CRUISE OF 15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS - REF. 1R6_REPP

From the temples of Angkor to the Mekong Delta, experience unique and exotic end-of-year celebrations - & Hanoi and Halong Bay (port-to-port cruise)

CAMBODIA - VIETNAM

Cast off on a once-in-a-lifetime adventure on the legendary river that begins in the mountains of Tibet and meanders through no less than six countries. The Mekong traces the authentic, profound, and mesmerizing history of Vietnam and Cambodia along its riverbanks. You'll finish your extraordinary vacation in Indochina with a discovery of Hanoï, the Vietnamese capital, and on an unforgettable cruise on the legendary Halong Bay among the fantastically formed islands, crags, and cliffs.





HIGHLIGHTS

- Exceptional Christmas Eve in a 5-star hotel, with a gala dinner
- Refined New Year's Eve celebration aboard your 5-anchor boat
- 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...
- EXTENDED STAY INCLUDES:
- Hanoi, historic heart of the nation
- Tour of the old quarter of the city in a "tuk-tuk"
- Cruise on Halong Bay, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site

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. Visit to Senteurs d'Angkor: the ancient art of weaving showcased in this workshop where candles and soaps are made, followed by a visit to the B.R.B. handicraft center. Dinner at the hotel to celebrate Christmas Eve. Overnight in a 5* NL hotel.

DAY 2

Siem Reap - Angkor Temples

Visit to Ta Prohm Temple. Today, nature has taken over and the result is breathtaking: trees rise out of the temple structures and thick roots cover them. Exploration of Angkor Thom. Stroll among the enigmatic faces of the Bayon Temple, then discover the Terrace of the Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper King. Lunch in town. Boat trip on Tonlé Lake to discover the floating villages and the traditional way of life of its inhabitants. Then, visit the "Angkor Night Market." Dinner in town. Overnight at your hotel.

DAY 3

Siem Reap - Angkor Temples

Visit to Banteay Srei Temple. An architectural marvel of Cambodia, Banteay Srei lies slightly off the main tourist routes. Lunch in town. Free time to enjoy the hotel's comfortable facilities, including its superb swimming pool surrounded by lush gardens, ideal for relaxing after exploring the temples. Dinner in town and a performance by the Phare Circus: acrobatics and juggling. Overnight at your hotel.

DAY 4

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 along the way. 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 5

KOH CHEN - KAMPONG TRALACH

Excursion included: discovery of Koh Chen. Lunch on board. Excursion included: visit to Wat Kampong Tralach Leu pagoda. Our ship will remain anchored overnight.

DAY 6

KAMPONG CHHNANG - PHNOM PENH

Excursion included: Kampong Chhnang and tasting of local products. Lunch on board. Sailing to Phnom Penh. Excursion included: tuk-tuk ride in Phnom Penh. Apsara dance show on board. Night on board.

DAY 7

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. Our ship will be anchored overnight.

DAY 8

CHAU DOC

Included excursion: visit of the Tay An Pagoda and the Ba Chua Xu Temple. We'll begin to cruise toward Sa Dec. Gala dinner served on board to celebrate the New Year. We'll spend the night on board.

DAY 9

SA DEC - VINH LONG - CAI BE

Included excursion: visit of the former house of Huynh Thuy Le and discovery of the famous Sa Dec Market. 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 10

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 11

HO CHI MINH CITY

Departure to visit the Cu Chi Tunnels and discover the survival techniques used by the Viet Cong during the war (coach journey of approximately 2 hours 15 minutes each way) OR visit the Reunification Palace, the former presidential palace that became a symbol of the end of the Vietnam War, followed by free time on Nguyen Hue Esplanade(1). Lunch on board. Visit of Ho Chi Minh City, built by the French in 1859. City tour: Notre Dame Cathedral, the Central Post Office, ... Visit of the National History Museum. After our excursion, we'll return on board our ship. Tonight we'll have our farewell cocktail and dinner. We'll remain in port overnight.

DAY 12

HO CHI MINH CITY - Hanoï

Inlcuded excursion: Cholon. We'll enjoy lunch in town. Flight to Hanoi. Night at the hotel.

DAY 13

Hanoï

Full-day included excursion: Ho Chi Minh City and its mausoleum. Traditional water puppetry show. Night at the hotel.

DAY 14

Hanoï - Halong Bay

We'll leave early in the morning for Halong Bay (approx. 3.5 hours travel time). We'll be welcomed aboard and enjoy a cocktail. We'll cruise in Halong Bay. We'll spend the night on board.

DAY 15

Halong Bay - Hanoï

Tai Chi class on deck. Included excursion: visit of one of the largest caves of the bay. We'll cruise in Halong Bay. Disembarking and trip back to Hanoi. Transfer to the airport. We'll bid you farewell at the airport at approximately 6:00 p.m. Please do not book your flight before 8:00 p.m.

Our price includes

>> CORE PROGRAM

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 50€ per passenger for crew members. This amount was determined while taking into consideration the local customs and etiquette.

>> EXTENDED STAY

Domestic flights and their taxes (40€/person - subject to change) - visits and excursions mentioned in the program - services of local English-speaking tour guides - double-occupancy accommodations in the listed, or similar, hotels - all meals - drinks at all meals (1 soft drink or 1 beer* or 1 mineral water + 1 tea or coffee per person for each meal) - 24-hour cruise across Halong Bay on a boat (not exclusive to CroisiEurope passengers).

*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). (1) The choice between the two excursions must be made at the time of booking. *Alcohol can be harmful to your health. Please drink in moderation.*

Our price does not include

>> CORE PROGRAM

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.

>> EXTENDED STAY

Tips for guides and drivers (approximately $20 per passenger) - drinks other than those mentioned.

Useful information

EXTENDED STAY

Several nationalities are present on board. The boat is not privatized for our passengers. It is important to note that more than 200 boats regularly sail in Ha Long Bay every day. Some sightseeing spots, such as the Surprise Cave, can sometimes be very crowded. The cruise in Ha Long Bay may be canceled in case of very rough seas. The weather, depending on the season, can be variable, whether under the sun, light rain, or fog, Ha Long Bay remains one of the most beautiful in the world.

FLIGHTS

- International flights will be provided from Paris with Air France (AF), Thai Airways (TG), Vietnam Airlines (VN), Singapore Airlines (SQ) (regular flights with a stopover), or another airline serving Asia in case of unavailability.
- Domestic and regional flights: Bangkok Airways (PG) between Bangkok and Siem Reap. Vietnam Airlines (VN) for domestic flights within Vietnam.
- On the flight between Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi (or the opposite direction), the free baggage allowance is 20kg per person. Beyond this weight, a supplement will be requested by the airline at the check-in counter. The flight is operated in economy class.

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.

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.