

# MEKONG RIVER CRUISE & TOUR

## Thailand, Cambodia, & Vietnam

November 15-22, 2021



Join me as we explore the splendors of Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam. My wife, Cathy, and I will be your personal hosts. This is the land of the “King and I”, including the Grand Palace in Thailand, Angkor Wat in Cambodia, and the mighty Mekong River and delta in Vietnam. Our cruise tour includes an optional visit to Thailand before boarding our 5-star, deluxe AmaWaterways river cruise ship, the beautiful *AmaDara* and sailing through Cambodia and Vietnam.

Cruise along the Mekong through Cambodia and Vietnam as you are transported back in time to another era, where the rhythms of the countryside move at a slower pace and allow for a fascinating glimpse into a traditional way of life. Visit rural villages, colorful markets and a monastery, where you will receive a special Buddhist blessing by monks. Delve into the peaks and valleys of Cambodia’s history in the Royal Palace and National Museums of its beautiful capital, Phnom Penh. Witness skilled artisans who create exquisite handicrafts and delicacies, and be treated to authentic experiences, including rides via oxcart, tuk tuk and trishaw. On this transformative journey, the Mekong truly reveals a vibrant world along its shores.



*This is the Land of the “King and I”*



Larry & Cathy Gelwix  
Your cruise & tour hosts



Rates from \$2,599  
per person/double occupancy

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**\$1,500** per stateroom/dbl





## DAY 1

### EMBARKATION – KAMPONG CHAM, CAMBODIA

Transfer via motorcoach from Siem Reap to the AmaDara in Kampong Cham for your seven-night cruise. Your afternoon excursion takes you to the Twin Mountains, known as Phnom Pros and Phnom Srei (male and female mountains). In the annals of Khmer legend, the twin mountains were formed as the result of a competition between the men and women of an ancient Cambodian kingdom to resolve which gender would be responsible for wedding proposals. As the story goes, the women lit a fire at night, which made the men believe the sun was rising. As a result, the men stopped working and the women won the competition. Thus, men still need to ask the women's parents for permission and Phnom Srei is higher than Phnom Pros. Later, join fellow guests for an evening Welcome Dinner. (L,D)



## DAY 2

### ANGKOR BAN - OKNHATEY

During the morning, go on a walking tour to Angkor Ban, one of the few villages in Cambodia that was not destroyed under the Khmer Rouge regime in the 1970s. Here people still live in their traditional wooden abodes and keep their old cultural traditions alive. Hundreds of wooden houses stand intact on stilts, shaded with banana trees, among the hustle and bustle of the daily agricultural on-going of the local villagers. After visiting here, the ship sails to Oknhatey or "Silk Island," located on the lush banks of the Mekong River. This island is known for its rich tradition of silk weaving. While here, you'll visit a local elementary school and observe the traditional silk weaving that have been preserved for centuries. Your ship moors in Oknhatey village. (B,L,D)



## DAY 3

### OU Dong - KAMPONG TRALACH - PHNOM PENH

Your cruise continues to sail to Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia. The morning excursion takes you to Oudong, Cambodia's former royal capital from the early 17th century until 1866. Today, Oudong is a place of pilgrimage for Cambodians. While here, be treated to a memorable Buddhist Blessing Ceremony at a monastery. After visiting Oudong, be treated to a truly authentic excursion, an oxcart ride through a local village Kampong Tralach. Later in the day, experience Phnom Penh via a tuk tuk ride and be enchanted by the city's French Colonial architecture and tree-lined boulevards set amidst monumental Angkorian architecture. After returning to the ship, enjoy Khmer folk dancing performed by local children in the Saigon Lounge. (B,L,D)



## DAY 4

### PHNOM PENH

This morning's excursion takes you to Cambodia's infamous Killing Fields and the Khmer Rouge's grim Tuol Sleng S21 detention center (Genocide Museum). Alternatively, you may wish to shop for unique treasures at the bustling yellow-colored Central Market. After lunch on board, you'll explore the highlights of the city, followed by a visit to the Royal Palace, the spectacular Silver Pagoda and the National Museum, which has an outstanding collection of Khmer crafts. (B,L,D)



## DAY 5

### PHNOM PENH – BORDER CROSSING – TAN CHAU, VIETNAM

Spend the day cruising the Mekong River as your ship crosses the border into Vietnam. (B,L,D)



## DAY 6

### TAN CHAU – SA DEC

Visit Tan Chau, a small Mekong River town unspoiled by tourism. You will have the opportunity to enjoy an authentic experience via a traditional “xe-loi” (trishaw) ride around the town, with stops at silk-making and rattan mat workshops, followed by a boat ride through the narrow channels of the Mekong River to “Evergreen Island.” Alternatively, take a boat ride to Evergreen Island and return to Tan Chau, where you will visit a rattan mat workshop. Later in the day, cruise to Sa Dec. (B,L,D)

## DAY 7

### SA DEC - XEO QUYT - CAI BE

Once ashore in Sa Dec, tour the town where French writer Marguerite Duras spent many years in her youth. Visit a colorful local market and the 19th-century house of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, Duras’ Chinese paramour, on whom her prize-winning novel “The Lover” is said to be based. Later, board a motorcoach for Xeo Quyt, once used as a military base during the French war and now an important ecological site. You will have an opportunity to visit candy and rice paper making workshops, and the historic Kiet Old House. In Cai Be, cap the day off with a festive Farewell Dinner on board. (B,L,D)



## DAY 8

### HO CHI MINH CITY - DISEMBARKATION

Your cruise concludes in My Tho Port, where you’ll disembark. Transfer to Ho Chi Minh City. (B)



CRUISE RATES		
Stateroom Type	Regular Rate	Columbus Rate
Category C	\$ 3,099	on request
Category B	\$ 3,798	on request
Category A	\$ 4,098	\$ 3,348
Suite	\$ 4,598	\$ 3,848
Luxury Suite	\$ 5,998	\$ 5,248

\*Rates are per person based upon double occupancy and include \$1,500 discount per cabin (\$750 per person)

Plus applicable port charges/taxes of \$196 per person.

Rates, taxes, port charges, & fees are subject to change.

**AmaDara Staterooms:** Five categories of spacious suites and staterooms ranging in size from 251 sq. feet to 502 sq. feet. are available. The primary differences are size, location, and amenities.

### THAILAND PRE-CRUISE OPTION:

- November 9-12, 2021
- Includes three-nights deluxe hotel, full-day Bangkok city tour with lunch, Grand Palace, Wat Po, Wat Arun, klong boat tour, Chao Praya River dinner cruise, expert local guides, group arrival and departure transfers, Bangkok to Siem Reap flight, daily buffet breakfast
- Price and details available shortly

### SIEM REAP (ANGKOR WAT), CAMBODIA PRE-CRUISE OPTION:

- November 12-15, 2021
- Includes three-nights deluxe hotel, comprehensive sightseeing including Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom, Ta Prohm, Bayon, Terrace of Elephants, Beng Melea, Kampong Kleang, and an evening of the Phare Circus (a Cambodian Cirque du Soleil type performance), expert local guides, group arrival transfers, group transfer to AmaDara, daily buffet breakfast
- Price and details available shortly

## DEPOSIT, PAYMENT, & CANCELLATION

- Deposit: \$400 per person at the time of reservation
- Final Payment: August 17, 2021

## CANCELLATION AND REFUND

Cruise Cancellation Fees, per person. All cancellations must be in writing and received by Columbus Travel, 563 West 500 South, Suite 180, Bountiful, UT 84010.

In case of cancellation the following per person cancellation penalties apply:

- After reservation to 121 days prior to sail date: \$200
- 120 – 90 days prior to sail date: \$400
- 89 – 60 days prior to sail date: 35% of cruise cost
- 59 – 30 days prior to sail date: 50% of cruise cost
- 29 – 7 days prior to sail date: 80% of cruise cost
- 6 – 0 days prior to sail date: 100% of cruise cost

**A valid USA passport is required. Passport must be valid for 6 months after return travel date.**

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