



AN ADVENTURE ON THE MEKONG BY LUXURY RIVER CRUISE

# authentic asia vietnam cambodia

2015/2017



Relax in the casual comfort of our air-conditioned bar COOL, CLEAN AND CRISP Floor to ceiling windows and a private balcony YOUR COSY RETREAT Delight in a front row seat on the open dec SIT BACK AND SEE IT AL

Immerse yourself in an outdoor whirlpool NOT A CARE IN THE WORLD



# Cruiseco Adventurer takes you deeper and in greater luxury

Limited to just 60 guests, the Cruiseco Adventurer has set the benchmark for luxury adventure cruising on the Mekong.

As a pioneer of river cruises in Asia, Cruiseco has become the first choice for Australian travellers who want to 'feel' a country, not just see one.

If this sounds like you then you'll delight in choosing a cruise from these pages. The itineraries have been planned with a knowledge that comes only from experience and a desire to complement it with the very best in hotels, sightseeing and onshore excursions.

And you can even add an extension to make sure you experience all the marvels and hidden treasures of any destination. With millions of Vietnamese and Cambodians relying on its waters for survival, the mighty Mekong is a limitless source of intrigue as it takes you through a spell-binding mix of humble villages and world renowned cities. And the Cruiseco Adventurer is uniquely engineered to navigate these waters almost without restriction taking you further than many comparable ships.

Your flights, hotels, cruising and everything in between is, amazingly, covered in one convenient price. So, step aboard and prepare to be enthralled.



Enjoy the luxury aboard



And delight in the grandeur ashore



Refreshed and ready for another day of...

The staff were gracious, friendly and attentive to your needs. GUEST 2014

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VENTURER



First hand and unforgettable encounters





A window to an ever-changing world



Of simple practicalities



## up close and personal in the most authentic asia

Renowned for providing unforgettable experiences, Cruiseco's itineraries are designed to show you the real heart of Vietnam and Cambodia.

Regardless of which itinerary you choose, a plethora of discovery awaits you as each new day surpasses the previous one. Wondrous waterways, iconic temples, bustling cities...you'll be treated to a kaleidoscope of these two great and ancient nations.

Emperors and artists, warriors and monks...surely nowhere boasts a more captivating array of culture, rituals and ruins than Vietnam and Cambodia. From tiny villages to great cities, every turn promises to reveal a triumph or tragedy and Cruiseco can ensure you miss none of them. While these lands abound with exquisite culture and amazing feats, no-one can share the very best of them with you like Cruiseco. Our itineraries draw on years of in-depth indigenous knowledge and unique partnerships with local providores.

And importantly, you are in our capable hands throughout a spellbinding voyage that will engage all of your senses.

These pages will stir your imagination, then let us surpass your expectations.



Young devotees with old-world rituals



From the awe-inspiringly historic...



To the soberingly humble

*It was wonderful to see how real people live along the Mekong—a truly* authentic experience. GUEST 2014





Colonial influences abound

Going ashore for so much more

lives foreign to their own.

authentic experience.

to meet with local people and learn of

Cruiseco's shore excursions are noted for their professionally trained, Englishspeaking guides. As 'insiders' they assure you of a more intimate,



Handled a python much before?



Where even the 'everyday' is eye-catching

The ship is intimate, our staff are gracious and you are most welcome

## gliding through misty mornings and into soft sunsets

Cruiseco Adventurer's accommodation is spacious, private, cosseting and complemented by its bar, restaurant, lounge, sundeck, library, gym, and pool

Each cabin offers an ensuite, individual climate control and comfy sitting area. However, your favourite feature could be the private balcony, it gives you a front row seat of an irresistible panorama.

Pleasingly, all cabins are located on the outside of the ship and floor to ceiling 'french' doors ensure you'll miss none of the sights.

Your amenities include a robe, slippers, quality toiletries and a wardrobe. However, there is even more onboard to entice you out

Main Deck cabins feature a balcony, floor to ceiling views, climate control, television, in-room seating, vanity, daily housekeeping, a safe and bottled water.



Upper Deck Cabins share the same quality appointments as those on the Main Deck but enjoy an elevated view. Additionally, the Deluxe Suites offer a separate lounge area.



of your haven, including a menu of Asian and Western dishes expertly prepared by our executive chef (perhaps that's why his cuisine demonstrations are such popular onboard events).

And remember to pack your bathers because nothing compares to the view from our pool and the service from our crew.

And when it's time to reflect on the day's excitement, our bar is an air-conditioned oasis, ready to serve your favourite nightcap.

> Cosy bathrooms are self-contained, with robes, slippers, ample luxury toiletries, quality amenities, daily towel service and some feature a bathtub.









Cool refreshments, warm friendships



Please be seated (you will be sated)





The staff always have a smile



Ever-changing onboard entertainment

#### LAOS

#### THAILAND

Siem Reap CAMBODIA VIETNAM Kampong Chhnang Tralach Phnom Penh Saigon Sa Dec My Tho

## Saigon to Siem Reap

11 NIGHTS from only \$3,499pp

Imagine the sights that await you that on an adventure that includes Vietnam's most dynamic city and the world's largest temple.

#### Australia – Singapore – Saigon

DAY 1

Fly with Singapore Airlines to Saigon via Singapore<sup>\*</sup>. Upon arrival at Ho Chi Minh City Airport, meet with your local guide who will escort you to the Caravelle Hotel, Saigon.

#### Saigon (B,L)

DAY 2

Enjoy a morning sightseeing tour with your local guide, visiting the Reunification Palace (once known as the Presidential Palace), the picturesque colonial City Hall, General Post Office, Former US Embassy, Ben Thanh Market and Notre Dame Cathedral. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and then return to your hotel. The afternoon is at your leisure.

#### Saigon — My Tho — Cai Be (B,L,D)

DAY 3

Today, transfer by coach to My Tho port for embarkation aboard Cruiseco Adventurer. Welcome drinks and lunch will be served onboard in the lounge, whilst cruising towards Cai Be. A gourmet dinner will be served onboard, and later in the evening enjoy folk performances about life on the Mekong Delta. The ship will moor overnight midstream near Cai Be.

#### Cai Be — Sa Dec (B,L,D)

DAY 4

After breakfast, take a local boat to Cai Be, visit the floating markets, the French Gothic Cathedral, a coconut-candy factory, rice paper and pop rice factories. Return to the ship for lunch whilst we sail towards Sa Dec. This afternoon visit Sa Dec, the hometown of Marguerite Duras' lover, visit the old house of Huynh Thy Le, and the Fuijian Temple. We will pass by the home of Marguerite Duras from across the river banks. Reboard the Cruiseco Adventurer mid-afternoon to set sail for Tan Chau. This evening enjoy cocktails and dinner onboard.

#### Tan Chau, Border Crossing (B,L,D) DAY 5

Today's highlight is Tan Chau. Enjoy sightseeing by local boats, navigating narrow channels to visit an evergreen island. After-

wards, go ashore to tour the town by rickshaw, visit factories where rattan mats and slippers are made. Then we return to the ship for lunch as we set sail for the border. In the afternoon, enjoy a fruit carving demonstration by the chef, before cocktails in the evening followed by dinner with your fellow travellers.

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#### Phnom Penh (B,L,D)

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Tour Phnom Penh by bus to visit the Royal Palace, the spectacular Silver Pagoda, and the National Museum with its outstanding Khmer crafts. In the afternoon you will have the option to either visit the Khmer Rouge's grim Toul Sleng (S21 Detention Centre) and the Killing Fields; or you could spend the afternoon at your leisure. In the evening enjoy Khmer folk dancing and songs.

#### Phnom Penh, Chong Koh Village (B,L,D)

DAY 7

The morning is at your leisure. At midday, the ship sails towards Chong Koh. Take a leisurely stroll through this silk-weaving village, visiting home-workshops making traditional silk and cotton handicrafts. Return to the ship to sail back along the Mekong to Prek K'Dam. Enjoy a hearty lunch whilst sailing. Cocktails, dinner and onboard pianist await in the evening.

#### Oudong — Kampong Tralach (B,L,D)

DAY 8

Following breakfast you will travel by coach to Oudong to visit a Buddhist monastery and meditation centre. After Oudong, travel 45 minutes by bus to Kampong Tralach, to visit Wat Kapong Tralach Pleu.

Here take an ox-cart ride to the Tonle River, travelling through the countryside, past rice fields and amused locals. Return to the ship in the evening and continue cruising to Kampong Chhnang. Later, join your tour guide for a lecture onboard— Cambodia: The Past and Present.

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High water: Kampong Chhnang, Tonle Lake (B,L,D) DAY 9

Kampong Chhnang is a rural port town with busy markets. Mooring mid-stream, take a boat excursion into the lakeside wetlands. A stunning variety of birds can be seen along with the local life in the floating village. Return to the boat and cast off towards Tonle Lake while enjoying farewell cocktails. The ship moors near Siem Reap.

#### High water: Siem Reap (в)

DAY 10

Enjoy breakfast onboard and then farewell the crew and guides. Disembark in Siem Reap and transfer by coach to Raffles Grand Hotel. This afternoon, enjoy a tour of Angkor Wat, the world's largest temple. Enjoy the sunset over Angkor Wat before heading back to your hotel.

#### Low water: Kampong Chhnang (B,L,D) DAY 9

Kampong Chhnang is a rural port town with busy markets. Mooring mid-stream, take a boat excursion into the lakeside wetlands. A stunning variety of birds can be seen along with the local life in the floating village. Return to the boat for lunch. After lunch, the ship casts off for Prek Kdam, the cruise's final stop. Enjoy a farewell cocktail party this evening. The ship moors overnight in Prek Kdam.

#### Low water: Disembarkation Prek Kdam-Siem Reap (B,L) DAY 10

Enjoy breakfast onboard and then farewell the crew and guides and transfer by bus to Siem Reap, stopping at Spean Praptos Bridge. The drive is about 6.5 hours through beautiful Cambodian countryside, with a picnic lunch. You will delight in kilometres of rural scenes with green paddy fields, typical bamboo houses, cattle, and local markets with interesting wares. Upon arrival in Siem Reap, stay at Raffles Grand Hotel D'Angkor for the next two nights. This afternoon, enjoy a tour of Angkor Thom, the Khmer's last capital, Terrace of the Leper King, and the Bayon Temple.

Siem Reap (B,L)	DAY 11	
After breakfast, visit the splendid Angkor Wat, the world's		
largest temple complex. Return to the hotel for lunch this after-		
noon and then you may continue exploring with an optional		
tour to Thommanon, Chau Say, Tevoda, Ta Keo and Ta Prohm,		
or enjoy the rest of the day at leisure by the pool or in town.		
Siem Reap — Singapore — Australia (B)	DAY 12	

After breakfast, transfer to Siem Reap Airport for your flight home to Australia.

#### EXCEPTIONAL LUXURY, OUTSTANDING VALUE

Your Cruiseco Adventurer cruise tour includes\*...

- Return Economy Class airfare from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth (includes air taxes)
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- Deluxe hotel accommodation: 2 nights at the 5-star Caravelle Hotel in Saigon, 2 nights at the 5-star Raffles Hotel D'Angkor in Siem Reap
- Extensive sightseeing with expert local guides, all transfers, and gratuities for guides/drivers
- Breakfast daily, lunch and dinner as specified in the itinerary.

#### 11 nights • Saigon to Siem Reap

12 Feb 26 Feb 12 Mar	\$3,799 \$3,799 \$3,599 UPGRADES Der Deck Suite	\$5,999 \$5,999 \$5,799 Deluxe Suite
26 Feb	\$3,799	\$5,999
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21 Jun	\$3,499	\$5,699
07 Jun '15	\$3,499	\$5,699
Start Date	Per person, share twin	Single person

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\* See conditions bottom of page 8

#### **Deliciously additional**

# Siem Reap to Saigon

11 NIGHTS from only \$3,499pp

Immerse yourself in a cruise that shows how two very different worlds can share one river

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#### Siem Reap (B,L)

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Kampong

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Phnom Penh

CAMBODIA

VIETNAM

Kampong Chhnang

Tan Chau

Saigon

Siem Reap

DAY 2

DAY 3

DAY 1

After breakfast, you will visit the magnificent Angkor Thom: the last capital of the Khmers Enjoy lunch at Café D'Angkor Restaurant (Raffles Grand Hotel) before visiting Thommanon, Chau Say, Tevoda, Ta Keo and Ta Prohm.

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DAY 3

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#### Phnom Penh (B,L,D)

Tour Phnom Penh by bus to visit the Royal Palace, the superb Silver Pagoda, and the National Museum with its outstanding Khmer crafts. In the afternoon you will have the option to either visit the Khmer Rouge's grim Toul Sleng (S21 Detention Centre) and the Killing Fields; or you may prefer to spend the afternoon at your leisure in Phomn Penh. In the evening enjoy Khmer folk dancing and songs in the Saigon Lounge.

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#### Tan Chau, Sa Dec (B,L,D)

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#### Sa Dec, Cai Be (B,L,D)

DAY 9

Today, visit Sa Dec, the hometown of Marguerite Dura's lover, visit the old house of Huynh Thuy Le's, pagodas, and the Fujian Temple, and join the bantering of local markets along the paved river banks. Across these banks, you will pass by the home of Marguerite Duras. In the afternoon, take a local boat to Cai Be, visit the French Gothic Cathedral, a coconut candy factory, rice paper and pop rice factories.

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DAY 10

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Saigon — Singapore — Australia (B)	DAY 12

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UPGRADES			
Twin share Single	Upper Deck \$200 PP \$400 PP	Suite \$500 pp \$1,000 pp	Deluxe Suite \$1,000 PP \$2,000 PP

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#### Don't miss the chance



#### Australia-Singapore-Siem Reap-Luang Prabang DAY 1

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#### Luang Prabang with Mekong River Cruise (B,L)

At dawn hundreds of saffron robed monks move silently through the streets to collect alms (offerings of food). After witnessing this incredible tradition, head back to the hotel. Following breakfast, depart with your guide to visit Wat Xieng Thong. Afterwards, you will enjoy a river boat cruise on the mighty Mekong River to visit the sacred Pak Ou Buddha Caves. After exploring the caves, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before cruising back to Luang Prabang town, arriving midafternoon.

#### Luang Prabang — Siem Reap (B)

DAY 3

After breakfast you will be transferred to Luang Prabang Airport for your flight to Siem Reap.

On arrival in Siem Reap, transfer by vehicle with your guide to the Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

#### Siem Reap (B)

DAY 4

This morning is at your leisure. In the afternoon, enjoy a tour of Angkor Wat, the world's largest temple. Enjoy an Angkor Wat sunset before heading back to your hotel.

B: breakfast L: lunch D: dinner

DAY 2



Luang Prabang

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# Luang Prabang to Saigon

### 14 NIGHTS FROM ONLY \$5,195pp

This cruise takes you from a land where time stands still to another whose time has come—separately they're rewarding, together they're compelling



Angkor Wat: part of the world's largest religious structure, it faces westward-the Hindu 'direction of death'

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#### Explore more of the wondrous



Tonle Sap: flooding of Southeast Asia's largest freshwater lake during the rainy season triples its surface area—reportedly up to 30,000km<sup>2</sup>

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A favourite among the Royal Palace's many delights is the Napoleon III Pavilion, gifted by the French in 1876

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Saigon (B,L)	DAY 14	
Enjoy a morning sightseeing tour with your local guide, v	/isiting	
the Reunification Palace (once known as the Presidential		
Palace), the picturesque colonial City Hall, General Post Office,		
Former US Embassy, Ben Thanh Market and Notre Dame		
Cathedral. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and then return to		
your hotel. The afternoon is at your leisure.		
Saigon — Singapore — Australia (B)	DAY 15	

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- 2 nights at Maison Souvannaphoum, boat cruise visiting the sacred Pak Ou Buddha Caves
- 3 nights at the 5-star Raffles Hotel D'Angkor in Siem Reap, 2 nights at the 5-star Caravelle Hotel in Saigon,
- Extensive sightseeing with expert local guides, all transfers, and gratuities for guides/drivers
- Breakfast daily, lunch and dinner as specified in the itinerary.

14 nights • Luang Prabang to Saigon			
Start Date	Per person, share twin	Single person	
11 Jun '15	\$5,195	\$8,205	
25 Jun	\$5,295	\$8,305	
09 Jul	\$5,295	\$8,305	
23 Jul	\$5,195	\$8,205	
06 Aug	\$5,195	\$8,205	
20 Aug	\$5,195	\$8,205	
03 Sep	\$5,195	\$8,205	
17 Sep	\$5,695	\$8,705	
01 Oct	\$5,695	\$8,705	
15 Oct	\$5,695	\$8,705	
29 Oct	\$5,695	\$8,705	
12 Nov	\$5,695	\$8,705	
26 Nov	\$5,695	\$8,705	
10 Dec	\$5,495	\$8,505	
24 Dec	\$5,595	\$8,605	
07 Jan '16	\$5,495	\$8,505	
21 Jan	\$5,495	\$8,505	
04 Feb	\$5,495	\$8,505	
18 Feb	\$5,495	\$8,505	
03 Mar	\$5,295	\$8,305	
17 Mar	\$5,295	\$8,305	
09 Jun	\$5,195	\$8,205	
23 Jun	\$5,195	\$8,205	
07 Jul	\$5,295	\$8,305	
21 Jul	\$5,295	\$8,305	
04 Aug	\$5,195	\$8,205	
18 Aug	\$5,195	\$8,205	
01 Sep	\$5,195	\$8,205	
15 Sep	\$5,195	\$8,205	
29 Sep	\$5,395	\$8,405	
13 Oct	\$5,295	\$8,305	
27 Oct	\$5,695	\$8,705	
10 Nov	\$5,695	\$8,705	
24 Nov	\$5,695	\$8,705	
08 Dec	\$5,495	\$8,505	
22 Dec	\$5,595	\$8,605	
05 Jan '17	\$5,495	\$8,505	
19 Jan	\$5,495	\$8,505	
02 Feb	\$5,495	\$8,505	
16 Feb	\$5,495	\$8,505	
02 Mar	\$5,295	\$8,305	
16 Mar	\$5,295	\$8,305	
	UPGRADES		
vin share \$2	ber Deck Suite 200рр \$500рр 400рр \$1,000рг	Deluxe Suite \$1,000 PP \$2,000 PP	

Prices are subject to change



Halong (Descending Dragon) Bay: 1,900 islands in an emerald green sea, it's a World Heritage Site and also one of the New 7 Wonders of the Nature

DAY 1

DAY 2

#### Australia — Singapore — Hanoi

Fly with Singapore Airlines to Hanoi via Singapore<sup>\*</sup>. Meet your local English speaking guide for transfer to the Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi Hotel. Enjoy an afternoon guided tour around the city. The rest of the evening is at leisure.

#### Hanoi to Halong Bay with overnight Halong Bay Cruise (B,L,D)

After an early breakfast, transfer by road from your hotel in Hanoi to Halong Bay (approximately 4 hours). Board the Paradise cruise and settle into your rooms. Enjoy lunch on board before cruising the limestone islands in the afternoon.

#### Hanoi to Halong Bay with overnight Halong Bay Cruise (B,L,D)

DAY 3

DAY 4

Today, transfer to your day-trip boat and cruise to the bay's most untouched areas. Enjoy swimming on quiet beaches, visiting water tunnels, fishing villages or kayaking. Lunch is served on board by your private chef. Return to the mother boat for the night.

#### Halong Bay to Hanoi (B)

This morning, continue cruising through the bay before arriving back at Halong port. Journey by road back to the Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi Hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

B: breakfast L: lunch D: dinner



# LAOS Halong Bay



Siem Reap CAMBODIA VIETNAM Kampong Chhnang Tralach Phnom Penh Saigon Sa Dec My Tho

# Halong Bay to Saigon

16 NIGHTS FROM ONLY \$5,779pp

Relax in the spiritual tranquility of Asia's most beautiful bay and drink in the heady excitement of Vietnam's most well known city



#### Hanoi – Siem Reap (B)

DAY 5

A full day at leisure until departure transfer to Hanoi Airport. On arrival in Siem Reap, transfer by vehicle with your guide to the Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

#### Siem Reap (B)

DAY 6

This morning is at your leisure. In the afternoon, enjoy a tour of Angkor Wat, the world's largest temple. Enjoy an Angkor Wat sunset before heading back to your hotel.

#### Siem Reap (B,L)

DAY 7

DAY 8

After breakfast, you will visit the magnificent Angkor Thom: the last capital of the Khmers.

Enjoy lunch at Café D'Angkor Restaurant (Raffles Grand Hotel) before visiting Thommanon, Chau Say, Tevoda, Ta Keo and Ta Prohm.

**Note:** the Tonle Sap Lake's water level varies; an alternative itinerary may be followed if it's too low:

High water: Siem Reap, Prek K'Dam (B,L,D)

After breakfast, transfer by coach to the jetty and take a motor boat to Cruiseco Adventurer. Welcome drinks and lunch will be served onboard. Soak up the scenery as you cruise towards Kampong Chhnang. Enjoy the first gourmet dinner onboard with fellow travellers. Moor overnight on Tonle Sap Lake.

#### Low water: Siem Reap, Prek K'Dam (B,L,D)

DAY 8

After breakfast transfer by coach to Prek Kdam, with a comfort stop along the way, and light snacks provided. The drive is approximately 6.5 hours through the serene and beautiful countryside of Cambodia. On the drive through the region you will see kilometers upon kilometers of rural scenes with green paddy fields, typical bamboo houses, cattle, and local rural markets with interesting wares. Upon arrival this afternoon embark onto Cruiseco Adventurer. Welcome drinks and lunch will be served onboard and at night, enjoy your first gourmet dinner with fellow travellers.

#### Kampong Chhnang, Kampong Tralach (B,L,D)

DAY 9

Mooring midstream, take a motor boat excursion into the lakeside wetlands forming the river mouth; complete with a floating village. Return to the ship and cast off towards Kampong Tralach. En route you may attend a lecture on *Cambodia: The Past and the Present* in the Saigon Lounge.

#### Kampong Tralach, Oudong, Phnom Penh (B,L,D) DAY 10

In the morning, take an ox-cart ride to Vihara belonging to Wat Kapong Tralach Pleu. Next, buses await to take you about 45 minutes to Oudong for a Buddhist blessing ceremony and to visit a meditation centre. Afterwards, it's a short bus ride back to Cruiseco Adventurer at Prek Kdam. Back on board in the early evening the ship sets sail towards the capital Phnom Penh. Following dinner, a Khmer folk show awaits in the Saigon Lounge. Afterwards, you can relax in any of the bars just opposite the dock as the ship will stay overnight in Phnom Penh.

#### Delight in even more



Angkor Wat: constructed in the early 12th century for Hindus but assumed by Buddhists (approx. late 13 century)

#### Phnom Penh (B,L,D)

DAY 11

Tour Phnom Penh by bus to visit the Royal Palace, the spectacular Silver Pagoda, and the National Museum with its outstanding Khmer crafts. In the afternoon you will have the option to either visit the Khmer Rouge's grim Toul Sleng (S21 Detention Centre) and the Killing Fields; or you may prefer to spend the afternoon at your leisure in Phnom Penh.

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#### Phnom Penh, Border Crossing, Tan Chau (B,L,D) DAY 12

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Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City): a city of humble homes and boulevards

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#### Sa Dec, Cai Be (B,L,D)

Tan Chau, Sa Dec (B,L,D)

DAY 14

**DAY 13** 

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#### My Tho, Saigon (B)

DAY 15

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Saigon (B,L) DAY 16	5	
Enjoy a morning sightseeing tour with your local guide, visiting	3	
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- Breakfast daily, lunch and dinner as specified in the itinerary.

6 nights •	Halong Bay	to Saigon
Start Date	Per person, share twin	Single person
09 Jun '15	\$5,779	\$9,575
23 Jun	\$5,879	\$9,675
07 Jul	\$5,879	\$9,675
21 Jul	\$5,779	\$9,575
04 Aug	\$5,779	\$9,575
18 Aug	\$5,779	\$9,575
01 Sep	\$5,779	\$9,575
15 Sep	\$6,279	\$10,075
29 Sep	\$6,279	\$10,075
13 Oct	\$6,449	\$10,450
27 Oct	\$6,449	\$10,450
10 Nov	\$6,449	\$10,450
24 Nov	\$6,449	\$10,450
08 Dec	\$6,249	\$10,250
22 Dec	\$6,695	\$10,850
05 Jan '16	\$6,595	\$10,750
19 Jan	\$6,249	\$10,250
02 Feb	\$6,249	\$10,250
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01 Mar	\$6,049	\$10,050
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16 Aug	\$5,779	\$9,575
30 Aug	\$5,779	\$9,575
13 Sep	\$5,779	\$9,575
27 Sep	\$5,979	\$9,775
11 Oct	\$6,049	\$10,050
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	UPGRADES	
win share \$2	рег Deck Suite 200 рр \$500 рр 400 рр \$1,000 рг	

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Hoi An: settled around 200 BC and perhaps Vietnam's most determinedly preserved site, the wooden houses bear Chinese characters

DAY 1

#### Australia - Singapore - Da Nang

Fly Singapore Airlines to Da Nang via Singapore\*. Meet your local English-speaking guide upon arrival in Da Nang who will escort you to Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort. The rest of your day is at leisure.

#### Hoi An (B)

Today explore Hoi An with your local guide, visiting some of the pagodas, historic houses, the covered bridges and the local market. The rest of your day is at leisure.

#### Da Nang — Hanoi (B)

DAY 3

DAY 2

After breakfast you will be transferred to Da Nang Airport. Meet your local guide upon arrival in Hanoi who will escort you to the Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi Hotel. Enjoy an afternoon guided tour around the city. The rest of the evening is at your leisure.



Hoi An to Saigon

B: breakfast L: lunch D: dinner

from only \$6,620pp

18 NIGHTS Your journey includes a town of exceptional preservation and a city of exceptional resilience; one cruise reveals two sides of this nation.

#### Hanoi to Halong Bay, with overnight Halong Bay Cruise (B,L,D)

DAY 4

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#### Halong Bay (B,L,D)

boat for the night.

DAY 5 Today, transfer to your day-trip boat and cruise to the bay's most untouched areas. Enjoy swimming on quiet beaches, visiting water tunnels, fishing villages or kayaking. Lunch is served on board by your private chef. Return to the mother



#### Halong Bay to Hanoi (B)

DAY 6

This morning, continue cruising the bay before returning to Halong port. Journey by road back to the Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi Hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

#### Hanoi – Siem Reap (B)

DAY 7

A full day at leisure until departure transfer to Hanoi Airport. On arrival in Siem Reap, transfer by vehicle with your guide to the Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

#### Siem Reap (B)

DAY 8

This morning is at your leisure. In the afternoon, enjoy a tour of Angkor Wat, the world's largest temple. Then delight in an Angkor Wat sunset before heading back to your hotel.

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#### Delight in even more

of the exotica of Hanoi's daily life with our **Extensions** page 24-29

with fellow travellers. You will moor overnight on Tonle Sap Lake.

#### Low water: Siem Reap, Prek K'Dam (B,L,D)

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Vinh Trang Pagoda, My Yho: an inspiring combination of Khmer architecture and European influences

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Saigon's Notre Dame Cathedral was built by the French and features a Virgin Mary believed to have shed tears

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Saigon (B,L)	DAY 18	
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embassy, Ben Thanh Market and Notre Dame Cathedral.		
Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and then return to your hotel.		
The afternoon is at your leisure.		
Saigon — Singapore — Australia (B)	DAY 19	

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18 nights	• Hoi An to	Saigon
Start Date	Per person, share twin	Single person
07 Jun '15	\$6,620	\$10,870
21 Jun	\$6,720	\$10,970
05 Jul	\$6,720	\$10,970
19 Jul	\$6,620	\$10,870
02 Aug	\$6,620	\$10,870
16 Aug	\$6,620	\$10,870
30 Aug	\$6,620	\$10,870
13 Sep	\$7,120	\$11,370
27 Sep	\$7,120	\$11,370
11 Oct	\$7,290	\$11,745
25 Oct	\$7,290	\$11,745
08 Nov	\$7,290	\$11,745
22 Nov	\$7,290	\$11,745
06 Dec	\$7,090	\$11,545
20 Dec	\$7,536	\$12,145
03 Jan '16	\$7,436	\$12,045
17 Jan	\$7.090	\$11,545
31 Jan	\$7,090	\$11,545
14 Feb	\$7,090	\$11,545
28 Feb	\$6,890	\$11,345
13 Mar	\$6,890	\$11,345
05 Jun	\$6,620	\$10,870
19 Jun	\$6,620	\$10,870
03 Jul	\$6,720	\$10,870
17 Jul	\$6,720	\$10,970
31 Jul	\$6,620	\$10,970
14 Aug	\$6,620	\$10,870
28 Aug		
Ŭ	\$6,620	\$10,870
11 Sep 25 Sep	\$6,620	\$10,870
,	\$6,820	\$11,070
09 Oct	\$6,890 \$7,200	\$11,345 ¢11,745
23 Oct	\$7,290	\$11,745
06 Nov	\$7,290	\$11,745
20 Nov	\$7,290	\$11,745
04 Dec	\$7,090	\$11,545
18 Dec	\$7,190	\$11,645
01 Jan '17	\$7,090	\$11,545
15 Jan	\$7,090	\$11,545
29 Jan	\$7,090	\$11,545
12 Feb	\$7,090	\$11,545
26 Feb	\$6,890	\$11,345
12 Mar	\$6,890	\$11,345
	UPGRADES	
win share \$20	er Deck Suite 00 PP \$500 PF 00 PP \$1,000 P	

Prices are subject to change

\* See conditions bottom of page 22

# Extensions Add even more exploration to your cruise adventure with these extens





#### Day 1 Arrive Hanoi

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Fly from Saigon to Hanoi and be met by your local Englishspeaking guide for transfer to the Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi Hotel.

This afternoon you'll visit highlights, including tree-lined streets, resplendent with French colonial architecture, and the restored Opera House.

Pass by Hoan Kiem Lake (Lake of the Restored Sword) and

on to the Temple of Literature. Enjoy a walking tour of the Ancient Quarter where goods were sold under street names of particular guilds. Dinner is at your own account and the rest of the evening is at leisure.

Day 2 Hanoi to Halong Bay & o/night Halong Bay Cruise After an early breakfast transfer by road to Halong Bay (about 4 hours).

Your Paradise junk cruise offers luxury amid the splendour of this premier cruising site. Check in just after midday for lunch on board before an afternoon cruise of the islands.

You can explore Surprise Cave, go snorkeling, swimming or kayaking (at extra charge). Or stay on board to soak up the sun. Dinner's served on board and you'll enjoy the overnight comforts of a deluxe cabin.

#### Day 3 Halong Bay to Hanoi

Awake to morning mist and towering rock formations. During breakfast, you will cruise the bay before returning to Halong port and the road journey to the Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi Hotel for your final night in Hanoi.



Day 1 Ho Chi Minh (Saigon), Day at Leisure / Arrival For those arriving in Saigon today, you will be met at the airport by your local English-speaking guide and transferred to the Caravelle Hotel, before enjoying the rest of the day at leisure

This is a leisure day for guests extending at the end of their trip. And it's time you can use to explore this city of contrasts with the elegance of its colonial French architecture giving a backdrop to five million bustling inhabitants.

Surely one of Asia's most evocative cities, Saigon offers you a wonderful mix of new high-rise towers and roadside noodle stalls.

#### Day 2 Ho Chi Minh (Saigon)

Breakfast is included at the hotel. Visit the Cholon area this morning with your local guide.

Visit Cha Tam Church, where President Diem sought refuge just before his assassination in 1963. See the impressive Thien Hau



#### Day 4 Depart Hanoi

Full day at leisure until your departure transfer to Hanoi Airport to return to Saigon.

#### 5 Day/4 Night extension

alternative itinerary for days 3-5

#### Day 3 Halong Bay

After breakfast transfer to your day-trip boat with private crew and cruise to the bay's most untouched areas. Enjoy swimming on quiet beaches, visiting water tunnels, fishing villages or even kayaking. Lunch served on board by your private chef. Return to the mother boat for the night.

#### Day 4 Halong Bay to Hanoi

Enjoy the morning mist and towering rock formations. During breakfast, you will cruise the bay before returning to Halong port for the road journey to the Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi Hotel and your final night in Hanoi.

#### Day 5 Depart Hanoi

Full day at leisure until departure transfer to Hanoi Airport to return to Saigon.

### Hanoi & Halong Bay

EXTENSIONS

#### 4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS • 5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

#### Inclusions:

- 2 nights accommodation at the Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi Hotel in a Premium Room, with breakfast daily
- 1 night Paradise luxury cruise, Halong Bay OR (on the 5 day/4 nights option) 2 nights Paradise luxury cruise
- Economy return airfare to Hanoi from Saigon
- Private air-conditioned vehicles for included sightseeing and transfers, with a local English-speaking guide
- Gratuities for guides/drivers

#### Tour price from\* Please note: prices are subject to change

4 Day/ 3 Night: **\$1,719 per person, twin share • \$2,709 single** 5 Day/ 4 Night: **\$2,080 per person, twin share • \$3,480 single** 

Extra night accommodation: Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi Hotel from \$224 per person, per night twin share.

Temple, it's dedicated to a goddess of the seas who is said to protect fishermen and sailors.

Here, huge coils of incense hang from the ornate ceiling, burning for up to three months at a time. Visit Binh Tay market and its surrounding area, bustling with trading. Also stop at a tiny Cao Dai temple, where a small sect of this eclectic religion worships daily. Return to your hotel for lunch on your own and then the day at leisure.

Day 3 Ho Chi Minh (Saigon), Day at Leisure / Departure After breakfast, if you're beginning your tour, you'll have a leisure day to enjoy this bustling city. If you've extended in Ho Chi Minh, at the end of your trip, you've free time until transfer to the airport for the flight home.

# Ho Chi Minh City

### 3 DAYS • 2 NIGHTS

#### Inclusions:

- 2 nights accommodation at the Caravelle Hotel in a Deluxe Room with breakfast daily
- Private air-conditioned vehicles for included sightseeing and transfers, with a local English-speaking guide
- Vietnam Government tax and service charge
- Gratuities for guides/drivers

#### Tour price from\* Please note: prices are subject to change

#### \$425 per person, twin share \$845 single

Extra night accommodation at the Caravelle Hotel from \$162 per person, per night twin share. • Private transfer from airport/hotel or hotel/airport \$23 per person (twin share) / \$45 single.



#### Day 1 Siem Reap, Day at Leisure / Arrival

Arriving at Siem Reap today, you will be met at the airport by your local English-speaking guide and transferred to the Raffles d'Angkor Hotel before you enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. For guests extending at the end of their trip, today is at leisure which means time to explore this magnificent city.

#### Day 2 Siem Reap and Surrounds

After breakfast at your hotel, some temples in the countryside outside Siem Reap town beckon your inspection.

Driving past rice paddy fields and small local villages, you'll see

"Bantery Srei" (or "The Citadel of Women"), one of the smallest and most beautiful temples around Siem Reap.

This temple has Cambodia's finest pink sandstone carving, depicting extracts from the Ramayana. You will then visit "Banteay Samre", a superb example of small scale Angkor-style architecture which lets visitors appreciate the intricacies that are often dwarfed by the immense size of Angkor Wat.

On your return drive to the hotel, there's time to enjoy a leisurely walk in one of the small villages along the way. Arriving back at lunch time, the rest of your day is at leisure.



#### Day 1 Arrive Luang Prabang

Fly from Siem Reap to Luang Prabang and be met by your local English-speaking guide and transferred to the Maison Souvannaphoum Hotel. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. The legacy of a European presence, with well-preserved French architecture, has blended delightfully with more than 30 gilded Buddhist temples creating a town rich in atmosphere and history.

Weather permitting, you can take a walk through Luang Prabang's evening market with your local guide. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant to sample delicious Luang Prabang Laotian cuisine.

#### Day 2 Luang Prabang with Mekong River Cruise

This morning there's the opportunity to start early with one of Luang Prabang's most memorable sights. Dawn sees hundreds of saffron-robed monks move silently through the streets collecting alms (offerings of food). Your guide will explain the background to this ritual which is part of everyday life in Laos and you will have the chance to make 'merit'. It's early but well worth the wake-up call!



#### Day 3 Siem Reap, Day at Leisure / Departure

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. For guests beginning their tour, this morning is free until your afternoon tour to Angkor Wat. For guests who have extended in Siem Reap at the end of their trip, you'll enjoy free time until transfering to the airport for your flight home.



#### Inclusions:

- 2 nights accommodation at the Raffles d'Angkor Hotel in a State Room, with breakfast daily
- Entrance fees for included sightseeing
- Private air-conditioned vehicles for included sightseeing and transfers, with a local English-speaking guide
- Gratuities for guides/drivers

#### Tour price from\* Please note: prices are subject to change

#### \$635 per person, twin share • \$1,185 single

Extra night accommodation at the Raffles d'Angkor Hotel from \$198 per person, per night twin share. • Private transfer airport/hotel OR hotel/airport \$12 per person (twin share) / \$28 single.

After breakfast at your hotel depart with your guide to visit Wat Xieng Thong. You will then visit Luang Prabang's National Museum (formerly the Royal Palace and not open Tuesdays) to see an impressive collection of personal artifacts of the former Laotian Royal family.

Afterwards, you will enjoy a river boat cruise on the mighty Mekong River to visit the sacred Pak Ou Buddha Caves. After exploring the caves, you will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before cruising back to Luang Prabang town, arriving midafternoon.

#### Day 3 Depart Luang Prabang to Siem Reap

After breakfast, enjoy free time before you are transferred to the airport for your flight back to Siem Reap, accommodation at Raffles Hotel D'Angkor.

Day 4 Siem Reap Full day at leisure in Siem Reap.

### Luang Prabang EXTENSION 4 DAYS • 3 NIGHTS

#### Inclusions:

- 2 nights accommodation at the Maison Souvannaphoum in a Garden Wing Room, with breakfast daily
- 1 night accommodation at the Raffles d'Angkor Hotel in a State Room, with breakfast
- Economy Class return airfare (incl. taxes) to Luang Prabang from Siem Reap
- Entrance fees for included sightseeing
- All land transport and transfers listed in the itinerary
- Private air-conditioned vehicles for included sightseeing and transfers, with a local English-speaking guide
- NTA and Laos government tax
- Dinner on Day One and lunch on Day Two at local restaurants (drinks not included)
- Gratuities for guides/drivers

#### Tour price from\* Please note: prices are subject to change

#### \$1,335 per person, twin share • \$1,779 single

may be required to coincide with flight schedules. Surcharges apply for shoulder and peak seasons. meals other than those specified in the itinerary, drinks or personal expenses. Extra night accommodation: Maison Souvannaphoum from \$117 per person, per night twin share.



#### Day 1 Arrive Hanoi

Arrive in Hanoi and be met by your local English speaking guide for transfer to the Sofitel Legend Metropole Hotel for check-in.

#### Day 2 Hanoi and overnight train to Lao Cai

After breakfast depart with your guide for highlights, including tree-lined streets, French colonial architecture and the restored Opera House. Pass by Hoan Kiem Lake (Lake of the Restored Sword) to visit the Temple of Literature. Lunch is at your own expense.

This evening our guide in Ha Noi will take you to a local restaurant



before transferring you to Ha Noi railway station for overnight train to Lao Cai.

#### Day 3 Lao Cai to Sapa

Arriving at Lao Cai in the early morning, you are met by your local guide who will escort you to the hotel for breakfast.

Discover the landscapes of terraced rice paddies at Victoria Sapa Resort and Spa. Sapa is northwest of Hanoi in Lao Cai Province. It's close to the Chinese border and famous for terraced rice paddies and highlands.

Transfer to Ta Van village, set peacefully in the valley of Muong Hoa. It's 1,000 residents are mainly H'Mong, Giay and Red Da. Explore the local life and then back to Victoria Sapa Resort.

#### Day 4 Sapa

After your hotel breakfast explore the south eastern side of Ham Rong Mountain (close to Sapa town but unknown by most). Inhabited by the Hmong, this narrow valley is quiet and nontouristic—differing from Ta Phin or Muong Hoa valleys. Enjoy several stops for marvellous landscapes of the Hoang Lien mountain range and Muong Hoa valley before arriving at a small

#### Day 1 Arrive Hanoi

Fly from Saigon to Hanoi. On arrival you'll be met by your local English-speaking guide and transferred to the Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi Hotel. Enjoy the rest of this day at your leisure.

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Often described as 'old-fashioned', Hanoi is full of sidewalk cafes, pavement barbers, wide tree-lined bicycle-filled boulevards and elegant colonial French mansions.

#### Day 2 Hanoi

After breakfast, you will start a tour of some of this intriguing city's highlights. Enjoy an orientation of its tree-lined streets and then explore its lakes, parks, mansions and the intriguing Old French Quarter.

Of particular interest are the crumbling houses crammed in alleyways and streets bearing the names of goods once traded there, including Silk, Gold and Sugar streets and even a Fried Fish Street.



#### Day 1 Arrive Da Nang / Hoi An

Fly from Saigon to Da Nang. On arrival you'll meet your local English-speaking guide and transfer to the Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort. The rest of this day is at leisure.

One of Vietnam's most ancient cities, Da Nang was the centre of the Cham Dynasty (2nd century) and boasts the world's largest and most impressive collection of Cham artefacts.

One of Asia's most spectacular beaches, unwelcome visitors have also made their mark here as it was the landing-point for invading French troops and, decades later, the US Marines. The neighbouring Marble Mountains are another fascinating visit. Their five craggy limestone peaks are held to represent the five elements of the universe. village overlooking the Muong Hoa valley from 1,572m. We then take an easy walk to explore this charming area before transfer back to Victoria Sapa resort.

#### Day 5 Sapa to Lao Cai/overnight train back to Hanoi

Today we spend trek along buffalo trails, visiting the Black Hmong villagers at Matra, passing schools with scenic views. We lunch at a local restaurant and then head to Ta Phin village from Sapa, hiking along 15km of hilly terrain to see local people working in terraced fields and travelling to markets. At day's end you can relax in a traditional Red Dao herbal bath at Ta Phin at your own expense. (This excursion requires a higher level of fitness).

In the afternoon, you are transferred back to Lao Cai station for an overnight train back to Hanoi. Dinner is at your own expense.

#### Day 6 Arrive Hanoi and Departure

Arriving at approximately 6am in Hanoi you will be transferred to a local restaurant for breakfast, including pho (tasty broth of beef or chicken noodles) before transfer to Hanoi Airport for your onward flight.

### Hanoi and Sapa EXTENSION 5 DAYS • 5 NIGHTS

#### Inclusions:

- 1 night accommodation at the at the Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi Hotel in a Premium Room, with breakfast daily
- Return Train trip between Hanoi and Lao Cai on the Victoria Express Train in a Deluxe twin cabin including 2 nights accommodation
- 2 nights accommodation at the Victoria Sapa Resort
- Return economy airfare (including taxes) from Saigon to Hanoi
- Private air-conditioned vehicles for included sightseeing and transfers, with a local English-speaking guide
- 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners are included (drinks not included)
- Vietnam Government tax and service charge
- Gratuities for guides/drivers

#### Tour price from\* Please note: prices are subject to change

#### \$2,139 per person, twin share • \$2,959 single

Extra night accommodation at the Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi Hotel from \$224 per person, per night twin share.

Pass by Hoan Kiem Lake, (Lake of the Restored Sword) en route to one of the city's many superb museums (including Army, History or Fine Arts). Continue on to the Temple of Literature, built in 1070 and dedicated to Confucius.

Next, take to the streets for a fascinating walking tour of the Ancient Quarter or 36 Streets District. This dense corner of the city was the centre of commerce where goods were sold under Aged homes and temples intersperse with stores in this souvenir hunter's paradise

Lunch is at your own account and the day is then at leisure.

#### Day 3 Depart Hanoi

After breakfast, enjoy some free time before you are transferred to the airport for your flight back to Saigon.

### Hanoi EXTENSION 3 DAYS • 2 NIGHTS

#### Inclusions:

- 2 nights accommodation at the Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi Hotel in a Premium room, with breakfast daily
- Economy class return airfare (incl. taxes) to Hanoi from Saigon
- Private air-conditioned vehicles for included sightseeing and transfers, with a local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees for included sightseeing
- Vietnam Government tax and service charge
- Gratuities for guides/drivers

#### Tour price from\* Please note: prices are subject to change

#### \$1,110 per person, twin share • \$1,689 single

Extra night accommodation at the Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi Hotel from \$224 per person, per night twin share.

#### Day 2 Hoi An

This morning you will begin to explore Hoi An old town with your local guide. This is an extraordinary jewel in a country so ravaged by war as it's managed to remain untouched. As you wander the traffic-free streets of this ancient port it isn't difficult to imagine yourself amidst the sailors and merchants of the 18th century when it was one of Asia's busiest trade centres.

Enjoy a walking tour of pagodas, historic houses, the local market and the covered bridge. Afterwards, you'll be transferred back to the resort and be free to discover the town at your own pace, or enjoy the beach.

#### Day 3 Depart Hoi An

After breakfast, you have free time to enjoy Hoi An until it is time to transfer to Da Nang airport for your flight back to Saigon.



#### Inclusions:

- 2 nights accommodation at the Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort in a Superior Room, with breakfast daily
- Economy Class return airfare (incl. taxes) to Da Nang from Saigon
- Tour program as per the itinerary, with all entrance fees
- Private air-conditioned vehicles for included sightseeing and transfers, with a local English-speaking guide
- Vietnam Government tax and service charge
- Gratuities for guides/drivers

#### **Tour price from\*** Please note: prices are subject to change

#### \$845 per person, twin share • \$1,299 single

Extra night accommodation: Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort from \$135 per person, per night twin share.

### FAQ's

#### Is travel insurance required?

Travel insurance is a mandatory requirement of all Cruiseco Authentic Asia Holidays. Please keep in mind that some of the destinations we visit are remote and emergency services may be required. We recommend you obtain travel insurance before paying a deposit. Failure to obtain travel insurance will not waive any cancellation fees in the event that you need to cancel your trip.

### Is a doctor on board and do I need any injections before I travel?

There's no doctor on board. Limited medical facilities are available on board, and in the event of an emergency, the vessel will head to shore immediately. It's recommended you check with your doctor that you are fit for travel. Your doctor should also check as to whether any prophylactic drugs or inoculations are required.

#### What facilities are available in the cabins?

All cabins have their own air-conditioning, flat screen TV and DVD player, hair dryer, bath robe, mini-safe, luggage storage, wardrobe, reading lights, writing desk, mini fridge, chairs and coffee table. Cabins do not have mini bars. All cabins have their own twin balcony with chair and table.

#### Is there air-conditioning onboard?

Your cabin has its own air-conditioning unit which can be adjusted for your comfort. It is not recommended to over-cool your cabin as the sudden change from outside temperature to a chilled cabin can bring on colds, respiratory illnesses and even stomach upsets.

#### What is the dress code?

The atmosphere onboard is informal and relaxed; comfortable, casual attire during the day and the evenings are smart-casual.

#### What drinks are included?

All soft drinks, local beers, local spirits, local mineral water, coffee and tea, and wine with lunch and dinner are included. Imported spirits, liquors, espresso and imported mineral water will be charged to your stateroom account. A complimentary daily cocktail of local spirits, will be served during the daily briefing.

#### What currency is used onboard?

Cruiseco Adventurer's onboard currency is USD. You will have a ship account which lets you sign a bill for all purchases and services throughout the cruise. All onboard charges will be in USD and accounts can be settled by **credit card only**, cash is not accepted. (only Mastercard or Visa card are accepted).

The local currencies are the Cambodian Riel and the Vietnam Dong. It's advisable to take a small amount of local currency when going ashore. There is a limited money exchange service available on board

#### Are there laundry facilities?

A laundry bag is provided for your needs and a laundry list is available in your cabin. Laundry is collected each morning when your room is made up and will be returned the following day. It's not recommended to have 'whites' washed onboard. Charges for the laundry service will be made to your onboard account.

#### Is there Internet access onboard?

A free wireless internet connection is available in the lounge while mooring in Phnom Penh and sporadically on the river; there may be blackspots in rural areas along the river.

#### Are gratuities included?

Gratuities are included in your package fare. Guests are not expected to tip individually or collectively, including the staff onboard the ship, local guides and drivers during your holiday package.

#### Is the water onboard suitable for drinking?

The vessel's water supply comes from the river after passing through a sterilisation plant. It is suitable for washing and brushing teeth but should not be drunk. Bottled water is provided free of charge for drinking. Never accept ice in drinks and avoid ice creams, crushed sugar cane, salads and the skins of fruits when off the vessel.

#### Is smoking permitted onboard?

Smoking is only permitted outside on the open areas of the sun deck. Smoking is not permitted in cabins or balconies.

#### What type of meals are provided onboard?

Breakfast is a buffet while lunch and dinner are served at the tables. We offer a fusion of Asian and Western cuisine and there are always vegetarian dishes on offer. Any special meal requirements will be made on a 'request' basis only and cannot be guaranteed. Please advise your Cruiseco Travel Agent of your requirements at time of booking.

#### Can I have a double bed?

All cabins can be converted into a twin or double.

### Are there lifts onboard and facilities for passengers in wheelchairs?

There are no lifts and the ship is not equipped for passengers travelling in a wheelchair. The vessel regularly moors where paths can be muddy and slippery. It's recommended passengers be relatively fit, able-bodied and able to walk over uneven surfaces. Please consult your Cruiseco travel agent if you have further questions.

#### Will my mobile phone work?

GSM phones work for nearly all parts of the Mekong where you will travel, with the exception of Cambodia for a short section downstream of Kampong Chhnang and in the midst of the Tonle Lake. Other areas have excellent coverage.

#### Will I need a visa to travel?

Australian passengers require both a Vietnam and Cambodian Visa to travel. You must organise your Vietnam Visa before departing Australia.

Passengers on the upstream itinerary (Saigon to Angkor) can have their Cambodian Visa organised onboard for a fee of \$40 USD—charged to the passenger's onboard account. Two passport size photos will be required and must be obtained prior to commencing travel.

For downstream itineraries, it is recommended that you obtain the Cambodia Visa prior to travel. However if you are unable to do this due to last minute travel arrangements you may obtain a visa on arrival in Siem Reap through our land supplier Destination Asia's fast track immigration and visa service for a pre-paid fee of \$65 AUD per person. Please speak to your Cruiseco Travel Agent for further information on obtaining visas.

### **Booking Conditions**

#### **Reservations and payments**

Bookings for these exclusive Cruiseco Adventurer Holidays must be made with a Cruiseco travel agent.

On confirmation of your booking, a written confirmation will be sent to your Cruiseco travel agent. An option will be given for 7 days. Before the option expires it will be necessary for you to pay a deposit of \$1,000 per person. This deposit secures your holiday as requested. Failure to pay the deposit by the option due date may result in the cancellation of your booking.

Final payment is due 90 days prior to sailing. If your booking is made within 90 days prior to sailing, full payment, along with details of your travel insurance policy will be due immediately.

#### Fares

The fares quoted in this brochure are shown in Australian dollars and are based on a twin sharing basis, unless specified as a single cabin category. All rates are subject to change with or without notice.

#### What's not included in your holiday price

Passport and visa fees, insurance of all kinds, laundry, phone calls, beverages (except for those noted as being included), additional accommodation made necessary by flight schedules, transfers for flight arrivals that are not the same as our pre arranged group flights, and items of a personal nature are not included in the holiday costs advertised in this brochure.

#### **Itinerary changes**

Itineraries are subject to change due to weather, road conditions, bridge construction, and other factors beyond our control. The order of the trips may also change. Should a location or region become unviable, we will make every effort to visit an equivalent location or region.

#### **Travel documentation**

Travel documents will be sent to you approximately 14 days prior to departure from Australia (providing full payment, booking form, passport copy, and insurance details have been received). If you are departing Australia earlier, please ask your Cruiseco travel agent to request your travel documents in good time.

#### **Travel insurance**

Travel insurance is mandatory for Cruiseco's Authentic Asia Holidays. We recommend that you obtain Travel insurance before paying a deposit. Failure to obtain travel insurance will not waive any cancellation fees in the event that you need to cancel your trip.

#### Booking changes and cancellations

In the unfortunate event that you should have to cancel your holiday, we must be notified in writing. The day that we receive this notice in writing, will be considered the date that your cancellation has been made. Certain cancellation fees apply to your holiday if cancelled after a deposit or final payment has been made.

#### **Booking changes**

A fee of \$25 per person will be charged for any revision or alteration made to a reservation after the booking is confirmed unless the change increases the value of the booking.

#### **Cancellations and cancellation fees**

Notice of cancellation must be made in writing to your Cruiseco travel agent. The following scale of charges (includes GST) will apply when notice of cancellation is given prior to sailing.

Days before sailing cancellation received	Cancellation charges
Administration fee on all cancellations	\$100 per person
90 plus days	Loss of deposit
60-89 days	50% of total holiday cost plus admin fee
30-59 days	75% of total holiday cost plus admin fee
29 days to day of departure or no show	100% of total holiday cost

#### Qantas frequent flyer points

Qantas Frequent Flyer points are awarded on Cruiseco holidays. Qantas Frequent Flyer members will receive one Qantas Frequent Flyer point for every \$1.50 spent. You must be a member of the Qantas Frequent Flyer program to earn points in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Qantas Frequent Flyer program. Points are not awarded on port charges, government fees, on board gratuities and air taxes.

#### Other conditions

It is your responsibility to ensure you have read all of the Booking Conditions and to provide valid travel documents. Be sure to ask your Travel Agent for advice concerning passport and visa requirements.

#### Cruiseco's statement of business practice

Your Cruiseco agent will provide you, on request, with a copy of Cruiseco's "Statement of Business Practice".

#### **Booking arrangements**

Your booking arrangements are to be made by your Travel Agent and the person effecting the booking, shall be deemed to have accepted the booking conditions.

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