

## 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
2019	01/08 - 01/23	10/29 - 11/13
2020	01/07 - 01/22	10/27 - 11/11
2021	01/05 - 01/20	10/26 - 11/10

### Tour Price (for 2019 & 2020 only)

With air from LAX	\$7,349
Single Supplement	\$2,990

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)

Hanoi is a unique Asian city with tree-lined boulevards, French colonial architecture, peaceful lakes and oriental pagodas and temples. Today's tour includes Hanoi's most attractive sights such as the **Ho Chi Ming's House and Mausoleum**; the **One-Pillar Pagoda**, the **Temple of Literature** and the **cyclo ride along the Old Quarter** where you will see the daily life of the local people; enjoy the traditional **Water Puppet show**.

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

After breakfast, depart Hanoi for a scenic coach ride to one of Vietnam's most renowned locations, **Halong Bay**, a World Heritage Site and known as the "Bay of the Descending Dragon". Board a **traditional wooden Junk** that combines classic beauty with modern conveniences, plus delicious food and comfortable overnight accommodations. We will cruise the magnificent Halong Bay and visit the **Surprise Cave**. Spend the night on board.

### 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 on board. Then we'll be transferred by tender to the **Titov Island**, where you will have a chance to climb to the peak for a breathtaking 360 degree view of the Bay, relax on the beach and have a swim. Then our boat will continue its scenic cruising. After a delicious branch, we'll disembark and drive to Hanoi Airport to take a flight for **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 (B/L/D)**

Begin your exploration of the Ankor complex with **Ankor Thom**, (face temple); then the **Ta Prohm** (Jungle Temple), one of the most popular attractions of Angkor as much of the jungle has not been cleared. Finally we'll visit the world-renown **Angkor Wat**, the main section of the complex.

### **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. **Overnight in deluxe 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\***

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 (double entries) & Cambodia (single entry), travel insurance, port charge, gratuities, ground transfers between home city and airport, and hotel stay in gateway city (if any). For details, please contact ChinaPlus.

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