



CHARMS OF THE MEKONG

TOUR CODE 8CAAWCMEKG • 8 DAYS • HO CHI MINH CITY TO SIEM REAP • FROM CAD \$2999 PP

The lively city of Ho Chi Minh City provides the perfect start to your incredible journey through Vietnam and Cambodia. Cruise along the mighty Mekong, visiting rural villages, historic pagodas, local markets and a Buddhist monastery where you'll be treated to a special blessing by Monks. Get a glimpse into another era; one where people still happily honor the timeless traditions passed down through the centuries from their ancestors.

AMADARA SHIP AmaDara features spacious staterooms and suites all of which have private twin balconies. Public areas include two stylish restaurants, an inviting lounge, a fitness room, hair salon, three spas and a refreshing Sun Deck swimming pool. The stunning Saigon Lounge provides a wonderful place to meet fellow guests, and enjoy local entertainment. Savor authentic regional delicacies and Western cuisine in the main restaurant or dine at The Chef's Table specialty restaurant; and throughout your cruise, be treated to unlimited complimentary wine with lunch and dinner, as well as house brand spirits, local beer and soft drinks.

- DAY 01 HO CHI MINH CITY – EMBARKATION (B/L/D)
- DAY 02 CAI BE – SA DEC (B/L/D)
- DAY 03 TAN CHAU – BORDER CROSSING (B/L/D)
- DAY 04 PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA (B/L/D)
- DAY 05 PHNOM PENH – OKNHATEY VILLAGE (B/L/D)
- DAY 06 KAMPONG CHHNANG (B/L/D)
- DAY 07 KAMPONG TRALACH - OUDONG - KOH CHEN (B/L/D)
- DAY 08 PREK KDAM – DISEMBARKATION (B)

INCLUSIONS:

- 7 nights luxury accommodation in a twin-balcony stateroom
- Meals and beverages as outlined
- Sightseeing tours as indicated
- Welcome Cocktail and Dinner
- Unlimited wine with lunch and dinner
- Personal headset

EXCLUSIONS:

- Flights
- Taxes
- Visa fees (if applicable)
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Meals other than included meals onboard

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DAY 01 HO CHI MINH CITY – EMBARKATION (B/L/D)

Board the AmaDara at My Tho Port. Meet your fellow travelers at a Welcome Dinner as the ship cruises to Cai Be.

DAY 02 CAI BE – SA DEC (B/L/D)

Take a local boat to Cai Be. You will have an opportunity to visit candy and rice paper making workshops and the historic Kiet Old House. Later in the day, journey to Sa Dec, a sprawling town on the Mekong Delta, where French writer Marguerite Duras spent part of her youth. You will visit the local market, Cao Dai Temple and the house of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, Duras' Chinese paramour, which her prize-winning novel, "The Lover," is said to be based on.

DAY 03 TAN CHAU – BORDER CROSSING (B/L/D)

Enjoy a visit to Tan Chau, a small Mekong River town unspoiled by tourism. You will have the opportunity to take a traditional "xe-loi" (trishaw) ride around the town, with stops at silk-making and rattan mat workshops, followed by a boat ride through the narrow channels of the Mekong River to "Evergreen Island." Alternatively, simply take the boat ride to Evergreen Island and return to Tan Chau, where you will visit a rattan mat workshop. Later in the day, cruise from Vietnam to the Cambodian border en route to Phnom Penh.

DAY 04 PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA (B/L/D)

This morning's excursion takes you to Cambodia's infamous Killing Fields and the Khmer Rouge's grim Tuol Sleng S21 detention center (Genocide Museum) just outside the city. After lunch on board, you'll explore the highlights of the city, followed by a visit to 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.

DAY 05 PHNOM PENH – OKNHATEY VILLAGE (B/L/D)

Experience Phnom Penh via an authentic Tuk Tuk ride and be enchanted by the city's French Colonial architecture and tree-lined boulevards set amidst monumental Angkorian architecture. Alternatively, you may wish to shop for unique treasures at the bustling yellow-colored Central Market. Later in the morning, set sail for Oknhatey Village. Oknhatey is "Silk Island," located on the lush banks of the Mekong River and known for its rich tradition of silk weaving. While here, you'll visit a local elementary school and observe the traditional silk weaving of handicrafts. Afterwards, the ship set sail to Kampong Chhnang.

DAY 06 KAMPONG CHHNANG (B/L/D)

A local motorboat takes you into the lakeside wetlands that form the mouth of Tonle Sap River. Enjoy the stunning variety of bird life here as well as tranquil floating villages and its busy market. Later in the day, the ship sails to Kampong Tralach.

DAY 07 KAMPONG TRALACH - OUDONG - KOH CHEN (B/L/D)

In Kampong Tralach, you'll have a truly authentic excursion – an oxcart ride through a local village. Afterwards, you'll go to Oudong, Cambodia's former royal capital from the early 17th century until 1866. Today, Oudong is a place of pilgrimage for Cambodians. While here, be treated to a memorable Buddhist Blessing Ceremony at a monastery. During the afternoon, take a leisurely walk through Koh Chen and visit home workshops specializing in silver- and copper-smithing. You'll get an up-close view of how local artisans make ornamental items often used in traditional ceremonies.

DAY 08 PREK K DAM – DISEMBARKATION (B)

Your cruise comes to an end as you disembark at Prek Kdam, a small village on the Tonle River.

Note: We recommend that you schedule your onward flight to depart after 7:00pm today to avoid potential missed connections.

ADD PRE- OR POST-CRUISE LAND PACKAGE:

- 7-night cruise (no land program)
- 7-night cruise with 2 nights ho chi minh city pre-cruise and 2 nights siem reap, 2 nights hanoi, 1 night ha long bay, 1 night hanoi post-cruise.

