

Vietnam & Cambodia

Including 7 Night Mekong River Cruise

With Trade Travel - Ex Brisbane

14 Days / 13 Nights - Fully Escorted

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Tour Departs: Saturday 19 October - Friday 01 November, 2024.



Day 1. Sat 19 Oct: Australia - Siem Reap *Flight details are subject to change due to any flight scheduling changes.*

Flight Details: SQ246 Brisbane - Singapore 2350/0545 (check-in for flight on 18 October)

Flight Details: SQ164 Singapore - Siem Reap 0845/0950 (subject to change)

Today we fly from Australia to **Siem Reap** via **Ho Chi Minh City**. We arrive this evening and are transferred to our hotel for check in and a good nights rest.

Overnight Siem Reap: Shinta Mani Angkor

Day 2. Sun 20 Oct: Siem Reap

Breakfast & Dinner

This morning is free to enjoy the shops, markets and nearby attractions at leisure. This afternoon we travel to the **temple of Ta Prohm**. Enjoy local flavours during our Welcome Dinner this evening.

Overnight Siem Reap: Shinta Mani Angkor

Day 3. Mon 21 Oct: Siem Reap

Breakfast & Dinner

Enjoy a free morning to explore or perhaps join a select optional tour. This afternoon we visit the remains of **Angkor Archaeological Park**, a long-standing tribute to the ancient Khmer Empire. Next we visit the **12th-century temple Bayon** before we cap off the day with a sunset over **Angkor Wat**.

Overnight Siem Reap: Shinta Mani Angkor

Day 4. Tue 22 Oct: Embark River Cruise at Kampong Cham

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today we transfer to Kampong Cham to embark on our 7 night Mekong River cruise. This afternoon we 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.

Overnight Mekong River: RV Apsara

Day 5. Wed 23 Oct: Angkor Ban - Oknha Tey

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Enjoy an immersive tour of **Angkor Ban** on a walking tour. We will then rejoin our ship and continue sailing towards Oknha Tey. Upon arrival we disembark and board a local **tuk tuk for a village tour**. Leaving our local transport we continue on foot for a more in-depth exploration of the village. We will then continue cruising and make our way towards Phnom Penh, the capital city of Cambodia.

Overnight Mekong River: RV Apsara

Day 6. Thur 24 Oct: Phnom Penh - Oudong

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Arriving in **Phnom Penh** we disembark and travel by coach to **Oudong**, the former capital of Cambodia. We then continue to **Koh Chen** and explore the open-air **copperware workshops**. This afternoon is free to explore or enjoy a select experience.

Overnight Mekong River: RV Apsara

Day 7. Fri 25 Oct: Phnom Penh**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

Today we explore the Killing Fields and the **Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum**, which recalls one of the darkest moments of the 20th century. Later, we a tour takes us to visit the **Royal Palace**. We also 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.

Overnight Mekong River: RV Apsara**Day 8. Sat 26 Oct: Border Crossing - Tan Chau****Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

Spend today on board as our ship cruises to the Vietnamese border. This afternoon, can be spent watching a **fruit-carving demonstration** by the ship's chef while border formalities are carried out and we cross into Vietnam. Our ship cruises towards the small Vietnamese town of **Tan Chau**.

Overnight Mekong River: RV Apsara**Day 9. Sun 27 Oct: Tan Chau - Sa Dec****Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

After breakfast, we transfer to a small boat and travel along the Mekong's tiny tributaries, observing the stilt house villages. Here, 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.

Overnight Mekong River: RV Apsara**Day 10. Mon 28 Oct: Sa Dec - Cai Be****Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

Take a boat ride to the charming colonial town of **Sa Dec** for a tour. Visit the **former home of Huynh Thuy Le**. Here Le's one-time lover, French writer Marguerite Duras penned her best-selling novel, *The Lover*, about their affair. After lunch, a local boat takes us to the town of **Cai Be**. Go ashore to see the **French Gothic cathedral** and visit a **local rice paper manufacturer** to learn how rice paper is made. After, we visit a **coconut candy factory** to see how the local sweet is created. We return to the ship and enjoy a final dinner on board.

Overnight Mekong River: RV Apsara**Day 11. Tue 29 Oct: Disembark Ship - Cu Chi Tunnels - Ho Chi Minh City****Breakfast & Lunch**

This morning we disembark at My Tho Port and travel by coach to the **Cu Chi Tunnels**, a tunnel network built by Vietnamese resistance fighters during the Vietnam War. For dinner this evening, we may like to choose one of the nearby local restaurants.

Overnight Ho Chi Minh City: Le Meridien Saigon**Day 12. Wed 30 Oct: Ho Chi Minh City****Breakfast & Dinner**

Today is at leisure to explore **Ho Chi Minh City**. Perhaps take a fascinating history tour or see the sights on a city tour by choosing an optional select experience. Tonight enjoy a delicious Farewell Dinner.

Overnight Ho Chi Minh City: Le Meridien Saigon**Day 13. Thur 31 Oct: Ho Chi Minh City - Australia****Breakfast**

After breakfast, optional touring is available for those that wish to explore more before our late afternoon transfer to the airport for our flight back to Australia.

Flight Details: SQ185 Ho Chi Minh - Singapore 1950/2255 (subject to change)**Flight Details: SQ255 Singapore - Brisbane 0055/1045*****Please note that flight details are subject to any flight scheduling changes.*****Day 14. Fri 01 Nov: Arrive Australia**

Arriving home today we farewell our fellow travellers whilst taking away with us the most memorable experiences after our wonderful 2 week tour of Vietnam & Cambodia with Trade Travel.



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Mekong River Cruise

Tour Highlights & Inclusions

Tour Highlights: Temple of Ta Prohm; Angkor Archaeological Park; 12th-Century Temple Bayon; Sunset at Angkor Wat; 7 Night Mekong River Cruise; Walking Tour of Angkor Ban; Village Tour of Oknha Tey; Koh Chen Open-air Copperware Workshop; Phnom Penh - Killing Fields & Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum; Royal Palace & Emerald Buddha; Rickshaw Tour of Tan Chau - Largest Silk-weaving Centres of Vietnam; Sa Dec Tour - Visit former home of Huynh Thuy Le; Cai Be - Visit the French Gothic Cathedral; Visit Local Rice Paper Manufacturer & Coconut Candy Factory; Cu Chi Tunnels; Ho Chi Minh City and more.

Tour Price Includes:

- Trade Travel Tour Host
- Return economy International flights Australia - Ho Chi Minh - Siem Reap & Ho Chi Minh - Australia
- 7 Night Mekong River Cruise aboard RV Apsara - Cabin category strictly limited & subject to availability at time of booking (please see below)
- 5 Nights quality hotel accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (30 Meals)
- All transfers, excursion, entry fees & sightseeing as per itinerary - bottled water included
- English speaking guides as per the itinerary
- Gratuities for Tour Guide/Driver and Porterage

Tour Price Excludes:

- Travel insurance
- Vietnam \$30USD & Cambodia Visa \$30USD - final details to be provided with final payment.
- Any other expense which is not mentioned in inclusions (gratuities for other providers whilst on tour)

Tour Cost Ex Brisbane

Category C: \$9198.00 per person Twin Share

Category B: \$9443.00 per person Twin Share

Category B+: \$9743.00 per person Twin Share

Category A: \$9943.00 per person Twin Share

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+All applicable airport taxes, fuel surcharges & fees associated with the airlines of approx \$305.00

A minimum number of 20 passengers is required for this tour to proceed.

Please note: Flights are subject to confirmation/change and price increases at any time.

We wish to advise that all pricing for International Travel is subject to tax, surcharges, fuel increases and currency fluctuations. It may be necessary to make adjustments to the pricing during the course of the tour booking, at ticketing and at the final payment deadline to ensure these currency changes are allowed for in the pricing.

Please note that itinerary is subject to change without notice.



Cruise Map



Deposit: A deposit of **\$1250.00** per person is due on booking to secure your place on this tour, along with completed & signed booking form! ***Don't miss out, spaces are limited!***
(Deposits are non refundable at time of booking)

Final Payment: Due no later than **Friday 7 June, 2024.**

****EARLY BIRD OFFERS - BOOK NOW****

Book & Deposit by **31 May, 2024** for an additional \$1200pp discount.

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