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SIEM REAP

ANDONG RUSSEI KAMPONG CHHNANG

KAMPONG PRASAT

KAMPONG TRALACH

UDONG HILL

KOH CHEN

PREAH PROSOP

KOH OKNHA TEY

PHNOM PENH

CAMBODIA

VIETNAM

VINH XUONG - KA'OM SAMNOR BORDER

HO CHI MINH CITY

CHAU DOC

LONG KHANH

MY AN HUNG

MARINA MY THO PORT

BINH THANH

SA DEC

AQUA MEKONG

7-NIGHT - HO CHI MINH TO SIEM REAP (EXTENSION)

Note: All itineraries are subject to change, due to weather and other conditions.

December to Mid-August | Friday – Friday

Day 1 Friday Mekong River – Marina My Tho port – Ho Chi Minh – Vietnam

We will collect you at the Ho Chi Minh meeting point and transfer you by air-conditioned coach to Marina My Tho dock where we will welcome you aboard the Aqua Mekong. Settle into your floating retreat, with its window wall unveiling an endlessly captivating panorama. Enjoy these private Mekong moments on your California King bed, terrace or daybed.

Day 2 Saturday Mekong River – Binh Thanh/ Sa Dec – My An Hung

Begin the day at Binh Thanh mat weaving village or opt to visit Sa Dec where we will peruse the vibrant market and see the famous house of Marguerite Duras' legendary lover, Mr. Huynh Thuy Le. In the afternoon, visit a typical Mekong Delta village called My An Hung where we will walk through verdant plantations. We will be invited to a local's home to taste local fruits while hearing traditional folk songs performed by villagers, followed by a unique unicorn dance. A 17-kilometer biking option is also available.

Notes

**Inclusion**

Dinner

**Complimentary shared transfer to Port**

**Embarkation Port**

Marina My Tho Port<sup>2</sup> / 3:00pm

**Inclusion**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

AQUA MEKONG

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Day 3 Sunday    Mekong River – Chau Doc – Vinh Xuong – Ka'om Samnor Border

Travel by skiff along Bassac Canal to Chau Doc floating market then head off by van to Long Son Pagoda atop Sam Mountain. Ask the monks about their age-old Buddhist practices. Return via the bustling morning market. Optional 18-kilometers bike ride on Long Khanh Island or take a rickshaw ride to visit Tan Chau Market with our chef. After lunch, relax by the pool, try a traditional Khmer massage or learn to cook Mekong-inspired dishes while we cross the border.

**Inclusion**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 Monday    Mekong River – Koh Okhna Tey – Preah Prosop

On this river of time we admire dexterous Khmer artisans dyeing and weaving kroma, the ubiquitous fabric no Khmer lives without. Explore the riverbank on two wheels if you wish, past Buddhist temples and thatch houses perched on spindly wooden stilts while white oxen wade just offshore. After lunch, we board our marine-grade aluminum skiffs and head towards the tamarind trees of Preah Prosop, a remote village little changed over several lifetimes.

**Inclusion**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 Tuesday    Phnom Penh – Cambodia

We show off the Cambodian capital to our passengers by motorized tuk-tuk, the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and the National Museum of Cambodia, home to the world's largest collection of Khmer art. For those who wish, we visit the Tuol Sleng Museum of Genocide and the Killing Field or shopping at Russian Market. We bid farewell to 4-night guests who are disembarking in Phnom Penh.

**Inclusion**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Return to welcome our 3-night passengers over custom sundowners like the Salted Watermelon Crush with Thai basil. Together we celebrate the onward journey towards the heart of this mighty river with a Khmer Apsara performance, an indigenous tradition memorialized on the temple walls at Angkor Wat.

Day 6 Wednesday Tonle Sap River – Koh Chen – Kampong Prasat – Cambodia

In the silversmith village of Koh Chen, we watch artisans producing the magnificent silverware favored by Khmer royalty. We continue to Udong, the royal capital from the 17-19th centuries, where we learn about a uniquely challenging Buddhist practice at the Vipassana Dhura, a meditation center. In the afternoon, a walking tour of Kampong Prasat offers a close-up perspective on local lives and their riverside environment.

**Inclusion**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 Thursday Tonle Sap River – Kampong Chhnang – Kampong Tralach – Cambodia

In the cooler hours, we head into the lush countryside to visit traditional potters and palm-sugar producers, astride mountain bikes or chauffeured by shaded tuk-tuk. Into the rice paddies we pedal to watch wizened masters scale sky-piercing palms towering over us. Cruise across the glassy water and disembark among the lotuses for an ox-cart ride along the Tonle Sap riverbanks, past lacquered wooden houses where residents take refuge during these dry months in the relative cool of these outdoor impromptu living rooms.

**Inclusion**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 Friday Phnom Penh – Cambodia

Customized exploration of Phnom Penh and disembarkation. Airplane transfers are provided if you would like to continue your Cambodian adventure to Siem Reap and its ancient lost city of Angkor Wat. Guests will be fully escorted by our guides in a private luxury car transfer to Phnom Penh Airport.

**Inclusion**

Breakfast

**Disembarkation/ Drop off Point**

Phnom Penh Passenger Terminal<sup>3</sup> / 11:30am

\*Airplane transfer to Siem Reap will be provided from Phnom Penh after disembarkation

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**<sup>2</sup>MARINA MY THO PORT**

*Address: 2 Hoang Sa, Phuong 4, Thanh Pho My Tho, Tien Giang, Vietnam*

**<sup>3</sup>Phnom Penh Passenger Terminal**

*Address: Preah Sisowath Quay at eastern end of St. 104, Phnom Penh, Cambodia*

**\*Siem Reap Flight Extension**

During low water season, cruise vessels are not able to travel up to the Tonle Sap Lake due to the water level. Airplane transfers to Siem Reap via Cambodian Angkor Air are included in your cruise fare. Upon landing, you may make your own arrangements to explore the ancient city of Angkor Wat and other local attractions. Requests for flight changes and/or upgrades are not available. Please kindly inform our Reservations team should you choose to remain in Phnom Penh after disembarkation.