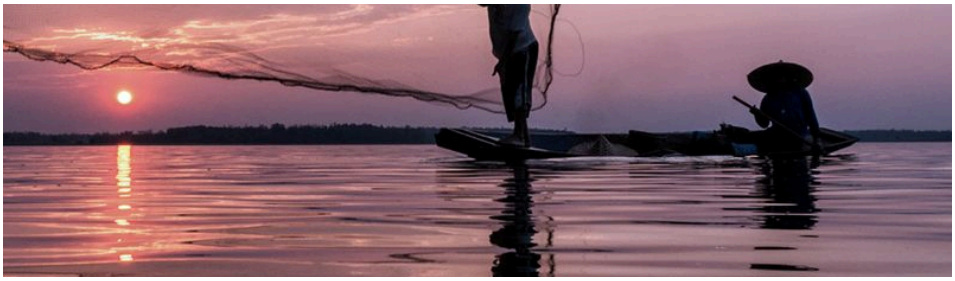
CRUISE OF 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS - REF. 9SR_AIPP

From Siem Reap 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 Siem Reap to the river Tonle Sap following the footsteps of Henri Mouhot, then 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:
- Crossing through the splendid Cho Gao canal
- Discover historical cities: Ho Chi Minh City and Phnom Penh
- 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

Meeting at 1 p.m. at the hotel Lotus Blanc(1) (ships: RV Indochine I and Lan Diep) and the hotel Sofitel Angkor(1) (ship: RV Indochine II). 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 2

KOH CHEN - KAMPONG TRALACH

We'll arrive in Koh Chen. Lunch on board, then we will set out to visit the beautiful Vihara at the Wat Kampong Tralach Leu pagoda. We'll spend the night on board.

DAY 3

KAMPONG CHHNANG - PHNOM PENH

We'll visit Kampong Chhnang, one of the largest fishing ports. Lunch and cruising towards Phnom Penh, arriving in the early evening. 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 and have dinner.

DAY 4

PHNOM PENH

We'll enjoy a tour of the fabulous Royal Palace. 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. We'll return on board, cruising to Chau Doc. We'll spend the night on board.

DAY 5

CHAU DOC

Located on the border between Cambodia and Vietnam, the prosperous city of Chau Doc has developed around fish and fish farming. Floating farms invade the waters. Visit to the Tay An Pagoda and the Ba Chua Xu Temple. Lunch. Once we are back on board, we'll begin to cruise toward Sa Dec. We'll spend the night on board.

DAY 6

SA DEC - VINH LONG - CAI BE

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. Lunch on board and cruise to Vinh Long. Arriving in Cai Be. 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*. We'll return on board our ship and begin to cruise. We'll have dinner and spend the night on board.

DAY 7

MY THO - HO CHI MINH CITY (formerly Saigon)

We'll visit a bee farm and enjoy some honey tea and exotic fruit. We'll then take a ride in small sampans along the canal lined with mangrove palms. Lunch will be served on board. We'll then set out to cross the very narrow Chao Gao Canal, heading for Ho Chi Minh City. We'll have dinner and remain in port overnight in the downtown area.

DAY 8

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(2). 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 9

HO CHI MINH CITY

Disembarking. We'll spend the morning visiting Cholon, the Chinese-influenced section of the city, including its hectic market. After 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.

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 at lunches in Hô Chi Minh-City and Phnom Penh (water + 1 soda or 1 beer* and 1 coffee or 1 tea per person and per 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) Or similar, meeting points will be confirmed in your travel documentation. (2) 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

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.

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.