

Cambodia & Vietnam river cruise

Depart Cairns 13 July at 10.55AM arrive Singapore 3.25PM – Silk air

Accommodation: Peninsular/Excelsior IN: 13 July OUT: 14 July

Depart Singapore 14 July at 8.30AM arrive Siem Reap 9.50AM – Silk air

Commence the following river cruise in Siem Reap on the 14 July and ending in Ho Chi Minh city on the 25 July

12 Day Essential Vietnam & Cambodia



Day 1

Arrive Siem Reap, Angkor

Transfer to your hotel. This afternoon, travel to the temple of Ta Prohm. Enjoy an Insider experience before a delicious Welcome Dinner and an Apsara dance performance. Stay Two Nights: Siem Reap, Shinta Mani Resort (D)

Insider Experience: Visit Opportunities of Development thru Art (ODA) and unwind at the Shinta Mani Resort. Travelmarvel supports the Shinta Mani Foundation, which provides fresh water to local communities.

Day 2

Angkor, Siem Reap

This morning, tailor your day by choosing one of Travelmarvel's select experiences. Later, discover the fascinating remains of Angkor Archaeological Park, a long-standing tribute to the ancient Khmer Empire. Visit the 12th-century temple Bayon. Finish your day with a spectacular sunset at Angkor Wat. (B)

Day 3

Siem Reap, Embark Cruise at Prek K'dam

Transfer to Prek K'dam to embark your Mekong River cruise. The Mekong's unique charm is found in this stunning region with greenery strewn throughout the riverbank and the floating villages. Board your river ship and indulge in your first dinner prepared by our own onboard chef. Stay Seven Nights: Mekong River Cruise, RV La Marguerite (B/L/D)

Day 4

Kampong Chhnang, Kampong Tralach, Oudong

Enjoy a small boat expedition of the wetlands near Kampong Chhnang. Enjoy an Insider Experience before advancing on to Kampong Tralach. (B/L/D)

Insider Experience: Take an ox-cart ride, coined the 'Khmer limousine', and see how locals live in rural Cambodia. Later, travel to the former royal capital Oudong for a Buddhist blessing.

Day 5

Koh Chen, Phnom Penh

The heartbeat hammering of the open-air silver and copperware workshops announces your arrival at Koh Chen. Visit some of the home workshops in this small village before continuing towards Phnom Penh, the charismatic capital city of Cambodia. (B/L/D)

Day 6

Phnom Penh

Explore the Killing Fields and the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, which recalls one of the darkest moments of the 20th century. This afternoon, take a tour to visit the Royal Palace. See the Silver Pagoda located within the Royal Palace complex and admire the Emerald Buddha carved from baccarat crystal. After dinner, perhaps step out for an evening walk around the capital. (B/L/D)

Day 7

Border Crossing, Tan Chau

Spend today on board as your ship cruises to the Vietnamese border. Offering amazing views, reclining loungers, a swimming pool and cold drinks from the bar, the Sun Deck is a great place to relax. This afternoon, you might like to attend a fruit-carving demonstration by the ship's chef while border formalities are carried out and you cross into Vietnam. Tonight, watch a documentary film about Pol Pot as your ship cruises towards the small Vietnamese town of Tan Chau. (B/L/D)

Day 8

Tan Chau, Sa Dec

After breakfast, transfer to a small boat and travel along the Mekong's tiny tributaries, observing the stilt house villages. Go ashore for a tour of Tan Chau by rickshaw. Known as one of the largest silk-weaving centres of Vietnam, enhance your experience by visiting the fascinating local artisan workshops to learn more about the history of the craft. (B/L/D)

Day 9

Sa Dec, Cai Be

Take a boat ride to the charming colonial town of Sa Dec for a tour. Visit Huynh Thuy Le's old house, once the lover of French writer Marguerite Duras, the namesake of our vessel. After lunch, a local boat transfers you to the river-land town of Cai Be. See the French Gothic cathedral, and see the small boats laden with fresh produce at the floating market. Go ashore to visit a local rice paper

manufacturer to learn how rice paper is made. After, visit a coconut candy factory to see how the local sweet is created. Enjoy a final dinner on board your ship. (B/L/D)

Day 10

Disembark Ship, Cu Chi Tunnels, Ho Chi Minh City

Disembark at My Tho Port today and travel by coach to the Cu Chi Tunnels, a tunnel network built by Vietnamese resistance fighters during the Vietnam War. For dinner, you may like to choose from one of our select dining experiences. Stay Two Nights: Ho Chi Minh City, Fusion Suites Saigon (B/L)

Insider Experience: Be close to the city's action at the modern Fusion Suites Saigon.

Day 11

Ho Chi Minh City

Explore the vibrant Ho Chi Minh City at your leisure today. Perhaps take an exciting Jeep military tour or enjoy a Vietnamese cooking class. (B/D)

Insider Experience: Indulge in a Farewell Dinner at KOTO Kumho this evening.

Day 12

Depart Ho Chi Minh City

Your journey ends after breakfast today with a transfer to the airport. (B)

ded with lunch and dinner on-board your Mekong River cruise

Bottled water, juice and soft drink included at all times during your Mekong River cruise



Depart Ho Chi Minh city on the 25 July at 12.30PM arrive Singapore 3.30PM – Singapore airlines

Accommodation: Peninsular/Excelsior IN: 25 July OUT: 26 July

Depart Singapore 26 July at 8.30AM arrive Cairns 5.10PM – Silk air

Cost per person \$3,815*pp and includes the following:

- Airfares
- Airport taxes
- 2 nights accommodation in Singapore
- 12-day tour including sightseeing as per itinerary, breakfast daily, 8 lunches and 9 dinners