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## FROM THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR TO THE MEKONG DELTA (PORT-TO-PORT)

**Trip Code:** 1R3\_PP

**Duration:** 11

**Destination:** Siem Reap - TONLE SAP LAKE - KAMPONG TRALACH - PHNOM PENH - CHAU DOC - SA DEC - MY THO - HO CHI MINH CITY

**Travel Dates:** 2022/2023/2024

### DAY 1 SIEM REAP - ANGKOR

Your program will begin according to your time of arrival. If your flight arrives between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., your program will be: Lunch will be served at the hotel. After, we'll visit the mysterious Beng Mealea temple, whose ruins were once utterly consumed by jungle. The temple was built in the 12th century and used the same floor plan as Angkor Wat. We'll have dinner in the city and spend the night at a four-star hotel.

### DAY 2 SIEM REAP - ANGKOR

This morning, we'll tour Ta Prohm and Angkor Thom. Stroll through the grounds of the former Royal Palace, and discover the Terrace of the Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper King. We'll have lunch in the city before visiting the Senteurs d'Angkor, a local business with a diverse collection of silk and carvings, as well as a superb range of traditional beauty products and spices, all made locally. We'll end the day with Phare, the Cambodian circus, and spend the night at the hotel.

### DAY 3 SIEM REAP - TONLE SAP LAKE

We'll visit the Angkor Wat temple: the epitome of Khmer architectural art and the most famous and imposing of all the monuments in Angkor. Lunch will be served at the hotel. After, you'll be transferred to your ship. Our crew will welcome you and help you get comfortably settled into your cabins. We'll have dinner and formally meet our crew. Our ship will remain anchored overnight.

### DAY 4 TONLE SAP LAKE - KAMPONG CHHNANG - KAMPONG TRALACH

We'll spend the morning crossing Tonle Sap Lake. We'll enjoy lunch before visiting Kampong Chhnang, one of the largest fishing ports on the Tonle Sap. Fish farming is abundant here. The region is also known for its traditional pottery combining ancient knowledge with modern techniques—Chhnang itself means "pot." We'll also enjoy a tasting of regional products before returning on board and beginning to cruise to Kampong Tralach.

Our ship will remain anchored overnight.

## **DAY 5 KAMPONG TRALACH - KOH CHEN - PHNOM PENH**

We will set out to visit the beautiful Vihara at the Wat Kampong Tralach Leu pagoda. To access the pagoda, we need to cross the village of Kampong Tralach in ox carts, moving along a small road that runs perpendicular to the river in the middle of magnificent rice fields. We'll enjoy lunch before exploring the small village of Koh Chen, where craftspeople specialize in silver and copper work. We'll also visit the village school. After our tour, we'll return on board and begin to cruise to Phnom Penh. Once we arrive, enjoy a brief tour of the area by "tuk-tuk," the easiest way to get around the city. We'll return to the ship and enjoy a performance of classical Khmer dancing and music. Our ship will remain overnight in Phnom Penh.

## **DAY 6 PHNOM PENH**

We'll enjoy a tour of the fabulous Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda, which is inlaid with more than 5,000 silver tiles. After, join us for a visit to the National Museum of Cambodia. We'll have lunch in the city. In the afternoon, you can pay a visit to the Tuol Svay Prey School, a former detention, torture, and execution center run by the Khmer Rouge during the civil war. Afterwards, enjoy some free time at the market. After our tour, we'll return on board and begin to cruise to Vietnam. Our ship will be anchored overnight.

## **DAY 7 CHAU DOC - SA DEC (VIETNAM)**

Located on the border between Cambodia and Vietnam, the prosperous city of Chau Doc has developed around fish and fish farming. We'll pay a visit to the Ba Chua Xu Temple and the Tay An Pagoda. Lunch. Once we are back on board, we'll begin to cruise toward Sa Dec. We'll have dinner and spend the night on board.

## **DAY 8 SA DEC - VINH LONG - CAI BE**

Once we arrive in Sa Dec, discover the local market and visit the former house of Huynh Thuy Le, the man who Marguerite Duras based her book *The Lover* on. We'll have lunch on board and cruise to Vinh Long. We'll set out in smaller boats and travel through canals and orchards before arriving in Cai Be. We'll discover a brick and pottery factory as well as a traditional factory producing puffed riced, rice-paper wrappers used to make nems, and rice alcohol\*. We'll return on board our ship and begin to cruise. We'll have dinner and spend the night on board.

## **DAY 9 MY THO - HO CHI MINH CITY (FORMERLY SAIGON)**

We'll visit a bee farm and enjoy some honey tea and exotic fruit. We'll then take a ride in small sampans along the canal lined with mangrove palms and have a glimpse of villagers going about their daily lives. We'll enjoy lunch and then set out to cross the very narrow canal, heading for Ho Chi Minh City and spending the night on the ship, which will remain moored in central Ho Chi Minh City.

## **DAY 10 HO CHI MINH CITY**

Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, is the most populous city in Vietnam. We'll enjoy a tour of the city to see the Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the Saigon Central Post Office. After, join us for a visit to the Museum of Vietnamese History. Lunch will be served on board. We'll leave by coach for the Cu Chi tunnels, an immense network of underground tunnels that were the location of several military campaigns during the Vietnam War. After our excursion, we'll return to the ship. Tonight, we'll have our farewell cocktail and dinner and spend the night at the port.

## **DAY 11 HO CHI MINH CITY**

Enjoy breakfast on board this morning. After you disembark from the ship, we'll head to Cholon, the Chinese-influenced section of the city. We'll enjoy lunch and we'll bid you farewell at approximately 2:00 p.m. Please do not book your flight before 5:00 p.m.

## **DAY**

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