



Charms of the Mekong

aboard the

AmaDara

November 12-19, 2018

Ho Chi Minh City to Siem Reap

DAY 1 HO CHI MINH CITY – EMBARKATION

Today you will board your river cruise ship moored at My Tho Port (Please arrive at the airport before 10 a.m. to avoid any potential missed connections to the ship). Meet your fellow travelers at a Welcome Dinner as the ship cruises to Cai Be. (L,D)

DAY 2 CAI BE – SA DEC

After breakfast, take an excursion in a local boat around Cai Be to see the floating market. You will also have an opportunity to visit candy and rice paper workshops. An afternoon excursion takes you to Sa Dec, a sprawling town on the Mekong Delta, where French writer Marguerite Duras spent part of her childhood. You will visit the local market, Cao Dai Temple and the house of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, Duras' Chinese paramour. The ship sails overnight to Tan Chau. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 TAN CHAU – BORDER CROSSING

This morning, you'll visit Tan Chau, a small Mekong River town unspoiled by tourism. You will have the opportunity to take one of two tours this morning. Your first option is to take a traditional "xe-loi" (trishaw) ride around the town, with stops at a silk-making, slipper and rattan mat workshops. Alternatively, you will take a boat ride through the narrow channels of the Mekong River to several scenic locations, including a small village known as "Evergreen Island." Return to Tan Chau, where you will visit a workshop that makes rattan mats in the village. You will cruise to the Cambodian border after lunch, stopping for border formalities. The ship continues sailing overnight to Phnom Penh. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA

The ship cruises into spectacular Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, early this morning and docks at the terminal. This morning you will take an excursion to Cambodia's infamous Killing Fields and also visit the Khmer Rouge's grim Tuol Sleng S21 detention center (Genocide Museum) just outside the city. After lunch on board, your afternoon tour explores the highlights of the city, famous for its French colonial architecture, busy cafes and colorful nightlife. Visit the Royal Palace, the spectacular Silver Pagoda and the National Museum, which has an outstanding collection of Khmer crafts. After returning to the ship, enjoy Khmer folk dancing performed by local children in the Saigon Lounge. The ship will moor overnight along the waterfront, close to restaurants and Phnom Penh's vibrant nightlife scene. (B,L,D)

DAYS PHNOM PENH – KOH CHEN

The morning is free to explore Phnom Penh on your own, perhaps venturing to nearby shops and markets for some souvenir hunting or an opportunity to take a Tuk Tuk tour through the city. In the late morning, the ship continues to Koh Chen, where you will take a leisurely walk through the village and visit home workshops specializing in silversmithing and coppersmithing. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 OUDONG – KAMPONG TRALACH

You will have a truly memorable day today, starting with a short motor coach ride to Oudong, the former capital of Cambodia. Visit a Buddhist monastery and receive a special blessing. In Kampong Tralach you will enjoy an oxcart ride through the rice paddies surrounding a small village. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 KAMPONG CHHNANG – TONLE SAP LAKE

This morning you will take a motorboat to explore the lakeside wetlands that form around Tonle Sap Lake, the great lake that dominates Cambodia and is known for its stunning variety of bird life and tranquil floating villages. This evening, enjoy a Farewell Dinner on board. (B,L,D)

Day 8 PREK KDAM – DISEMBARKATION

Your cruise comes to an end as you disembark at Prek Kdam, a small village on the Tonle River. (B) Note: We recommend that you schedule your onward flight to depart after 7:00pm today to avoid potential missed connections.



Additional Information

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SPACIOUS STATEROOMS

- Knowledgeable guides
- Personal headset for easy exploration
- Airport transfers with purchase of air from AmaWaterways
- 7 nights luxury accommodation in a twin-balconystateroom
- Flat-panel screen that features in-house movies
- Desk and sitting area
- Bottled water replenished daily

AN ARRAY OF AMENITIES

- Personalized service from a highly trained CruiseManager during both cruise and land programs
- Sun deck with pool
- Fitness room and three spas
- Saigon Lounge with panoramic views and bar
- Daily entertainment including cultural performances

AWARD WINNING DINING

- All onboard dining in a variety of venues
- Regionally inspired cuisine made with locally sourced ingredients
- The Chef's Table specialty restaurant
- Welcome Cocktail and Dinner
- Unlimited wine with lunch and dinner
- Complimentary local beer, house-brand spirits and soft drinks during cruise
- Snacks and refreshments served daily in the Main Lounge

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