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

The Mekong in a different way - Between adventure and must-see sites (port-to-port cruise)

FROM SIEM REAP TO THE MEKONG DELTA

We are thrilled to present our latest program, designed to combine exploration, cultural immersion, and light activities for a memorable cruising experience on-board the Toum Tiou 2. Our charming vessel offers personalized service in an intimate environment, perfect for small groups who seek an authentic and dynamic Mekong River journey. Our itinerary includes a range of activities like biking, kayaking, sampan rides and walking tours that provide opportunities to discover the hidden treasures of the Mekong River, including traditional village visits and climbing the stunning Udong Hill. Moreover, we'll take you on a motor & rowing boat tour of the magnificent Tra Su Forest, where you'll witness incredible flora and fauna of this beautiful natural environment. Experience the perfect balance of cultural immersion and light adventure, while enjoying the authentic Mekong River charm. With an emphasis on personalized service, cultural exploration, and a touch of adventure, our program promises to deliver an unforgettable cruising experience and makes a perfect match for the Toum Tiou 2.



HIGHLIGHTS

- An authentic, dynamic trip in small groups
- Crossing through the splendid Cho Gao canal
- EXCURSIONS INCLUDED
- THE MUSTS:
- The hidden treasures of the Mekong by bike, kayak, sampan or on foot
- Discover historic cities: Phnom Penh and Hô Chi Minh City
- Meet the locals and discover their way of life in Sa Dec, Cai Be...
- Pottery wheel demonstration and take a cooking class to immerse yourself in the local culture
- Climb the astonishing Oudong hill

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

Please arrive at 1 p.m. at the hotel Lotus Blanc(1) in Siem Reap. Transfer by coach to your cruise boat in Koh Chen (5-6 hours). After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail and have dinner on board. We'll spend the night on board.

DAY 2

KOH CHEN - KAMPONG CHHANG

Sail to Kampong Chhnang and lunch on board. Visit Kampong Chhnang, one of the largest fishing ports on the Tonle Sap Lake. Option: For those seeking more activity, there will be an option at Kampong Chhnang to cycle alongside the riverside and then to the pottery village to explore this area. We'll have dinner and spend the night on board.

DAY 3

UDONG - KAMPONG TRALACH - PHNOM PENH

Breakfast on board. We will head to Udong, which was the royal residence and the capital of Cambodia for over 250 years. Visit the Vipassana Dhura Pagoda, located at the foot of a hill where many stupas from the last Khmer kings can be found. Lunch on board. In the afternoon, visit the beautiful Vihara of the Wat Kampong Tralach Leu pagoda. We then offer clients to return to the ship by enjoying a mountain biking experience through the stunning countryside to witness the beauty of the rice fields surrounding the area before returning to the ship. After returning on board, start cruising towards Phnom Penh. Enjoy a performance of classical Khmer dancing and music then dinner. Night on board.

DAY 4

PHNOM PENH

Breakfast on board. 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. Enjoy an afternoon tour of the area by "tuk-tuk," for an authentic and immersive experience like no other. We'll return on board for dinner in the evening and start sailing towards Vietnam. Night on board.

DAY 5

CHAU DOC

Breakfast on board. Arrival at Vinh Xuong border. Customs clearance and entry formalities, departure for Chau Doc. Situated on the border between Cambodia and Vietnam, the prosperous town of Chau Doc has developed around fishing and fish farming. We'll experience this beautiful forest with small local boats, where you can witness this incredible and diverse flora and fauna. Return to the boat for lunch. In the afternoon, we will board a cable car and embark on an unforgettable journey to Sam mountain. Continuation to Sa Dec, dinner and overnight on board.

DAY 6

SA DEC - CAI BE

Breakfast on board. Local boat picks up for a short panoramic tour of Sa Dec, including a promenade at Sa Dec market on the riverbank. Ship leaves Sa Dec for Cai Be. Cai Be offers many exciting attractions, activities, and excursions. Disembark to visit the craft village where you can witness how the local products are made. Continue cruising on the boat. After lunch, take a rest, then enjoy a kayaking adventure. Ship leaves Cai Be for My Tho. Dinner during cruising and night on board.

DAY 7

MY THO - HO CHI MINH CITY (formerly Saigon)

In My Tho we will kick off our day with a local boat pick-up that will take us on a boat cruise to Thoi Son Island where we will have the opportunity to explore the daily lives of the local people and enjoy seasonal fruits. Lunch on board and cruise the magnificent Chao Gao canal, the entrance to Saigon where you will experience the lively and vibrant canal full of ships and activity, yet still feel close to the life on shore. A must-see part of the cruise and that we're the only cruise line offering this unique passage. Arrive in Saigon. Dinner. In option : "Saigon After Dark" excursion, it is a part night excursion, part street/local food adventure from 6pm to 10pm (it must be reserved at the time of registration). After this, the tour will bring you to a live music venue to enjoy the drinks with live music.

DAY 8

HO CHI MINH CITY

Enjoy a tasty breakfast on board before our Ho Chin Minh city tour. Transfer back to ship for lunch. After lunch, we'll explore the local Chinatown and experience the daily life of the people. We'll also visit the Giac Lam Pagoda, which is over 300 years old and is the oldest pagoda in Ho Chi Minh City. Lastly, we'll visit the Flower Market and Binh Tay market for a 15-minute walking tour to explore how locals buy and sell local food and products.Transfer to the ship to enjoy our farewell cocktail and dinner onboard. We'll remain in port overnight.

DAY 9

HO CHI MINH CITY

Enjoy breakfast on board before disembarking. We'll then proceed to the War Museum to learn more about the history of Vietnam.Then, we'll transfer to a local restaurant for lunch. We'll bid you farewell at approximately 2:00 p.m. Please do not book your flight before 5:00 p.m.

Excursions

Optional excursions (1)



Saigon after dark

1 day Discovery SOIR

Our price includes

Your cruise in the cabin category of your choice - transfer to your cruise boat on D1 - all meals - onboard drinks included (except for drinks from our special lists) - visits and excursions mentioned in the program - the services of an english-speaking local tour guides - 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. (1) 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 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.

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.