
LEGENDARY MEKONG DOWNSTREAM WITH NAVIGATOR RIVER CRUISE

Trip Code: RV-NAV-02

Duration: 8

Destination: Siem Reap - Ho Chi Minh city

Travel Dates: 2019/2020

DAY 1 SIEM REAP / KAMPONG CHAM / EMBARKATION (Lunch at rest stop/Dinner)

(11:00) In the afternoon, you will enjoy a scenic drive from Siem Reap to Kampong Cham, Cambodia, with a lunch stop, arrives on the Mekong Navigator cruise ship in the afternoon. After settling into your well-appointed Suite-cabin. That evening, following a welcome reception, safety briefing, and introduction to key members of our crew, a delicious Cambodian Welcome Dinner is served in Le Marche Dining Room. The Mekong Navigator cruise ship departs Kampong Cham after all guests on board about 17:30

Overnight docking at Wat Hanchey

DAY 2 WAT HANCHEY / ANGKOR BAN / PNHOM PENH (Breakfast / Lunch/ Dinner)

(08:30) This morning, walk up the hill to the local monastery of Wat Hanchey and receive a traditional Buddhist Water Blessing from the resident monks. After enjoying a walk around the monastery and the amazing views of the Mekong River valley, you descend 303 steps and return to the ship.

*For gentle walkers, there is a small coach provided bringing you up and down the hill.

The Mekong Navigator cruise ship departs Wat Hanchey after all guests on board about 10:30

The Mekong Navigator cruise ship arrives Angkor Ban about 14:30

(14:30) In the afternoon, we will visit the charming village of Angkor Ban. Here, you will have a glimpse into the lives of the local people, starting with a visit to a family's home to see how the locals live, along with an opportunity to meet the family and discuss their lifestyle. Next, you will continue through the village to the local private school, where you will join the children in their classroom and experience what their typical school day is like.

You will then walk back through the village to the ship, with an opportunity to take photos along the way, including a brief stop at the local monastery complex.

The Mekong Navigator cruise ship departs Angkor Ban after all guests on board about 17:00 and docks at Phnom Penh about 22:30.

Overnight docking at Phnom Penh Port

DAY 3 PHNOM PENH (Breakfast / Lunch/ Dinner)

(08:30) In the morning, learn more about the darkest days of Cambodian history. After a scenic 45minute drive from the ship, you arrive at the Choeung Ek killing fields, where you may walk through the fields, visit the small museum and Memorial Stupa, and learn more about the atrocities committed during the Khmer Rouge regime. Before returning to the ship, tour Tuol Sleng (also known as S-21), the former school converted to the main prison and torture headquarters of the Khmer Rouge.

After returning to the ship from the Killing Fields, enjoy a free afternoon in Phnom Penh—shopping, dining at one of the many wonderful restaurants, or exploring the city independently or join the optional Excursion with an additional cost.

*There is a scheduled shuttle coach with your local guide provided from the Port to the Central Market for your shopping time.

Optional Afternoon Excursion Tour to visit one of the local silk weaving Villages:

Board a local Boat and cruise about 40 minutes around the Head-lands from the Tonle Sap River back into the Mekong River reaching the Silk weaving area. Get in in-depth information from silk worm raising to weaving the beautiful silk products like silk Sarong, Phamuong, Hol and silk Karma. Returning by boat the same way, whilst cruising along Sisowath Quay and the Royal Palace, during the sunset.

Overnight docking at Phnom Penh Port

DAY 4 PHNOM PENH (Breakfast / Lunch/ Dinner)

(08:30) After breakfast on board this morning, Tuk Tuk drivers meet you on the pier for an exciting morning tour of Phnom Penh. You are gently transported along the riverfront to the Royal Palace complex, where you enjoy a leisurely walk through the grounds. After viewing Throne Hall and Moonlight Pavilion, you visit the

famous Silver Pagoda, home of Cambodia's Emerald Buddha and the Maitreya Buddha, which is encrusted with more than 9,000 diamonds. Your Tuk Tuk is waiting outside to take you on the short ride to the open-air National Museum, housing the largest collection of Angkorian and pre-Angkorian artifacts excavated at the Angkor Temple complex at Siem Reap, as well as other areas around Cambodia.

After returning to the ship, enjoy a free afternoon in Phnom Penh.

Before dinner, join us on the Sun Deck to watch Cambodian cultural performances including Cambodian's national dance as well as Apsara blessing dance.

Overnight docking at Phnom Penh Port

DAY 5 DAY TO RELAX & ENJOY THE SHIP / CRUISING DOWNSTREAM / BORDER CROSSING (Breakfast / Lunch/ Dinner)

The Mekong Navigator cruise ship departs Phnom Penh at 09:30

Morning Departing Phnom Penh to sail downstream to the Cambodia Vietnam border.

This morning we sail downstream to the Border. Enjoy a leisurely cruise and taking in the sights along the Mekong River. Some cultural Activities are planned on board.

The Mekong Navigator cruise ship arrives at Border area about 18:00

Overnight at the border area

DAY 6 LONG KHANH ISLAND / CU LAO GIENG (Breakfast / Lunch/ Dinner)

Border Formalities about 06:00

The Mekong Navigator cruise ship departs at Border area about 07:30

And arrives Long Khanh Island area about 09:00

(09:00) This morning sampans take you to the local island village of Hong Ngu, not far from the Vietnam-Cambodia border. Hong Ngu produces a large number of the traditional, Khmer scarves exported to Cambodia. Woven in many homes around the village, you will have the opportunity to see the weaving process under several homes. Some villagers are also embroidery artists, displaying their art in and around the homes. The inhabitants of this area had only encountered one western visitor prior to the arrival of the Mekong Navigator, and are especially friendly and welcoming. Before returning to the sampans, we will walk around this evergreen island and visit the home of a local War Veteran. The Mekong Navigator cruise ship departs Long Khanh Island area after all guest back on board about 11:00

The Mekong Navigator cruise ship arrives Cu Lao Gieng area about 14:00

(14:00) In the afternoon, your sampans will bring you Gieng Island with visit to a local village where hundreds of sampans and rowing boats are made daily. Experience a sampan cruise around the Island and finally visiting to the Gieng Cathedral built in 1879 right after the Notre Dame Cathedral in Saigon in 1863. You will have a chance to interact with a local priest at the Cathedral (subject to his availability).

The Mekong Navigator cruise ship departs Cu Lao Gieng area after all guests are back on board about 17:00 and arrives Sa Dec area about 21:00

Overnight mid-river Sa Dec area

DAY 7 SA DEC / CAI BE / MYTHO (Breakfast / Lunch/ Dinner)

(08:30) Upon arrival to Sa Dec, your sampans return for a leisurely, scenic navigation of the narrow canals of

the Mekong, where you will observe daily routines of the villagers en route to the historic town of Sa Dec. A stop is planned at a Cao Dai Temple, but a visit is depending on the Rivers water-level and accessible disembarkation area.

Then in the town of Sa Dec you visit the home of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, the inspiration of Marguerite Duras' novel, L'Amant (The Lover), as well as the Chinese Temple Kien An Cung which was built in honor of the Huynh Thuy Le Family where you will be welcomed by traditional Chinese Lions Dances. On your itinerary is a walk through the town's market, where you experience the sights, sounds, smells and provides you wonderful photo opportunities of the colorful fresh produce, meat, live fish and seafood for sale. The Mekong Navigator cruise ship departs Sa Dec area after all guests are back on board about 11:00

The Mekong Navigator cruise ship arrives Cai Be area about 14:00

(14:00) This afternoon we will be met at the ship by our local sampans. As we leave the ship we will cruise amongst a myriad of local boats from the delta provinces, full of fruits and vegetables for sale. You may see larger boats selling a variety of items, and the stilted houses of Cai Be.

Continuing into Cai Be's smaller canals, stops will be made to visit the Ba Duc House, a traditional Vietnamese home and garden, as well as a rice factory, where pop rice candy, rice paper, and other rice products are made. At the factory, you will find a variety of postcards, souvenirs, and lovely oil paintings to buy (US dollars are fine and credit cards are accepted).

The Mekong Navigator cruise ship departs Cai Be area after all guests are back on board (about 17:00)

In the evening, you gather in the Sun Deck in front of the Le Salon Lounge this evening for a Farewell Reception with the entire crew, before enjoying a Vietnamese Farewell Dinner in Le March Dining Room.

The Mekong Navigator cruise ship arrives My Tho port at about 21:00

Overnight docking at My Tho Port

DAY 8 MY THO / DISEMBARKATION (Breakfast)

Following breakfast, you say goodbye to the crew as you disembark the cruise ship and transfer to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

08:30 Coaches Depart My Tho Port to Ho Chi Minh City

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