

VIETNAM, CAMBODIA & THAILAND RIVER CRUISE & TOUR



EXCLUSIVE FULL SHIP CHARTER
MARCH 12 - APRIL 1, 2025



DAILY ITINERARY (B) BREAKFAST (L) LUNCH (D) DINNER



INDICATES ADDED UNIQUE TOUR

Tour Choices:

There will be days when you will have the option to choose your tour! There are three different tour types.



Active



Classic



Discovery

March 12th, 2025

Today your journey begins. Fly to Hanoi overnight

DAY 1: March 14th

Welcome to Hanoi, Vietnam

Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel. The rest of your day in Hanoi is free to explore at your leisure.

DAY 2: March 15th

Hanoi

This morning, your Guided Sightseeing takes a look at the life of Ho Chi Minh, the father of modern Vietnam. First, visit the mausoleum and the humble cottage from which “Uncle Ho” ruled Vietnam until his death in 1969. Next on the agenda: One Pillar Pagoda, the Presidential Palace, and the infamous “Hanoi Hilton.” Also visit the ancient Temple of Literature, over 900 years old and Hanoi’s first university.

Lunch is at Koto, a non-profit restaurant and hospitality program that teaches local street children restaurant skills for more stable employment opportunities. After lunch, enjoy an electric-cart ride through the fascinating Old Quarter, with 36 ancient streets where merchants trade as they have for centuries. An early dinner this evening is followed by a fascinating performance of Hanoi’s renowned water puppets, a traditional art form dating back to the 11th century. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 3: March 16th

Hanoi – Ha Long Bay

Travel from Hanoi through the fertile countryside to Hon Gai, gateway to Ha Long Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Located in the Gulf of Tonkin, the bay is dotted with more than 3,000 limestone islands carved into fanciful shapes by the action of the water.

Tunnels, caves, and weirdly shaped outcroppings with imaginative names can be found on many of the small islets sprinkled across the bay. Board a Cruise Excursion to explore the caves, and admire the beauty and scale before stopping at one of the many secluded bays. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 4: March 17th

Ha Long Bay – Hanoi – Ho Chi Minh City

This morning, drive to Hanoi and board your flight for Ho Chi Minh City. The rest of your day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 5: March 18th

Ho Chi Minh City

Motorbikes, Monuments, and Mouthwatering Cuisine



CLASSIC

Take a Walking Tour of Ho Chi Minh City's historic landmarks, including a stop at the Rex Hotel for a refreshing drink at the rooftop bar where the U.S. Military held the infamous "Five O'Clock Follies" during the war. Then visit the War Remnants Museum and bustling Ben Thanh Market.



DISCOVERY

For lunch, participate in a hands-on Vietnamese Cooking Class. Learn to prepare several local dishes and how to recreate them at home. Last, but not least, sample your delicious creations!

Explore the city further during free time this afternoon.

This evening join your traveling companions for a special welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 6: March 19th

Ho Chi Minh City – Excursion to Cu Chi Tunnels

Secret Passageways and Underground Hideouts



CLASSIC

Drive out of the city for a Guided Visit to the Cu Chi Tunnels—an extraordinary network of tunnels more than 120 miles in length—used as a hideout and secret village by the Viet Cong.

Enjoy free time this afternoon & evening. Consider stopping for a drink at the famous rooftop bar at the Caravelle Hotel. (B)

DAY 7: March 20th

Ho Chi Minh City

EMBARKATION

Your Suite Ship is Ready for Boarding

Transfer to the port on the Saigon River for embarkation. Get acquainted with the ship and relax before your welcome reception this evening.

AFTERNOON/EVENING CRUISE TO VINH LONG (B) (L) (D)

DAY 8: March 21st

Vinh Long – Cu Lao Gieng

Sweets, Sampans, and Sun Hats

Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.



DISCOVERY

Board a sampan this morning to visit a local workshop in Vinh Long where you will see how rice paper, rice wine, and traditional candies are made



DISCOVERY

This afternoon, enjoy scenes of daily life on Cu Lao Gieng Island via sampan and local motor cart. Your Guided Excursion starts at a local workshop, where a skilled family hand-crafts sampan boats. Then, visit the home of a local family that makes Vietnamese conical hats, or "Non la," from materials such as palm leaves and bamboo. These iconic hats are primarily used as protection from the sun and rain but you may also see them used as a basket to carry home goods from the market. Lastly, stop at one of Vietnam's oldest Catholic churches.

AFTERNOON/EVENING CRUISE TO CHAU DOC (B) (L) (D)

DAY 9: March 22nd

Chau Doc – Long Khanh A – Border Crossing, Cambodia

Colorful markets, Charming Locals, and Cotton Weavers



DISCOVERY

In Chau Doc take a Guided Walk through the local market and absorb the atmosphere as locals are busy buying and selling fish, meat, and produce. Then embark on a River Excursion down the backwaters of the Mekong. Along the way, see traditional floating homes, speedboat merchants, religious sites, a market selling dried goods, and more.



DISCOVERY

After lunch, a sampan brings you to the village of Long Khanh A for a Cotton-Weaving Demonstration of a well-preserved artisan's tradition.

Return to the ship to set sail for the Cambodian border.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO PHNOM PENH (B) (L) (D)

DAY 10: March 23rd

Phnom Penh

The Royal Treatment



CLASSIC

Take a City Tour by private cyclo to visit the Royal Palace with the spectacular Silver Pagoda, and the National Museum featuring an outstanding display of Khmer artifacts.

The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy the city at your leisure. Consider a Guided Optional Tour of a local brewery with free-flowing local beer! Just before dinner, children from a local orphanage will perform a show featuring local song and dance. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 11: March 24th

Phnom Penh

A Dark History or Market Dynamics



DISCOVERY

Visit the lively Central Market by tuk-tuk to see its unique Art Deco design. **OR:**



CLASSIC

This morning, a Guided Visit of the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum and one of the Killing Fields offers a glimpse into the atrocities inflicted on the Cambodian people by the Khmer Rouge regime.

After lunch, depart Phnom Penh and enjoy some time at leisure on the ship.

AFTERNOON/EVENING CRUISE TO WAT HANCHEY (B) (L) (D)

DAY 12: March 25th

Wat Hanchey – Angkor Ban

Water Blessings and Back to School Adventures



DISCOVERY

Visit Wat Hanchey, a hilltop temple dating back to the 8th century. Climb or be driven to the top where you will enjoy stunning views of the surrounding area and partake in a traditional water blessing given by local monks.



DISCOVERY

After lunch, enjoy a Walking Tour through the rural village of Angkor Ban. Here, you will visit a traditional Khmer house and interact with children at a local school.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO KONPONG LOUANG (B) (L) (D)

DAY 13: March 26th

Konpong Louang – Kampong Tralach

Calm in the Cambodian Countryside



DISCOVERY

Start your Guided Sightseeing at the silversmith village in Konpong Louang. Here, see talented craftsmen use age-old techniques to turn pure silver into works of art. In Kampong Tralach board an ox cart for a ride through the beautiful Cambodian countryside. Along the way, stop to meet a local farmer and learn about his daily life.

This afternoon, enjoy scenic cruising on the Tonle River.

EVENING CRUISE TO PHNOM PENH (B) (L) (D)

DAY 14: March 27th

Phnom Penh – Siem Reap

DISEMBARKATION

A Pilgrimage of Inspirational Beauty

Fly to Siem Reap, home to the Temples of Angkor, considered by many to be the most spectacular architectural ruins on Earth!



CLASSIC

After lunch, begin your Sightseeing Tour by tuk-tuk to explore the temples. Start at the best preserved and most famous of all the temples: Angkor Wat. Featuring five trademark towers, it is the symbol of Cambodia. Then, visit Angkor Thom, where you will explore Bayon Temple with its 200 striking faces carved in 54 towers and impressive bas-relief sculptures, **OR:**



ACTIVE

Visit Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom, and Bayon Temple by bike. The evening is yours to explore charming Siem Reap, stay to witness the sunset at Angkor Wat, or consider a Guided Optional Excursion to the Cambodian circus. (B) (L)

DAY 15: March 28th **Siem Reap**

Roots Carved in Stone and Celebrated in Dance



CLASSIC

Continue your Guided Sightseeing of the Angkor Temples at Ta Prohm. Tree roots cover the ruin walls, allowing you to experience the temple with the same wonder as early explorers. Then visit Banteay Srei, a unique temple built on a small scale from red sandstone, which can be carved like wood. En route stop at a local village famous for making Khmer noodles by hand.

Spend the afternoon at your leisure. You may choose a Guided Optional Excursion to further explore Siem Reap or the temple complex by tuk-tuk.



DISCOVERY

This evening, a private Apsara Dance Performance brings ancient Khmer culture to life through music, song, and dance. (B) (D)

DAY 16: March 29th **Siem Reap – Bangkok**

This morning, fly to Bangkok. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. (B)

DAY 17: March 30th **Bangkok**

This morning, your Guided Sightseeing begins with a boat ride on the klongs, Bangkok's famous canals. Stop at the stunning Grand Palace featuring the Temple of the Emerald Buddha. Also, Visit the Temple of the Reclining Buddha, the oldest and largest Buddhist temple in Bangkok. It houses more than 1,000 Buddha images, including the 49-foot-high and 151-foot-long massive Reclining Buddha. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. (B) (L)

DAY 18: March 31st **Bangkok**

Enjoy a full day at your leisure. (B)

DAY 19: April 1st **Bangkok**

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. You'll be transferred to the airport for your flight back to Canada (B)

**Daily itinerary is subject to change*

