

Travelmarvel

Essential Vietnam and Cambodia

Siem Reap to Ho Chi Minh City

2020-21

From **\$3,995 AUD** pp

Trip Code: VTM12

 12 Days

 28 Meals

 2 Countries

Travel & Accommodation



All Balcony Suite Ship

Boasting colonial era style with a contemporary edge, expect elegant suites and attentive service on board your ship.



The Wonders of Angkor Wat

Discover World Heritage-listed Angkor Archaeological Park, finishing your day with a spectacular sunset over Angkor Wat.



The heart of Ho Chi Minh City

Located in the centre of the city and close to all major attractions, enjoy the modern design of Fusion Suites Saigon.

Trip Inclusions

- Four nights in premium accommodation
- Services of a Travelmarvel Tour Director and local guides
- International wine, local beer and spirits included with lunch and dinner on-board your Mekong River cruise
- Airport transfers, port charges and tipping
- Seven-night Mekong River cruise on the All Balcony Suite ship, the RV Apsara
- 28 delicious meals - 11 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 9 dinners
- Water, juice and soft drink included at all times during your Mekong River cruise

TRIP NOTES

- Itinerary and inclusions subject to change
- Flights to arrive into Siem Reap by 12 noon on Day 1 for afternoon touring
- Prices are for land/cruise only. Flights not included
- Prices include transfers, port charges and tipping
- Disruptions to cruising and itinerary may occur

Map & Itinerary



Insider Experiences

Designed exclusively for our guests

★ INSIDER EXPERIENCE

Enjoy an included special or unique excursion or event

DAY
1

Arrive Siem Reap, Angkor ★★

★ INSIDER EXPERIENCE

Visit Opportunities of Development thru Art (ODA) then unwind at the Shinta Mani Shack. An oasis of tranquillity, you'll relax amid the lush gardens and large swimming pool of your hotel.

★ INSIDER EXPERIENCE

Enjoy a Welcome Dinner and watch an Apsara dance.

Transfer to your hotel. This afternoon, travel to the temple of Ta Prohm.

Stay: Two Nights, Siem Reap, Shinta Mani Shack

Daily : ● Dinner

DAY
2

Angkor, Siem Reap

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

Daily : • Breakfast

DAY
3

Siem Reap, Embark Ship At Kampong Cham ★

★ INSIDER EXPERIENCE

This afternoon hop on a tuk tuk and explore the agricultural island of Koh Pen. Travel along the shaded lanes and past wooden stilted houses, tucked amongst palm and sandalwood trees.

Transfer to Kampong Cham to join your Mekong River Cruise.

Stay: Seven Nights, Mekong River, RV Apsara

Daily : • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY
4

Angkor Ban, Oknha Tey

Enjoy an immersive tour of Angkor Ban on a walking tour. Return to your ship and continue sailing towards Oknha Tey. Disembark and board a local tuk tuk for a village tour. Leave your local transport and continue on foot for a more in-depth exploration of the village.

Daily : • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY
5

Oudong, Phnom Penh ★

★ INSIDER EXPERIENCE

Visit a Buddhist monastery where you will have the opportunity to partake in a Buddhist blessing ceremony.

Cruise to Phnom Penh then travel by coach to Oudong, the former capital of Cambodia. Afterwards, continue to Koh Chen and explore the open-air copperware workshops. This afternoon is free to explore or enjoy one of Travelmarvel's select experiences.

Daily : • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

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. Later, 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.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

DAY
7

Border Crossing, Tan Chau

Spend today on board as your ship cruises to the Vietnamese border. 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.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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, visit the fascinating local artisan workshops to learn more about the history of the craft.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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, who penned her best-selling novel, *The Lover*. After lunch, step aboard a local boat as it transfers you to Cai Be to see the French Gothic cathedral. 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.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

DAY
10

Disembark Ship, Cu Chi Tunnels, Ho Chi Minh City ★

★ INSIDER EXPERIENCE

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

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

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch

DAY
11

Ho Chi Minh City ★

★ INSIDER EXPERIENCE

Indulge in a Farewell Dinner at The Chopsticks Saigon tonight.

Explore Ho Chi Minh City at your leisure today. Perhaps take a fascinating history tour or see the sights on a city tour.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Dinner

DAY
12

Depart Ho Chi Minh City

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

Daily : ● Breakfast