

Tour VCM - Vietnam, Cambodia & the Riches of the Mekong (16 days)

Hanoi, Halong Bay, Siem Reap, Kampong Tralach, Oudong,
Phnom Penh, Tan Chau, Sa Dec, Xeo Quyt, Cai Be, Ho Chi Minh City

Including 8-day Cruise on Luxury AmaDara

Tour Inclusions

- International air from listed airports (including taxes & fees)
- Land transportation for all included tour programs
- Escorted by Chris or Ping Lee (land portion only)
- English-speaking guide in each city
- Deluxe hotels & cruise ship
- 32 meals including all meals while onboard
- Free-flowing wine & beer with every lunch and dinner onboard
- Complimentary house-brand spirits, beer and soft drinks during cruise
- Bottled water in your stateroom replenished daily on board
- Folklore dances, music performances, culture discussions, theme dinner and piano entertainment while onboard
- Life-enriching tours and daily excursions with personal headset included during cruise
- Comprehensive land sightseeing tours
- Luggage handling of one suitcase per person

Hotel & Cruise Accommodations

Hanoi: Sheraton Hanoi (Deluxe)
Siem Reap: Sokha Angkor Resort (Deluxe)
Halong Bay: IndoChina Sails (superior First Class)
Mekong River: AmaWaterways (Deluxe)
Ho Chi Minh City: Hotel Equatorial (Deluxe)

Year	Departure - Return	Departure - Return
2018	01/09 - 01/24	02/20 - 03/07
2019	01/08 - 01/23	02/19 - 03/06
2020	01/07 - 01/22	02/18 - 03/04

Tour Price (for 2018 & 2019 only)

With air from LAX	\$7,349
Single Supplement	\$2,880

If your departure airport is not listed above, please contact ChinaPlus. We arrange airline tickets for departures from any airports where connecting flights are served by ChinaPlus designated airlines.

The tour price is based on minimum of 10 people traveling together for the entire tour.

The cruise ship included in the tour package is one of the AmaWaterways. The included cabin is Category C. Limited number of cabins of Category B, A and Suites are available for upgrade at additional cost. For details, please contact ChinaPlus.

Day 1: USA / Hanoi, Vietnam

Depart home for Hanoi, Vietnam's capital city, known for its graceful colonial architecture, frenetic streets, verdant parks and temples.

Day 2: Arrive Hanoi, Vietnam

Upon arrival to the airport, you will be met by your local guide and transfer to your hotel.



Day 3: Hanoi (B/L)

A morning sightseeing tour will take you to some of Hanoi's most famous historical and cultural sites, including the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Ba Dinh Square, One-pillar Pagoda and The Temple of Literature. We will have overview of the city on the Cyclo ride.. A walking tour around the Old Quarter after lunch, where you will visit the local Market and narrow streets. Your tour will be concluded with great experience of Water Puppet Show - a unique art of Vietnamese people from Red River Delta.

Day 4: Hanoi / Halong Bay (B/L/D)

After breakfast, leave Hanoi behind and take a scenic ride to one of Vietnam's most renowned locations, Ha Long Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Board a traditional wooden Junk, where you will spend the night -an incredible once-in-a-lifetime experience. Enjoy an onboard dinner set against the Bay's magnificent scenery and dramatic limestone cliffs and rock formations.

Day 5: HaLong Bay / Siem Reap, Cambodia (Brunch) flight

Greet the day with a morning Tai Chi exercise with an opportunity to view the sunrise over the bay Coffee, tea and breakfast pastries served in the dining room. Cruise to Surprise Cave area then transfer to the Cave by tender. This is one of two most beautiful Caves in Halong Bay with great collection of stalagmites and stalactites in the beautiful space. Late morning after brunch, disembark the Junk and transfer to Hanoi Airport. **A short flight will take you to Siem Reap, Cambodia**, the gateway to Angkor, the



former capital of the Khmer empire and one of the most renowned archeological sites in all of South East Asia.

Day 6: Siem Reap - Angkor (B/L/D)

Today we will explore the stunning Angkor complex and learn more of the fascinating structures that make up this former capital and religious center of the Khmer Empire. Today's sightseeing begins with visit Banteay Srei Temple, which is renowned for its intricate decoration carved in pink sandstone. Continue to the Ta Prohm (known as Jungle Temple), one of the most popular attractions of Angkor. In the afternoon we will start with the Angkor Thom, where you will the Bayon Temple, one of the most significant temples of Angkor Wat. The highlight in the late afternoon is the world-renown Angkor Wat, where you may enjoy the beautiful sunset (depending on weather).

Day 7: Siem Reap / Tonle Sap Lake/Embarkation/ Kampong Chhnang (B/D)

Today you will board **Amawaterways** at Tonie Sap Lake, the great lake that has dominated Cambodia and its people for centuries. Meet your fellow travelers at a Welcome Dinner as the ship cruises to Kampong Chhnang.

Day 8: Kampone Chhnang / Kampong Chalach-Oudong (B/L/D)

After breakfast, a motor boat excursion takes you into the lakeside wetlands that form the mouth of the Tonle Sap River. Enjoy a stunning variety of birdlife, and see numerous great fish traps, some over a half-mile long. After your excursion, return to your vessel and cast off towards Kampong Tralach an afternoon tour includes an oxcart ride from the river bank through the countryside to the beautiful Wat Kapong Tralach Pleu. Tour the pagodas, and then board a motor coach to Qudong, the former capital of Cambodia,

where you will tour the Buddhist monastery. After the visit, your motor coach will take you to your vessel, which will cruise towards the village of Chong Koh.

Day 9: Chong Koh / Phnom Penh (B/L/D)

This morning, visit the Chong Koh silk weaving village for a leisurely walk. Your vessel then departs for Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia. An afternoon walking tour provides an orientation to this spectacular city. Return to the vessel for dinner, followed by a special Khmer folk performance on board. The vessel moors overnight in Phnom Penh.

Day 10: Phnom Penh (B/L/D)

A morning tour explores the highlights of Cambodia's capital city, famous for its French colonial architecture, busy cafes, vibrant nightlife and renovated river "comiche". Visit the Royal Palace and the spectacular Silver Pagoda. The National Museum is another highlight, with outstanding displays of Khmer crafts. After lunch onboard, another excursion leads to the infamous Killing





Fields and the Khmer Rouge's grim Tuol Sleng or 521 detention centre (Genocide Museum) situated in the suburbs of the city. An overnight on the waterfront provides an opportunity to dine in one of many nearby restaurants and experience Phnom Penh's vibrant nightlight, should passengers so choose.

Day 11: Phnom Penh / Border crossing / Tan Chau, Vietnam (B/L/D)

Spend a day cruising the Mekong River and crossing the border into Vietnam. Your vessel moors at the small town of Tan Chau, Vietnam.

Day 12: Tan Chau / Sa Dec (B/L/D)

After breakfast, transfer to small boats which will navigate through narrow channels to visit an evergreen island. You will also visit a catfish farm and a rattan mat and slipper-making workshop. Back ashore, a traditional "xe-loi" (trishaw) awaits to transport you around Tan Chau. In the afternoon, your vessel cruise downstream to Sa Dec, where it will moor overnight.

Day 13: Sa Dec / Xeo Quyt / Cai Be (B/L/D)

In the morning, board a local boat for Sa Dec passing floating markets as you boat maneuvers through the river's channels. Once ashore, you will tour Sa Dec, noteworthy as the town where the French writer Marguerite Dumas spent many years in her youth. Visit a local market, Fujian Temple and the house of Mt. Huynh Thuy Le, Dura's Chinese paramour, which is now a small museum. Afterwards board a motor coach for the 1-hour ride to Xeo Quyt, used as a base during the French and U.S. wars and now an important ecological site, with its jungle overgrowth. After lunch on board, a local boat will take you to Cai Be's spectacular floating market, then you will go ashore to see candy and rice paper workshop. This evening, enjoy a gourmet Farewell Dinner on board.

Day 14: Ho Chi City / Disembark (B/L)

Your cruise comes to the end as the ship docks at My Tho Port, followed by a transfer to Ho Chi Minh City. As the capital of the French colony of Cochinchina, Saigon was known as "Paris of the Orient". Today, Vietnam's largest city is an industrial, cultural and educational hub, but still retains vestiges of its colonial past. Upon arriving in Ho Chi Minh City, you will enjoy a city tour that explores famous landmarks, such as the former Presidential Palace, Center Post Office and Nortre Dame Cathedral, Cho Lon (China Town) and its famous Binh Tay Market and Thien Hau pagoda. **Overnight in Equatorial Hotel.**

Day 15: Depart Ho Chi Minh City for home (B)

Free at leisure. Optional tour to Cu Chi Tunnels is available. Take your return flight for home at night.

Day 16: Arrive home

Enjoy your flight and arrive home.

End of tour with happy memories

*Abbreviations in the itineraries:

B – Western buffet breakfast; L – Local lunch
D – Local dinner

*some meals are not included for Pre- and Post-Cruise land tour. For your convenience, our guides will provide you with sufficient dinning information in each city.

*The tour itinerary and hotel/cruise arrangements are subject to change at ChinaPlus' sole discretion under certain circumstances. Hotel of the same class will be used in case of such change.

*The tour price does not include cruise upgrade, optional tours, visa fees for Vietnam (multiple entries) & Cambodia (single entry), travel insurance, port charge, gratuities, ground transfers between home city and airport, and hotel stay in gateway city due to flight connection. For details, please contact ChinaPlus.

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