

ESSENTIAL VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

Siem Reap to Ho Chi Minh City 12 Days | Two Countries

Siem Reap ■ Angkor ■ Mekong River
Phnom Penh ■ Ho Chi Minh City



YOUR HOLIDAY PRICE INCLUDES

- ✓ Four nights in premium accommodation
- ✓ Seven-night Mekong River cruise aboard the RV Apsara featuring all suite categories with balconies
- ✓ Services of a Travelmarvel Tour Director and local guides
- ✓ 28 meals – 11 breakfasts (B), 8 lunches (L) and 9 dinners (D)
- ✓ International wine, local beer and spirits included with lunch and dinner on board your Mekong River cruise
- ✓ Water, juice and soft drink included at all times during your Mekong River cruise
- ✓ Airport transfers, port charges and tipping

INSIDER EXPERIENCES ☆

- ☆ Relax at the stylish Shinta Mani Shack in Siem Reap
- ☆ Visit ODA, which supports local underprivileged children
- ☆ See an Apsara performance, a traditional Khmer dance
- ☆ Explore the agricultural Koh Pen Island by tuk tuk
- ☆ Receive a traditional Buddhist blessing by monks in Oudong
- ☆ Stay at the modern Fusion Suites Saigon
- ☆ Dine at The Chopsticks Saigon in Ho Chi Minh City

CRUISING HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Discover the art of copper jewellery making in Koh Chen
- ✓ Learn about the sobering history of Cambodia
- ✓ Embark on a rickshaw ride through Tan Chau

Day 1. Arrive Siem Reap, Angkor ☆

Transfer to your hotel. This afternoon, travel to the temple of Ta Prohm. Visit Opportunities of Development thru Art (ODA) and unwind at the Shinta Mani Shack. An oasis of tranquillity, you'll relax amid the lush gardens and large swimming pool of your hotel. Enjoy a Welcome Dinner and watch an Apsara dance.

Two Nights: Siem Reap, Shinta Mani Shack.

D

Day 2. Angkor, Siem Reap

This morning, tailor your day by choosing one of Travelmarvel's select experiences (see page 59). 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.

B

Day 3. Siem Reap, Embark Ship at Kampong Cham ☆

Transfer to Kampong Cham to join your Mekong River Cruise. 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.

Seven Nights: Mekong River, RV Apsara.

BLD

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. BLD

Day 5. Phnom Penh, Oudong ☆

Cruise to Phnom Penh then travel by coach to Oudong, the former capital of Cambodia. Visit a Buddhist monastery where you will have the opportunity to partake in a Buddhist blessing ceremony. 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 (see page 59). BLD

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. BLD



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. BLD

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. BLD

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. BLD

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 (see page 60). **Be close to the city's action at the modern Fusion Suites Saigon.** Two Nights: Ho Chi Minh City, Fusion Suites Saigon. BL

Day 11. Ho Chi Minh City ☆

Explore Ho Chi Minh City at your leisure today. Perhaps take a fascinating history tour or see the sights on a city tour (see page 58). **Indulge in a Farewell Dinner at The Chopsticks Saigon tonight.** BD

Day 12. Depart Ho Chi Minh City

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

EXECUTIVE PACKAGE

Upgrade your stay on your Mekong River cruise with a pampering experience. See page 59 for details and pricing.

FLY FREE*

See pages 26-27 for details

1. Ta Prohm is sure to captivate you

2020/21 Dates & Prices (A\$)

12 Days – Siem Reap to Ho Chi Minh City (VTM12)

2020 Per person, twin share	Standard Price
July 19 ^A , 26; Aug. 2 ^A , 9, 16 ^A , 23.	\$3,995
Aug. 30 ^A ; Sept. 6.	\$4,395
Sept. 13 ^A , 20, 27 ^A .	\$4,595
Oct. 4, 11 ^A , 18, 25 ^A .	\$4,795
Nov. 1, 8 ^A , 15.	\$4,995
2021 Per person, twin share	Standard Price
Jan. 10 ^A , 17, 24 ^A , 31; Feb. 7 ^A , 14, 21 ^A , 28.	\$4,995
Mar. 7 ^A , 14, 21 ^A , 28.	\$4,995

Solo travellers add from \$1,600, enquire for details. For Early Payment Discount terms and conditions see pages 26-27.

^AVariation to itinerary, Mekong River cruise operates in reverse, from Ho Chi Minh City to Siem Reap, and has 27 meals (VTMR12).

Cruise Upgrades – Mekong River Cruise

Prices are based on a Cat. C Deluxe Balcony Suite on the RV Apsara. See page 62 for deck plan. To upgrade, add per person:

Cat.	Stateroom Type	Twin Share	Solo Traveller
Cat. B	Deluxe Balcony Suite	\$195	\$295
Cat. B+	Deluxe Balcony Suite	\$495	\$745
Cat. A	Deluxe Balcony Suite	\$695	\$1,045
Sadec	Sadec Balcony Suite	\$1,495	\$2,995
Mekong	Mekong Suite	\$2,395	\$4,795

Trip Notes

Prices include transfers, port charges and tipping. Flights must arrive in Siem Reap by 12 noon on Day 1 for afternoon touring. Disruptions to cruising and itinerary may occur. See pages 64-65 for full terms and conditions.