CRUISE OF 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS - REF. 1R3_AIPP

# From the Angkor Temples to the Mekong Delta

FROM SIEM REAP (CAMBODIA) TO HO CHI MINH CITY (VIETNAM)

From the heights of the Himalayas to the southern coasts of the South China Sea, winding over 2,700 miles, the Mekong is much more than just irrigation for Indochina—everywhere it flows, it fascinates men and shapes their lives. Come take an expedition on this grand and plentiful “water snake,” from the ruins of Angkor to Tonle Sap river following the footsteps of Henri Mouhot, to Phnom Penh and Ho Chi Minh City, still largely influenced by the French colonial days. Our meditative trip takes you along the Mekong River on board a ship combining charm and colonial-style comfort.






## HIGHLIGHTS

- EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:
- Discover 3 historical cities: Ho Chi Minh City, Phnom Penh and Siem Reap
- Crossing through the splendid Cho Gao canal
- Visit 4 major temples in Angkor
- Meet the locals and learn about their daily lives in Koh Chen, My Tho...

## THE CROISIEUROPE DIFFERENCE

- All meals included - DRINKS INCLUDED with meals and at the bar
- Refined local cuisine
- Headsets are included for excursions
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Tour leader or cruise director on board
- Onboard activities and/or lectures
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

# Day-by-day itinerary

DAY 1

### Siem Reap

Your program will begin according to your time of arrival. If your flight arrives between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., your program will be: Lunch will be served at the hotel. Boat trip on Tonlé Lake to discover the floating villages and the traditional life of its inhabitants. Then, visit of the “Angkor Night Market”. We’ll have dinner in the city and spend the night at a four-star hotel for the four-anchors ship and at a five-star hotel for the five-anchors ship.

DAY 2

### Siem Reap - Angkor Temples

Full-day included excursion: the Ta Prohm temple, Angkor Thom, the Terrace of the Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper King. Lunch and visit of the Senteurs d'Angkor. We’ll end the day with Phare, the Cambodian circus. Night at the hotel.

DAY 3

### Siem Reap - Angkor Temples - TONLE SAP RIVER

We’ll visit the Angkor Wat temple. Lunch will be served at the hotel. Journey to Koh Chen (approximately 5 to 6 hours by coach), with a stop in traditional villages. Our crew will welcome you and help you get comfortably settled into your cabins. OR Transfer to your ship. Our crew will welcome you and help you get comfortably settled into your cabins. Afternoon cruise through Tonle Lake. We’ll have dinner and formally meet our crew. Our ship will remain anchored overnight.

DAY 4

### KOH CHEN - KAMPONG TALACH

Discover of the small village of Koh Chen, where craftspeople specialize in silver and copper work. Lunch on board then we will set out to visit the beautiful Vihara at the Wat Kampong Tralach Leu pagoda. To access the pagoda, we need to cross the village of Kampong Tralach, moving along a small road that runs perpendicular to the river in the middle of magnificent rice fields. Our ship will remain anchored overnight.

DAY 5

### KAMPONG CHHNANG - PHNOM PENH

Kampong Chhnang is one of the largest fishing ports on the Tonle Sap. We'll also enjoy a tasting of regional products before returning on board. Lunch and cruising to Phnom Penh. Once we arrive, enjoy a brief tour of the area by "tuk-tuk," the easiest way to get around the city. We’ll return to the ship and enjoy a performance of classical Khmer dancing and music. Our ship will remain overnight in Phnom Penh.

DAY 6

### PHNOM PENH

Full-day included excursion: - The Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda - The National Museum - The Tuol Svay Prey School, a former detention, torture, and execution center run by the Khmer Rouge during the civil war We’ll cruise to Vietnam. We’ll spend the night on board.

DAY 7

### CHAU DOC

Included excursion: visit of the Tay An Pagoda and the Ba Chua Xu Temple. We’ll begin to cruise toward Sa Dec. We’ll spend the night on board.

DAY 8

### SA DEC - VINH LONG - CAI BE

Included excursion: visit of the former house of Huynh Thuy Le. Enjoy some free time in Sa Dec. We’ll cruise to Vinh Long. Included excursion: discovery of a brick and pottery factory, a fruit-tree nursery, puffed riced, rice-paper wrappers, and rice alcohol.* We’ll spend the night on board.

DAY 9

### MY THO - HO CHI MINH CITY (formerly Saigon)

Included excursions: - Visit of a bee farm and tasting - Ride in small sampans along the canal lined We’ll set out to cross the very narrow canal, heading for Ho Chi Minh City. We’ll spend the night on board.

DAY 10

### HO CHI MINH CITY

Included excursion: tour of the city, its hectic market and the Thien Hau temple. Lunch will be served on board. Included excursions: - The Museum of Vietnamese History - Discovery of the Cu Chi tunnels (coach journey of approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes each way) We'll spend the night on board.

DAY 11

### HO CHI MINH CITY

Inlcuded excursion: Cholon. We'll enjoy lunch in town. We'll bid you farewell at approximately 2:00 p.m. Please do not book your flight before 5:00 p.m.

## Our price includes

Your cruise in the cabin category of your choice - double-occupancy accommodations in a first-class hotel - all meals - onboard drinks included (except for drinks from our special lists) - drinks during all meals in Siem Reap and during the lunches in Phnom Penh and Ho Chi Minh City (water + 1 soft drink or 1 beer* + 1 tea or coffee per person for each meal) - visits and excursions mentioned in the program - the services of an English-speaking local tour guides and onboard CroisiEurope tour director - the Croisieurope agent in Siem Reap - travel assistance and repatriation insurance - tips.

Tips: To ensure our customers more pleasant stay, we've included 35€ per passenger for tips which will be entirely paid to the personnel from the countries to be visited and 45€ per passenger for crew members. This amount was determined while taking into consideration the local customs and etiquette.

*These cruises and tours are not recommended for persons with reduced mobility as there are no lifts on board the ships. - Low waters can happen at any time during the year. The time frames are given as examples, but are dependent on the quality of rainfall. - The banks of the river we will cruise on can be steep and slippery depending on the water level. - The itinerary, stopovers, and excursions can be modified by the cruise company and our on-site representatives if needed. The captain of the ship is the sole authority who can modify the ship itinerary for safety or navigational reasons. - Depending on the water level and the tides, the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers on board RV Indochine II may take place from the mini terraces of cabins 221 and 224 (located aft of the upper deck). *Alcohol can be harmful to your health. Please drink in moderation.*

## Our price does not include

International flights and their taxes - transfers - Cambodian and Vietnamese visas - cancellation and baggage insurance - drinks on board from our special lists - drinks other than those mentioned.

# Useful information

HEALTH FORMALITIES

Vaccines are not mandatory for this trip. However, it is advisable to be up to date with all vaccinations (tetanus, polio, hepatitis A and B, diphtheria, and typhoid fever). Your doctor will prescribe an antimalarial drug if necessary. Mosquito repellent is strongly recommended.

WEATHER

From May to October, the Mekong experiences its lush season, a time when nature reveals itself. The landscapes, especially the rice fields, are adorned with lush hues. With less crowded sites, it's the perfect time to explore the region in peace. Short showers typically refresh the late afternoons, adding a touch of coolness to the tropical atmosphere.
From November to April, the dry season takes over, with sunny days and low humidity. Ideal for outdoor activities, this period ensures a bright and comfortable visiting experience.

METHODS OF PAYMENT - CURRENCY EXCHANGE

- The currency accepted on board is the US dollar. You can pay in dollars or using an international credit/debit card (Visa and MasterCard) at the end of the cruise. In Cambodia, it is recommended to have some US dollars in cash with you. In Vietnam, if you wish to buy souvenirs, we recommend that you change about £20 or $20 into dongs on arrival.
- For the current exchange rates for the Vietnamese dong and the Cambodian riel, please consult websites such as www.xe.com or www.oanda.com/currency/converter/.

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

- "Pchum Ben" in September
- "Water and Moon Festival" in November

During these days, some sites can be closed without warning.

TIME DIFFERENCE

You can consult www.worldtimezone.com to see the time difference between your home and your destination.

- 4 DAYS IN HANOI AND HALONG BAY

## FORMALITIES

Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate.

CAMBODIA E-ARRIVAL CARD INFORMATION
Since September 1, 2024, all passengers arriving in Cambodia by air must have an electronic arrival card. This new online requirement replaces the paper forms for immigration, health, and customs. It is necessary to submit an online application for the electronic arrival card within 7 days prior to arriving in the country. The application, which is free of charge, must be

completed on the website www.arrival.gov.kh or through the official mobile app available on the App Store and Google Play Store. After completing this process, a QR code will be generated. This code must be presented, either printed or electronically stored, to immigration officers upon arrival in Cambodia.