



Mekong Delta Expedition

Trip Itinerary

OCTOBER 6

BANGKOK, THAILAND

Arrive in Bangkok and check into your hotel.

OCTOBER 7

BANGKOK

Discover the spectacular and centuries-old Grand Palace with its glittering Temple of the Emerald Buddha. The infamous Buddha was chiseled from one block of emerald and is believed to have supernatural powers. Stop at Wat Pho, known as the Temple of the Reclining Buddha. It houses a school of Thai medicine and is the birthplace of traditional Thai massage. Enjoy rest of day at your leisure to discover more of Bangkok's incredible sights.

OCTOBER 8

BANGKOK

This morning, cruise along the small canals ("khlongs") of Thonburi, gaining a better understanding of why Bangkok is known as "the Venice of the East." Conclude your morning sightseeing tour with a visit to the imposing Temple of the Dawn, which stands beside the Chao

Phraya River and dazzles with a structure composed of millions of fragments of Chinese porcelain. Spend your afternoon at leisure exploring more Bangkok, from its fascinating three-dimensional art museum, Art in Paradise, to its world-famous shopping centers and colorful markets, such as the Night Train, an eye-catching local gathering of tents illuminated by electric lights as the sun sets

OCTOBER 9

DEPART BANGKOK

Check out of your hotel and bid farewell to Bangkok as you prepare for your flight that brings you to Ho Chi Minh City

OCTOBER 9

HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM - Hotel check-in

Ho Chi Minh City, still affectionately referred to by locals as Saigon, is Vietnam's former capital. Once known as the "Paris of the Orient," it is now an industrial, cultural and educational hub. to know Ho Chi Minh City, still affectionately referred to by locals as Saigon. It is Vietnam's former capital. Once known as the "Paris of the Orient," it is now an industrial, cultural and educational hub.

OCTOBER 10

HO CHI MINH CITY

Always bustling, Ho Chi Minh City is a city of contrasts blending old and new, and east and west. In the morning, explore some of the city's most famous landmarks, including the former Presidential Palace, the Central Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral and the War Remnants Museum. In the afternoon, visit Chu Chi, an immense underground network built during the Vietnam War.

OCTOBER 11

HO CHI MINH CITY

In the morning, visit Ben Thanh Market—one of the oldest and most iconic structures in Ho Chi Minh City. Board the AmaDara at My Tho Port. Meet your fellow travelers at a Welcome Dinner as the ship cruises to Cai Be.

EMBARKATION (My Tho Port) & Welcome Dinner

OCTOBER 12

SA DEC, VIETNAM

CAI BE, VIETNAM

Take a local boat to Cai Be. You will have an opportunity to visit candy and rice paper making workshops, as well as the historic Kiet Old House. Later in the day, journey to Sa Dec, a sprawling town on the Mekong Delta, where French writer Marguerite Duras spent part of her youth. You will visit the colorful market, Cao Dai Temple and the house of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, Duras' Chinese paramour, which her prize-winning novel, "The Lover," is said to be based on.

OCTOBER 13

TAN CHAU, VIETNAM

Enjoy a visit to Tan Chau, a small Mekong River town unspoiled by tourism. Be treated to an authentic experience on a traditional “xe-loi” (trishaw) ride around the town, with stops at silk-making and rattan mat workshops, followed by a boat ride through the narrow channels of the Mekong River to “Evergreen Island.” Alternatively, take a boat ride to Evergreen Island and return to Tan Chau, where you will visit a rattan mat workshop. Later in the day, cruise from Vietnam to the Cambodian border en route to Phnom Penh.

OCTOBER 14

PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA

This morning’s excursion takes you to Cambodia’s infamous Killing Fields and the Khmer Rouge’s grim Tuol Sleng S21 detention center (Genocide Museum). Alternatively, you may wish to shop for unique treasures at the bustling yellow-colored Central Market. After lunch on board, you will explore the highlights of the city, followed by a visit to the Royal Palace, the spectacular Silver Pagoda and the National Museum, which has an outstanding collection of Khmer crafts. After returning to the ship, enjoy Khmer folk dancing performed by local children in the Saigon Lounge.

OCTOBER 15

LOUDONG, CAMBODIA

KAMPONG-TRALACH, CAMBODIA

PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA

Visit Oudong, Cambodia’s former royal capital from the early 17th century until 1866. Today, Oudong is a place of pilgrimage for Cambodians. While here, be treated to a memorable Buddhist Blessing Ceremony at a monastery. You may walk around Oudong’s monastery or take an active walking tour to see panoramic views of the Oudong plain. In Kampong Tralach, you will have a truly authentic excursion – an oxcart ride through a local village. Later in the day, experience Phnom Penh via a tuk ride and be enchanted by the city’s French Colonial architecture and tree-lined boulevards set amidst monumental Angkorian

OCTOBER 16

OKNHATEY VILLAGE, CAMBODIA

In the morning, set sail for Oknhatey Village. Oknhatey is the “Silk Island,” located on the lush banks of the Mekong River and known for its rich tradition of silk weaving. While here, you will visit a local elementary school and observe the traditional silk weaving, an art that has been preserved for centuries. Your cruise continues to sail to Angkor Ban.

OCTOBER 17

ANGKOR BAN, CAMBODIA

KAMPONG CHAM, CAMBODIA

Go on a walking tour of Angkor Ban, one of the few villages in Cambodia that was not destroyed under the Khmer Rouge regime in the 1970s. Here people still live in their traditional wooden abodes and keep their old cultural traditions alive. Hundreds of wooden houses stand intact on

stilts, shaded with banana trees, among the hustle and bustle of the daily agricultural on-going of the local villagers. After visiting here, the ship sets sail for Kampong Cham, where you will go on an afternoon excursion via motorcoach to the Twin Mountains, known as Phnom Pros and Phnom Srei (male and female mountains). In the annals of Khmer legend, the twin mountains were formed as the result of a competition between the men and women of an ancient Cambodian kingdom to resolve which gender would be responsible for wedding proposals. Cap the day off with a festive Farewell Dinner on board.

*Based on seasonality, the port of Angkor Ban may be inaccessible from August - September. During this time, Wat Hanchey will replace Angkor Ban as the port of call.

OCTOBER 18

KAMPONG CHAM, CAMBODIAK - DISEMBARKATION

SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA - Hotel check-in

Disembark in Kampong Cham and transfer by motorcoach to Siem Reap, gateway to the Angkor Archaeological Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the former capital of the Khmer empire. You'll visit nearby Ta Prohm, known as the "Kingdom of the Trees," for the way in which the temple stones have become intertwined with thick forest vegetation.

OCTOBER 19

SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA

Begin your morning exploration of the temple complex at Angkor Wat, the most iconic of all Angkorian temples, built by King Suryavarman II in the early 12th century to honor the Hindu god, Vishnu. An afternoon excursion takes you to see the fascinating jewel in the crown of Angkorian art, Banteay Srei, which means "Citadel of Women," as it has been said that the carving is too fine to have been done by the hand of man. During the evening, be treated to a special "Apsara Dancng Show" at your hotel, featuring local Cambodian/Khmer folk dancers.

OCTOBER 20

SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA

After breakfast, you will have a guided sightseeing tour of Angkor Thom meaning "the great city" and the last capital of the Khmer Empire. This is home to Bayon Temple, best known for its gigantic smiling stone faces, as well as the Terrace of the Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper King. Later in the day, bid farewell to Siem Reap as you prepare for your return flight home

Note: We recommend that you schedule your onward flight to depart Siem Reap after 3:00pm today to avoid potential missed connections if you wish to join the sightseeing tour to visit Angkor Thom in the morning.

Return flight home

Pricing – based on per person, double occupancy. Single supplement available on request, approximately 150%.

Category L – Luxury Suite, Upper Deck
\$7,450

Category S – Suite, Upper Deck
\$6,045

Category A – French & Outside Balcony, Middle Deck
\$5,545

Category B – French & Outside Balcony, Lower Deck
\$5,245

Category C – French & Outside Balcony, Lower Deck/Rear of Ship
\$4,550

Not included: port taxes/fees of \$196 per person, flight from Bangkok to Ho Chi Minh - these flight arrangements will be made by AmaWaterway but the cost is not included. It's a short flight and we expect it will cost less than \$500.