

# Mekong River Cruise

April 2 to 18, 2018











This journey begins in Vietnam's bustling capital, Hanoi, followed by an excursion to breathtaking Ha Long Bay for an overnight stay. Embark your river cruise in Siem Reap, Cambodia and visit rural villages, historic pagodas, floating markets and a Buddhist monastery along the way. The cruise concludes in lively Ho Chi Minh City with a two night stay.

# **Tour Highlights & Inclusions**

- Roundtrip airport transfers from the CAA Thorold office
- Return airfare with taxes, Toronto to Hanoi/Ho Chi Minh City to Toronto
- Flight from Hanoi to Siem Reap
- Two nights' deluxe accommodation in Hanoi with breakfast
- Overnight stay on a luxurious traditional wooden junk in Ha Long Bay
- Two nights' deluxe accommodation in Siem Reap with breakfast
- Seven nights' cruise accommodation on the **AmaDara** in an outside stateroom with balcony
- All meals on board the cruise with unlimited wine at lunch and dinner
- Complimentary bottled water, local beer, house-brand spirits and soft drinks during the cruise
- Immersive tours and excursions
- Welcome dinner and Farewell dinner onboard ship
- Two night's deluxe accommodation in Ho Chi Minh City with buffet breakfast
- All transfers, port charges and local taxes
- Services of a CAA Tour Director
- Baggage handling with gratuities
- 50 CAA Dollars per CAA member

Category A \$9,874

Book by July 31th SAVE \$1,000

Per person based on double occupancy. Pricing is in Canadian dollars. Single rates are available upon request. Additional categories upon request.

Not Included: Visa required for Cambodia and Vietnam, onboard gratuities, items of a personal nature, and insurance.







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#### Monday, April 2 - Depart Canada

#### Tuesday, April 3 - Arrive in Hanoi, Vietnam

Check into your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore Hanoi.

#### Wednesday, April 4 - Hanoi

A morning sightseeing tour will take you to some of Hanoi's most famous historical and cultural sites. In the afternoon, experience an authentic rickshaw ride, followed by a traditional water puppet show.

#### Thursday, April 5 - Hanoi - Ha Long Bay

B,L,D Take a scenic ride to Ha Long Bay. Board the ship, where you will visit a floating village, enjoy an onboard dinner and spend the night.

# Friday, April 6 - Ha Long Bay - Cambodia - Siem Reap

Late morning, disembark the ship and transfer to Hanoi Airport. A short flight takes you Siem Reap, Cambodia, the gateway to Angkor.

#### Saturday, April 7 - Siem Reap - Angkor

After breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of the Angkor Archaeological Park. Visit Ta Prohm, known as the "Kingdom of Trees". This afternoon, travel through the countryside to visit the pink sandstone temple of Banteay Srei. Then, visit an English-language school in the village of Ta Toum. Tonight, enjoy a "Apsara Dancing Show" at your hotel.

#### Sunday, April 8 - Siem Reap - Angkor

In the morning, visit the most iconic of all Angkorian temples, Angkor Wat. The afternoon is yours to spend as you wish.

# Monday, April 9 - Siem Reap - Prek Kdam - Embarkation

Transfer to your river cruise ship at Prek Kdam, a small village on the Tonle River. Meet your fellow travellers at a Welcome Dinner.

## Tuesday, April 10 - Kampong Chhnang - Koh Chen

After breakfast, a local boat will take you into the lakeside wetlands. Enjoy the variety of bird life here, as well as tranquil floating villages. In the afternoon, take a walk to the Koh Chen village. You will visit home workshops specializing in silversmithing and copper-smithing.

#### Wednesday, April 11 - Oudong - Phnom Penh

Transfer to Oudong, and tour a monastery where you will receive a special Buddhist blessing. In Kampong Tralach, take an oxcart ride through the rice paddies. Later, your ship will depart for Phnom Penh, where you will tour the city. Return to the ship for dinner and a Khmer folk performance.

#### Thursday, April 12 - Phnom Penh

Take an excursion to Cambodia's infamous Killing Fields and visit Tuol Sleng S21 detention center (Genocide Museum). Your afternoon tour explores the highlights of the city including the Royal Palace, the spectacular Silver Pagoda and the National Museum.

# Friday, April 13 - Border Crossing to Vietnam

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Spend the day onboard as the ship crosses the border into Vietnam.

#### Saturday, April 14 - Tan Chau - Sa Dec

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This morning, visit Tan Chau. You have the opportunity to choose between two tours. Option one is a traditional "xe-loi" ride around the town, with stops at a silk-making workshop and another that produces rattan mats and slippers. Option two, you will take a boat ride through the narrow channels of the Mekong River stopping at a small village known as "Evergreen Island." Return to Tan Chau and visit a workshop that makes rattan mats.

## Sunday, April 15 - Sa Dec - Xeo Quyt - Cai Be

Board a local boat for Sa Dec. Once ashore, you will tour the town. Visit a colorful local market, and the house of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, Duras' Chinese paramour. Afterwards, board a motor coach for Xeo Quyt, once used as a base during the French and U.S. wars. After lunch, a local boat will take you to Cai Be's floating market to visit candy and rice paper workshops or, alternatively, see the historic Kiet house. This evening, enjoy a Farewell Dinner on board

#### Monday, April 16 - Disembark Ho Chi Minh City

Your cruise ends at My Tho Port. Transfer to Ho Chi Minh City. Explore such famous landmarks as the former Presidential Palace, the Central Post Office and Notre Dame Cathedral. You will also visit the War Remnants Museum. End with a visit to the Ben Thanh Market – where you can search for local handicrafts and colorful textiles. Spend the night in Ho Chi Minh City.

#### Tuesday, April 17 - Ho Chi Minh City

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Today is free to explore Ho Chi Minh City. You may participate in an optional hands-on cooking class and taste your culinary creation.

#### Wednesday, April 18 - Depart for Toronto

B - Breakfast

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L - Lunch

D - Dinner

#### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

How to book: Reservations may be made through any CAA office. A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is due at time of booking. Balance of payment is due January 2, 2018. Bookings made after this date will require full payment at time of booking. CAA strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance. Ask for details.

Cancellation charges: Should it be necessary to cancel your trip prior to departure, the following penalties will apply:

90 days or more prior Deposit non-refundable 89 to 60 days prior 50% non-refundable 100% non-refundable 59 to 0 days prior

The day of departure is excluded when calculating cancellation charges. CAA strongly recommends the purchase of cancellation insurance.

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