

Full Itinerary & Trip Details



Embark on a land journey to the pre-Angkorian temple of Wat Hanchey, visit Wat Nokor

Discover beautiful landscapes along the river observe the typical Mekong Delta rural life

Visit the dazzling white and gold edifice of the Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda,



and witness exceptionally beautiful Khmer craft

Trip Overview

With Jayavarman cruise 8 day tour, you have chance to enjoy an exciting experience and discover the lost civilization along the Mekong River from Vietnam to Cambodia. Besides, It is very interesting to enjoy beautiful landscapes along the river, observe the typical Mekong Delta rural life, experience an adventurous motorboat excursion to the wetlands, floating houses and fish farms in Kampong Chhnang.



What you'll get



DURATION

8 days 7 nights

PRICE STARTING FROM

US\$ 2,143

STARTS IN / ENDS IN

Siem Reap / Ho Chi Minh City

SUITABLE

Family, Friends, Honey moon couple

Transportation

Shuttle bus

PRODUCT CODE

T30JAY13

MEALS

7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 7 Dinners

ACCOMMODATION

Cruise Cabin

TYPE

Cruise tour



Price Includes

- Entrance fees, transportation
- Taxes, fuel, river pilots, port dues
- English speaking tour guide services
- All cruises include group shore-excursions
- Phnom Penh port tax per passenger of 65 USD
- Fruit juices are included in addition during breakfast
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- Meals as indicated in itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Transfers in Saigon and Siem Reap from/to the meeting point to/from embarkation/disembarkation point or vice versa

Price Excludes

- Fuel surcharges if any (see terms and conditions)
- Crew gratuities (8 USD per passenger/day are recommended)
- Cambodian Visa (available on Upstream cruise only/37 USD)
- Peak season surcharge at 173 USD per person for all cruises falling on New Year's Eve and/or Christmas

Cancellation by Customer

For almost of our tours, once tour is confirmed and fully paid but for one reason they cancel the tour, the following charges will apply in the event of cancellation prior to tour commencement:

- More than 45 days prior to trip departure: No charge (Full refund will be made but transaction fee will be paid by you).



- 30-45 days before arrival: 10% of total tour price.
- 15-29 days before arrival: 50% of total tour price.
- 7-14 days before arrival: 75% of total tour price.
- Within 7 days before arrival: 100% tour price.

Note:

- The above fees are subject to an added bank transaction fee.
- There will be no refund given for any unused or missed ground arrangements, sightseeing, meals or hotel accommodations.
- For no show cases, there will be no refund.
- All cancellations must be in person or in writing and received by us

Cancellation by Weather

In case of an unexpected situation/ bad weather causes an effect on your trip after commencement, we serve the right to change the itinerary of your booked tour for the safety of all clients in the group. If there are more than one solution, we will ask for your permission and agreement to do the next step. In such kind of cancellation, the refund of any payment on the un-used portion of transportation service, hotel service, car rental or tours will be given.

Itineraries

Day 1: Siem Reap - Kampong Chhnang

The Tonle Sap (The Great Lake) is the flowing heart of Cambodia, giving love and life to this nation. The Tonle Sap has more fish than any other lake in the world and is home to an incredible variety of birds, including rare and endangered feathered



life.

At **12 pm** (noon), we gather at the meeting point followed by a quick transfer to the boutique ship. The ever-smiling crew welcomes us with unbridled warmth. A refreshing welcome drink awaits us followed by a sumptuous lunch on the ship.

Then, it is a lazy afternoon as the ship glides along the water. Dinner is at Dining Hall. Enjoy a spectacular experience on the sun-deck as we bathe in the glow of the moon and the radiance of the stars. The ship then moors overnight on The Great Lake.

Meals: L, D

Accommodation: Jayavarman Cruise

Day 2: Kampong Chhnang - Kampong Cham

The day in fact everyday - starts with an invigorating Tai Chi lesson on the sundeck, just as the sun begins its slow rise. Coffee and tea awaits the early bird. Before dawn, the ship sets sail across the Tonle Sap Lake. As the ship is about to exit the lake, we see spectacular marshlands floating along the river banks of Kampong Chhnang province.

The afternoon cruise continues with a languid meander along the Tonle Sap, which narrows through leafy swaths of the Southeast Asian jungle. Here, the river is very narrow and we are greeted by kids waving enthusiastically at us from the banks.

Follow a short bus trip to see the Khmer-styled pottery at the Aundaung Russey village. We then embark on a truly marvelous motorboat excursion from Kampong Chhnang to see the wetlands, floating houses and fish farms in the region before reaching Kampong Cham in the evening. Further down the river we take part in an ox cart rally before being introduced to the Heritage Line pro bono literacy project. Overnight in Kampong Cham.

Meals: B, L, D



Accommodation: Jayavarman Cruise

Day 3: Kampong Cham - Wat Hanchey

We will wake up in the small hours of the morning, truly energized to embark on a land journey to the pre-Angkorian temple of Wat Hanchey. Travelers either take a motor-taxi or climb the 291 steps to the top. Located at the top of a hill overlooking the river, it offers one of the most breath-taking views in Cambodia. Built in the 8th century, this ancient structure, together with a bigger and newer addition underscores the superb architecture of the Chenla Empire which predates the mighty Angkor temple complex. We even get to engage in light banter with some of the monks in the area. We will return to the ship to witness a blessing ceremony performed by orange-clad local monks.

When the tide allows, we will enjoy a surprise sojourn in our zodiacs (inflatable boats) to the nearby bank to swim in the tea-coloured Mekong river, an experience that will, no doubt, dominate dinner conversations in the weeks to come.

We will then cruise towards Kampong Cham to visit Wat Nokor, a wat built within the ruins of an ancient temple which holds a timeless story. On the way back to the ship, we will visit an orphanage. Along the way, we will have to maneuver a 2-kilometer rickety bamboo bridge. Our sense of balance lies in the balance! Overnight midstream near Phnom Penh.

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Jayavarman Cruise

Day 4: Phnom Penh



Phnom Penh was once the Paris of the East. Despite its rapid development, it has retained a lot of its rustic charm and elegance. After breakfast, we will be captivated by a comprehensive lecture on Cambodia's modern history. This will be followed by a city tour of this dynamic, historical capital city of Cambodia which has managed to preserve huge slices of its French colonial allure. Sightseeing in the morning will include visiting the dazzling white and gold edifice of the Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda, and witnessing exceptionally beautiful Khmer craft at the National Museum. After lunch at a local restaurant, we will visit the Genocide museum and the Killing Field in town. Be prepared to be heart wrenched by this stark reminder of the genocide that transpired during Cambodia's Khmer Rouge regime.

We go back to the ship after our museum visit. Take a rest on your cabin balcony or the lounge and get prepared for any exciting evening event. The evening starts with a variety of cocktail served on the sun deck. Take a seat and enjoy the following Apsara dance performance. Experience the brilliance and richness of this culture, the soothing sounds of traditional music, the calming scent of incense sticks and a barbeque on the sundeck. It is indeed a truly marvelous experience, dining in the open with the stars and the moon as our companions.

Meals: B, L, D

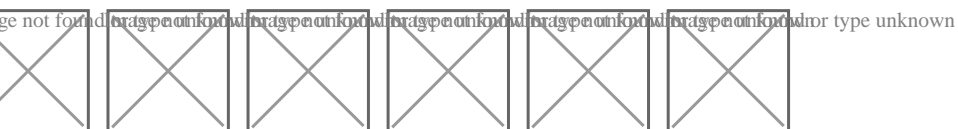
Accommodation: Jayavarman Cruise

Day 5: Phnom Penh - Border Crossing - Tan Chau

Start new day with Tai Chi at the sun deck with fresh tea and coffee be ready to serve

At **9 am**, we will be captivated by a comprehensive lecture on Cambodia's modern history

The cruise liner then sets sail for a lazy day of cruising along the main Mekong Channel. As this is an international shipping route, you will witness large commercial ships plying this route. Lunch will be served on boat. Later, in the afternoon, we set off to the Vietnamese border for the requisite cross border paperwork. As the



process tends to take some time, we bask in the glow of the afternoon sun on the sun deck, pamper ourselves silly at the Spa, or sharpen our culinary skills with the Heritage Line's Cambodian and Vietnamese cuisine cooking class. The ship moors midstream overnight in Tan Chau

* Note: Cruising to Tan Chau is depending on water condition.

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Jayavarman Cruise

Day 6: Tan Chau - Sa Dec

Welcome to the fish sanctuary of Vietnam. Begin your day with a hearty breakfast at the Dining Hall or in the quiet sanctuary of your balcony. Brace yourself on local vehicles called "xelo" to explore Tan Chau, a pleasant town near the Cambodian border. We will also visit the colorful local market near an ancient temple. This is followed by a trip to the quay, where we will be feted to a boat excursion to the floating villages and rustic catfish farms trip to the quay, where we will be feted to a boat excursion to the floating fish farm. Then, we will be back to the ship for lunch.

In the mid-afternoon, we will set off for My An Hung Village. Passengers walk to the family house through the vegetable garden to see the boat building yard and canals. We will cross a monkey bridge and see seasonal vegetable fields. Then gather at the family's house to taste tea with honey with local delicacies and fruits before back to the Ship to set off for Sa Dec in the late afternoon. Overnight in Sa Dec.

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Jayavarman Cruise

Day 7: Sa Dec - Cai Be - My Tho



In the morning we embark a traditional sampan* to tour Binh Thanh Island and its man-made canals. Here, every villager is involved in the process of growing and processing water hyacinths into natural fibre floor mats and rattan baskets.

After lunch onboard, the ship arrives in Cai Be. The tour starts with a visit to Cai Be's boisterous and colorful floating market where traders gather in a cacophonous congregation. During the languid ride, we discover breathtaking landscapes along the river and quaff the rustic life on the Mekong Delta.

The evergreen islands along the Mekong River remains unknown to many people. The cruise will halt intermittently to allow us to observe how rice paste, rice cookies and coconut candies are made, along with the Longan fruit drying process. After touring the canals, we head to an ancient house surrounded by fruit orchards before heading to the ship for dinner.

We then board the Ship for a tranquil evening cruise towards My Tho. A wonderful farewell party awaits us on the cruise.

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Jayavarman Cruise

Day 8: My Tho - Ho Chi Minh

Our cruise on the magnificent cruiser comes to an end as the ship winds its way to My Tho, approximately 70km south of Saigon on the upper Mekong river in Vietnam. We bid farewell to the cruise as our journey comes to a close. But the memories - and the friendships made on board - linger on for a lot longer.

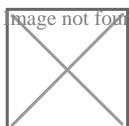
We disembark at around **8:30 am** and we join the transfer to madding crowd of Saigon. Drop off at the meeting point in Saigon.

Meals: B

Accommodation: N/A



5 Reviews



A fascinating experience

28 Dec 2018

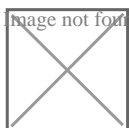
Generation after generation families live in homes on the water. When the water levels drop, they hook their homes up to their boats and tow them to deeper water. We truly enjoyed this tour. It wasn't commercial. They didn't hawk souvenirs. It was one of our favorite days in Cambodia.



Interesting and realistic trip to floating village and surrounding of Siem Reap

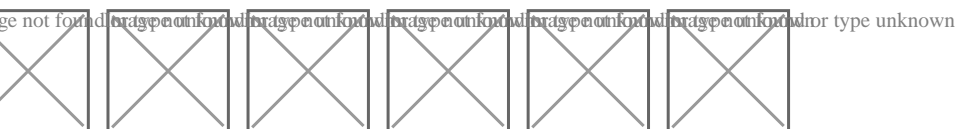
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Our guide gave us insights to the Cambodian day of life. Visiting a local market, a floating village and other sights around Siem Reap. Tried fried insects or products at the local market.

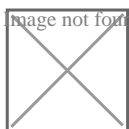


Great sunset, enjoy much

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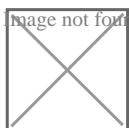


If you are looking for the great sunset view, this is for you. I was not so impressed when we arrived at the port. It was too crowd, not clean. Floating village was just poor boat village. But as soon as tour boat reached the sunset point and board to the buffet boat, the scene was awesome. It was one of best I ever seen. Don't expect good dinner, foods were poor, but real good things was that all drinks, beer, cocktails were inclusive.. The view with nice (many glasses of) drinks were so great. It was value tour. Too good...

**A great morning out**

20 Nov 2018

I was collected from my hotel by an English speaking guide. The river trip and the flooded forest journey were both relaxing and enjoyable. It was as I expected - professionally conducted with friendly and helpful staff. Thanks

**Fantastic tour**

29 Sep 2018

Fantastic tour with a fantastic guide. It was just me and my husband, but not awkward at all! The guide was great and was just an easy-going companion as well as a wealth of knowledge. He even stopped by to buy some lotus flowers for us to try because I asked about them on the way to the boat. Definitely recommend to all.

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