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*Enjoy a 7-Night River Cruise from Ho Chi Minh City to Phnom Penh with
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January 28 – February 16, 2027 • Tour Manager: Janie Tomihara

COUNTRIES: Vietnam, Cambodia & Thailand

RIVERS: Saigon River, Mekong River & Tonle River

CRUISE OVERVIEW: On this inspiring Southeast Asia river cruise through Vietnam and Cambodia, including stays in Hanoi, Ha Long Bay, and Bangkok, Thailand, you'll be immersed in the cultures and ancient traditions in the most fascinating places along the mighty Mekong River.

Experience Vietnamese culture with a tour of the captivating capital of Hanoi. Go on a cyclo ride through the ancient streets of the Old Quarter and enjoy a water puppet performance. In Ha Long Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, you'll cruise through its breathtaking limestone islands. Next, see the famous landmarks in Ho Chi Minh City and try your hand in the kitchen — Vietnamese-style, with a cooking class. On an excursion to the Cu Chi Tunnels, walk through a section of the immense underground tunnel system used during the Vietnam War.

Embark on your 7-night river cruise along the Mekong River and visit a vibrant market, the home of a local family making handcrafted sampans, and a workshop to learn how rice wine and traditional candies are made. In the capital of Cambodia, Phnom Penh, tour the National Museum and Royal Palace with its striking Silver Pagoda. On a hilltop at the site of the 8th century temple of Wat Hanchey, take in the stunning views before walking through the rural village of Angkor Ban to visit with welcoming schoolchildren. In Siem Reap, you'll see the phenomenal Temples of Angkor with an intricacy and architectural grandeur unmatched in the world. Visit famous Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom, and the grandeur of the Bayon temple featuring some 200 mysterious faces carved in its many towers.

Your Southeast Asia adventure concludes in enchanting Bangkok, Thailand, where you'll visit its most renowned temples, including the Temple of the Reclining Buddha — the oldest and largest of its kind. You'll also have plenty of leisure time to explore the "Venice of the East" — a perfect ending to this remarkable journey!

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Day 1: Thur, Jan 28 — HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu.

Day 2: Fri, Jan 29 — HANOI, VIETNAM. Welcome to Vietnam! After completing arrival formalities meet the transfer to the hotel. Your hotel rooms will not be available until the afternoon. Take free time today to explore Hanoi on your own. LOTTE HOTEL HANOI or Similar (2 Nights)

Day 3: Sat, Jan 30 — HANOI. This morning, **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 4: Sun, Jan 31 — 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 of this bay before stopping at one of the many secluded islands. Enjoy dinner at the hotel this evening. VINPEARL RESORT & SPA HA LONG or Similar (1 Night) (B, L, D)

Day 5: Mon, Feb 01 — HA LONG BAY — HANOI — HO CHI MINH CITY. This morning, drive to Hanoi and board your flight to **Ho Chi Minh City**. THE REVERIE SAIGON or Similar (3 Nights) (B)

Day 6: Tue, Feb 02 — HO CHI MINH CITY.

CLASSIC EXCURSION: 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 EXCURSION: 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 7: Wed, Feb 03 — HO CHI MINH CITY — EXCURSION TO CU CHI TUNNELS — HO CHI MINH CITY.

CLASSIC EXCURSION: 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. Explore these tunnels and learn what life was like living in these cramped spaces.

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

Day 8: Thur, Feb 04 — HO CHI MINH CITY — EMBARK AVALON SAIGON — CRUISE TO VINH LONG. Transfer to the port in the heart of Ho Chi Minh on the Saigon River for embarkation. Get acquainted with the ship and relax before your **welcome reception** this evening. Cruise to Vinh Long. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Fri, Feb 05 — VINH LONG — CU LAO GIENG — CRUISE TO CHAU DOC.

DISCOVERY EXCURSION: 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 EXCURSION: 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 available to them 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**.

Cruise to Chau Doc. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Sat, Feb 06 — CHAU DOC — LONG KHANH A — BORDER CROSSING, CAMBODIA — CRUISE TO PHNOM PENH.

DISCOVERY EXCURSION: 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 EXCURSION: 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. On board, we cross the border at Vinh Xuong International Land and River Border Gate in Vietnam and Kaam Samnor in Cambodia. Cruise to Phnom Penh this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Sun, Feb 07 — PHNOM PENH.

CLASSIC EXCURSION: Take a city tour of this Cambodian capital 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. Just before dinner, **children from a local orphanage** will **perform a show** featuring **local song and dance**. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Mon, Feb 08 — PHNOM PENH — CRUISE TO WAT HANCHEY.

CLASSIC EXCURSION: 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**, OR

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

After lunch, depart Phnom Penh and enjoy some time at leisure on the ship. Cruise to Wat Hanchey. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Tue, Feb 09 — WAT HANCHEY — ANGKOR BAN — CRUISE TO KONPONG LOUANG.

DISCOVERY EXCURSION: 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 EXCURSION: 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**.

Cruise to Konpong Louang. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Wed, Feb 10 — KONPONG LOUANG — KAMPONG TRALACH — CRUISE ON THE TONLE RIVER — CRUISE TO PHNOM PENH.

DISCOVERY EXCURSION: 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**. Cruise this evening to Phnom Penh. (B, L, D)



Day 15: Thur, Feb 11 — PHNOM PENH — DISEMBARK AVALON SAIGON — SIEM REAP. Disembark the Avalon Saigon. **Fly to Siem Reap**, home to the Temples of Angkor, considered by many to be the most spectacular architectural ruins on Earth!

CLASSIC EXCURSION: 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.

The evening is yours to explore charming Siem Reap, stay to witness the sunset at Angkor Wat. PARK HYATT SIEM REAP or Similar (2 Nights) (B, L)

Day 16: Fri, Feb 12 — SIEM REAP.

CLASSIC EXCURSION: 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**. Be sure to sample some of the freshly prepared noodles!

Spend the afternoon at your leisure.

DISCOVERY EXCURSION: This evening, enjoy dinner and a **private Apsara Dance Performance** brings ancient Khmer culture to life through music, song, and dance.

(B, D)

Day 17: Sat, Feb 13 — SIEM REAP — BANGKOK, THAILAND. This morning, **fly to Bangkok**. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. Your hotel rooms will not be available until the afternoon. Take free time today to explore Bangkok on your own. JW MARRIOTT HOTEL BANGKOK or Similar (3 Nights) (B)

Day 18: Sun, Feb 14 — 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 19: Mon, Feb 15 — BANGKOK. Enjoy a full day at your leisure. (B)

Day 20: Tue, Feb 16 — BANGKOK — HONOLULU. Bid farewell to Bangkok as you prepare for your homeward flight. Depart Bangkok. Arrive Honolulu. Aloha and welcome home!

HIGHLIGHTS & SIGHTSEEING:

- **Hanoi:** Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum; One Pillar Pagoda; Presidential Palace; “Hanoi Hilton;” Temple of Literature; Electric-cart ride through the fascinating Old Quarter; Performance of Hanoi’s renowned water puppets.
- **Ha Long Bay:** Cruise excursion to explore the caves.
- **Ho Chi Minh City:** Rex Hotel for a refreshing drink; War Remnants Museum; Ben Thanh Market; Hands-on Vietnamese cooking class; Cu Chi Tunnels.
- **While on the Cruise:** Welcome reception on board the Avalon Saigon; Learn how rice paper, rice wine, and traditional candies are made; See how sampan boats are hand-crafted; Visit the home of a family that makes Vietnamese conical hats; Stop at one of Vietnam’s oldest Catholic churches; Walk through a local market; Cotton weaving demonstration; Royal Palace; Silver Pagoda; National Museum; Local orphanage perform a show featuring local song and dance; Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum; Killing Fields; Central Market by tuk-tuk; Wat Hanchey; Traditional water blessing given by local monks; Angkor Ban; Traditional Khmer house; Interact with children at a local school; Watch a Silversmith turn pure silver into works of art; Learn about the daily life of a local farmer.
- **Siem Reap:** Angkor Wat; Angkor Thom; Bayon Temple; Ta Prohm; Banteay Srei; Stop at a local village famous for making Khmer noodles by hand; Private Apsara dance performance.
- **Bangkok:** Boat ride on the klongs; Grand Palace; Temple of the Emerald Buddha; Temple of the Reclining Buddha.

INCLUDED FEATURES:

- 2 nights hotel in Hanoi at the Lotte Hotel Hanoi or Similar.
- 1 night hotel in Ha Long Bay at the Vinpearl Resort & Spa Ha Long or Similar.
- 3 nights hotel in Ho Chi Minh City at the Park Hyatt Saigon or Similar.
- 7-nights deluxe cruise accommodations in an Outside Stateroom with an open-air balcony.
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