

## Full Itinerary & Trip Details



Embark on a land journey to the pre-Angkorian temple of Wat Hanchey, visit Wat Nokor

Discover beautiful landscapes along the river and observe the typical Mekong Delta rural life

Visit the dazzling white and gold edifice of the Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda,



and witness exceptionally beautiful Khmer craft

## Trip Overview

With Jayavarman cruise 8 day tour, you have chance to enjoy an exciting experience and discover the lost civilization along the Mekong River from Vietnam to Cambodia. Besides, It is very interesting to enjoy beautiful landscapes along the river, observe the typical Mekong Delta rural life, experience an adventurous motorboat excursion to the wetlands, floating houses and fish farms in Kampong Chhnang.



## What you'll get



**DURATION**

8 days 7 nights

**PRICE STARTING FROM**

US\$ 2,143

**STARTS IN / ENDS IN**

Siem Reap / Ho Chi Minh City

**SUITABLE**

Family, Friends, Honey moon couple

**Transportation**

Shuttle bus

**PRODUCT CODE**

T30JAY14

**MEALS**

8 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 7 Dinners

**ACCOMMODATION**

Cruise Cabin

**TYPE**

Cruise tour

## Price Includes

- Entrance fees, transportation
- Taxes, fuel, river pilots, port dues
- English speaking tour guide services
- All cruises include group shore-excursions
- Phnom Penh port tax per passenger of 65 USD
- Fruit juices are included in addition during breakfast
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- Meals as indicated in itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Transfers in Saigon and Siem Reap from/to the meeting point to/from embarkation/disembarkation point or vice versa

## Price Excludes

- Fuel surcharges if any (see terms and conditions)
- Crew gratuities (8 USD per passenger/day are recommended)
- Cambodian Visa (available on Upstream cruise only/37 USD)
- Peak season surcharge at 173 USD per person for all cruises falling on New Year's Eve and/or Christmas

## Cancellation by Customer

For almost of our tours, once tour is confirmed and fully paid but for one reason they cancel the tour, the following charges will apply in the event of cancellation prior to tour commencement:

- More than 45 days prior to trip departure: No charge (Full refund will be made but transaction fee will be paid by you).



- 30-45 days before arrival: 10% of total tour price.
- 15-29 days before arrival: 50% of total tour price.
- 7-14 days before arrival: 75% of total tour price.
- Within 7 days before arrival: 100% tour price.

Note:

- The above fees are subject to an added bank transaction fee.
- There will be no refund given for any unused or missed ground arrangements, sightseeing, meals or hotel accommodations.
- For no show cases, there will be no refund.
- All cancellations must be in person or in writing and received by us

## Cancellation by Weather

In case of an unexpected situation/ bad weather causes an effect on your trip after commencement, we serve the right to change the itinerary of your booked tour for the safety of all clients in the group. If there are more than one solution, we will ask for your permission and agreement to do the next step. In such kind of cancellation, the refund of any payment on the un-used portion of transportation service, hotel service, car rental or tours will be given.

## Itineraries

### Day 1: Siem Reap - Kampong Chnang

At **8:00am**, we gather at the meeting point and join a transfer to Kampong Cham on the Mekong River. We get to munch on snacks and enjoy cold drinks along the journey. We stop briefly at Skon, known as Spiderville for its fried spiders, a delicacy



in this country. In the early afternoon we will embark the ship in Kampong Cham followed by a welcome drink.

Later that evening, we meet and greet our fellow passengers, our brothers-in-arms in our soon-to-be matchless experience at a briefing at the Lounge. This is followed by a welcome dinner at the Dining Hall. Overnight in Kampong Cham.

Meals: B, D

Accommodation: Jayavarman Cruise

## Day 2: Kampong Cham - Wat Hanchey

We will wake up in the small hours of the morning, truly energized to embark on a land journey to the pre-Angkorian temple of Wat Hanchey. Travelers either take a motor-taxi or climb the 291 steps to the top. Located at the top of a hill overlooking the river, it offers one of the most breath-taking views in Cambodia. Built in the 8th century, this ancient structure, together with a bigger and newer addition underscores the superb architecture of the Chenla Empire which predates the mighty Angkor temple complex. We even get to engage in light banter with some of the monks in the area. We will return to the ship to witness a blessing ceremony performed by orange-clad local monks.

When the tide allows, we will enjoy a surprise sojourn in our zodiacs (inflatable boats) to the nearby bank to swim in the tea-coloured Mekong river, an experience that will, no doubt, dominate dinner conversations in the weeks to come. We will then cruise towards Kampong Cham to visit Wat Nokor, a wat built within the ruins of an ancient temple which holds a timeless story. On the way back to the ship, we will visit an orphanage. Along the way, we will have to maneuver a 2-kilometer rickety bamboo bridge. Our sense of balance lies in the balance!

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Jayavarman Cruise

### Day 3: Kampong Cham

Kampong Chhnang is a busy rural port town with bustling markets and boisterous children who wave and greet us as we arrive on ship. We will take a short bus trip to see the Khmer-styled pottery at the Aundaung Russey village. Followed by a rugged motor boat excursion into the wetlands that form the mouth of the river. Of considerable interest are the great fish traps, some half a kilometer long, which net a gargantuan amount of fish after each monsoon rain as the trawl migrate from the falling lake to the Tonle Sap.

The afternoon cruise continues with a languid meander along the Tonle Sap, which narrows through leafy swaths of the Southeast Asian jungle. Here, the river is very narrow and we are greeted by kids waving enthusiastically at us from the banks.

We then return to the ship for lunch whilst cruising the narrow and meandering Tonle Sap. We will cruise toward Prek K'dam where we will take a walk through the silversmith village of Koh Chen where the entire community of villagers is involved in making various silver items for sale.

Dinner awaits at Dining Hall while the ship cruises to Phnom Penh.

Meals: B, L, D

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### Day 4: Phnom Penh

Phnom Penh was once the Paris of the East. Despite its rapid development, it has retained a lot of its rustic charm and elegance. After breakfast, we will be captivated by a comprehensive lecture on Cambodia's modern history. This will be followed by a city tour of this dynamic, historical capital city of Cambodia which has managed to preserve huge slices of its French colonial allure. Sightseeing in the morning will





include visiting the dazzling white and gold edifice of the Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda, and witnessing exceptionally beautiful Khmer craft at the National Museum. After lunch at a local restaurant, we will visit the Genocide museum and the Killing Field in town. Be prepared to be heart wrenched by this stark reminder of the genocide that transpired during Cambodia's Khmer Rouge regime.

We go back to the ship after our museum visit. Take a rest on your cabin balcony or the lounge and get prepared for any exciting evening event. The evening starts with a variety of cocktail served on the sun deck. Take a seat and enjoy the following Apsara dance performance. Experience the brilliance and richness of this culture, the soothing sounds of traditional music, the calming scent of incense sticks and a barbeque on the sundeck. It is indeed a truly marvelous experience, dining in the open with the stars and the moon as our companions.

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Jayavarman Cruise

## **Day 5: Phnom Penh - Border Crossing - Tan Chau**

Start new day with Tai Chi at the sun deck with fresh tea and coffee be ready to serve

At **9 am**, we will be captivated by a comprehensive lecture on Cambodia's modern history

The cruise liner then sets sail for a lazy day of cruising along the main Mekong Channel. As this is an international shipping route, you will witness large commercial ships plying this route. Lunch will be served on boat. Later, in the afternoon, we set off to the Vietnamese border for the requisite cross border paperwork. As the process tends to take some time, we bask in the glow of the afternoon sun on the sun deck, pamper ourselves silly at the Spa, or sharpen our culinary skills with the Heritage Line's Cambodian and Vietnamese cuisine cooking class. The ship moors midstream overnight in Tan Chau

\* Note: Cruising to Tan Chau is depending on water condition.





## Accommodation: Jayavarman Cruise

Welcome to the fish sanctuary of Vietnam. Begin your day with a hearty breakfast at the Dining Hall or in the quiet sanctuary of your balcony. Brace yourself on local vehicles called “xelo” to explore Tan Chau, a pleasant town near the Cambodian border. We will also visit the colorful local market near an ancient temple. This is followed by a trip to the quay, where we will be feted to a boat excursion to the floating villages and rustic catfish farms trip to the quay, where we will be feted to a boat excursion to the floating fish farm. Then, we will be back to the ship for a lunch. In the mid-afternoon, we will set off for My An Hung Village. Passengers walk to the family house through the vegetable garden to see the boat building yard and canals. We will cross a monkey bridge and see seasonal vegetable fields. Then gather at the family’s house to taste tea with honey with local delicacies and fruits before back to the Ship to set off for Sa Dec in the late afternoon. Overnight in Sa Dec.

## Accommodation: Jayavarman Cruise

In the morning we embark a traditional sampan\* to tour Binh Thanh Island and its man-made canals. Here, every villager is involved in the process of growing and processing water hyacinths into natural fiber floor mats and rattan baskets.



After lunch on board, the ship arrives in Cai Be. The tour starts with a visit to Cai Be's boisterous and colorful floating market where traders gather in a cacophonous congregation. During the languid ride, we discover breathtaking landscapes along the river and quaff the rustic life on the Mekong Delta.

The evergreen islands along the Mekong River remain unknown to many people. The cruise will halt intermittently to allow us to observe how rice paste, rice cookies, and coconut candies are made, along with the Longan fruit drying process. After touring the canals, we head to an ancient house surrounded by fruit orchards before heading to the ship for dinner.

We then board the Ship for a tranquil evening cruise towards My Tho. A wonderful farewell party awaits us on the cruise.

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Jayavarman Cruise

## Day 8: My Tho - Ho Chi Minh

Our cruise on the magnificent cruiser comes to an end as the ship winds its way to My Tho, approximately 70km south of Saigon on the upper Mekong river in Vietnam. We bid farewell to the cruise as our journey comes to a close. But the memories - and the friendships made on board - linger on for a lot longer.

We disembark at around **8:30 am** and we join the transfer to the madding crowd of Saigon. Drop off at the meeting point in Saigon.

Meals: B

Accommodation: N/A

## 4 Reviews





**Really amazing experience**

30 Jun 2018

Don't really understand the other recent reviews, we had a really nice time with a very sweet guide, we took the tour from Siem Reap and travelled across the lake to get to the flooded forest and then the floating town. Sure the crocodile farm is not to our taste but you don't have to stay there at all (!?) then you go to the Tara boat for endless cold drinks with hammocks and beautiful sunset views and a buffet. Really nice (different) way to spend your time in Siem Reap. Really enjoyed it.



**Wonderful trip!!!**

17 Apr 2018

fine ship, large stateroom, spacious bath, quite, very friendly staff, interesting scenery, very smart and interesting land excursion programs included too little sailing, too few hours real cruising on the water; more Km covered by bus than on board; ugly mooring sites (dirty, noisy, unpleasant view); food does not meet 5 stars expectation



**Birthday party fun**

29 Jan 2018

Did this experience for a birthday celebration with friends. Lots of fun, with good food and lots of free-flow drinks. Very interesting to see the floating villages but I did feel that I was imposing somewhat on their lives. We had a fantastic time and the sunset was beautiful.



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**"Great better than we expected."**

30 Aug 2017

our trip was great better than we expected. We could not fault anything the quality of the ship the staff the food and the excursions were all tops. We will certainly recommend you and the cruise to our friends.

## 24/7 Customer Support

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