



LOTUS CRUISES

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Pure elegance
on the Mekong



Dear Travel Lover,

Do you daydream about a holiday to an exotic and unfamiliar destination to experience a different life from the one you live day-to-day? Are you inspired to immerse yourself in diverse cultures, discover breath-taking landscapes and explore archaeological wonders? Lotus Cruises promise an unforgettable travel experience that allows you to touch, taste and feel the spirit of Southeast Asia.

On board our boutique luxury river ships, influenced by the lavish detailing of 1930s French colonial design, you'll explore the rich history of Vietnam and Cambodia, witness daily life along the Mekong River by sampan and enjoy time with villagers pursuing time-honoured artisanship.

Spacious and indulgent suites, chef's signature dishes, outstanding cultural performances, truly luxurious amenities and our all-inclusive approach ensure a river journey along the Mekong with Lotus Cruises will be a memorable experience. Lotus incorporate everything there is to love about Vietnam and Cambodia in our authentic approach to luxury river expeditions and look forward to welcoming you on board!



Diep Ngoc Le
Chairwoman





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The Lotus *difference*

Lotus Cruises invite you on a luxurious cultural adventure navigating through magnificent remnants of former civilisations in the Mekong Delta. A carefully tailored itinerary and dedicated guide ensure a deep insight into Vietnamese and Cambodian culture.

With an authentic approach to luxury river travel, our boutique ships offer romantic French colonial décor inspired by the spirited heritage of the region combined with elegant spacious suites with full modern facilities. Casually elegant dining showcases French-Indochine inspired dishes from our chef, creating a fusion of flavours using locally sourced produce. Lotus hospitality is unrivalled, ensuring personalised attention to every aspect of your enjoyment on board.

As the ultimate leader of all-inclusive luxury travel in the region, Lotus Cruises offer unmatched value, unrivalled comfort and exceptional hospitality.



What makes us exceptional

Lotus Cruises combine the best of traditional elegance with modern comforts to rival even the most luxurious hotels while exploring the culturally rich highlights of the Mekong River. Our aim as a family business is always to be truly outstanding, offer unrivalled hospitality and those little extras in our all-inclusive approach to make your journey truly memorable. We have been awarded Traveller Made affiliation in recognition of our outstanding quality and level of personalised service tailored for each guest.

Truly all-inclusive:

Unrivalled hospitality with exceptional service



Exceptional onboard cultural activities

Outstanding Service
1 Crew to 2 Guests
Service Ratio



Welcome sparkling wine reception

Complimentary butler service for top of the range suites



Local beers offered throughout the day

Most spacious and elegant high-ceilinged suites on the Mekong



Quality imported wine selection at lunch and dinner

The Lotus Story

Lotus Cruises proudly adopted the name of this national emblem which like the people of Vietnam and Cambodia faced a challenge of parallels, enduring impossible conditions and long-lasting effects of war, to survive, evolve and flourish in our culture and economy. We proudly share a story of initiative, family unity and growing success with ambition to offer world-class luxury cruises on the Mekong.

Lotus is a family business with more than 20 years' experience in the maritime industry backed by a top team of professional engineers and offer a level of reliability, inclusiveness, luxury and unmatched value on one of the most culturally rich and fascinating rivers of the world. Mme Diep Ngoc Le is at the heart of Lotus Cruises and mother to two Directors of the company. She started her career as a curtain seamstress to the rich families of Saigon with creativity and ambition to preserve the artistic features of colonial Saigon inspiring her to design a unique range of curtains with traditional designs. She often took her children to the beautiful colonial villas in Saigon to show them the rich heritage of her nostalgic designs.



As the economy of Vietnam began to flourish, Mme Le and family ventured into real-estate and shipping, creating Binh An Shipping, which 20 years on is still the only private family-owned company in Vietnam that builds and operates our own fleet of luxury river cruisers, tug boats, offshore supporting vessels and ferries throughout Vietnam and Southeast Asia. Mme Le was the leading light in the creation of the interior design, furniture, uniforms and dining room theme of the first river cruise ship, the Mekong Navigator. Mme Le gave the name Lotus to her treasured cruise line, reflecting her appreciation of the lotus spirit.

The terminal buds of the Lotus emerge from muddy waters into a beautiful blossom, then retreat back into the mud for the “rebirth”, never forgetting its origin.



MEKONG
NAVIGATOR

Stepping on board The Mekong Navigator, you are welcomed into a bygone era of nostalgic beauty, rich in French colonial décor, enhanced by luxurious modern amenities.

Relax on the sun deck and watch the unfolding contrasts of riverine scenery as you cruise along the mighty Mekong river, explore historic gems with a dedicated guide and sample the rich culture and resilient spirit of the local people.



The Mekong Navigator is an elegant boutique river ship with 34 tastefully appointed suites, an atmospheric dining room and array of spacious areas to relax including a library and internet lounge, a glorious sun deck and a fitness centre with spa. A voyage on The Mekong Navigator will immerse you in the glamour and romance of a golden era combined with modern comforts and the warmth of gracious service for which this region is so widely known. Every detail on board has been carefully selected with the sophisticated traveller in mind.



Le Marché

The casual but elegant Le Marche restaurant offers a gastronomic journey of regional signature dishes as well as a selection of western alternatives with complimentary wine at dinner. Chef creates tribute to the exotic regional flavours and produce of Southeast Asia using locally sourced fruit and vegetables. An indulgent and varied buffet are also served in Le Marche for breakfast and lunch.

La Bibliotheque

While on board, guests stay connected with friends and family through wifi provided in La Bibliotheque. For those who prefer to leave the electronic age behind, the library also offers guests the opportunity to immerse themselves in a wide selection of books from many authors who were enchanted by Indochina.

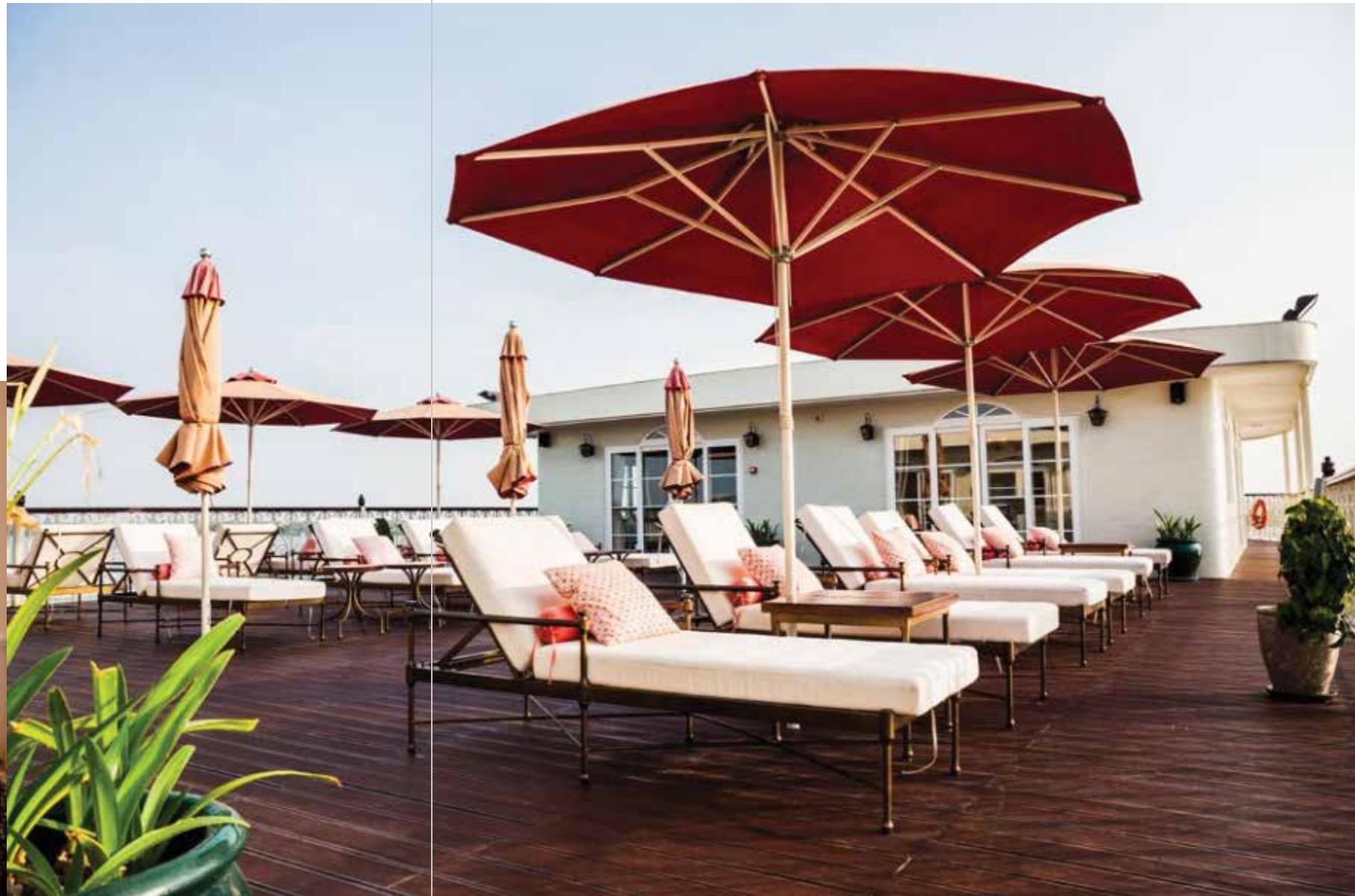


Le Salon

Le Salon is the ideal place to meet up with friends to recount another day of adventure or to simply admire the passing scenery while enjoying unrivalled hospitality. Guests can enjoy complimentary local beer and spirits, coffee, tea, and soda or choose from a selection of premium wines or liqueurs available for purchase. Le Salon is also a great venue for live cultural performances in the evening.

La Vie Spa and Wellness

Enjoy a workout in the well-equipped gym or simply indulge in a treatment at our spa La Vie, choosing from aromatherapy treatments, body wraps, traditional and western massage.



Sun Deck

Cool down and watch the world go by from the comfort of shaded sun loungers and wide choice of seating areas on the Sun Deck. Early risers are greeted by the crew with freshly squeezed to begin the day or simply slow down with a personalised cocktail to accompany another incredible sunset at the end of the day.

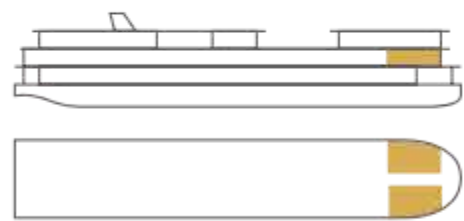


Accommodations

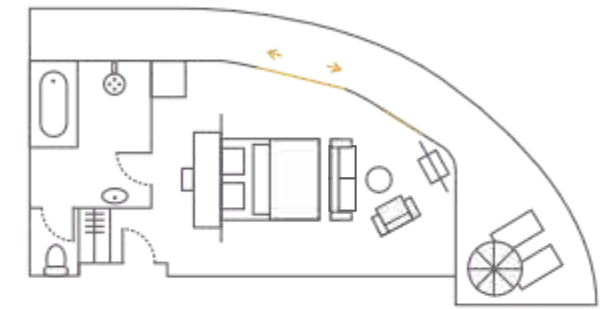
The Mekong Navigator embodies the grace and style of the French colonial era while incorporating modern conveniences and luxuries that rival the finest hotels in Asia. Each indulgently furnished suite provides individual climate control, flat-screen televisions with a select range of movies, spa-quality robes, slippers and bath amenities, daily housekeeping with turndown service, fine bed linens, premium mattresses, duvets, a pillow menu and newspapers delivered daily. Housekeeping pay meticulous attention to every detail and comfort for our guests.



Grande Suite



Grand Suites are located in prime position, being forward on the Orchid Deck (upper deck). These two very private suites offer the most luxurious and spacious environment on board, measuring 584 square feet (54 square metres) with full French doors onto a private terrace where complimentary canapes are served at sundown as part of Lotus butler service.

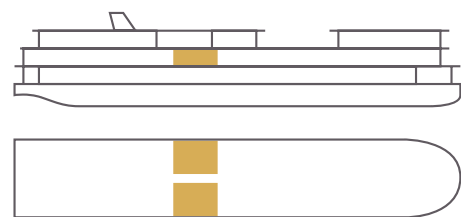


584 square feet / 54 sqm

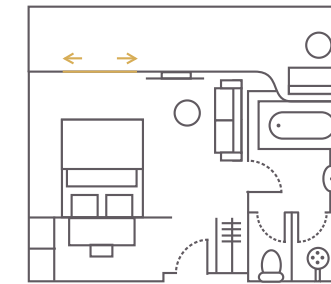
Both suites enjoy panoramic views of the riverine landscape from the private veranda with generous seating area, a fully stocked complimentary mini-bar, free daily laundry and personal daily butler service and private in-room dining options only available to Grande Suite guests. Every detail from our beautiful spa tub and separate rainfall shower to a pillow selection and individual climate control all ensure tranquillity, relaxation and indulgence are on the menu. Additional amenities such as flat-screen TV, hair dryer and electronic safe are provided. Grande Suites are furnished with one king-size bed. Guests in Grande Suites enjoy a one-hour complimentary spa treatment courtesy of Lotus.



Prestige Suite



Prestige Suites are located mid-ship on the Orchid Deck (upper deck) and offer ample living space of 387 square feet (36 square metres) including a private balcony.



387 square feet / 36 sqm

Thoughtfully designed for comfortable living including a seating area with sofa to relax, the Prestige Suite provides an expansive spa tub and separate rainfall shower with premium bath amenities, a fully stocked complimentary mini-bar, free daily laundry and personal butler service. Personal pillow selection and individual climate control all ensure tranquillity, relaxation and indulgence are on the menu. Additional amenities such as flat-screen TV, hair dryer and electronic safe are provided. Prestige Suites are furnished with one king-size bed. Guests can enjoy a one-hour complimentary spa treatment courtesy of Lotus.

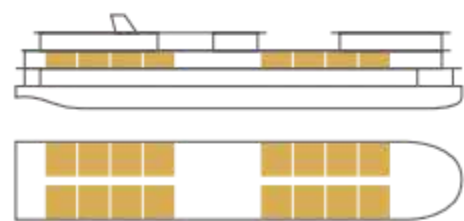



Signature Suite



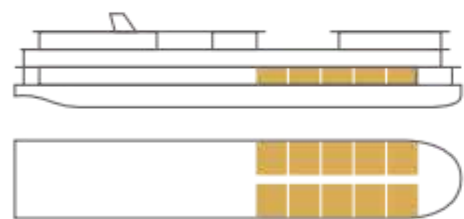

291 square feet / 27 sqm

This calm haven is furnished with two twin-size beds or one queen-sized bed as requested, a rainfall shower with premium bath amenities, a fully stocked mini-bar and personal pillow selection and individual climate control to ensure tranquility, relaxation and indulgence are on the menu. Additional amenities such as flat-screen TV, hair dryer and electronic safe are provided.

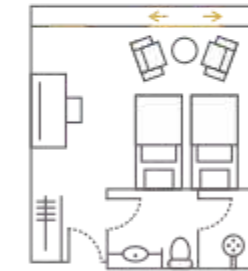


Signature Suites are located on the Orchid Deck (upper deck) enjoying 291 square feet (27 square metres) of living space and offer guests a luxurious haven with panoramic views from the private balcony and the opportunity to enjoy daily continental breakfast here over breath-taking scenery.

Vista Suite



Vista Suites are located on the Lotus Deck (main deck), offering guests a luxurious haven of 276 square feet (26 square metres) of living space, with spacious seating area and French balcony showcasing panoramic views and dramatic sunsets over the Mekong River.

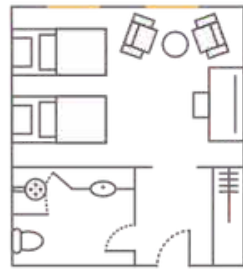
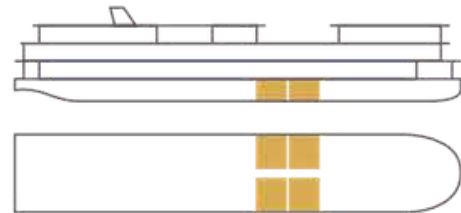


276 square feet / 26 sqm

Vista Suites are furnished with two twin-size beds or one queen-size bed, as requested. A rainfall shower with premium bath amenities, a fully stocked mini-bar and personal pillow selection and individual climate control ensure tranquility, relaxation and indulgence are on the menu. Additional amenities such as flat-screen TV, hair dryer and electronic safe are provided.



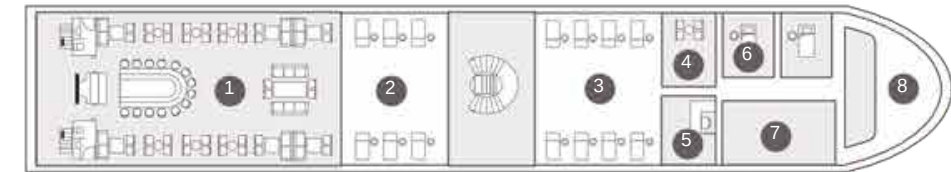
Superior Suite



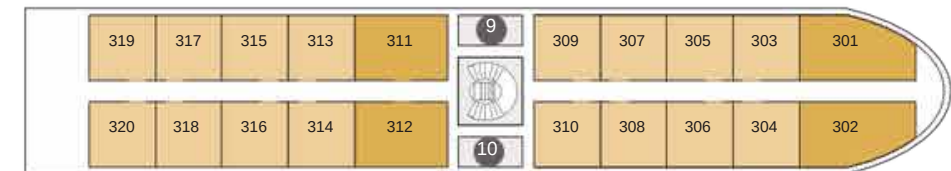
256 square feet / 24 sqm

Superior Suites are located on the Jasmine Deck (lower deck) and provide guests with 256 feet (24 square metres) of living space, with two oversized porthole style windows creating a peaceful and private sanctuary. Superior Suites are furnished with two twin-size beds or one queen-size bed, as requested. A rainfall shower with premium bath amenities, a fully stocked mini-bar and personal pillow selection and individual climate control ensure tranquility, relaxation and indulgence are on the menu. Additional amenities such as flat-screen TV, hair dryer and electronic safe are provided.

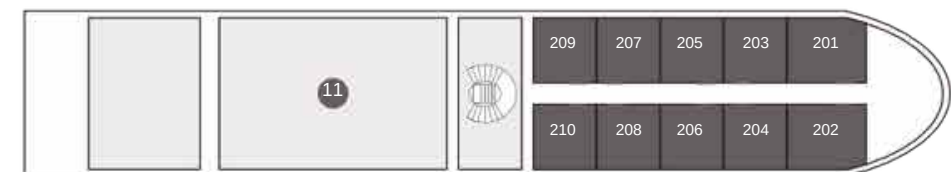
MEKONG NAVIGATOR Deckplan



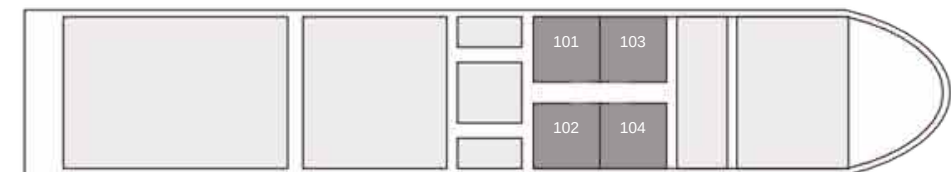
Sun Deck



Orchid Deck



Lotus Deck



Jasmin Deck

- 1 Le Salon
- 2 Observation Deck
- 3 Sun Deck
- 4 La Bibliotheque
- 5 Computer Center
- 6 La Vie Spa
- 7 Gym
- 8 Wheelhouse
- 9 Office
- 10 Gift Shop
- 11 Le Marché Restaurant

Mekong Symphony

Set to launch in 2027, the Mekong Symphony is Lotus Cruises' newest gem and the refined successor to the Mekong Discovery. With 24 elegantly designed suites, the vessel blends modern sophistication with Indochine charm to create an intimate and elegant journey along the Mekong. Departing from the vibrant heart of Ho Chi Minh City, the Mekong Symphony glides along the Saigon River on a peaceful and scenic journey to the Mekong Delta.





Onboard facilities



Restaurant, Bar and Lounge

The Bar and Lounge provides a welcoming setting to meet fellow travellers, reflect on the day's discoveries, or simply enjoy the ever-changing scenery along the river. The Restaurant, elegant yet comfortable, presents a culinary journey featuring regional specialties as well as carefully selected Western alternatives, served with complimentary wine at dinner.

Sundeck

The Sundeck offers a relaxed space to unwind and take in the river scenery from comfortable loungers and open seating areas. It's an ideal spot to start the morning with soft sunlight and a fresh juice, or to settle in during the afternoon and watch the sunset from the comfort of a reclining chair.



Spa and Fitness

Guests may enjoy a workout at the Gym or unwind at the Spa, where a selection of aromatherapy treatments, body wraps, and both traditional and Western massages awaits.



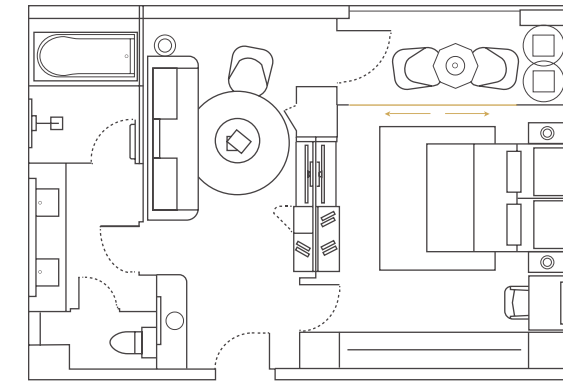
Library

During free time on board, guests can stay connected with friends and family through the WiFi available in the library. This quiet space also invites guests to relax with a selection of books from various authors, including works inspired by Indochina. Whether catching up online, exploring new stories, or simply enjoying a peaceful moment with a book, the library provides a calm retreat on board.

The Suites



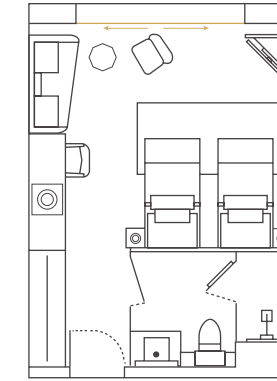
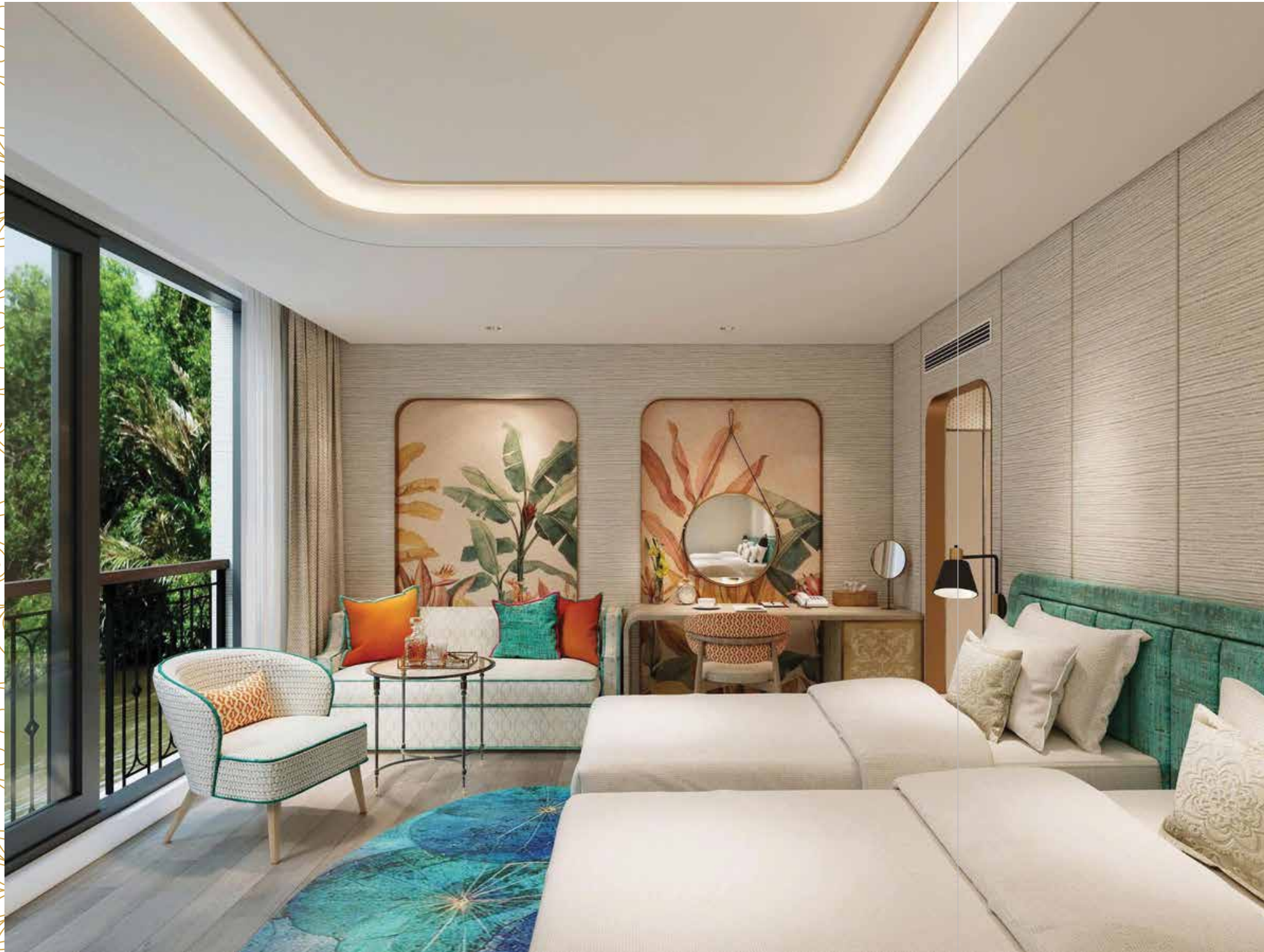
Prestige Suite



Located forward on the Upper Deck, these two very private suites offer the most luxurious and spacious accommodation on board, measuring 592 square feet (55 square metres) and featuring a 54 square feet (5 square metres) private balcony, where complimentary canapés are served at sundown as part of the Lotus Butler Service.



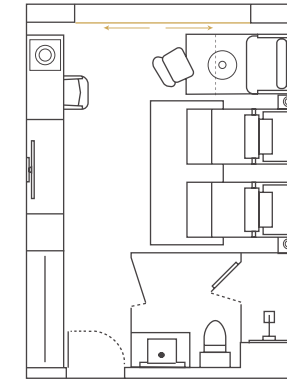
Signature Suite



Located mid-ship on the Upper Deck, the Signature Suite provides guests with 301 square feet (28 Square metres) of living space. Signature Suite are outfitted with two twin-size beds or one king-size bed, upon request.



Vista Suite



Located on the Main Deck, the Vista Suite provides guests with 301 square feet (28 square metres) of living area. Vista Suites are furnished with two twin-size beds or one queen-size bed, upon request.

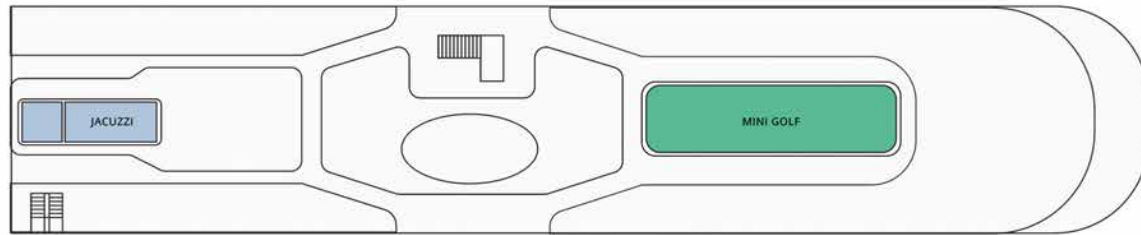


MEKONG SYMPHONY

Deckplan



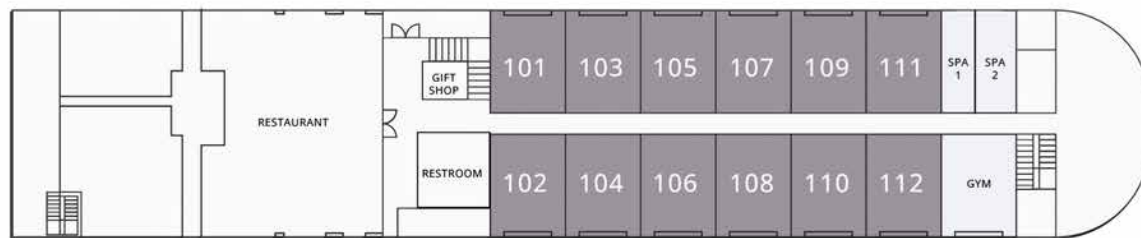
SIDE ELEVATION



SUN DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK

Prestige Suite
 Signature Suite
 Vista Suite

MEKONG SYMPHONY

Factsheet

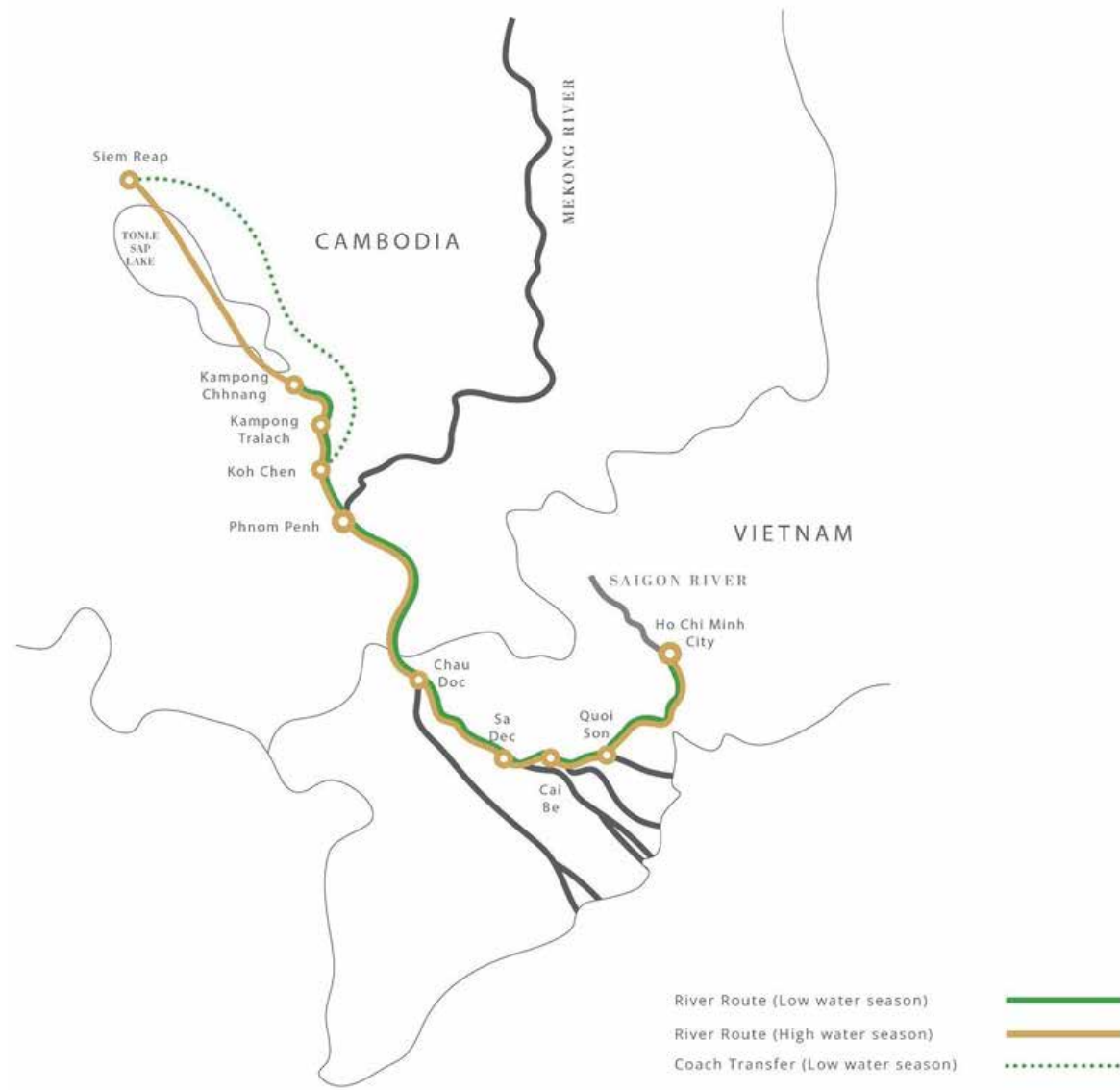
BUILT	2026
PORTS OF EMBARKATION	Ho Chi Minh City (Viet Nam) or My Tho (Viet Nam), Koh Chen (Cambodia), Phnom Penh (Cambodia), Siem Reap (Cambodia)
ENGINES	Caterpillar, 2x680HP, 2100 r/m
VESSEL'S REGISTRY	Vietnam
TYPE OF VESSEL	River Expedition
GROSS REGISTERED TONS	2,059
VESSEL LENGTH	69.15 meters / 227 feet
BREADTH	13.8 meters / 45 feet
HEIGHT	9.2 meters / 30 feet
DRAFT	1.8 meters / 6 feet
CRUISING SPEED	10 knots
ELECTRICITY	380 volts / 220 volts / 24 volts / 12 volts
WATER	Reverse osmosis and UV water treatment plant
AIR CONDITION	Central AC in public area Privately controlled air-conditioning in each suite
SHIPBOARD ENTERTAINMENT	Cultural shows, Crew dance, Satellite Cable TV
GUEST-TO-STAFF RATIO	1.5
GUESTS	48
STAFF	36
CREW NATIONALITIES	Vietnamese, Cambodian
CABINS	Passengers are accommodated in 24 spacious suites
UPPER DECK	2 x Prestige Suite with Private Balcony (592 Square Feet/55 Square Meters including balcony with 54 sq ft/ 5 sqm), Double standard room. 10 x Signature Suite with French Balcony (301 Square Feet / 28 Square Meters), Double or Twin standard room.
MAIN DECK	12 x Vista Suite with French Balcony (301 Square Feet / 28 Square Meters), Double or Twin standard room.
CABIN FEATURES	King size bed that can be converted to twins, wooden floor, high ceiling (2.4 m/ 8 ft from floor to ceiling) private balcony or French balcony, large double closets, chest of drawers, private safety box, walk-in shower, rainforest showerhead, professional hairdryer, and all-spa quality organic natural hair and bath amenities, pillow menu for Prestige Suite
SOCIAL AREAS	Dining Hall, Lounge, Indoor cinema at Lounge, Pool with daybeds, Sundeck with mini golf and walking path, Observation deck, Library with computer desks, 24-hour Coffee Station, Spa, gym, Boutique, Smoking area
INTERNET	Complimentary wifi internet throughout the cruise
LAUNDRY	Laundry services are available for guests in all types of suites
SAFETY	Float life rafts, life jackets, flares and signals, fire extinguishers and smoke detectors in each cabin and automatic defibrillator on board.
CURRENCY ON BOARD	US dollars
CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED	Major Credit Cards Accepted. Amex 3% surcharge, Visa and Mastercard 1.5% surcharge

Discover the Heart and Soul of Vietnam & Cambodia

A journey of truly memorable experiences reflecting the people and history along the Mekong. Ancient temples of Angkor Wat, the spectacular Royal Palace in Phnom Penh, a water blessing by the monks of Wat Arang and the French architecture of the Opera House in Ho Chi Minh City are only a few highlights in our diverse and comprehensive itinerary which also includes sampan visits to rural riverine villages and colourful city markets. Guests will discover the incredible natural beauty of Vietnam and Cambodia on this magnificent river cruise experience with Lotus.



MEKONG SYMPHONY
Itineraries



Itineraries

7 Nights Upstream

Ho Chi Minh City to Siem Reap

7 Nights Downstream

Siem Reap to Ho Chi Minh City

4 Nights Upstream

Ho Chi Minh City to Phnom Penh

4 Nights Downstream

Phnom Penh to Ho Chi Minh City

3 Nights Upstream

Phnom Penh to Siem Reap

3 Nights Downstream

Siem Reap to Phnom Penh



7 Nights Upstream



Day 01

SAIGON / EMBARKATION

(15:00) Embark on the luxurious Mekong Symphony cruise. After settling into your elegant suite, enjoy a warm welcome reception in the evening. You'll meet our friendly and professional crew, followed by a safety briefing. Shortly after, a delightful Welcome Dinner will be served in the Tonle Sap Restaurant.

After all guests embark, Mekong Symphony sets sail for Go Cong.

Day 02

QUOISON / CAI BE

Early this morning, Mekong Symphony departs Go Cong and heads toward Quoi Son.

(08:30 – 11:30) Board a sampan and cruise through narrow canals lined with water coconut palms and apple mangroves. After disembarking, take a walk through lush tropical fruit plantations. Then hop on a Lambro 550 to visit a local home where coconut candy is made, and watch how coconut is used in traditional handicrafts. You'll also have a chance to sample fresh honey, honey tea, and tropical fruits, all while enjoying a live performance of Don Ca Tai Tu, a traditional Vietnamese folk music style. Continue with a peaceful hand-rowed boat ride through the canals, spotting birdlife and daily local life before returning to the sampan and heading back to the ship.

(14:30 – 17:00) In Cai Be, board the sampan to cruise on a tapestry of waterways to shore. We walk through the tropical fruit garden and visit a local house where we learn how to make sticky rice wine. Then back to the sampan and continue into the long and narrow canals of Cai Be to visit an ancient house to learn about family's story.

Mekong Symphony departs Cai Be and sets sail for Sa Dec



Day 03

SA DEC

(08:30 – 11:00) This morning, take a relaxing sampan ride through narrow Mekong canals, offering a glimpse into the daily life of villagers. Arrive in the town of Sa Dec and visit the historic home of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le - famously known as the lover in Marguerite Duras' novel L'Amant (The Lover). Then visit the Chinese Temple Kien An Cung, built in honor of the Huynh family. From there, take a guided walk through Sa Dec's bustling market, a sensory experience filled with sights, sounds, and colorful displays of fresh produce, seafood, meats, and spices – perfect for photos.

After the tour, Mekong Symphony sails toward Chau Doc. After dinner, join your fellow guests for a fun and lively music quiz night.



Day 04

CHAUDOC / BORDER CROSSING

(08:30 – 11:30) After breakfast, begin your exploration of Chau Doc – a vibrant border town known for its riverside charm, cultural diversity, and spiritual landmarks. The tour includes visits to a floating fish farm, the Cham Village, and Hang Pagoda (Cave Pagoda), set on the slopes of Sam Mountain. Once all guests are back on board, Mekong Symphony cruises to the Vietnam – Cambodia border. After completing immigration formalities, the cruise continues toward Phnom Penh.

Tropical Fruit Tasting: Enjoy a flavorful introduction to the region's exotic fruits with a guided tasting and a spring roll-making class hosted by our Chef. **Cultural Costume Presentation:** Delight in a vibrant performance featuring traditional national costumes, presented by our talented crew.

Captain's Cocktail Reception: Before dinner, join the Captain for an elegant cocktail gathering, complete with a ceremonial saber to celebrate the journey ahead.



Day 05

PHNOMPENH

(08:30 – 11:30) After breakfast, take a tuk tuk ride for a guided morning tour of Phnom Penh's highlights. First stop: Wat Phnom, the legendary founding site of the city and still an active monastery. Ride along the scenic riverfront to the Royal Palace, official residence of the King of Cambodia. Explore the grounds including the Throne Hall, Moonlight Pavilion, and the Silver Pagoda, which houses Cambodia's Emerald Buddha and a Maitreya Buddha encrusted with over 9,000 diamonds.

Your tuk tuk awaits to continue to Tuol Sleng Museum (S-21), a former high school turned into the Khmer Rouge's most infamous prison and interrogation center.

Spend the afternoon exploring Phnom Penh at your own pace-shop, dine, or sightsee. A shuttle coach with your guide will be available to take you from the port to the Central Market.

Enjoy a Khmer cultural performance on the Sun Deck before dinner, featuring Apsara dance and other traditional folk dances.

Optional Phnom Penh by night tour (Please contact our Purser to book and pay for the tour)
Join us for a captivating Tuk-Tuk ride around this fascinating and emerging City. Discover the colorful lights, sounds and the breathtaking evening Panorama of Cambodia's Capital whilst sipping an exotic cocktail.

After Dinner (9 pm) we start at the Port going around Wat Phnom through the city streets on to the Independence Monument, followed by stop at High Grounds Roof Bar for you to sip a complimentary Cocktail whilst enjoying the panoramic view over Phnom Penh.



Day 06

KOHCHEN / KAMPONG TRALACH

In the morning, Mekong Symphony sails from Phnom Penh to Koh Chen.

(09:00 – 11:00) After docking, take a guided walk through Koh Chen village, known for its traditional bronze-smithing. As you approach, you'll hear the rhythmic sound of artisans hammering heated bronze into beautifully engraved bowls and ceremonial items, a craft still sought after in shops across Phnom Penh and Siem Reap.

(14:30 – 16:30) In Kampong Tralach, take a unique ox-cart ride through lush rice paddies and serene countryside landscapes. Visit Wat Kampong Tralach Leu, a colorful local pagoda where you'll meet monks and receive a traditional water blessing. Learn how many Cambodians experience monastic life during childhood. The temple's interior is richly painted with scenes from the Buddha's past lives. After the visit, take a tuk tuk ride back to the ship.

Mekong Symphony departs Kampong Tralach after the excursion and sails to Kampong Chhnang.



Day 07

KAMPONGCHHNANG

(09:00 – 10:30) After breakfast, enjoy a tuk tuk ride to a nearby village in Kampong Chhnang. Explore on foot as your guide introduces you to the village's specialties, including traditional Khmer pottery, the local market, and the process of making palm sugar (skor t'not) from sugar palms. After the excursion, Mekong Symphony sets sail for Koh Chen.

Gather in the Saigon Lounge for a Farewell Reception with the crew, followed by a Farewell Dinner in the Tonle Sap Restaurant.

Day 08

KOHCHEN / DISEMBARKATION

After breakfast, say goodbye to the crew and disembark from the cruise. A shuttle coach departs at 08:30, with a scenic transfer to Siem Reap. A lunch stop is included en route. Arrival in Siem Reap is expected at around 14:00, at FCC Angkor by Avani.

MEKONG NAVIGATOR
Itineraries



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7 Nights Upstream

Ho Chi Minh City to Siem Reap

7 Nights Downstream

Siem Reap to Ho Chi Minh City

4 Nights Upstream

Ho Chi Minh City to Phnom Penh

4 Nights Downstream

Phnom Penh to Ho Chi Minh City

3 Nights Upstream

Phnom Penh to Siem Reap

3 Nights Downstream

Siem Reap to Phnom Penh



7 Nights Upstream



Day 02

CAI BE / SA DEC

(08:30) Board the sampan to visit local tropical fruit garden and enjoy tropical fruits while enjoying "Don Ca Tai Tu" folk music. After that guests will board the rowing boats with rowers in conical hats for an enjoyable excursion along the lovely canals of the Mekong Delta with beautiful scenes. The last stop is a cottage factory where industrious artisans produce rice paper, rice wine and popped rice. On return to the ship, an elegant buffet lunch is served while sailing upstream through tranquil riverine scenery towards Sa Dec.

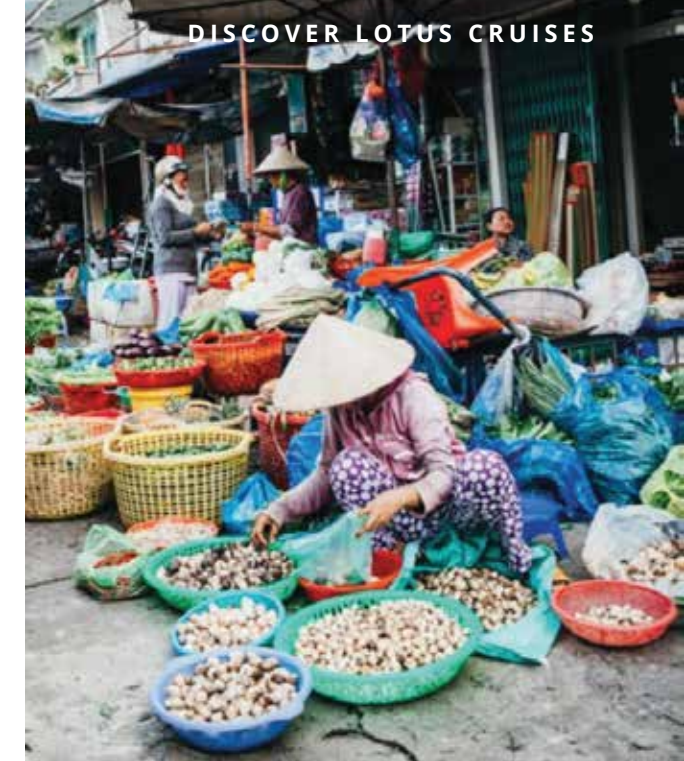
Day 01

MY THO / EMBARKATION

In the afternoon, enjoy a scenic drive from Ho Chi Minh City to My Tho port, South Vietnam. From there, you will begin your journey aboard the luxurious Mekong Navigator cruise ship. After settling into your well-appointed suite/cabin, that evening, following a welcome reception, safety briefing, and introduction to key members of our crew, a delicious Vietnamese 'Mekong Delta' Welcome Dinner is served in Le Marche Dining Room.



This afternoon, your sampans return for a leisurely, scenic navigation of the narrow canals of the Mekong, where you will observe daily routines of the villagers en route to the historic town of Sa Dec. In the town of Sa Dec you visit the home of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, the inspiration of Marguerite Duras' novel, L'Amant (The Lover), as well as the Chinese Temple - Kien An Cung which was built in honor of the Huynh Thuy Le Family. From there, you will begin a walk through the town's market, where you experience the sights, sounds, smells and provides you wonderful photo opportunities of the colorful fresh produce, meat, live fish and seafood for sale.



Day 03

MY AN HUNG - CU LAO GIENG

This morning, we make a short journey from ship to shore by traditional sampan, visiting a typical evergreen farming village on the Mekong Delta, the My An Hung village. We walk through the verdant village, interact with villagers, enjoy fresh coconut in the garden... A local family would invite us for some honey tea and fruit while we enjoy the "don ca tai tu" folk music, followed by an impressive VOVINAM Vietnam Martial Arts performed by the teenagers of the village.

The island tour begins with a visit to the sampan-building yard to learn about the age-old craftwork which has been handed down for several generations. Continue the rickshaw ride into shady mango roads with photo ops. Another stop is made at an incense making workshop to see locals at work. The next stop is at the most beautiful colonial Catholic church on the island.

Our last stop is at a Vietnamese ancient house with a mango garden where guests will be welcomed by the family host for interaction, especially enjoy fresh mango before returning to the tender for the ride back to the ship.





Day 04

DAY TO RELAX & ENJOY THE SHIP / BORDER CROSSING

This morning we sail upstream to enjoy a leisurely cruise and taking in the sights along the Mekong River reaching Phnom Penh in late afternoon. Some cultural activities are planned on board (introduction of tropical fruits and fruit tasting, demonstration of Vietnamese spring roll making, introduction of traditional Cambodian costumes).

In the evening, before dinner, there is a cocktail and sabering time hosted by our Captain.

Day 05

PHNOM PENH

In the morning, learn more about the darkest days of Cambodian history. After a scenic 45-minute drive from the ship, you arrive at the Choeung Ek killing fields, where you may walk through the fields, visit the small museum and Buddhist memorial stupa, and learn more about the atrocities committed during the Khmer Rouge regime. Before returning to the ship, there is a visit to the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum (also known as S-21), the former school converted to the main prison and torture headquarters of the Khmer Rouge.

After returning to the ship from the S-21, enjoy a free afternoon in Phnom Penh - shopping, dining at one of the many wonderful restaurants, or exploring the city independently.

(There is a scheduled shuttle coach with your local guide provided from the Port to the Central Market for your shopping time).

Pre-dinner cultural entertainment is provided on the Sun Deck as guests enjoy a performance by local children of Apsara, the Khmer national dance and other traditional folk dances.



Day 06

PHNOM PENH

After breakfast on board this morning, Tuk Tuk drivers meet you on the pier for an exciting morning tour of the best sites in Phnom Penh. You are gently transported along the riverfront to the Royal Palace complex which is the official residence of the King of Cambodia, where you enjoy a leisure walk through the grounds. After viewing the Throne Hall and Moonlight Pavilion, you visit the famous Silver Pagoda, home of Cambodia's Emerald Buddha and the Maitreya Buddha, which is encrusted with more than 9,000 diamonds.

Your Tuk Tuk is waiting outside to take you on the short ride to the open-air National Museum, Cambodia's largest museum of cultural history with one of the world's largest collections of Khmer art and ceramics as well as Angkorian and pre-Angkorian artefacts, excavated at the Angkor Temple complex at Siem Reap, as well as other areas around Cambodia.

After returning to the ship, enjoy a free afternoon in Phnom Penh.



Day 07

WAT ROKA KAONG / OPEPEL VILLAGE / KAMPONG CHAM

This morning we will visit Wat Roka Kaong. Based on archaeologists' statements this Temple complex was built in 1840. Some parts of the building were made by wood and have been renovated 1998. An emerald statue was found during the renovation believed to be over 180 years old and given this Wat its second name Wat KeoMoni Chort (Emerald). In front of the two Golden Buddhist Columns (53meter tall), where two temples, the north temple called Preah Keo Preah Kor and the south temple called BakSei Chamkrong. Unfortunately, Baksei Chamkrong temple was destroyed by a landslide in 2020. Enjoy wandering around this temple complex and then proceed to the Main Pagoda. Upon entering the beautiful and colourful Main Pagoda, we receive a traditional water blessing from the local monks.



This afternoon we have a visit to the rural and charming village of Opopel, with its stilted houses and grazing Brahmin cows seeking the shade of banana trees. You feel a sense of timelessness here, witnessing the rhythm of rural life. A visit is made to the home of a local family who discusses their lifestyle, then onto the local school to join children in their classroom giving you a glimpse a typical Cambodian school day. A leisurely stroll through the village offers an opportunity to take photos of this place that time has forgotten. On your way back we make a brief stop at the local monastery.

In the evening, you gather in the Sun Deck in front of the Le Salon Lounge for a Farewell Reception with the entire crew, before enjoying a Cambodian Farewell Dinner in Le Marche Dining Room.



Day 08

KAMPONG CHAM / DISEMBARKATION - SIEM REAP

Following breakfast, you say goodbye to the crew as you disembark the cruise and transfer from Kampong Cham to Siem Reap, Cambodia, with a lunch stop, arriving in Siem Reap in the afternoon.

Land packages



Ho Chi Minh city

Enjoy a two-night stay at the centrally located Park Hyatt Saigon. Guided excursions visit the beautiful Notre Dame Cathedral, City Hall and Post Office constructed during the French colonial period as well as Reunification Palace and the famous Ben Thanh Market. Guests may also select to do a cooking class with lunch or an evening outing to the Observation Deck at the Bitexco Tower combined with an exquisite French-Vietnamese themed dinner.

Breakfast, airport transfer, portorage and all applicable taxes are included. Prices and hotel are subject to change.

Siem Reap

A visit to southeast Asia would be incomplete without a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Angkor Wat. Guests enjoy a three-night stay at the tranquil Victoria Angkor Resort & Spa nearby. During your stay in Siem Reap, enjoy two half-day excursions to the most significant temples of the Angkor Wat complex including Bayon, Ta Prohm, Angkor Thom, and the main temple of Angkor Wat. For the more adventurous, there is an opportunity to experience a sunrise breakfast and ride around Angkor Wat on elephant back.

Breakfast, airport transfer, portorage and all applicable taxes are included. Prices and hotel are subject to change.



Hanoi & Halong Bay

A three-night programme to Hanoi & Ha Long Bay includes a two-night stay at the luxurious Intercontinental Hotel Westlake in Hanoi and one night on a beautifully handcrafted traditional junk boat on Ha Long Bay. Guests enjoy a full day excursion in Hanoi including the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Temple of Literature, a ride in an authentic cyclo through the historic colonial area of Hanoi and a traditional water puppet performance.

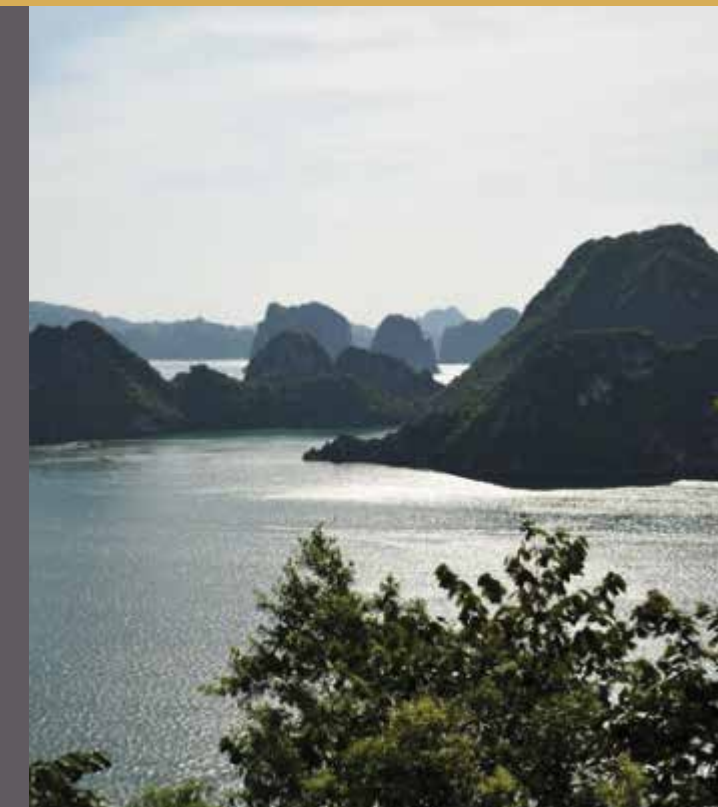
Breakfast, airport transfers, portorage and all applicable taxes are included. Prices and hotel are subject to change.



Bangkok

No other place in southeast Asia better reflects the progress and vibrancy of a single city more than Bangkok. Savour traditional Thai hospitality during a three-night stay at the centrally located Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok. Enjoy an extensive city tour including a Chao Praya river cruise and visit to the Grand Palace.

Breakfast, airport transfer, portorage and all applicable taxes are included. Prices and hotel are subject to change. Domestic flight to/from Siem Reap or to/from Ho Chi Minh City is not included.



Groups and charters

Enjoy an extraordinary voyage on the Mekong river in a glamorous and elegant environment. Our river cruise ships take the best elements from world-class boutique hotels such as sophisticated design, excellent cuisine and top-level service and merge them with carefully tailored authentic cultural experiences. Celebrate a special occasion, inspire your employees on a company team-building retreat or just spend some time exploring new places with a group of friends or family. Charter one of our beautiful ships for an experience of a lifetime in ultimate luxury.

Lotus Cruises stands above the competition for several reasons. We are a family-run business with extensive experience in superior and safe ship building. Authenticity is a word we take seriously from our professional Khmer and Vietnamese team to our dedicated tour guides who are able to create spontaneous excursions and seek out secret cultural gems. Our dedicated group specialists will coordinate with your tour operator to ensure all your needs are met professionally from port to port and beyond.

From the moment of boarding, Lotus offer unrivalled service from a champagne welcome reception to an evening of cultural performances by our talented staff. In addition, we can craft personalised group events or activities to create the ideal atmosphere for your guests. Our booking specialists will help you select the perfect itinerary and accommodations for your group and will take into account special requests such as dietary requirements, flexible schedules and personalised occasions. Contact us to begin making memories on the Mekong.



We care and we share

Sustainable travel is more than just an idea for Lotus Cruises. The company has committed to improving both the guest experience and the environment on each cruise. We have put in place environmentally friendly standards and initiatives that marry luxury with sustainability.

Lotus have implemented sustainable practices in the construction of The Mekong Jewel such as specially designed ship propellers to enhance performance and efficiency, installation of energy efficient LED lighting and automatic water-cooled air conditioning, being more efficient than its air-cooled alternative. With more than 20 years' experience in the maritime industry backed by a top team of professional engineers, Lotus Cruises offer a level of reliability, inclusiveness, luxury and unmatched value on one of the most culturally rich and fascinating rivers of the world.

Eco-friendly Products

Lotus Cruises initiated environmental changes with eco-friendly products, replacing plastic bottles with glass carafes for each room and sourcing more environmentally friendly amenities. In addition, each guest will receive an aluminium bottle for excursions that has been sourced from our partner "Refill Not Landfill". The bottle can be customised and taken home as a Lotus Cruises souvenir. Plastic straws and cocktail swizzle sticks are also no longer in use on the ship. With the high level of plastic pollution globally, this can help reduce plastic consumption and damage to the marine life and livelihoods of the Mekong Delta residents.



Other initiatives include the shift from styrofoam containers for packed lunches to paper boxes and replacing individual plastic packaging in guest bathrooms to ceramic containers.

Local Community Involvement

On all of our cruises, we support local communities in more ways than one. Farm-to-table mindset supports the local farmers. All retail items featured in the boutique store are locally sourced to promote indigenous industries. Our talented team are also from Vietnam and Cambodia to provide employment for those who are passionate about sharing authentic stories of their lives along the Mekong. We also support NGOs by inviting them to perform on board and showcase their rich culture. Some tours arranged are to support underprivileged communities. The most recent collaboration we are proud to have undertaken is with Pour Un Sourire D'Enfant (PSE). The organisation started in 1995 to alleviate the plight of street children by providing education and training programs to take them from destitution to a vocation! Currently, PSE hand-make quality uniforms for the entire Lotus Cruises' crew.



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