
FROM THE MEKONG DELTA TO SIEM REAP (PORT-TO-PORT CRUISE)

Trip Code: 9HC_PP

Duration: 9

Destination: HO CHI MINH CITY - CHAO GAO - SA DEC - CHAU DOC - PHNOM PENH - KOH CHEN - KAMPONG CHHNANG - SIEM REAP

Travel Dates: 2022/2023/2024

DAY 1 HO CHI MINH CITY

Program depending on your time of arrival in Ho Chi Minh City. Program as follow if your flight lands between 6am and 11am:

Built by the French in 1859, at the beginning of the colonial era, Ho Chi Minh City has retained some of its French atmosphere which characterises it. We will tour the city: Reunification palace, Notre Dame cathedral and Central Post office. Lunch in a local restaurant between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m..

We'll visit Cholon, the Chinese-influenced section of the city, including its hectic market. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail, have dinner and spend the night on board.

DAY 2 HO CHI MINH CITY

We'll leave by coach for the Cu Chi tunnels, an immense network of underground tunnels that were used by Viet Cong soldiers as hiding spots during combat, as well as serving as communication and supply routes, hospitals, food and weapon caches. Lunch will be served on board. Visit the Museum of Vietnamese History. We'll then set out to cross the very narrow Chao Gao Canal. Night on board.

DAY 3 CHAO GAO - MY THO - VINH LONG - CAI BE - SA DEC

We continue our cruise to My Tho along the magnificent Chao Gao Canal. Visit of a bee farm and enjoy some honey tea and exotic fruit. Lunch. 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*. Night on board.

DAY 4 SA DEC - CHAU DOC

Visit of Sa Dec and discovery of 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 return on board our ship and have lunch. Sailing towards Cambodia. Night on board.

DAY 5 CHAU DOC - PHNOM PENH

Breakfast on board. 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 on board. Arrival in the evening in Phnom Penh. Dinner on board. We'll remain in port overnight.

DAY 6 PHNOM PENH

We'll enjoy a tour of the fabulous Royal Palace, one of the most impressive examples of Cambodian architecture, and its Silver Pagoda. Onward to visit the National Museum. After lunch in town, 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. As we get back on board, we will enjoy an Apsara dance show. Dinner and overnight on board, in the port of Phnom Penh. Free evening.

DAY 7 KOH CHEN - KAMPONG TRALACH - KAMPONG CHHNANG

Visit of Koh Chen, a small village where craftspeople specialize in silver and copper work. Lunch. Visit of 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. Our ship will remain anchored overnight.

DAY 8 KAMPONG CHHNANG - LAKE TONLE

Visit of Kampong Chhnang, one of the largest fishing ports on the Tonle Sap. Here they also have many fish farms. The region is best known for its fine traditional pottery which is a major source of revenue for the entire country. Tasting of some local products. Lunch. then continue our cruise to lake Tonle Sap, the largest freshwater lake in southeast Asia which forms the heart of the hydraulic system of the Mekong. Cocktail and gala dinner tonight. Our ship will remain anchored overnight.

DAY 9 SIEM REAP - ANGKOR

We'll spend the morning cruising, having breakfast on board. Depending on the water levels, we'll spend the morning cruising and cross Tonlé Sap. We'll arrive in Phnom Krom, in the port of Siem Reap. Or, transfer by road between Phnom Krom and Siem Reap.

We'll bid you farewell at approximately 11:30 a.m. Please do not book your flight before 3:00 p.m.

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