

## Cambodia & Vietnam Cruise

Depart Cairns 4th October at 10.55AM arrive Singapore 3.25PM – Silk air

Accommodation: Peninsular/Excelsior IN: 4th October OUT: 5th October

Depart Singapore 5th October at 8.30AM arrive Siem Reap 9.50AM – Silk air

Commence the following tour in Siem Reap on the 5th October and ending in HO Chi Minh on the 14th October

### **Day 1: Siem Reap**

Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included.

There are no activities planned until an evening welcome meeting.

Arrival Day and Welcome Meeting

1h18:00

The adventure begins tonight. Feel free to explore before your welcome meeting, but make sure you're back in time to meet the group. After introductions, your CEO will review the details of your tour. Please note that normal check-in times apply at our start hotels, but you can usually store your luggage for the day if you arrive early.

Accommodation - Royal Angkor Resort (or similar) Hotel

### **Day 2: Siem Reap/Chnok Tru**

Visit Angkor Wat at sunrise and continue exploring with a local guide. Enjoy lunch at the G Adventures-supported New Hope project. Embark after lunch and settle in as the crew set sail for Chnok Tru.

Start early today with a 4:30am departure for Angkor Wat to watch the sunrise. Return to the hotel for breakfast before exploring more of the temples. Enjoy lunch at New Hope, a G Adventures-supported project. Embark around 2:30pm.

Once on board, enjoy a welcome beverage and get to know the crew during an informational meeting.

If there is inclement weather, or when water levels are too low (possible from mid December to mid August) it may not be possible to embark at the port in Siem Reap. Alternatively, the group will transfer from Siem Reap to Koh Chen by bus and embark at Koh Chen at approximately 6:30pm.

Angkor Wat Guided Tour

Angkor Wat

Enjoy a tour of impressive ancient ruins with a local professional guide. Wake early to watch the sun rise over the magnificent Angkor Wat temple. Visit the enigmatic faces of Bayon within the walled city of Angkor Thom, and tour Ta Prohm (aka the "Tomb Raider" temple), which is slowly being swallowed by the jungle.

### G Adventures for Good: New Hope Vocational Training Restaurant

Enjoy a traditional meal of Khmer food at the New Hope Vocational Training Restaurant, an initiative kickstarted by G Adventures. Providing skill-building opportunities to marginalized community members, the project also funds the adjacent free community school and health centre.

Visit the restaurant run by locals and see how the New Hope project has supported positive change in the community.

### Riverboat Welcome Meeting

Welcome aboard! It's time to meet the crew and get some information about the cruise.

### Toum Tiou II Riverboat

### Siem Reap – Chnok Tru

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

### **Day 3: Chnok Tru/Kampong Chhnang**

Visit one of the biggest floating villages on the Tonle Sap River, Chnok Tru, before continuing on to Kampong Chhnang. Learn more about the fish farming, pottery, and sugar palm production in the area. Wander through the local market then opt to cycle to visit the local industries.

After the day's excursions, enjoy dinner on board and relax as the riverboat drops anchor for the night.

When water levels are too low (possible from mid December to mid August) it may not be possible to visit the floating village at Chnok Tru. Alternatively, the group will visit a floating village at Kampong Chhnang and anchor near Koh Chen.

### Floating Village Visit

### Chnok Tru

Hop in a local boat to visit one of the largest floating villages on the river.

### Toum Tiou II Riverboat

### Chnok Tru – Kampong Chhnang

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

### Kampong Chhnang Visit

### Kampong Chhnang Afternoon

Located around 56 miles from Phnom Penh, the town of Kampong Chhnang is a very large fishing port on the Tonlé Sap. A lot of locals make a living from fish farming, a popular occupation in this area. Kampong Chhnang is also famous for its pottery ware, the style of which has not changed much for centuries and is distributed to the rest of the country. Wander through the local market, and head out to explore a family run brick factory to watch the process.

Continue to visit the locals and observe the process of hand making pottery. Before heading back to the riverboat, explore a sugar palm farm where the Thnot tree (sugar palm) that abounds in the area is used to create a mellow tasting, caramel coloured sugar sold in large cakes and palm wine.

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

#### **Day 4: Kampong Chhnang/Phnom Penh**

Arrive early at Kampong Tralach and visit the local vihara (Buddhist monastery) and Wat Kampong Tralach Leu pagoda. Opt to cycle, or ride in a tuk tuk or buffalo cart, through the village and past rice paddies to reach the monastery. Return to the vessel and continue on to Koh Chen, an island in the river. Visit silver and copper workshops and meet a Khmer Rouge survivor eager to tell his story.

Continue to the capital city of Phnom Penh. Take a cyclo tour past sights like Wat Phnom and the Grand Palace. Opt to finish up at the FCC for a happy hour cocktail overlooking the river or for dinner in town.

Toum Tiou II Riverboat  
Kampong Chhnang – Kâmpóng Trâlach

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Kampong Tralach Visit

Kâmpóng Trâlach 06:30-08:30 Morning

Arrive at Kampong Tralach and visit its wonderful Vihara (Buddhist Monastery) and Wat Kampong Tralach Leu pagoda. Travel through Kampong Tralach Krom village along a small road perpendicular to the river, crossing beautiful stretches of emerald rice paddies. The Vihara dates back to early last century and is home to some outstanding mural paintings.

Standing isolated in the middle of the rice fields, it is a modest pagoda that receives very few international visitors, enjoy this truly unique experience.

Toum Tiou II Riverboat

Kâmpóng Trâlach – Koh Chen

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Koh Chen Visit

Koh Chen 09:30-11:00 Morning

Visit the small town of Koh Chen. Wander through the streets and visit family run silver and copper workshops. Watch the craftsmen and learn about the process. If possible, meet a Khmer Rouge survivor eager to share his story.

Toum Tiou II Riverboat

Koh Chen – Phnom Penh

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.  
Phnom Penh Cyclo Tour

Phnom Penh 45m-1h

Settle in a traditional cyclo and depart from Wat Phnom. Tour busy streets to soak up the real vibe of the city. Pass the post office and Van's restaurant, both stunning colonial buildings, and make your way to the Royal Palace and National Museum. Go along the riverside road and take in the atmospheric cafes that line the street.  
Free Time

Phnom Penh Evening

Explore Cambodia's charming capital city.

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch

### **Day 5: Phnom Penh**

Spend the day exploring all this city has to offer. Start with guided visits to the S21 Museum and the Killing Fields. Enjoy free time to explore the National Museum, Grand Palace or Russian Market. In the evening, return to the boat for an Apsara show before departure.  
Tuol Sleng Museum (S-21 Prison) Guided Tour

Phnom Penh

Learn about the dark history and devastation that occurred at Security Prison 21 (S-21); the prison, used by the Khmer Rouge regime, is now Tuol Sleng Museum. Take a guided tour to hear the stories behind the sombre photos lining the museum walls.  
Choeung Ek (Killing Fields) Guided Tour

Phnom Penh

Learn more about the atrocities of the Khmer Rouge visiting the Killing Fields of Choeung Ek; the grounds now stand as a powerful memorial filled with victims' skulls and mass graves. Tour this sombre, yet serene, site with a guide.  
Free Time

Phnom Penh Afternoon

Discover more of this dynamic city.

Apsara Show

Phnom Penh

Sit back and enjoy a performance of traditional Khmer dance.

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Optional Activities - Day 5

Royal Palace

Phnom Penh

Visit the Royal Palace, a complex of buildings where the kings of Cambodia have resided since the 1860s (except for during the reign of the Khmer Rouge). Be sure to tour the Silver Pagoda compound and the central compound.

Russian Market

Phnom Penh

Visit the Russian Market for a selection of souvenir stalls along with jewellers and fabric sellers.

National Museum Visit

Phnom Penh

Wander the galleries of the National Museum to see amazing works of art from Cambodia's "golden age" of Angkor. Visit the museum's lovely courtyard before you leave.

Silver Pagoda Visit

Phnom Penh

Tour the Royal Palace complex to see the neighboring Silver Pagoda (aka the Temple of the Emerald Buddha). See the many magnificent treasures inside this beautiful vihara (Buddhist monastery), including its floor lined with more 5,000 tiles of silver.

Wat Phnom Visit

Phnom Penh

Visit Wat Phnom (Hill Temple) in late afternoon, a historic monument with lots of green space. Keep an eye on your food and belongings; cheeky monkeys like to get a hold of anything they can.

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner

### **Day 6: Phnom Penh/Sadek**

Cross the border into Vietnam. Opt to cycle, or stay on board, to Chau Doc from the checkpoint. Visit the Tra Su Bird Sanctuary and soak in the sunset from the top of Sam Mountain.

During border crossing all passengers must stay on board as formalities are done on the riverboat. The boat will usually stay at the border for 2-3 hrs whilst all formalities are completed. Depending on time spent at the border, the itinerary for the afternoon may vary. Although this process is usually quite simple, delays can occur.

Toum Tiou II Riverboat

Phnom Penh – Châu Đốc

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Border Crossing (Cambodia - Vietnam)

Ready for a little more ink in your passport? Grab your bags and get ready to check another country off your bucket list.

Tra Su Bird Sanctuary Visit

Châu Đốc

Visit the Tra Su Bird Sanctuary and explore first by power boat, followed by small local rowing boats. Take in the serene scenery and spot a wide array of birds.

Sam Mountain Sunset Visit

Châu Đốc

Travel to Sam Mountain by private vehicle and settle in to watch the sunset and enjoy views of the surrounding landscape.

Toum Tiou II Riverboat

Châu Đốc – Sadek

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner

### **Day 7: Sadek/Mỹ Tho**

Visit the Kien An Cung Pagoda in Sa Dec and take the time to stroll through the market along the river. View the old colonial houses by the delta. Continue on to Vinh Long. Learn about rice popping and opt to cycle small paths through the communities here. Continue to Cai Be by local boats and meet up with the vessel. Drop anchor tonight near Thoi Son Island.

Sa Dec Visit

Sadek 09:00-12:00 Morning

Stroll around the Sa Dec river bank and through the Sa Dec market. This small city of 30,000 inhabitants is fascinating due to its unspoiled authenticity and the fact it remains relatively undisturbed by tourists. It provides a glimpse of traditional life on the Mekong, complete with tree lined streets and fading colonial villas.

Toum Tiou II Riverboat

Sadek – Vĩnh Long

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Vinh Long Visit

Vĩnh Long – Cái Bè 14:30-18:30 Afternoon

Board local boats and explore Vinh Long. Learn about rice popping and opt to meander small paths through the communities here. Continue on to Cai Be by local boat and rejoin the riverboat.

Toum Tiou II Riverboat

Cái Bè – Mỹ Tho

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

### **Day: 8 Mỹ Tho**

Visit Vinh Trang Pagoda in the morning, catching a glimpse of My Tho town on the way. Cruise to Thoi Son Island by local boats for some local industry visits. Enjoy learning more about coconut product manufacturing and honey farming, with samples of honey and local fruit. Meet traditional musicians here. Opt for a local lunch on the island. Continue on to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) via the Cho Gao canal. Opt to cycle there instead. Enjoy a farewell cocktail on board before the Captain's dinner.

Vinh Trang Pagoda Visit

Mỹ Tho

Explore the buddhist temple of Vĩnh Tràng. Known for its enormous buddha statues and peaceful surroundings. The monks here maintain an ornate, gilded wood sanctuary, and tend to the impressive gardens.

Coconut Manufacturing Visit

Xã Thới Sơn

Take local boats to Thoi Son Island to see a coconut product manufacturer, taste some local fruit and honey and meet traditional musicians.

Toum Tiou II Riverboat

Mỹ Tho – Ho Chi Minh City

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner

### **Day 9: Mỹ Tho/Ho Chi Minh City**

Continue the final leg of the journey to Ho Chi Minh City. Arrive around 11am and disembark. Later, visit the Cu Chi Tunnels.

Toum Tiou II Riverboat

Mỹ Tho – Ho Chi Minh City

Hop aboard and float on to the next stop.

## Cu Chi Tunnels Guided Tour

### Củ Chi

Take a guided tour of the Cu Chi Tunnels, a complex network of tunnels that the Viet Cong lived in to protect themselves from opposing forces during the Vietnam War. Try crawling through some of the tunnels (if you're not claustrophobic). These tunnels stored ammunition, had underground hospitals, and served as a hidden base for attacking allied forces.

Accommodation

Continental Saigon Hotel (or similar)

Hotel

Meals included: Breakfast

### **Day 10: Ho Chi Minh City**

Depart at any time.

Departure Day

Not ready to leave? Your CEO can help with travel arrangements to extend your adventure.

Meals included: Breakfast

Depart Ho Chi Minh city on the 14th October at 7.40PM arrive Singapore 10.40PM – Singapore airlines

Depart Singapore 15th October at 1.10AM arrive Cairns 10.00AM – Silk air

Cost per person \$4,106\*pp and includes the following:

Airfares

Airport taxes

1 nights accommodation in Singapore

10 day tour including sightseeing as per itinerary, breakfast daily, 4 lunches and 6 dinners