selling produce. In the capital of Cambodia, Phnom Penh, tour the National Museum and Royal Palace with its striking Silver Pagoda.

Enjoy a song and dance performance by children from a local orphanage.

On a hilltop at the site of the 8th-century temple of Wat Hanchey, take in the stunning views before walking through the rural village of Angkor Ban to visit with welcoming schoolchildren. Continue this diverse river cruise and stop in a Silversmith Village to see craftsmen making silver artwork using ancient techniques. Go on an ox cart ride amongst rice paddy fields in the enchanting Cambodian countryside and witness the daily lives of farmers. This once-in-a-lifetime Southeast Asia river cruise vacation is sure to create lasting memories!

CRUISE OVERVIEW

8

DAYS

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2

COUNTRIES



COUNTRIES

Vietnam

Cambodia

DAY-BY-DAY

ITINERARY

1

HO CHI MINH CITY (EMBARKATION)

Your Suite Ship® is Ready for Boarding

Transfer to the port in the heart of Ho Chi Minh on the Saigon River for embarkation. Get acquainted with the ship and relax before your welcome reception and dinner this evening.

AFTERNOON/EVENING CRUISE TO VINH LONG



Dinner

2

VINH LONG-CU LAO GIENG

Sweets, Sampans, and Sun Hats



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Board a sampan this morning to visit a local workshop in Vinh Long where you will see how rice paper, rice wine, and traditional candies are made.



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

This afternoon, enjoy scenes of daily life on Cu Lao Gieng Island via sampan and local motor cart. Your Guided Excursion starts at a local workshop, where a skilled family hand-crafts sampan boats. Then, visit the home of a local family that makes Vietnamese conical hats, or “Non la,” from materials available to them such as palm leaves and bamboo. These iconic hats are primarily used as protection from the sun and rain, but you may also see them used as a basket to carry home goods from the market. Lastly, stop at one of Vietnam’s oldest Catholic churches.

AFTERNOON/EVENING CRUISE TO CHAU DOC



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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CHAU DOC-LONG KHANH A-BORDER CROSSING, CAMBODIA

Colorful markets, Charming Locals, and Cotton Weavers



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

In Chau Doc take a Guided Walk through the local market and absorb the atmosphere as locals are busy buying and selling fish, meat, and produce. Then embark on a River Excursion down the backwaters of the Mekong. Along the way, see traditional floating homes, speedboat merchants, religious sites, a market selling dried goods, and more.



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

After lunch, a sampan brings you to the village of Long Khanh A for a Cotton-Weaving Demonstration of a well-preserved artisan’s tradition.

Return to the ship to set sail for the Cambodian border. On board, we cross the border at Vinh Xuong International Land and River Border Gate in Vietnam and Kaam Samnor in Cambodia.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO PHNOM PENH



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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PHNOM PENH

The Royal Treatment



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a City Tour of this Cambodian capital by private cyclo to visit the Royal Palace with the spectacular Silver Pagoda, and the National Museum featuring an outstanding display of Khmer artifacts.

The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy the city at your leisure.

Just before dinner, children from a local orphanage will perform a show featuring local song and dance.



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

A Dark History or Market Dynamics

**CLASSIC EXCURSION**

This morning, a Guided Visit of the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum and one of the Killing Fields offers a glimpse into the atrocities inflicted on the Cambodian people by the Khmer Rouge regime, OR:

**DISCOVERY EXCURSION**

Visit the lively Central Market by tuk-tuk to see its unique Art Deco design.

After lunch, depart Phnom Penh and enjoy some time at leisure on the ship.

AFTERNOON/EVENING CRUISE TO WAT HANCHEY



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

Water Blessings and Back-to-School Adventures

**DISCOVERY EXCURSION**

Visit Wat Hanchey, a hilltop temple dating back to the 8th century. Climb or be driven to the top where you will enjoy stunning views of the surrounding area and partake in a traditional water blessing given by local monks.

**DISCOVERY EXCURSION**

After lunch, enjoy a Walking Tour through the rural village of Angkor Ban. Here, you will visit a traditional Khmer house and interact with children at a local school.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO KONPONG LOUANG



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

Calm in the Cambodian Countryside

**DISCOVERY EXCURSION**

Start your Guided Sightseeing at the silversmith village in Konpong Louang. Here, see talented craftsmen use age-old techniques to turn pure silver into works of art. In Kampong Tralach board an ox cart for a ride through the beautiful Cambodian countryside. Along the way, stop to meet a local farmer and learn about his daily life.

This afternoon, enjoy scenic cruising on the Tonle River.

EVENING CRUISE TO PHNOM PENH

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

8

PHNOM PENH (DISEMBARKATION)

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

 Breakfast

HAND-PICKED

HOTELS

We've vetted and hand-selected the best hotels around the world with location, comfort, and style in mind. Enjoy first-class hotels in each destination, and check in with the confidence that we've already checked everything out for your comfort and convenience.

Ho Chi Minh City

1 **Park Hyatt Saigon** 2 Lam Son Square

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 Deluxe

Discover urban luxury with a combination of sophisticated design, handcrafted details, and modern-day comforts at Park Hyatt Saigon. Enjoy world-class dining, tranquil spa, and refreshing pool all on site. French-colonial inspired room rooms combine elegant, traditional comfort with the latest technology and desired amenities.

Hotel Amenities

- Spa Services
- Fitness Room
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Luggage Storage
- Bar/Lounge
- Business Center
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Pool
- Hot Tub

Room Features

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| • Coffee Maker | • Desk |
| • Phone | • Television |
| • Hair Dryer | • Mini-Bar |
| • Iron/Ironing Board | • In-Room Safe |
| • Room Service | • Internet Access |
| • Cable/Satellite | • Climate Control |
| • Complimentary Toiletries | • Air Conditioning |