

LUXURY MEKONG CRUISE HOLIDAY – 12 days

(Saigon – My Tho – Tan Chau – Phnom Penh – Kangpong Cham – Siem Reap)

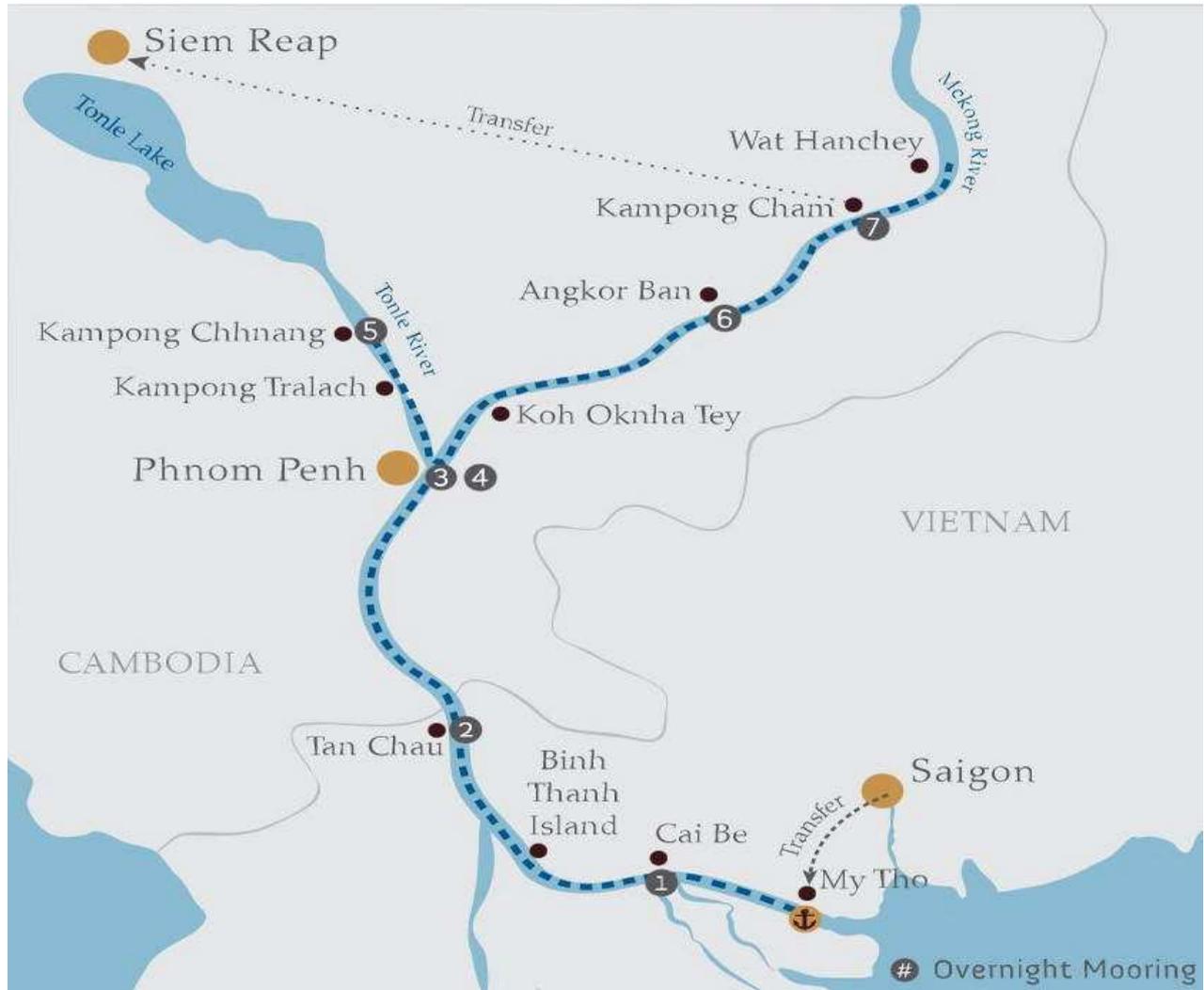
Note*: this tour can be operated from Siem Reap. If you would like to start the tour from Siem Reap, please contact us for detailed itinerary.

Itinerary Overview

Day	Destination	Meals
Day 1	SAIGON - ARRIVAL	..
Day 2	SAIGON – CITY & CU CHI TUNNEL	B
Day 3	SAIGON –MY THO/ EMBARKATION	B/L/D
Day 4	CAI BE – SA DEC	B/L/D
Day 5	TAN CHAU – BORDER CROSSING	B/L/D
Day 6	PHNOM PENH	B/L/D
Day 7	PHNOM PENH – SILK ISLAND	B/L/D
Day 8	ANGKOR BAN	B/L/D
Day 9	WAT HANCHEY – KAMPONG CHAM	B/L/D
Day 10	KAMPONG CHAN – DISEMBARKATION – SIEM REAP	B
Day 11	SIEM REAP – ANGKOR TOUR	B
Day 12	SIEM REAP - DEPARTURE	B

Note*: B: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner

Travel Map



Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 SAIGON - ARRIVAL

Arrive in Saigon. Greeted by your guide/driver at the airport. Transfer to your hotel in the city centre for check-in and at leisure in the rest of the day.

Meals: n/a

Accommodation: Hotel in Saigon

Day 2 SAIGON – CITY & CUCHI TUNNELS TOUR

Pickup at the hotel at 7:40 for city tour. Our city tour will help you to see the best of Saigon. We visit the historic Reunification palace and War Remnants Museum, followed by the architectural treats of French colonial Notre Dame Cathedral and the post Office.

In the afternoon afternoon, we head out of town to visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, which is an extensive underground network of approximately 200 kilometers of tunnels dug initially by the Viet Minh and then expanded by the Viet Cong. Here contains hospitals, plus accommodation and schools, and were used extensively for refuge and storage and also utilized as a military base for the Viet Cong close to Saigon. Come back to Saigon in late afternoon.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Saigon

Day 3 SAIGON – MYTHO – EMBARKATION

Pickup at the hotel, transfer to the Sofitel Plaza hotel in Saigon at 9 am for the transfer arrangement to My Tho, located 70 kilometers away. The transfer includes a stop at the Cholon Market and visit to a lacquer factory. Arrival in My Tho and welcome on board the RV [MEKONG PRESTIGE CRUISE](#). Lunch on board. Departure in the afternoon. Welcome Dinner on board & traditional Music Show.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Mekong Prestige cruise

Day 4 CAI BE – SA DEC

Arrival at Cai Be in the morning. After breakfast we take a morning junk trip around Cai Be to visit a floating market and go ashore to see the French Gothic Cathedral. Take a stroll along the river bank and visit a local manufacturer producing rice paper, and coconut sweets. Return to the ship for lunch. Mekong Prestige Cruise passes Vinh Long Province to arrive at Sa Dec for an afternoon walk. We see the house of Marguerite's Chinese Lover. The house is a small museum of « The Lover » in Sadec. Visit to a Cao daist Temple and stroll through the colorful local market.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Mekong Prestige cruise

Day 5 TAN CHAU - BORDER CROSSING

Arrival at Tan Chau in the morning, a remote town on the main Mekong River. After breakfast, transfer on small boats to visit the village. A rickshaw ride round this fascinating town takes you back to the pier for lunch. Depart for the Cambodian border. Evening cruise up the broad Mekong River to Phnom Penh.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Mekong Prestige cruise

Day 6 PHNOM PENH

Arrival in Phnom Penh in the morning. The capital city of Cambodia still retains its old French colonial architecture in riverside streets. Visit the Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda. The National Museum is another highlight, with outstanding displays of Khmer crafts. Lunch on board. Afternoon excursion to the former High School, now the Tuol Sleng Museum, converted to a detention center under the Red Khmer's rule between 1975 and 1979.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Mekong Prestige cruise

Day 7 PHNOM PENH – SILK ISLAND

Early morning sailing from Phnom Penh to Chong Koh or Oknathey (both located in Silk Island). Visit this silk weaving village for a morning walk at leisure and a visit to the local workshop. The excursion includes a visit to a Pagoda and a meeting in a primary school. We cruise past the Mekong's timeless villages and River life with extensive fishing activities. Return to Phnom Penh and visit to Wat Phnom Hill after which the city was named. Time at leisure in the city.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Mekong Prestige cruise

Day 8 ANGKOR BAN

Morning navigation on the Upper Mekong. Arrival at Angkor Ban in the morning. Overlooking the River Mekong, Angkor Ban offers a peaceful and majestic image of the river bathed in morning light in this still pristine area. Angkor Ban is one of the very few villages that has not been burned or destroyed during the Khmer Rouge period. It is a dive in intimate Cambodia, to the rhythm of its inhabitants. Visit

of the village on stilts, discovery of traditional houses some of which are more than a century old. Back on board for further navigation to the north.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Mekong Prestige cruise

Day 9 WAT HANCHEY – KAMPONG CHAM

Stop at Wat Hanchey in the morning and after breakfast, visit the pre-Angkorian temple located on top of a hill overlooking the Mekong. Dating back to the 8th century, its ancient brick structures characterize the architecture of the Chenla Empire, which preceded the glory of Angkor. Back on board for lunch.

Continued navigation and arrival at Kampong Cham during lunch. In the afternoon, departure by bus to discover the temple of Wat Nokor. This twelfth century Buddhist temple built on the ruins of an ancient temple, is unique in Cambodia.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Mekong Prestige cruise

Day 10 KAMPONG CHAM – DESEMBARKATION – SIEM REAP

Early morning, disembarkation and transfer (5h) to Siem Reap. Stop at the Kampong Kdei Bridge dating from the Angkorian period, built during the reign of Jayavarman VII and arrived in Siem Reap at lunch time.

Pickup and transfer to the hotel for checkin. Free.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Siem Reap

Day 11 SIEM REAP – ANGKOR TOUR

08:00 We drive to South Gate of Angkor Thom, the famous [Bayon temple](#) – a unique for its 54 towers decorated with over 200 smiling faces of Avolokitesvara, Baphoun, the Terrace of Temple, Elephants and Terrace of the Leper King.

15:00 The tour start with the visiting to the famous temple: Angkor Wat. Angkor Wat is a World Heritage Site since 1992, famous for its beauty and splendor. Angkor Wat features the longest continuous bas-relief in the world, which runs along the outer gallery walls and narrates stories from

Hindu mythology. After that, visit Bakheng Temple and enjoy a romantic sun set view from Bakheng hill.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Siem Reap

Day 12 SIEM REAP - DEPARTURE

Free and easy till airport transfer for departure flight. Trip ends.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: n/a

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- 2 nights at Sofitel Saigon hotel – 5*
- 2 nights at Sokha Angkor Resort Hotel – 5*
- 8 days package by your selected Mekong river cruise
- Private Pre/post tours in Saigon and Siem Reap
- Upstream transfers from the Sofitel Plaza hotel in Saigon to the ship in My Tho on day 1 and from the ship to Siem Reap Sokha Angkor Resort hotel on day 8
- Downstream transfers from Siem Reap Sokha Angkor Resort Hotel on day 1 to the ship and from My Tho to Sofitel Plaza Hotel in Saigon on day 8.
- Full board in the selected category of the R/V Mekong Prestige II
- Drinks on board : Mineral Water, non-alcoholic beverages, local beers and local wine during meals
- On board tips/gratuities
- All excursions and entrance fees with English speaking guide as per included excursions in the itinerary
- The services of an English-speaking Cruise Director
- Port taxes

Exclusions

- Meals and services other than those noted in the itinerary
- Vietnam and Cambodia Visa stamping fees
- Laundry, telephone calls, and personal expenditures
- Gratuities for guides, drivers, porters, boat crew, and personal, non-itinerary services

Cancellations

Cancellations for all or any part of the trip will not be effective until received in writing. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply:

- 65 days or more before departure: 25% of total tour cost
- Between 64 and 30 days before departure: 70% of total tour cost
- 29 days or less before departure / No Show: 100% of total tour cost

Note: We strongly recommend for your protection that you purchase a trip cancellation insurance.

Important Information

Emergency Contact

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call the travel consultant whom you deal with and then our hot line contacts. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please send us a detailed message and contact information by email to the agent and to info@indochinatreks.com, we may check and return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

Our all travel consultants use WhatApps. Please ensure that you have the contact number. It's best to buy a local sim-card upon arrival. Most hotels offer free wifi. So it's very easy to contact in urgent case.

Emergency contact numbers

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Internal Flights

For all internal flights, we would use Vietnamairlines, Vietjesair, Jestar, Cambodia Angkorair or Laos Airlines. Most domestic flights in Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar, airlines would use small 70 seat ATR72 for short distances. Most airlines in Vietnam use the Airbus A321. 20kg for checkin luggage and 7kg for hand-bag is included in the price.

International flights before/after the tour must be booked by yourself before travelling date.

Accommodation

We would use different hotel categories and you can select any basing on your budget. So your travel companions would not stay at your hotel. A Hotel Voucher will be provided once your tour is confirmed with all hotel details.

Packing List

Conservative Dress

- Modest clothing that covers knees and shoulders (Long pants, long skirts, shirts that cover shoulders)
- Shawl or scarf (for temple visits)

Note*: Please pack clothing for the season in which you will be travelling. From Dec-Feb weather can be cold, so please pack warm clothing. From May-Nov it is the wet season, so please bring waterproof clothing.

Documents

- All tickets (required)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Required visas
- Hotel & Tour Vouchers
- Meeting sign (with your names and flight details that we will use for transfers)

Train Travel

Train travel in Vietnam is very basic and train cleanliness is often not a priority for train staff. Sleeper trains normally have 4 seats per compartment, which convert into sleeping bunks (two upper and two lower). A sheet, pillow and blanket are provided, although many people prefer to bring their own sleeping sheet. At times, passengers of different genders may be required to share a sleeper train berth and/or share a compartment with people not travelling in your group. For short distance - 3 hours (as Hue to Danang or vv), you will do the trip on soft/hard seat carriage.

Simple food is available on the train but many people like to stock up on freshly baked bread, cheese and fruit prior to departure. Water should also be bought before the journey.

Train journeys in Vietnam are an experience and allow you to get a real taste of Vietnam.

Airport transfers

All airport transfers are included in the tour price. You should provide us your arrival/departure flight details and we will arrange things basing on the information. A meeting sign with your name and all flight details will be sent to you. Please be ready at the lobby at pointed time for pickup.

Driver/guide should always be present at the airport before your arrival time. If you could not find the driver, please contact your travel consultant who you deal with. For any reason that airport transfer could not be arranged, please take the taxi to the hotel. We will refund the money then.

Travel insurance

Travel insurance is not included in our tour price. When travelling with us, you are suggested to buy insurance that covers all medical coverage, cancellation, personal liability, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects.

Trip Specific Safety

We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage.

Be aware that petty theft can be an issue in some towns and cities especially late at night. A common tactic is opportunists on motorbikes that drive by and snatch bags. Please always leave valuables and passports etc in your hotel in safety boxes if available and only carry with you enough cash to spend for the day. Bags should always be carried over the neck and not left to sit on your shoulder.

Warming

Please do not buy gems unless you know what you are doing. Even if genuine you should not expect to be able to sell them at home. If you fall victim to a gem scam, we are unable to assist you.

Visas and Entry Requirements

Please note that visas for Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos are the responsibility of the individual traveller. The visa requirements for your trip vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. For the most up to date information please check your Governments Foreign Ministry website or with you travel agent as rules do change.

CAMBODIA - Visas can be obtained at the Cambodian border or Siem Reap Airport for approx. \$35 USD very easily. Please have **at least** 2 passport photos with you as well.

VIETNAM - As of March 2017, a select 80 nationalities are now eligible to enter Vietnam with an E-Visa. Please contact your Foreign Ministry or Vietnamese consulate to see if your nationality is eligible. Please note that you should **ONLY** apply for a Vietnam E-Visa if you are entering Vietnam by international airport - either Noi Bai International Airport (Hanoi) or Tan Son Nhat International Airport (Ho Chi Minh City).

If you are entering Vietnam by land border, please apply for a regular visa for Vietnam. Many of the land borders we travel through do not accept the Vietnam E-Visa. Please view this link to apply E-Visa: <https://evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn/web/guest/trang-chu-ttdt>

LAOS - Visas are issued upon arrival in Laos. You will need two passport size photographs and approx \$35. Tourists are generally admitted to Laos for 15 days with a visa on arrival or for 30 days with a visa issued at a Lao embassy. Please bring visa photos with you.

Please be aware that you will require four clean pages (minimum) in your passport and at least six months validity.

Tipping

It is customary in Asia to tip service providers such as waiters, at approximately 10%, depending on the service. Tipping is expected - though not compulsory - and shows an expression of satisfaction with the people who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides or drivers we use.

Recommendations for tipping drivers and local guides would range from \$3-\$5 USD per person per day depending on the quality and length of the service.

Electricity

Indochina Countries use 220V, and a mixture of flat 2-pin, round 2-pin or 3 pin plugs. It is recommended to bring a universal plug adapter.