



# VICTORIA MEKONG



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IN STYLE

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14 night holiday from  
£2,499pp

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# Discover the Mekong River in Style

Experience authentic Vietnam and Cambodia in real style aboard the newest ship on the Mekong River – our very own Victoria Mekong.

As one a select few ships to cruise this part of the delta, Victoria Mekong offers exclusive itineraries to hand-picked ports along one of the most enchanting stretches of the Mekong. This magical section of the river delivers wonders at every turn, from the lush, green landscapes of Vietnam up to Cambodia's enchanting capital, Phnom Penh and beyond. Over £400 worth of guided shore excursions are included in

your cruise price and along the route she calls at ports such as Tan Chau, Long Xuyen and Tan Loc Island, with tours of historic temples, silk villages, floating markets and royal palaces.

Launched in late-2019, the 4-star Victoria Mekong is one of the region's newest ships. While our destinations boast an ancient history, our ship enjoys state-of-the-art design and a chic, contemporary aesthetic for the ultimate in comfort and style. Relax in some of the most spacious staterooms on the Mekong River, dine in style, revel in the luxurious onboard facilities and

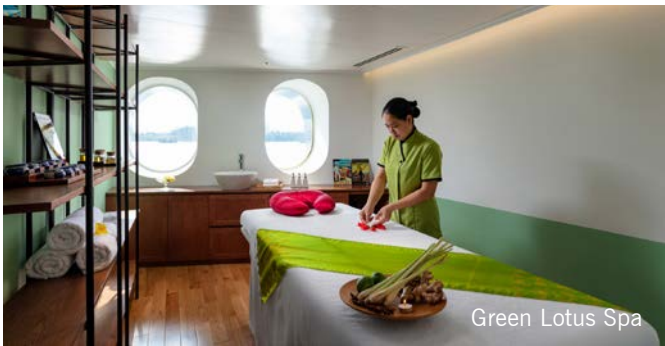
enjoy nightly evening entertainment on board, ranging from Cambodian Apsara performances to traditional Mekong folk music and even a mischievous lion dance on the sun deck.

Whether you are looking for a magical cruise along, a wonderful cruise and beach holiday or a fully inclusive tour with a cruise included, the Victoria Mekong is the perfect choice.

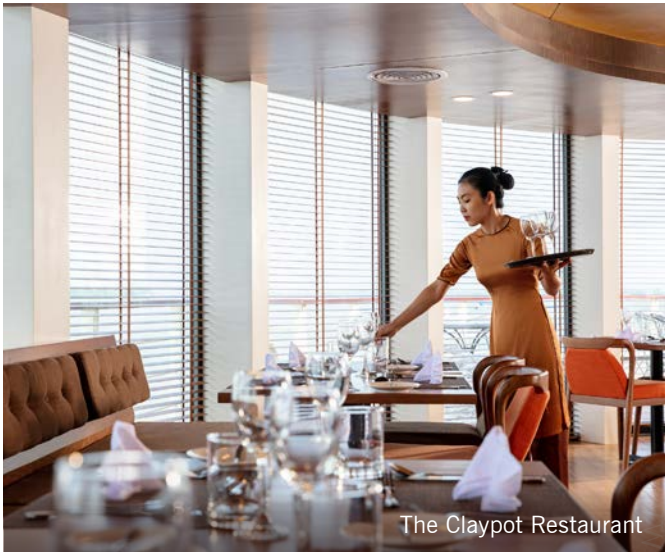
We look forward to welcoming you onboard soon.



Private Balcony - VIP Suite



Green Lotus Spa



The Claypot Restaurant

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Deluxe Stateroom

## Staterooms & Suites

The beautifully appointed staterooms and VIP Suites are spacious oases of modern tranquillity furnished in natural wood with a muted palette of soothing earth tones. Choose from spacious Deluxe Staterooms (25m<sup>2</sup>) located on either the River Deck or Panorama Deck and spacious aft-facing VIP Suites (45m<sup>2</sup>) on the ship's Panorama Deck.

All Staterooms and suits feature

- Panoramic French window, leading to private balcony
- Bathrooms with rain shower and branded quality fittings
- 40" TV
- Bathrobes and slippers
- Branded amenities
- Refillable aluminum water bottles
- Central AC with individual control
- Imported linens with duvet and two kinds of pillows
- Premium mattresses
- Multi-configuration plugs & USB ports
- Free Wi-Fi access in rooms
- Daily/nightly turndown service
- 24h laundry service
- Complimentary evening canapés



VIP Suite

## Suite Dreams

Reserved for the discerning traveller, our two spacious suites on the ship's Panorama Deck feature a separate bedroom and living area, each with large picture windows. The bedroom opens up to a private, aft-facing balcony while the en-suite bathroom has an enclosed glass shower as well as a bathtub.

Guests booking the suites will also benefit from

- Private Transfers
- Complimentary Mini Bar
- Replenished Ice Bucket
- Luxury Towels
- Branded Bathrobe + Slippers
- Fruit Basket topped up daily
- Afternoon canape service
- Binoculars

## Life on board

Every day brings a new pleasure on board the Victoria Mekong. In fact, in between enjoying delectable dining and breezy afternoon cocktails, to catching a movie, enjoying an indulgent spa treatment, relaxing in the games room or hitting the gym, you'll wonder how to fit everything in.



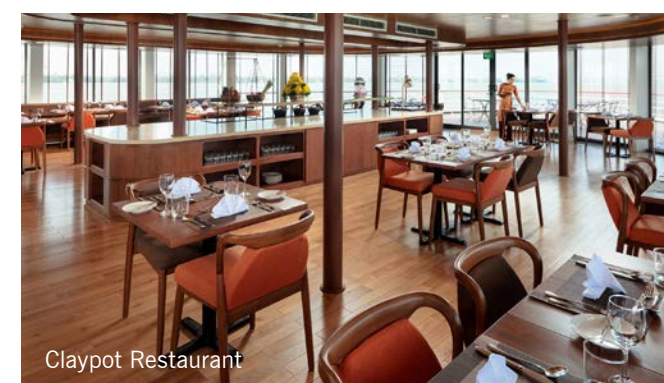
Infinity Pool

Facilities include

- Horizon Lounge Bar, Infinity Pool Bar and Claypot Restaurant
- Infinity Pool
- Library
- Games Room
- Gym
- Movie Room
- Green Lotus Spa with two massage rooms
- Mini Golf
- Lounge chairs on the Sun Deck

### CLAYPOT RESTAURANT

Located on the Panorama Deck, the Claypot Restaurant offers buffet breakfast, buffet lunch and set menus for dinner, all designed by our executive chef. Meals include free-flow of house wines, local beers and soft drinks. The dining room is spacious, lined with large bay windows, with a terrace for alfresco dining and a live kitchen for an interactive dining experience.



Claypot Restaurant

### HORIZON LOUNGE BAR & INFINITY POOL BAR

Located on the Sun Deck, the Horizon Lounge Bar and the Infinity Pool Bar offer free-flow local beers and soft drinks. Cocktails, wine and spirits are available on request. The Horizon Lounge Bar is the perfect place to curl up with a book and a cappuccino or a glass of wine.



Sun Deck

### ENTERTAINMENT ON BOARD

Every day features a variety of activities: "Đờn ca tài tử" (traditional Mekong Delta music) performance, an acrobatic Lion dance, lectures, movies, a cocktail competition and many other exciting activities to keep guests entertained. In Phnom Penh, enjoy a troupe of local dancers performing exquisite Apsara dances. On board facilities include a Movie Room, a Library and Games Room, a Gym and a Mini Golf on the Sky Deck.



Apsara Dance



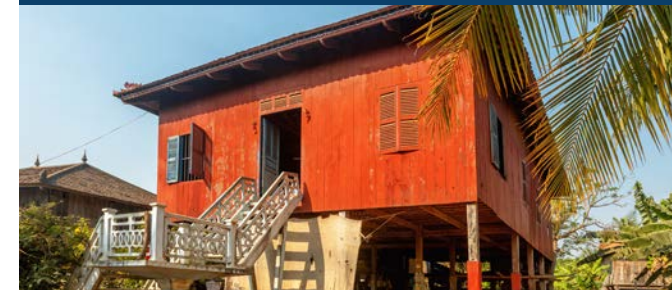


# Victoria Mekong: Shore Excursions

Experience authentic Vietnam and Cambodia in real style. Discover hand-picked ports along one of the most enchanting stretches of the Mekong, from fascinating Cambodian villages to the lush, green landscapes of Vietnam. Depending on your chosen itinerary, here are just a few of the included shore excursions you'll encounter on your voyage of discovery.

## 1 ANGKOR BAN & SILK ISLAND

Explore Cambodian village life in Angkor Ban with its wooden stilt houses. Travel by tuk tuk to Silk Island, where you will learn about the process of silk weaving from worm to loom.



## 2 KOH CHEN & OUDONG

Enjoy a walking tour of the village of Koh Chen and meet a local copper and silversmith. Discover the former royal capital Oudong, with its beautiful stupas and temples.



## 3 PHNOM PENH

Sip on a signature cocktails at the elegant Raffles Hotel, explore the majestic Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda complex, and discover the Khmer treasures of the National Museum.



## 4 TAN CHAU

Discover Vietnamese village life with a visit to a local temple, fish farms and stilt houses amidst the rice paddies, coconut groves and canals of Tan Chau.



## 5 PHU TAN

Visit a village famed for handmaking Ca Rang clay stoves. Used for centuries, these stoves have a unique wind-blocking design that retaining heat and prevents ashes escaping.



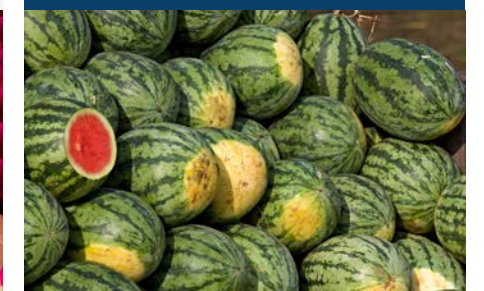
## 6 TIGER ISLAND

Explore Tiger Island by 3-wheeled xe loi, learning about cottage industries such as plant pot making and incense making before hearing how the island won its name at 'Mr Tiger's Temple'.



## 7 LONG XUYEN

Travel by tender to witness the mesmerizing Long Xuyen floating market and tour the An Giang Museum, with fascinating exhibits on Kinh Chinese, Khmer and Cham cultures in the region.





# SIEM REAP TO SAIGON

## DOWNSTREAM

10 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,669

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS ON CRUISE

### CRUISE TICKLIST

- ✓ Visit Long Xuyen Floating Market
- ✓ Enjoy an evening of traditional Mekong instrumental music
- ✓ Travel by motor-cart to visit Tiger island
- ✓ Admire the Silver Pagoda
- ✓ Enjoy a traditional Vietnamese lion dance performance

### PRICE INCLUDES

- 8 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 7 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Cruise with all shore excursions, onboard entertainment, all meals, including free flowing beer and wine with lunch and dinner
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Visit the National Museum in Phnom Penh



Discover village life in Tan Chau



Visit the colourful Long Xuyen floating market

£400 of shore excursions included

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SIEM REAP

Fly overnight to Siem Reap. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: VICTORIA MEKONG

This morning, travel by coach from Siem Reap to Kampong Chham where you'll enjoy lunch. Embark the Victoria Mekong, meet your crew for the next seven nights and enjoy your first sunset on the Mekong River.

### DAY 4: ANGKOR BAN AND SILK ISLAND

Enjoy a morning excursion to explore the village of Angkor Ban with its wooden stilt houses. After having lunch on the ship, travel by three wheeled tuk tuk to Silk Island where you will learn about the process of silk weaving, from worm to loom, with the chance to observe local families weaving the iconic Cambodian krama.

### DAY 5: PHNOM PENH

After breakfast, go on a walking tour of the village of Koh Chen where the highlight is meeting a local copper and silversmith. Afterward, travel by coach to Oudong the ancient capital of Cambodia.

Enjoy lunch on board with time to relax in your cabin afterward. In the late afternoon, hop on a pedal powered cyclo to the elegant Raffles Hotel Le Royal for a signature cocktail at the famed Elephant Bar.

Return to the ship and enjoy an interesting pre dinner lecture about Cambodia.

### DAY 6: PHNOM PENH

This morning, explore the majestic Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda complex. Admire the elaborately constructed palace buildings, some of the 5,000 silver floor tiles that give the Silver Pagoda its name, as well as spectacular gold and bejeweled Buddha statues that are considered national treasures. Walk to the nearby National Museum that showcases the world's largest collection of Khmer art. Set off for lunch afterward before driving to Choeung Ek, one of the mass grave sites of the Killing Fields. Today, Choeung Ek is a memorial with a Buddhist stupa filled with skulls and bones to honour the victims. Before dinner on board, take in a lively performance of Khmer Apsara dancing with the opportunity to meet the performers afterward.

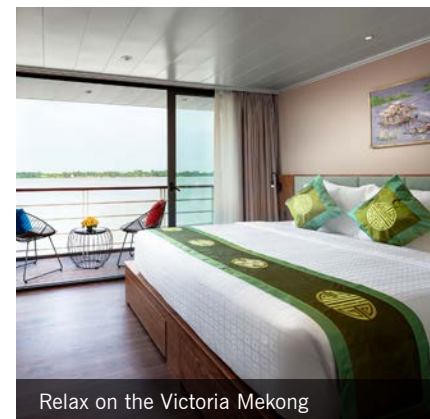
### DAY 7: INTO VIETNAM

As the ship begins cruising towards the Cambodia Vietnam border, start the day with an early yoga session on the Sky Deck or by the Infinity Pool, followed by a leisurely breakfast in the restaurant. After, select from the many onboard activities including a ship's tour, mini golf tournament, or simply enjoy the scenery as we cross the border between Cambodia and Vietnam.

After lunch, the ship sails into Vietnamese waters and anchors near Tan Chau. Tender sampans take you ashore to visit a local temple, see fish farms and stilt houses, and get your first glimpse of the Vietnamese countryside. Return on board in time for a cocktail competition and traditional Vietnamese lion dance.



Visit a famous silk farm



Relax on the Victoria Mekong

### DAY 8: PHU TAN AND TIGER ISLAND

Wake up to another leisurely breakfast as the ship cruises towards Phu Tan, the provincial capital of An Giang in the Mekong Delta. Tender ashore to visit a craft village famed for handmaking Ca Rang clay stoves which have a unique design which allows them to block the wind, retain heat, and keep ash from dispersing.

Head ashore by sampan and explore Tiger Island by 3 wheeled xe loi learning about cottage industries such as plant pot making and incense making. Visit a site locally known as "Mr Tiger's Temple" and hear the story that won the island its name. Return on board in time for dinner and the evening's entertainment.

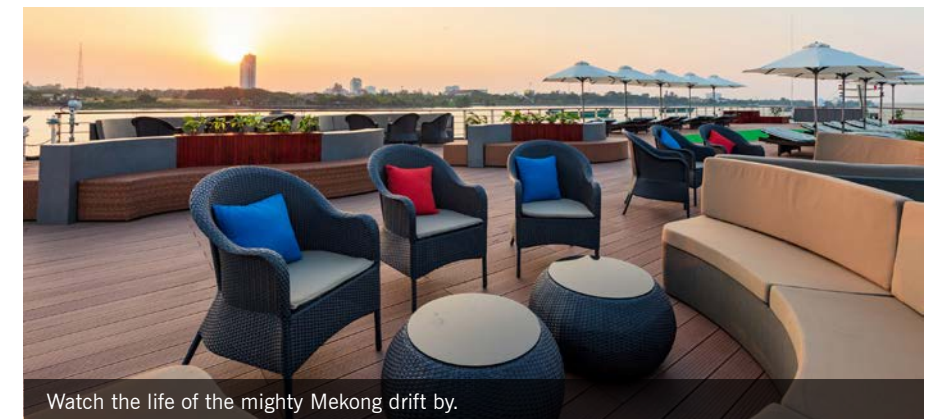
### DAY 9: LONG XUYEN AND DINH YEN

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast as the ship cruises towards the provincial capital of Long Xuyen. Travel by tender to witness the mesmerizing Long Xuyen floating market and tour the An Giang Museum, with fascinating exhibits on Kinh Chinese, Khmer and Cham cultures in the region.

Enjoy lunch on board as we cruise towards the village of Dinh Yen where we'll observe colourful straw mats being woven on mechanized looms. This evening enjoy a traditional Southern Vietnamese folk music performance known as Don ca tai tu followed by a final farewell dinner.

### DAY 10: DEPART CAN THO

Enjoy breakfast on the terrace of Claypot Restaurant with time to enjoy the view from the pool or from your private balcony before



Watch the life of the mighty Mekong drift by.

disembarkation. Drive to Cai Be where lunch is served at the elegant Le Longanier Restaurant, set amidst lush fruit trees by the river. Continue to Ho Chi Minh City, arriving mid-afternoon and transfer to your flight to the UK arriving the same or next day.

### PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Wednesday

#### 2024 DATES

01 Jan – 31 Mar	£3,319	01 Sep – 30 Sep	£2,669
01 Apr – 31 May	£2,669	01 Oct – 17 Dec	£3,319
01 Jun – 31 Aug	£2,669	17 Dec – 31 Dec	£3,519

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
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- Flight upgrades available on request



Explore the Palaces and temples of Phnom Penh



# SAIGON TO SIEM REAP

## UPSTREAM

- 10 DAYS FROM
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- ALL MEALS ON CRUISE

### CRUISE TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore Tiger Island by 3 wheeled "xe loi"
- ✓ Enjoy an evening of Khmer Aspara dancing
- ✓ Admire the Silver Pagoda in Phnom Penh
- ✓ Uncover the history of the village of Angkor Ban

### PRICE INCLUDES

- 8 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 7 dinners
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Explore the temples of Tiger Island



Admire the elaborate Silver Pagoda



Discover the captivating life of the Mekong River

£400  
of shore  
excursions  
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## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SAIGON

Fly overnight to Saigon, Vietnam's largest and most evocative city. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: VICTORIA MEKONG

Depart Ho Chi Minh City via coach and drive towards Can Tho, the beating heart of the Mekong Delta. Stop at the rustic, riverside town of Cai Be where lunch is served at the elegant Le Longanier Restaurant set amidst lush fruit trees by the river. Board the Victoria Mekong Cruise, familiarize yourself with the ship and watch the sunset over the Hau River, sundowner in hand. As day turns into night, sit down to a welcome dinner to officially welcome you aboard your Victoria Mekong Cruise, accompanied by a traditional Southern Vietnamese folk music performance.

### DAY 4: LONG XUYEN & TIGER ISLAND

After breakfast, tender ashore to visit the authentic Long Xuyen Floating Market and the An Giang Museum, with fascinating exhibits on Kinh, Chinese, Khmer and Cham cultures. During lunch the ship sails on before anchoring near Tiger Island. Head ashore by sampan and explore Tiger Island by 3-wheeled "xe loi", visiting cottage industries such as plant pot making and incense making.

Visit a site locally known as "Mr. Tiger's Temple" and hear the story that won the island its name. Return on board in time for dinner and the evening's entertainment.

### DAY 5: PHU TAN & TAN CHAU

Wake up to another leisurely breakfast as the ship cruises towards Phu Tan, the provincial

capital of An Giang in the Mekong Delta. Tender ashore to visit a craft village famed for handmaking Ca Rang clay stoves. Used for hundreds of years by the southern Vietnamese, these stoves have a unique design which allows them to block the wind, retain heat, and keep ash from dispersing.

After lunch on board, visit more Mekong Delta attractions, including floating fish farms and a sacred temple, the spiritual center for local residents. Return to the ship in time for a cocktail competition and traditional Vietnamese lion dance, followed by dinner and the evening's entertainment.

### DAY 6: INTO CAMBODIA

As the ship begins cruising towards the Vietnam – Cambodia border, start the day with an early yoga session on the Sky Deck or by the Infinity Pool, followed by a leisurely breakfast in the restaurant. After, select from the many onboard activities including a ship's tour, mini-golf tournament, or simply enjoy the scenery as we cross the border between Vietnam and Cambodia and sail on towards Phnom Penh.

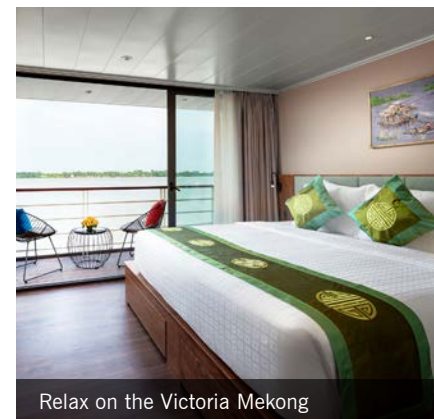
We arrive late afternoon in the charming capital of Phnom Penh, once known as the "Pearl of the Orient" for its French colonial buildings, tree-lined boulevards and scenic river walk. Before dinner tonight, take in a lively performance of Khmer Apsara dancing with the opportunity to meet the performers afterward.

### DAY 7: PHNOM PENH

This morning, hop on a three-wheeled cyclo and be driven to the majestic Royal Palace



Explore historic Angkor Ban



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and Silver Pagoda complex. Admire the elaborately constructed palace buildings, some of the 5,000 silver floor tiles that give the Silver Pagoda its name, as well as spectacular gold and bejeweled Buddha statues that are considered national treasures.

Walk to the nearby National Museum that showcases the world's largest collection of Khmer art. Set off for lunch afterward before driving to Choeung Ek, one of the mass grave sites of the Killing Fields. Today, Choeung Ek is a memorial with a Buddhist stupa filled with skulls and bones to honour the victims.

Finish off the afternoon in style at Raffles Hotel Le Royal, sipping on a signature cocktail at the famed Elephant Bar.

### DAY 8: OUDONG & SILK ISLAND

After breakfast, go on a walking tour of the village of Koh Chen where the highlight is meeting a local copper and silversmith. Afterward, travel by coach to Oudong, the ancient capital of Cambodia, with a stop at the fascinating Vipassana Dhura Meditation Center. After having lunch on board, travel by three wheeled tuk tuk to Silk Island where you will learn about the process of silk weaving, from worm to loom, with the chance to observe local families weaving the iconic Cambodian krama.

### DAY 9: ANGKOR BAN

This morning, explore the village of Angkor Ban with its wooden stilt houses. Enjoy lunch on board as the Victoria Mekong sails to Wat Hanchey. Walk up the steps to this 7th-century hilltop temple, built under the Chenla Empire, and take in gorgeous panoramic views over the Mekong River.

## SAIGON TO SIEM REAP



PLANE COACH BOAT



Enjoy fascinating onboard cultural performances

### DAY 10: DEPART FROM KAMPONG CHAM

Disembark from the ship at Kampong Cham and travel through the lush Cambodian countryside to Siem Reap, gateway to the mystical Angkor complex. After lunch transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK arriving the same or next day.

### PRICES AND DEPARTURES

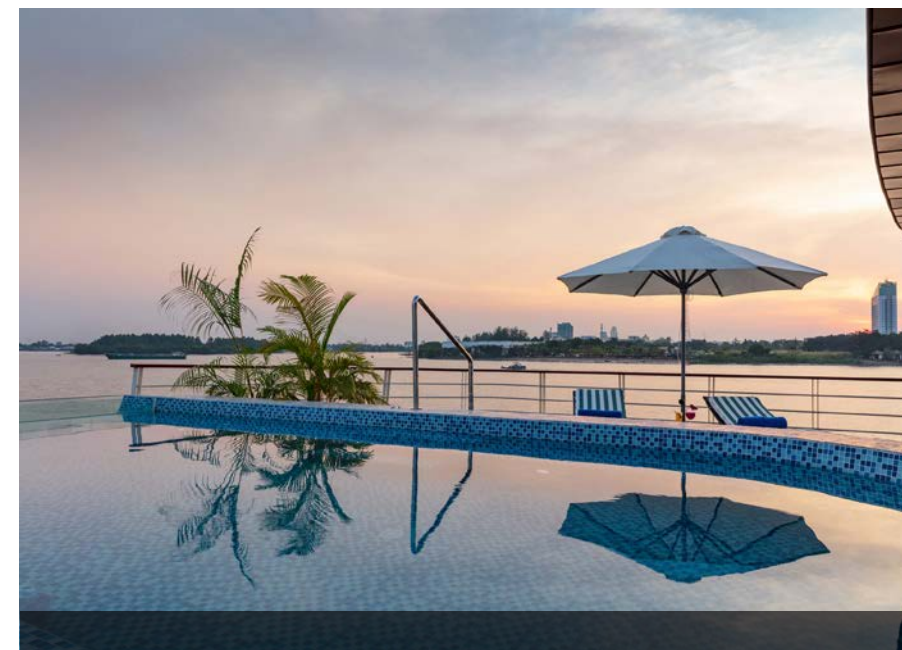
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# Extensions

Make your cruise even more memorable by extending your holiday and exploring two very different sides to this region.

In Saigon you'll discover a buzzing cosmopolitan city with a fascinating recent history that is very much looking to the future. In stark contrast – the vast temple complex of Angkor is one of the historic wonders of the world. Claimed by the jungle for centuries, the past is brought to life amidst the vine choked temples and palaces of this awe-inspiring site.



## ANGKOR

4 DAYS

Extend your cruise to include spectacular Angkor, one of the world's most celebrated temple complexes, at the heart of which is the iconic Angkor Wat. Spend a full day exploring these historic wonders and meet the famous HeroRATS at the Apopo Visitor Center.

### DAY 1: ARRIVE SIEM REAP

Arrive in Siem Reap and take a transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### DAY 2: EXPLORE ANGKOR

Spend the day exploring the staggering temple complex of Angkor. Begin at the magnificent south gate of Angkor Thom and make your way to its heart to see the many the atmospheric temple of Ta Prohm, the 10th-century Pre Rup and, of course, the iconic Angkor Wat. Enjoy dinner in a local restaurant before witnessing the spectacular Phare Cambodian Circus. (B,D)

### DAYS 3: TONLE SAP LAKE

After a morning at leisure visit the Apopo Visitor Center where you will meet the brave HeroRATS in action, famous for their part in detecting landmines and saving the lives of many local people. (B)

### DAYS 4: DEPART SIEM REAP

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before checking out of the hotel and transferring either to the airport or the Victoria Mekong. (B)



Explore the sprawling Angkor complex

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Royal Angkor Resort & Spa	£389	£499

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Siem Reap)
- Touring as stated
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Entrance fees
- Transfers

## SAIGON

4 DAYS

Enjoy a few days in Vietnam's energetic capital before or after your cruise. As well as a tour to discover some of city's colourful history, you will also visit the fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels, a vast subterranean stronghold of the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War.

### DAY 1: ARRIVE IN SAIGON

Arrive in Saigon and transfer to your hotel. You'll start experiencing this rambunctious city straight away, so why not use the rest of the day to begin your explorations!

### DAY 2: SAIGON CITY TOUR

Embark on a city tour of Saigon. Walk along the Rue Catinat, the most historic street in Saigon, see the Central Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral and moving War Remnants Museum before diving into the bustling atmosphere of Ben Thành Market. (B)

### DAYS 3: CU CHI TUNNELS

Get to grips with the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels, used by the Viet Cong during the war. The tunnels served not only as living quarters but as supply routes and hospitals for thousands of guerrilla fighters. (B)

### DAYS 3: DEPART SAIGON

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HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Central Palace Hotel Saigon	£389	£569

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Siem Reap)
- Touring as stated
- Meals as stated (B,L,D)
- Entrance fees
- Transfers



# Shorter Cruises

If you are limited for time, our shorter cruise options between Phnom Penh and Saigon offer a wonderful opportunity to experience the stylish Victoria Mekong cruising the lower reaches of the Mekong Delta.



## PHNOM PENH TO SAIGON DOWNSTREAM

6 DAYS

The sleek 4 star Victoria Mekong offers a stylish and relaxing small-ship experience between Cambodia and Vietnam. Embark in Phnom Penh and spend four nights cruising the Mekong Delta before a night in Saigon.

### DAY 1: PHNOM PENH

Arrive in Phnom Penh and embark the Victoria Mekong. Enjoy a welcome cocktail and a lively Apsara dance show as you settle in on board. (D)

### DAY 2: TAN CHAU

Enjoy the activities on deck or spend the morning in the infinity pool. Reach Vietnam around lunchtime, anchoring near Tan Chau. Tender ashore to visit a Taoist temple and local market. Return to the ship for a traditional lion dance performance. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3: VAM NAO

Tender ashore in Phu Tan and visit a craft village famous for its handmade clay stoves. Continue downstream to Tiger

Island and visit the incense makers and potters here.

### DAY 4: LONG XUYEN

Visit Long Xuyen to see the floating market and a museum on ancient local cultures. Cruise on toward Dinh Yen, where we'll meet colourful straw mat weavers. Sail on to Can Tho, where the ship will dock. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 5-6: SAIGON & DEPARTURE

Disembark and transfer to your hotel in Saigon, stopping for lunch en route. Your evening is at leisure to explore Saigon, as is any time before your onward flight the next day. (B,L /B)



Soak up the sights of the Mekong as you cruise downstream

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
4 ★ Victoria Mekong & Superior Hotel	£1,240	£1,940

#### Price includes

- Accommodation (4 nights Victoria Mekong cruise; 1 night Saigon)
- Meals as stated
- Airport & port transfers
- Free-flow of soft drinks and beer on board Victoria Mekong
- Cambodia visa

## SAIGON TO PHNOM PENH UPSTREAM

6 DAYS

The four-night upstream itinerary offers wonderful opportunity to enjoy the stylish Victoria Mekong. Sail north from Can Tho in the Mekong Delta to Phnom Penh, Cambodia's charming capital.

### DAY 1: SAIGON

Arrive in Saigon, where your evening is at leisure to explore Vietnam's capital.

### DAY 2: ALL ABOARD

Transfer to Can Tho on the Mekong Delta, where you'll board the Victoria Mekong this afternoon. Enjoy a welcome cocktail and dinner. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3: LONG XUYEN

Head ashore to visit a cultural museum. Return for lunch on board while the ship sails on to Tiger Island, where you'll explore by rickshaw. Visit cottage industries such as incense making before

stopping at a local pagoda. During dinner, cruise on to Tan Chau. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4: TAN CHAU

This morning, tender ashore to visit a village famous for its handmade clay stoves. Cruise on to Tan Chau to visit the local market and colourful temple. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5: INTO CAMBODIA

Today is at leisure to enjoy the ship's onboard activities or simply relax. Dock in Phnom Penh this evening. (B,L,D)

### DAY 6: DISEMBARKATION

Transfer to the airport. (B)



All Victoria Mekong cabins are outward facing

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
4 ★ Victoria Mekong & Superior Hotel	£1,240	£1,940

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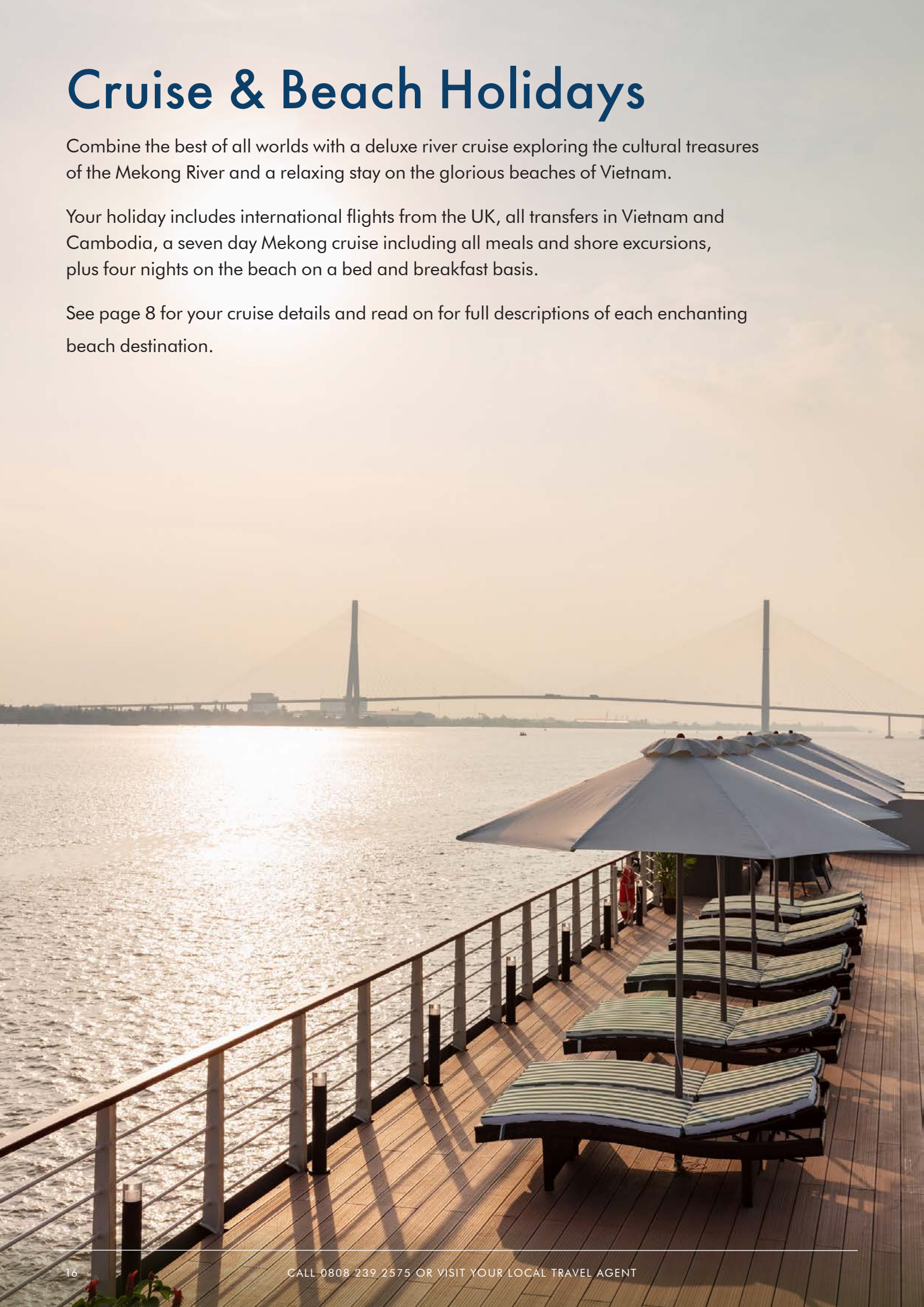


# Cruise & Beach Holidays

Combine the best of all worlds with a deluxe river cruise exploring the cultural treasures of the Mekong River and a relaxing stay on the glorious beaches of Vietnam.

Your holiday includes international flights from the UK, all transfers in Vietnam and Cambodia, a seven day Mekong cruise including all meals and shore excursions, plus four nights on the beach on a bed and breakfast basis.

See page 8 for your cruise details and read on for full descriptions of each enchanting beach destination.



## THE MEKONG & PHU QUOC

14 days from £2,499pp

Resting in the Gulf of Thailand and swathed in dense tropical forests, Phu Quoc boasts over 30 miles of palm-fringed white sand beaches.

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Peak	4★ Victoria Mekong & Superior Hotel	£3,999pp	£5,579

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# CRUISE & TOUR HOLIDAYS

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- All meals
- All transportation in destination
- Entrance fees, guides and touring as stated
- Visa fees as stated for UK passport holders



# A MEKONG EXPERIENCE

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £3,990

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

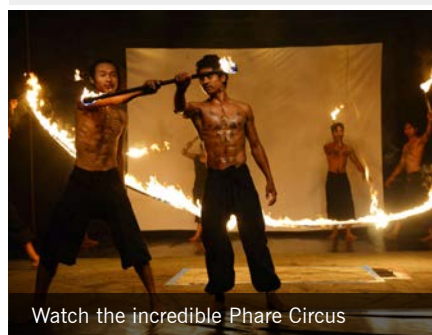
- ✓ Immerse yourself in atmospheric Saigon
- ✓ Discover the Cu Chi Tunnels
- ✓ Spend four nights on the 4 star Victoria Mekong cruise ship
- ✓ Explore Phnom Penh by cyclo
- ✓ Learn Khmer history at the Killing Fields
- ✓ Visit the glorious temples of Angkor



See life on the Mekong River

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Watch the incredible Phare Circus

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- A rip-roaring combination of theatre, music, dance and circus, Phare: the Cambodian Circus, tells tales woven from local folklore, history and modern life in a unique, magical and authentically-Cambodian way.
- Cruise the Mekong in style aboard the contemporary Victoria Mekong. With state-of-the-art facilities and an itinerary packed with culturally-immersive shore excursions and onboard activities, there's no better way to experience life on the Mekong.
- Place your trust in your other senses on a fun 'dining in the dark' experience at Noir, a Saigon restaurant that works with local people who are blind or visually-impaired.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SAIGON

Fly overnight to Saigon, Vietnam's largest and most evocative city. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### DAY 3: DISCOVER SAIGON

This morning, visit the fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels to learn the history of the Viet Cong and their guerrilla tactics during the Vietnam War. Return to Saigon, a vibrant, modern city with a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. See the colonial Notre Dame Cathedral, visit the magnificent Central Post Office, and the emotive War Remnants Museum. There'll also be a coffee break at one of Saigon's best coffee workshops. Dinner this evening will be at Noir, a restaurant employing visually impaired waiters, for a sensory 'dining in the dark' experience!

### DAY 4: TO THE MEKONG DELTA

Drive southwest to Can Tho, stopping en route for a delicious local lunch. Board the 4\* Victoria Mekong cruise ship which, after a welcome briefing, will cast off into the waters of the Mekong Delta. Begin your cruise experience with a complimentary cocktail on deck, watching the sun set as the ship makes its way upriver. Tonight, drop anchor at Tiger Island.

### DAY 5: TIGER ISLAND AND FLOATING MARKET

Cruise upstream to Long Xuyen and disembark to visit a floating market and a local museum. After lunch, enjoy an excursion on Tiger Island, exploring by sampan and visiting local industries.

Sit down to dinner and evening entertainment before retiring to your cabin. Drop anchor at Vam Nao.

### DAY 6: PHU TAN & TAN CHAU

Start the day at Phu Tan, visiting a craft village famous for its handmade clay stoves. Used in the delta for centuries, these stoves have a unique design to protect them from the wind. Return to the ship and cruise to Tan Chau during lunch. On arrival, head to shore to visit a colourful Cao Dai temple and a local market. This evening features a thrilling lion dance performance!

### DAY 7: INTO CAMBODIA

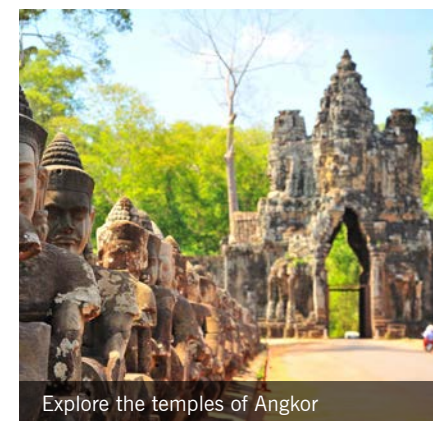
Today, the Victoria Mekong will pass over the border into Cambodia and sail towards Phnom Penh. Spend a leisurely day enjoying the passing scenery and a wealth of onboard activities, such as lectures and cocktail making. In the late afternoon, dock at Phnom Penh's Sisowath Quay where, this evening, you will be entertained with a traditional Cambodian apsara performance. Sip a farewell cocktail before a final dinner on board.



Take a city tour in Phnom Penh



Discover vibrant Saigon



Explore the temples of Angkor

### DAY 8: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH

Enjoy breakfast on the ship before disembarking and bidding farewell to the Victoria Mekong. Board a cyclo and head from the pier into the heart of the city to see the magnificent Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda before perusing the treasures of the National Museum. After a final stop at Wat Phnom, check in at your city centre hotel before dinner.

### DAY 9: PHNOM PENH'S HISTORY

Spend the morning confronting Phnom Penh's tragic past with visits to Tuol Sleng Museum and the Killing Fields to learn about the Khmer Rouge regime. Later, fly to Siem Reap, the gateway to the Temples of Angkor.

### DAY 10: THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

Journey into the old city of Angkor Thom. At its heart is the enigmatic Bayon, a breathtaking temple of innumerable sculptural decorations. Admire the Elephant Terrace and Terrace of the Leper King before continuing to the atmospheric Ta Prohm. The rest of the day is dedicated to Angkor Wat, the most magnificent and best preserved of all of Angkor's treasures. As the sun sets, float peacefully on the moat that surrounds Angkor Thom, soaking up the atmosphere.

### DAY 11: TONLE SAP

Take a cruise on Tonle Sap, learning about the lives of these floating lake communities. Back on land, stop at a local village for a glimpse into rural life. This evening, enjoy an acrobatic show by the Phare Circus, a social enterprise providing vocational training to disadvantaged local youths.



Enjoy a four-night cruise on the 4\* small ship Victoria Mekong

### DAY 12: LOCAL COOKING CLASS

This morning, take a tuk tuk to join fellow chefs in a cooking class held in a traditional-style Cambodian house. Visit a fresh produce market to shop for your ingredients, before learning to prepare authentic Khmer food. Enjoy your creations for lunch before an afternoon at leisure to explore Siem Reap, or perhaps return to Angkor before tonight's farewell dinner.

### DAYS 13-14: DEPART SIEM REAP

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day.

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## PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Sunday returning Saturday

### 2024 DATES

07 Apr - 20 Apr	£3,990	27 Oct - 09 Nov	£4,490
15 Sep - 28 Sep	£3,990		

### 2025 DATES

13 Apr - 26 Apr	£4,190	23 Nov - 06 Dec	£4,690
14 Sep - 27 Sep	£4,190		

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,190 (Saigon – Siem Reap)
- Single room from £990

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Visit the historic Cu Chi Tunnels



# CLASSIC MEKONG

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £5,090

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Drift along Angkor's moat at sunset
- ✓ See local life on Tonle Sap
- ✓ Cruise the Mekong for 4 nights
- ✓ Discover vibrant Saigon
- ✓ Wander charming Hoi An
- ✓ Explore Hanoi's Old Quarter by cyclo
- ✓ Enjoy spectacular views of Halong Bay

Discover the many faces of the Bayon

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 15 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Visit an organic Vietnamese farm

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Try your hand at traditional cultivation techniques with members of the local farming community in Tra Que village and enjoy a cooking demonstration of a regional speciality.
- Cruise the Mekong in style aboard the 4 star ship, Victoria Mekong. With state-of-the-art facilities and an itinerary packed with culturally-immersive shore excursions and onboard activities, there's no better way to experience life on the Mekong.
- Visit NOIR, a 'dining in the dark' social enterprise restaurant in Saigon. Guided by blind waiters, you'll experience an array of delicious dishes in total darkness – a sure-fire way to amplify your other senses!

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SIEM REAP

Fly overnight to bustling Siem Reap, the gateway to the temples of Angkor. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to soak up the local culture.

### DAY 3: THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

Journey into the old city of Angkor Thom. At its heart is the enigmatic Bayon, an iconic temple of innumerable sculptural decorations. Admire the Elephant Terrace and Terrace of the Leper King before continuing to the atmospheric Ta Prohm. The rest of the afternoon is dedicated to Angkor Wat, the most magnificent and best preserved of all of Angkor's treasures. As the sun sets, float peacefully on the moat that surrounds Angkor Thom, soaking up the atmosphere. Sit down to a welcome dinner with the group this evening.

### DAY 4: TONLE SAP

Travel to the shores of Tonle Sap and visit the floating village of Kampong Phluk (Oct to Feb) or Chong Kneas (Mar to Sep). Stop at Chansar village for a glimpse at rural life before visiting the home of a local Khmer family.

### DAY 5: PHNOM PENH

Travel to Cambodia's charming capital, Phnom Penh. Board a cyclo and head into the heart of the city to visit the magnificent Royal Palace – official residence of the King – along with the Silver Pagoda in its grounds.

### DAY 6: THE VICTORIA MEKONG

Spend the morning reflecting on Phnom Penh's tragic past with visits to Tuol Sleng Museum and the Killing Fields. After lunch, embark on your next adventure – a four night

cruise on our premium small ship, Victoria Mekong, with her 35 outward-facing cabins. Enjoy a welcome cocktail and Apsara dance performance before dinner.

### DAY 7: INTO VIETNAM

The ship departs this morning, with plenty of onboard activities available; alternatively, spend the morning relaxing in the pool. Sail into Vietnam around lunchtime, anchoring near Tan Chau. Tender ashore to visit a Taoist temple and see the intriguing stilt houses. Return to the ship in time for an exciting lion dance performance on the Sky Deck as the sun sets.

### DAY 8: PHU TAN & TIGER ISLAND

After breakfast, tender ashore in Phu Tan to visit a craft village famed for its handmade clay stoves. After lunch, anchor at Tiger Island and head ashore to explore, learning about local industries such as ceramics and incense making. Return to the ship in time for a cocktail competition and the evening's entertainment.

### DAY 9: LONG XUYEN & DINH YEN

Arrive in Long Xuyen and hop on a tender to visit the bustling floating market. Stop in town to visit a museum with exhibits on ancient cultures on the region before returning to the Victoria Mekong. Enjoy a refreshing lunch as the ship continues downstream to Dinh Yen, where you'll see the villagers weaving colourful straw mats, and meet a family who specialise in making beancurd. This evening, the ship continues to Can Tho, the beating heart of the Mekong Delta.



Discover historic Hanoi



Relax on the Victoria Mekong

### DAY 10: DISEMBARK IN CAN THO

Enjoy breakfast onboard and visit a local floating market by boat. Disembark and bid farewell to the Victoria Mekong, boarding the ship's shuttle bus from Can Tho to Saigon, stopping en route in Cai Be for a delicious local lunch. Dinner this evening will be at Noir, a restaurant that supports Saigon's visually impaired, for a sensory 'dining in the dark' experience.

### DAY 11: CU CHI & SAIGON

This morning, visit the fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels to learn the history of the Viet Cong and their guerrilla tactics during the Vietnam War. Return to Saigon, a vibrant, modern city with a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. See the colonial Notre Dame Cathedral, visit the Central Post Office, and the chilling War Remnants Museum. Relax with a coffee break at one of Saigon's popular coffee houses.

### DAY 12: DISCOVER HOI AN

Fly from Saigon to Danang and transfer to the enchanting town of Hoi An. Head out on a walking tour, with visits including Chua Ong Pagoda, a historic merchant house, and the spectacular Japanese Covered Bridge. With its charming yellow buildings and vivid silk lanterns, a stroll through this traditional town feels like stepping back in time.

### DAY 13: TRA QUE VILLAGE

Head out into Hoi An's peaceful countryside to visit an organic farming community. This cooperative project is a first-choice supplier for most local restaurants, growing delicious herbs and vegetables using traditional techniques. Their secret is in the fertiliser: natural seaweed

## CLASSIC MEKONG



Explore Hoi An's ancient town

from a local lagoon.. Here you can enjoy the lush, green landscapes and stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work. This afternoon is at leisure.

### DAY 14: HISTORIC HANOI

Fly to Vietnam's capital city, Hanoi. A fast-paced yet graceful city, it is packed full of ancient and modern sights to discover. Begin exploring at the serene Temple of Literature before taking a cyclo tour through the Old Quarter's atmospheric tangle of streets with a stop for local delicacy 'ca phe trung' (egg coffee) en route.

### DAY 15: HO CHI MINH QUARTER

Today, head to the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, where you'll pass 'Uncle Ho's' monumental mausoleum and Stilt House, before seeing the Old Pillar Pagoda. Tonight, attend one of Hanoi's famously breathtaking artistic performances.

### DAYS 16-17: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Travel to Halong City, board a cruise boat and set sail on the tranquil blue-green waters of Halong Bay. With its 1,600 islands and islets, the bay was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994. As you explore you'll make excursions to mysterious caves and enjoy delicious seafood onboard. After a night anchored out on the water, rise early to see the sun come up before cruising back to port. Return to Hanoi for an afternoon at leisure ahead of this evening's farewell dinner.

### DAY 18: DEPARTURE

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

## PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Monday returning Thursday

### 2024 DATES

12 Feb - 29 Feb	£5,590	23 Sep - 10 Oct	£5,090
04 Mar - 21 Mar	£5,590	07 Oct - 24 Oct	£5,590
18 Mar - 04 Apr	£5,590	21 Oct - 07 Nov	£5,590
01 Apr - 18 Apr	£5,090	04 Nov - 21 Nov	£5,590
09 Sep - 26 Sep	£5,090	18 Nov - 05 Dec	£5,590

### 2025 DATES

27 Jan - 13 Feb	£5,890	05 May - 22 May	£5,290
10 Feb - 27 Feb	£5,890	22 Sep - 09 Oct	£5,290
24 Feb - 13 Mar	£5,890	06 Oct - 23 Oct	£5,890
10 Mar - 27 Mar	£5,890	20 Oct - 06 Nov	£5,890
24 Mar - 10 Apr	£5,890	03 Nov - 20 Nov	£5,890
07 Apr - 24 Apr	£5,290	17 Nov - 04 Dec	£5,890
21 Apr - 08 May	£5,290	01 Dec - 18 Dec	£5,990

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,290 (Siem Reap – Hanoi)
- Single room from £1,090

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Cruise Halong Bay



# MEKONG EXPLORER

22 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £5,490

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Explore Hanoi's Old Quarter by cyclo
- ✓ Cruise majestic Halong Bay
- ✓ Explore imperial architecture in Hue
- ✓ Learn ancient farming techniques in Hoi An
- ✓ Enjoy a 4-night cruise aboard the contemporary Victoria Mekong
- ✓ Drift along Angkor's moat at sunset

Admire the spectacular Golden Bridge

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 19 breakfasts, 17 lunches & 19 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Float on the moat of Angkor Thom

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy an atmospheric gondola cruise on the moat of Angkor Thom. Glide along the waters as the sun sets, bathing the temples in a rich, warming glow.
- Stroll across Danang's striking 'Golden Bridge' – a hilltop structure held aloft by a pair of huge, stone hands – and admire the beautiful views over the Ba Na Hills.
- Cruise the Mekong in style aboard the 4 star ship, Victoria Mekong. With state-of-the-art facilities and an itinerary packed with culturally-immersive shore excursions and onboard activities, there's no better way to experience life on the Mekong.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO HANOI

Fly overnight to Vietnam's vibrant capital city, Hanoi. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner.

### DAY 3: HANOI CYCLO TOUR

Visit the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, stopping at the Old Pillar Pagoda and exploring the Temple of Literature. Later, take a cyclo tour through the Old Quarter's atmospheric streets with a stop for local delicacy 'ca phe trung' (egg coffee). Tonight, attend a breathtaking performance celebrating Vietnam's rich culture.

### DAYS 4-5: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Board your 4\* ship and cruise out into the tranquil waters of Halong Bay – a UNESCO World Heritage Site that has long enthralled visitors with its beauty. Enjoy an afternoon of activities such as kayaking, swimming or cave tours, or simply relax on the sundeck. After a night anchored out on the water, enjoy the sunrise before cruising back to port. Fly to Hue.

### DAY 6: EXPLORE HUE

The capital of imperial-era Vietnam, Hue is a sophisticated and scholarly city. Start your tour at the Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City and visit the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, before a cruise on the Perfume River. This afternoon is at leisure.

### DAY 7: ADMIRE THE GOLDEN BRIDGE

Depart Hue, taking the scenic route over the Hai Van Pass to charming Hoi An. En route, take a cable car to admire the views from the spectacular Golden Bridge in Ba Na Hills.

### DAY 8: TRA QUE VILLAGE

Head out into the countryside to visit a small farming community and stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work. In the afternoon, discover Hoi An itself, grabbing some refreshment at the Reaching Out Tea House, a wonderful social project in the heart of town, as you explore.

### DAY 9: FREE TIME IN HOI AN

This morning is free, before an afternoon flight to Saigon.

### DAY 10: DISCOVER SAIGON

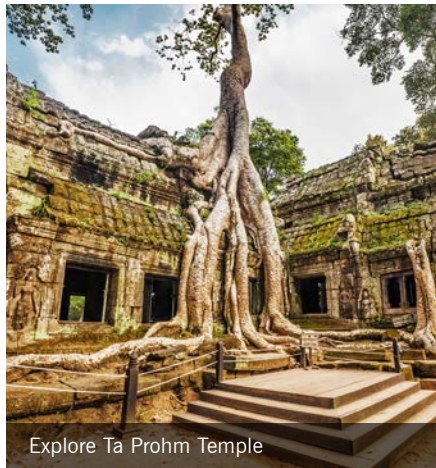
Explore Saigon, a vibrant, modern city with a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. Stroll through fascinating Chinatown and visit the emotional War Remnants Museum. Then admire the beautiful colonial architecture of Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office, before a look around the Reunification Palace.

### DAY 11: CU CHI TUNNELS

Spend the morning exploring the fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels. Stop at an organic farm for a freshly-made lunch before a free afternoon back in Saigon.

### DAY 12: TO THE MEKONG DELTA

Drive southwest to Can Tho, stopping en route for a delicious local lunch. Board the 4\* Victoria Mekong cruise ship which, after a welcome briefing, will cast off into the waters of the Mekong Delta. Begin your cruise experience with a complimentary cocktail on deck, watching the sun set as the ship makes its way upriver. Tonight, drop anchor at Tiger Island.



Explore Ta Prohm Temple



Relax on the Victoria Mekong

### DAY 13: TIGER ISLAND AND FLOATING MARKET

Cruise upstream to Long Xuyen and disembark to visit a floating market and local museum. After lunch, enjoy an excursion to Tiger Island to explore by sampan, visiting local cottage industries. Sit down to dinner and evening entertainment before retiring to your cabin.

### DAY 14: TAN CHAU

Start the day at Phu Tan, visiting a craft village famous for its handmade clay stoves. Used in the delta for centuries, these stoves have a unique design to protect them from the wind. Return to the ship and cruise to Tan Chau during lunch. On arrival, head to shore to visit a colourful Cao Dai temple and a local market. This evening features a thrilling lion dance performance!

### DAY 15: INTO CAMBODIA

Today, the Victoria Mekong will cross into Cambodia and sail towards Phnom Penh. Spend a leisurely day enjoying a wealth of onboard activities, such as lectures and cocktail making, docking in Phnom Penh in the late afternoon. Sip a farewell cocktail during the evening entertainment and enjoy a final dinner on board. Later, why not head ashore to explore the buzzing city?

### DAY 16: DISEMBARK IN PHNOM PENH

Enjoy breakfast on the ship before disembarking. Board a cyclo and head from the pier into the heart of the city to see the magnificent Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and National Museum. Visit Wat Phnom before checking in at the hotel.



MEKONG EXPLORER



PLANE COACH BOAT



Take a local cooking class

## PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Saturday returning Saturday

2024 DATES			
13 Jan - 03 Feb	£5,990	30 Mar - 20 Apr	£5,490
27 Jan - 17 Feb	£5,990	21 Sep - 12 Oct	£5,990
02 Mar - 23 Mar	£5,990	05 Oct - 26 Oct	£5,990
16 Mar - 06 Apr	£5,990	16 Nov - 07 Dec	£5,990
2025 DATES			
11 Jan - 01 Feb	£6,290	20 Sep - 11 Oct	£6,290
22 Feb - 15 Mar	£6,290	04 Oct - 25 Oct	£6,290
08 Mar - 29 Mar	£6,290	18 Oct - 08 Nov	£6,290
22 Mar - 12 Apr	£5,690	01 Nov - 22 Nov	£6,290
05 Apr - 26 Apr	£5,690	15 Nov - 06 Dec	£6,290
19 Apr - 10 May	£5,690		

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,690 (Hanoi – Siem Reap)
- Single room from £1,140

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Cruise Halong Bay overnight



# GRAND MEKONG ODYSSEY

26 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £6,290

FLIGHT INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

ALL MEALS

## TOUR TICKLIST

- ✓ Spend 7 nights cruising the Mekong
- ✓ Experience one of the world's most scenic train rides
- ✓ Meet a Vietnamese war veteran
- ✓ Two nights cruising Halong Bay
- ✓ Soak up Ninh Binh's rural beauty
- ✓ Visit Buddhist monks at a meditation centre



Ride the train on Hải Vân Quan pass

## PRICE INCLUDES

- 23 breakfasts, 22 lunches & 23 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK passport holders



Relax on board the Victoria Mekong

## ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Board the sleek Victoria Mekong for a 7-night cruise on the majestic Mekong Delta. Visit Vietnamese villages and Cambodian townships, with stops at silk farms, floating markets, rural temples and the fascinating city of Phnom Penh en route.
- Listen to incredible wartime history and get a first-hand account of life in the Vietnam War from a local war veteran at the Cu Chi Tunnels near Saigon.
- Explore Ninh Binh province, nicknamed 'Halong Bay on Land'. Admire the dramatic mountain scenery as you enjoy a boat trip through its paddy fields and prehistoric caves, and take a stroll in Cuc Phuong National Park.

## ITINERARY

### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO HANOI

Fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's leafy capital. The afternoon is yours to start soaking up the local culture before a welcome dinner.

### DAY 3: HANOI THROUGH THE AGES

Today, enjoy an introduction to Vietnamese history at the Ethnology Museum; a fascinating window into Vietnam's indigenous groups. See tribal antiques and full-scale replicas of ancient longhouses. Continue to the Confucian Temple of Literature before lunch. This afternoon, take a cyclo tour of the Old Quarter's historic streets before exploring the colonial architecture of the French Quarter.

### DAY 4: WARTIME HANOI

Visit the Ho Chi Minh Quarter for an insight into the Vietnam War. Visit the Humble House on Stilts, where Ho Chi Minh lived in the grounds of the Presidential Palace, and see his Mausoleum in Ba Dinh Square. Stop to view the wreckage of an American bomber plane, still visible in the lake where it was shot down in 1972. Later, immerse yourself in a bygone era with a visit to a 1980s apartment-turned-teahouse, where you'll hear about life in the difficult post-war subsidy period.

### DAY 5: NINH BINH COUNTRYSIDE

Drive two hours into the countryside to Ninh Binh, famously known as 'Halong Bay on land' thanks to its dramatic karst mountains. Visit a local farm and learn about rural life before lunch. This afternoon, enjoy a boat trip through the paddy fields, stopping to explore prehistoric caves before checking in at your hotel.

### DAY 6: CUC PHUONG NATIONAL PARK

Begin the day at Four Paws Sun Bear Sanctuary. Learn the stories of these bears, rescued from the illegal pet and bile industries, and hear how they have been given a second chance in life. Enjoy a fresh lunch at the sanctuary, made from ingredients grown on site. This afternoon, head into Cuc Phuong National Park and hear all about the local wildlife on a short stroll through the rainforest. Return to the hotel.

### DAY 7: NINH BINH – HALONG BAY

Drive to Halong Bay and embark on a two-night scenic cruise through this famous UNESCO-listed bay, known for its emerald waters and towering limestone islands. Head to a hidden spot and try your hand at kayaking through these mesmerising seascapes.

### DAY 8: HALONG BAY

See the bay through a local's eyes! The local fishermen will row you through their floating village, where many families have lived for generations. Later, head to one of the bay's beaches for a chance to sunbathe on the sands.

### DAY 9: HALONG BAY – HUE

Enjoy Tai Chi on deck as the sun rises over Halong Bay. Visit a hidden cave before cruising back to port. Fly to Hue, a charming city and once the seat of the Nguyen emperors.

### DAY 10: HUE

Discover Hue's imperial history, beginning at the Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City. Continue to Thien Mu Pagoda before lunch.

### DAY 11: HUE – DANANG TRAIN

The 64-mile railway journey from Hue to Danang is considered one of the best in the



Explore Angkor's temples



Enjoy a boat ride in Ninh Binh

world. Three hours of scenic coastline await, with beautiful tropical beaches on one side and dramatic mountain scenery on the other. On arrival in Da Nang, transfer to Hoi An.

### DAY 12: HOI AN

Take a walking tour of Hoi An's lantern-lined streets. See the picturesque Japanese bridge, visit a Chinese temple, and tour an ancient merchant house before sampling a local delicacy – white rose dumplings.

### DAY 13: HOI AN – SAIGON

Fly to Saigon and explore its historic centre, taking in colonial landmarks such as the Notre-Dame Cathedral and Central Post Office before visiting the emotive War Remnants Museum.

### DAY 14: CU CHI TUNNELS & VETERAN

Discover the reality of guerilla warfare at the Cu Chi Tunnels, which were central to the Viet Cong's military operations, including the Tet Offensive. For a truly authentic insight into the war, meet a Vietnamese veteran and hear his war stories. Stop for lunch at an organic farm before returning to Saigon.

### DAY 15: VICTORIA MEKONG

Transfer to Can Tho and board the Victoria Mekong for your seven-night cruise. Enjoy a welcome cocktail on deck as the ship sets sail.

### DAY 16: LONG XUYEN & TIGER ISLAND

Take a tender boat through a fascinating floating market to reach Long Xuyen. Visit the local museum, with its displays of ancient crafts. Later, head to Tiger Island. Visit a temple and observe local industries, such as incense-making, in action.



## PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Departing Wednesday returning Sunday

### 2024 DATES

10 Apr - 05 May	£6,290	02 Oct - 27 Oct	£6,790
04 Sep - 29 Sep	£6,290	13 Nov - 08 Dec	£6,790

### 2025 DATES

08 Jan - 02 Feb	£7,190	03 Sep - 28 Sep	£6,590
19 Feb - 16 Mar	£7,190	01 Oct - 26 Oct	£7,190
19 Mar - 13 Apr	£7,190	15 Oct - 09 Nov	£7,190
16 Apr - 11 May	£6,590	29 Oct - 23 Nov	£7,190

### Flight and supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Regional UK departures available
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £5,490 (Hanoi - Siem Reap)
- Single room from £1,790

### Call for our 2026 pricing and departures

### DAY 22: DRIVE TO SIEM REAP

Disembark and drive through lush Cambodian countryside to reach Siem Reap, the gateway to Angkor. The afternoon is at leisure.

### DAY 23: EXPLORE ANGKOR

Journey to Angkor Thom and visit its many treasures, including the Bayon, Elephant and Leper King Terraces, and the atmospheric Ta Prohm. Continue to the magnificent Angkor Wat and explore its many halls and towers. This evening, return to Angkor Thom and enjoy a cruise on its moat as the sun sets.

### DAY 24: ORGANIC COOKING CLASS

Join a morning cooking class at an organic local farm. Pick up supplies at a local market, then head to the farm to pick some organic ingredients. Your chef will guide you in creating a traditional Khmer lunch before an afternoon at leisure.

### DAYS 25-26: DEPARTURE

Fly home, arriving the following day.



Cruise Halong Bay





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