

Mekong River from Saigon to Siem Reap & Bangkok

Trip Code: TP15MK

- √ 7 Nights Cruise, 6 Nights Hotel
- m 28 Meals
- Air Included

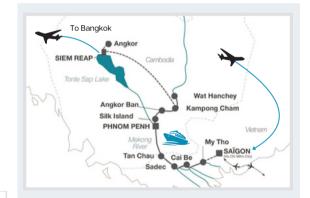
- Escorted Tour
- Shore Excursions
- Coach, Cruise
- Small Group (Avg. 26 pax)

WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

A complete Mekong River program to discover the natural beauty, intriguing history, friendly people, rich ethnic and cultural diversity, awe-inspiring temples, villages and world heritage sites unchanged for centuries. From dazzling religious sites like the richly-detailed Angkor Wat to timeless glimpses of everyday life along the Mekong River.

- ✓ Start from the heart and soul of Vietnam, the bustling city Ho Chi Minh City
- ✓ Discover the secret tunnel system of Cu Chi Tunnel.
- ✓ Visit the Cai Be floating market in Vietnam, where local vendors sell, and exchange goods directly from their boats.
- ✓ Experience local Vietnamese's life in local village in Tan Chau on a rickshaw ride.
- ✓ View the impressive Silver Pagoda on the grounds of the Royal Palace complex in
- ✓ Phnom Penh with its floor of over 5,000 shimmering silver tiles.
- ✓ Explore Silk Island in Cambodia and witness the intricate art of silk weaving and interacting with local students in a primary school.
- Capture the priceless moment of peaceful and majestic river ban bathed in morning light in the pristine area. And overlooking the river at an 12th century built authentic temple on top of the hill.
- ✓ Stand in awe at the architectural masterpiece of Angkor Temple Complex.

 Admire the mysterious Bayon Temple, replete with over 172 giant smiling stone faces and amazed by the romantic sunset.



Day 1: North America - Ho Chi Minh City

Day 2: Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City

Day 3: Ho Chi Minh city tour - Cu Chi Tunnel

Day 4: Ho Chi Minh City - My Tho in Mekong

Delta - Embarkation

Day 5: Cai be - Sa Dec

Day 6: Tan Chau - Border Crossing

Day 7: Phnom Penh

Day 8: Phnom Penh - Sik Island - Phnom Penh

Day 9: Angkor Ban

Day 10: Wat Hanchey - Kampong Cham

Day 11: Kampong Cham - Siem Reap

Disembarkation

Day 12: Siem Reap

Day 13: Siem Reap – Bangkok

Day 14: Bangkok

Day 15: Bangkok - North America



Ho Chi Minh City

Depart for Ho Chi Minh City from North America.

Day 2: Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City

Welcome to Vietnam's financial hub Ho Chi Minh City. Transfer to the hotel and have a good rest. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

Day 3: Ho Chi Minh city

After breakfast, participate in a guided tour in Ho Chi Minh City, which includes the palais reunification, neo-Romanesque Notre Dame Cathedral, the Central Post Office with its French style architecture, City Hall, the magnificent Saigon Opera House and Ben Thanh Market. Then return to hotel and free time for the rest of the day. In the afternoon, you may join the Optional Excursion to Cu Chi Tunnel (US\$60/person) This tunnel complex was dug in 1948 and 200 km long deep inside the earth for the guerrillas to hide from French air and around sweeps also serving as communication and supply routes during the Vietnam War.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City. Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4: Ho Chi Minh City - My Tho in Mekong Delta - Embarkation

This morning transfer to My Tho, en-route, we will stop at the Cholon Market and visit to a lacquer factory. Upon arrival in My Tho, embark the Mekong River Cruise RV La Marguerite. Lunch on board. Departure in the afternoon. Tonight, enjoy the welcome Dinner & traditional Music Show on board.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Arrival at Cai Be in the morning. After breakfast we take a morning junk trip around Cai Be to visit a floating market and ao ashore to see the French Gothic Cathedral. Take a stroll along the river bank and visit a local manufacturer producing rice paper, and coconut sweets. Return to the ship for lunch. Cruise past Vinh Long Province to arrive at Sa Dec for an afternoon walk. We see the house of Marauerite's Chinese Lover. The house is a small museum of « The Lover » in Sadec. Visit to a Caodaist Temple and stroll through the colorful local market.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6: Tan Chau - Border Crossing

Arrival at Tan Chau in the morning, a remote town on the main Mekona River. After breakfast, transfer on small boats to visit the village. A rickshaw ride round this fascinating town takes you back to the pier for lunch. Depart for the Cambodian border. Evening cruise up the broad Mekong River to Phnom Penh.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7: Phnom Penh

Arrival in Phnom Penh in the morning. The capital city of Cambodia still retains its old French colonial architecture in riverside streets. Visit the Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda. The National Museum is another highlight, with outstanding displays of Khmer crafts. Lunch on board. Afternoon excursion to the former High School « S21 », now the Tuol Sleng Museum, converted to a detention center under the Red Khmer's rule between 1975 and 1979.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8: Phnom Penh Silk Island

Early morning sailing from Phnom Penh to Silk Island. Visit this silk weaving village for a morning walk at leisure and a visit to the local workshop.

The excursion includes a visit to a Pagoda and a meeting in a primary school. We cruise past the Mekong's timeless villages and River life with extensive fishing activities. Return to Phnom Penh and visit to Wat Phnom Hill after which the city was named. Time at leisure in the city. In the evening, traditional Apsara dances show onboard.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9: Ankor Ban

Morning navigation on the Upper Mekong. Arrival at Anakor Ban in the morning. Overlooking the River Mekong, Angkor Ban offers a peaceful and majestic image of the river bathed in morning light in this still pristine area. Anakor Ban is one of the very few villages that has not been burned or destroyed during the Red Khmer period. It is a dive in intimate Cambodia, to the rhythm of its inhabitants. Visit of the village on stilts, discovery of traditional houses some of which are more than a century old. Back on board for further navigation to the north.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10: Wat Hanchey -Kampong Cham

Stop at Wat Hanchey in the morning and after breakfast, visit the pre-Angkorian temple located on top of a hill overlooking the Mekong. Dating back to the 8th century, its ancient brick structures characterize the architecture of the Chenla Empire, which preceded the glory of Angkor. Back on board for lunch. Continued navigation and arrival at Kampong Cham during lunch. In the afternoon, departure by bus to discover the temple of Wat Nokor. This twelfth century Buddhist temple built on the ruins of an ancient temple, is unique in Cambodia.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11: Kampong Cham -Siem Reap Disembarkation

Early morning, disembarkation and transfer to Siem Reap. Stop at the Kampong Kdei Bridge dating from the Angkorian period, built during the reign of Jayavarman VII and arrived in Siem Reap at lunch time. Disembarkation after breakfast and transfer to Siem Reap. Afternoon, free at leisure. Tonight, you may enjoy the Optional dinner at restaurant with Apsara Dance Performance (US\$49/person) Enjoy a unique and tranditional performance alongside the delicious Cambodian cuisine.

Day 12: Siem Reap

Today's Ankor Tour begin with Angkor Thom's imposing South Gate, topped with the four serenely smiling faces of Avalokiteshvara. Next, visit Bayon temple, the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King.

Then visit the jungle-entwined temple, Ta Prohm. In the afternoon, visit the magnificent Angkor Wat - the largest Khmer temple and finest example of Angkorian art and architecture. Enjoy sunset at Angkor Wat Temple before return hotel.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 13: Siem Reap – Bangkok

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Bangkok. Upon arrival, transfer to hotel, enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 14: Bangkok

Today is yours to explore Bangkok independently. Or, take the <u>Optional Floating market & Grand Palace Full Day Tour(US\$85/person)</u>. Travel to Damnoen Saduak floating market. Enjoy a long-tail boat riding to navigate through the canals surrounded by greenery.

Vendors on rowing boats will be offering local snacks, tropical fruits, and tasty dishes. It is great for photo opportunities. Lunch at local restaurant. Then, we travel to the Grand Palace and the temple of the Emerald Buddha. The revered figurine is made from a solid one piece of green jade. Return to the hotel and overnight.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 15: Bangkok - North America

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight.

Meal: Breakfast

Optional Tours

Optional Excursion to Cu Chi Tunnel	US\$60/p
Optional Apsara Dance Show with Dinner	US\$49/p
Floating market & Grand Palace Full Day Tour	US\$85/p

2024 Departure Date

Cabin Upgrade

Departure Date	Main Deck Deluxe Cabin with Porthole	Upper Deck Deluxe Cabin with Balcony	Panorama Deck Deluxe Cabin with Balcony
30-Sep	\$5,199	\$5,799	\$5,999
14-Oct	\$5,299	\$5,899	\$6,099
28-Oct	\$5,599	\$6,199	\$6,399
11-Nov	\$5,599	\$6,199	\$6,399
25-Nov	\$5,599	\$6,199	\$6,399

2025 Departure Date

Cabin Upgrade

Departure Date	Main Deck Deluxe Cabin with Porthole	Upper Deck Deluxe Cabin with Balcony	Panorama Deck Deluxe Cabin with Balcony
06-Jan	\$5,799	\$6,399	\$6,599
03-Feb	\$5,699	\$6,299	\$6,499
17-Feb	\$5,599	\$6,199	\$6,399
03-Mar	\$5,599	\$6,199	\$6,399
17-Mar	\$5,599	\$6,199	\$6,399
31-Mar	\$5,199	\$5,799	\$5,999

Price Notes

- Prices are per person based on twin share accommodation in Main Deck Deluxe Cabin.
- Land Only Price from: \$3,699
- Single room for supplement fee: 15 Days from \$2,599
- Add on airfare from other cities: Toronto from \$500, Calgary, Edmonton, Victoria from \$500, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City from \$600, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Halifax, St. John and other cities from \$600
- Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice.

Package Includes

- Return international airfares from Vancouver in economy class (Add-on \$500 for Toronto Departure)
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 6 nights 4 Star hotel accommodation
- 7 nights on the R/V La Marguerite
- Deluxe Mekong River Cruise in main deck deluxe cabin with porthole
- Entrance fees to scenic attractions as indicated
- Services of English-speaking tour guides
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern airconditioned motor coach
- All transportation in the destination
- Meals as indicated in the program
- Drinks on board La Marguerite: Mineral Water, non-alcoholic beverages, local beers and local wine during meals

Package Does Not Includes

- Visa fees
- Insurance of any kind
- · Gratuities: Prepaid tipping
- 15 Days: US\$168/person (includes gratuities for tour guides, drivers etc.)
- Personal expenditure such as laundry service, souvenirs and telephone calls
- Land Only Does not include airport transfers



The spacious and comfortable cabins are spread over four decks, all exterior. On the Main deck, 8 Deluxe cabins (20 m^2) have two non-openable portholes. The Upper and Panorama decks each have 16 and 14 Deluxe cabins (20 m^2) with windows and large bay windows opening onto balconies. The Sundeck features 6 Junior Suites (26 m^2) with windows and large bay windows opening onto balconies, and 2 Deluxe Suites (41 m^2) with windows and private terrace balconies.





Sun Deck & Pool





Restaurant





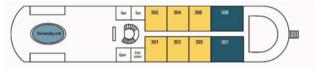
Main Deck Deluxe Cabin



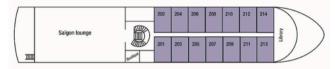


Upper/Panorama Deck Deluxe Cabin with Balcony

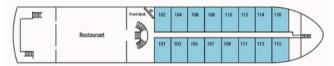
The R/V La Marguerite is one of the 5-star river cruises sailing on the Mekong, to take advantage of modernity and wide openings on the river. The common areas, including the panoramic restaurant and the Lounge Bar, give pride of place to a sober and cozy decoration promoting an impression of space and calm. The Sun Deck, equipped with lounge chairs and a small pool, is the favorite place for observation and relaxation. A fitness area and two massage parlors complete the facility.



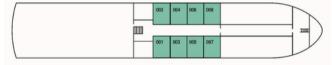
Sun Deck Junior Suite and Deluxe Suite with Balcony



Panorama Deck Deluxe Cabin with Balcony



Upper Deck Deluxe Cabin with Balcony



Main Deck Deluxe Cabin with porthole

Built: 2009
Flag: Vietnam
Length / Width: 71 m/ 12 m
Draft: 1.8 m
Gross tappage: 900 taps

Gross tonnage: 900 tons
Cruising speed: 10 knots
Electricity: 220 v.
Crews: 38

Capacity: 90 guests

Cabins: 45

Cabin Facilities:

- Air-conditioning
- Wardrobe
- Desk with Telephone
- Mini-bar
- Safe box
- Twin-beds
- Bathroom with shower & toliet
- Hair dryer