



AQUA MEKONG

7-NIGHT - PHNOM PENH TO HO CHI MINH

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December to Mid-August | Friday – Friday

Day 1 Friday Mekong River – Phnom Penh – Cambodia

We meet you at the Phnom Penh TS1 Port for check-in to your 3-story, five-star Mekong abode. Welcome aboard. We'll leave you to 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. 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 2 Saturday 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.

Notes

Inclusion

Dinner

Embarkation/ Meeting Point

Phnom Penh Passenger Terminal¹ / 3:30pm to 5:30pm

Inclusion

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day 3 Sunday 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 4 Monday Mekong River – Koh Okhna Tey – Preah Prosop – Cambodia

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 Mekong River – 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

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 Mekong River – Ka'om Samnor-Vinh Xuong
Border Crossing – Chau Doc – My An Hung – Vietnam

Say 'Good Morning, Vietnam' while we cross the border and sail towards Tan Chau, a vibrant border town where we take the local rickshaw called xe loi for a trip around town or pedal 18-kilometers on the peaceful island of Long Khanh. In the afternoon, we 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 for those who wish to explore the countryside on wheels.

Inclusion

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Please ensure you have a valid visa to enter Vietnam and note that the **date of entry** coincides with this day.

Day 7 Thursday Mekong River – Binh Thanh/ Sa Dec – Cai Be – Vietnam

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. We continue downstream for Cai Be, zigzagging in our sampan past lone fishermen on their long tail boats. Later, our skiffs moor at a wooden pier. Here in Cai Be, walk or bike ride among high-roofed open courtyard houses, some dating back more than 100 years, and currently inhabited by gracious locals who will invite us to glimpse their property.

Inclusion

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 Friday Mekong River – Marina My Tho port – Ho Chi Minh – Vietnam

After a hearty breakfast, we bid farewell to Aqua Mekong. En route to Ho Chi Minh, we stop at Vinh Trang Pagoda, one of the largest Mahayana Buddhist temples in the region. You will notice the mixed architectural style and see three large buddha statues plus an impressive collection of bonsai trees.

Inclusion

Breakfast

Disembarkation

Marina My Tho Port² / 8:00am

Complimentary shared

transfer to Hotel – Drop off

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¹Phnom Penh Passenger Terminal

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

²Marina My Tho Port

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