CRUISE OF 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS - REF. 9HC_AIPP

From the Mekong Delta to Siem Reap

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

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 Ho Chi Minh City, still largely influenced by the French colonial days, to Phnom Penh, then Tonle river, following the footsteps of Henri Mouhot. Our meditative trip takes you along the Mekong River on board a ship combining charm and colonial-style comfort.





HIGHLIGHTS

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

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

HO CHI MINH CITY

Meet at the Liberty Central Riverside Hotel restaurant between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Lunch at the hotel. In the afternoon, we will tour the city: Notre Dame cathedral, Central Post office... We'll visit Cholon, the Chinese-influenced section of the city, including its hectic market and Ba Thien Hau Pagoda dedicated to the sea goddess Mazu. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail, have dinner and spend the night on board downtown.

DAY 2

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 will be served on board. Visit the Museum of Vietnamese History. We'll then set out to cross the very narrow Chao Gao Canal. Night on board.

DAY 3

CHAO GAO - MY THO - VINH LONG - CAI BE

We continue our cruise to My Tho along the magnificent Chao Gao Canal. Visit of a bee farm and enjoy some honey tea and exotic fruit. Lunch on board. We'll discover a brick and pottery factory as well as a traditional factory producing puffed riced, rice-paper wrappers used to make nems, and rice alcohol*. Night on board.

DAY 4

SA DEC

Visit the former house of Huynh Thuy Le, the man who Marguerite Duras based her book The Lover on and discovery of the famous Sa Dec Market. We'll return on board our ship and have lunch. Sailing towards Cambodia. Night on board.

DAY 5

CHAU DOC - PHNOM PENH

Located on the border between Cambodia and Vietnam, the prosperous city of Chau Doc has developed around fish and fish farming. We'll visit the Tay An Pagoda and the Ba Chua Xu Temple. Lunch on board. Arrival in the evening in Phnom Penh. Dinner on board. We'll remain in port overnight.

DAY 6

PHNOM PENH

We'll enjoy a tour of the fabulous Royal Palace, one of the most impressive examples of Cambodian architecture, and its Silver Pagoda. Onward to visit the National Museum. After lunch in town, you can pay a visit to the Tuol Svay Prey School, a former detention, torture, and execution center run by the Khmer Rouge during the civil war. Afterwards, enjoy some free time at the market. As we get back on board, we will enjoy an Apsara dance show. Dinner and overnight on board, in the port of Phnom Penh. Free evening.

DAY 7

KOH CHEN - KAMPONG TRALACH

Visit of Koh Chen, a small village where craftspeople specialize in silver and copper work. Lunch on board.Visit of 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 8

KAMPONG CHHNANG - TONLE SAP RIVER

Visit of Kampong Chhnang, one of the largest fishing ports on Tonle Sap Lake. Here they also have many fish farms. The region is best known for its fine traditional pottery which is a major source of revenue for the entire country.Tasting of some local products. Lunch on board. We'll then continue our cruise. Cocktail and gala dinner tonight. Our ship will remain anchored overnight.

DAY 9

SIEM REAP

Disembark, journey to Siem Reap (approximately 5 to 6 hours by coach), with a stop in traditional villages along the way. Or Morning cruise through Tonle Lake and disembark. Transfer to the hotel Lotus Blanc(2) (ships: RV Indochine I and RV Lan Diep) and the hotel Sofitel Angkor(2) (ship : RV Indochine II) in Siem Reap. End of our services around 12:30 p.m. Please do not book your flight before 3:30 p.m.

Excursions

Optional excursions (2)



VISIT TO THE CU CHI TUNNELS

6h Classic MATIN



VISIT TO THE REUNIFICATION PALACE

3h45 Classic MATIN

Our price includes

Your cruise in the cabin category of your choice - transfer of the boat to downtown Siem Reap - all meals - onboard drinks included (except for drinks from our special lists) - drinks during the lunches in Hô Chi Minh-city and Phnom Penh (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 - 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). (1) The choice between the two excursions must be made at the time of booking. (2) Or similar, meeting points will be confirmed in your travel documentation. *Alcohol can be harmful to your health. Please drink in moderation.*

Our price does not include

International flights and their taxes - transfers not mentioned in the program - 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.

FORMALITIES

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

VIETNAM E-ARRIVAL CARD INFORMATION
Since April 15, 2026, all passengers arriving in Vietnam by air must have an electronic arrival card. This new online requirement replaces the previous paper forms for immigration, health, and customs.
It is necessary to submit an electronic arrival card application online within 3 days prior to arrival in Vietnam. The application is free of charge and must be completed on the website:
https://prearrival.immigration.gov.vn/home-page
After validation, a QR code is generated. This code must be presented (printed or in electronic format) to immigration officers upon arrival in Vietnam.