

Mekong Exploration (12 days / 11 nights)

***** Based on 5-star hotels (Land & Cruise only)

Day 01	Arrive Siem Reap (L.): Upon arrival, you're met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy a visit to Angkor Wat, the largest temple complex in the world. It is visually, architecturally and artistically breathtaking. Take in the romantic view at sunset from Bakheng Hill. Accommodation at Raffles Grand Hotel d'Ankor
Day 02	Siem Reap (B. L.): Visit the South Gate of Angkor Thom, Bayon, Baphoun, Terrace of Elephant and Leper King, Pimean Akas. After lunch at the stylish Café Indochine, visit Thommanon, Chau Say Teveda, Ta Promh, Banteay Kdei and Sras Srang.
Day 03	Siem Reap / Kampong Cham (B. L. D.): A joint transfer to Kampong Cham for embarkation. Enjoy a Welcome dinner on board.
Day 04	Kampong Cham / Wat Hanchey (B. L. D.): A morning shore excursion to the hilltop temple of Wat Hanchey, built in the 8th century. We will return to the ship to witness a blessing ceremony performed by orange-clad local monks.
Day 05	Tongle River / Kampong Chhnang (B. L. D.): Arrive in the busy rural port of Kampong Chhnang. We will take a short bus trip to see the Khmer-styled pottery at the Aundaung Russey village followed by a motor boat excursion into the wetlands that form the mouth of the Tongle River. A visit to the silversmith village of Koh Chen before dinner.
Day 06	Arrive Phnom Penh (B. L. D.): Shore excursion includes a visit to the Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda and witnessing exceptional Khmer crafts at the National Museum. After lunch, visit the Genocide museum and the Killing Fields, a reminder of the genocide that transpired during Khmer Rouge regime. Tonight, enjoy traditional Apsara dance performance.
Day 07	Phnom Penh / Chau Doc - Border crossing (B. L. D.): We spend the day cruising in the main Mekong channel towards Vietnamese border. While enjoying the scenery, you may also pamper yourself at the spa or, sharpen your culinary skills at the cooking class...
Day 08	Chau Doc / SA Dec (B. L. D.): A shore excursion to Chau Doc including its markets followed by a trip to the quay, where we will be feted to a boat ride to the floating market and rustic catfish farms. In the afternoon, we will set off for My An Hung village. Wander around the gardens, vegetable fields and a tea-tasting at a family house... Note: In high water season (SEP to DEC), the following alternative programme applies – A morning shore excursion on sampan to the town of Tan Chau including visits of 'evergreen island' and see houses poised on high stilts, a fish farm and the local market, etc.
Day 09	SA Dec / Cai Be / My Tho (B. L. D.): A morning sampan excursion to Binh Thanh Island and its man-made canals. After lunch on board, we arrive Cai Be. The tour starts with a visit to Cai De's boisterous and colourful floating market where traders gather in a cacophonous congregation. During the languid ride, we discover breathtaking landscapes along the river and delight in the rustic life on the Mekong Delta. We'll observe how rice paste, cookies and coconut candies are made, along with the Longan fruit drying process. We head to an ancient house surrounded by fruit orchards before heading back to the ship for dinner. We are cruising towards My Tho and enjoy the Farewell party.
Day 10	Arrive Ho Chi Minh City (B.): Early morning sail for My Tho, where you disembark and a motor coach transfer to Hotel Sofitel Saigon.
Day 11	Ho Chi Minh City (B. L.): A morning city tour which includes the Reunification Hall, Notre Dame Cathedral, General Post Office and the War Museum of Remnants. Shopping at Ben Thanh market. After lunch, drive to the extraordinary Cuchi Tunnels. The complicated system of underground network was built by Viet Gong guerillas.
Day 12	Departure (B.): Time at leisure until you are transferred to airport for your departure flights.

Cost: From USD 4,120 per person sharing, USD 2,175 additional for single supplement

