

VIETNAM, CAMBODIA & THE MEKONG RIVER DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY



DAY 1: Siem Reap, Cambodia

Arrive at Siem Reap-Angkor International Airport. If your cruise/tour package includes a group arrival transfer or if you have purchased a private arrival transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to your luxury hotel, the Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf & Spa Resort.

DAY 2: Siem Reap

Today is a bucket list kind of day as you explore the ancient temples of Angkor Wat, a gigantic religious complex that is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Featured Excursions:

Angkor Wat Temple

City tour & Artisan visit by remark

Today's lunch will be on your own. NOTE: Order of sightseeing may change on Days 2 and 3. Temple visits are subject to change due to factors beyond our control.

DAY 3: Siem Reap

Today you will enter the spectacular remnants of Angkor Thom, the royal city. Built during the heyday of the Khmer dynasty in the 12th century, this extraordinary complex of Hindu and Buddhist monuments was once lost to the world for many years, hidden under dense jungle vines.

Featured Excursions:

South Gate Angkor Thom, Bayon and Ta Prohm

Apsara show and dinner

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DAY 4: Siem Reap, Transfer to Kampong Cham (Embark)

Today, you'll have free time to explore Siem Reap, a place name that means, literally, "Defeat of Siam"—which tells you something of its history. It is the gateway to Angkor, the legendary archaeological site. Later check out of your hotel and transfer via executive motorcoach to Kampong Cham where you'll embark on the beautiful Mekong Jewel—your elegant home for the next seven nights—and set sail on the beautiful Mekong.

DAY 5: Wat Hanchey, Angkor Ban, Phnom Penh

Today is a celebration of Cambodia's bright future. You'll meet young children at a local school and friendly villagers in their homes, and have a rare opportunity to receive an unforgettable water blessing from local Buddhist monks.

Featured Excursion:

Cambodia's vibrant cultural life

DAY 6: Phnom Penh

Today, you'll discover the thriving and exotic capital of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Phnom Penh. It stands at the juncture of three captivating rivers and is divided into three districts, the picturesque French colonial area, a handsome residential district and a rapidly changing Old Town. Here, you'll find an alluring riverside esplanade amid numerous bewitching Buddhist temples, palaces and artifacts.

Featured Excursion:

Cambodia's capital—Phnom Penh

DAY 7: Phnom Penh

Today's featured excursion may be the most profound and memorable experience of your entire journey. You'll learn about the infamous Killing Fields of the Khmer Rouge and visit a former school-turned-prison that is now a genocide museum.

Featured Excursion:

The Killing Fields—tragedy and reconciliation in Cambodia

DAY 8: Cruising the Mekong River, Hong Ngu (Long Khanh A), Cu Lao Gieng, Sa Dec

You leave Cambodia behind and cross into Vietnam today, delving into a region where traditional and modern lifestyle elements mingle: Agriculture may still reign supreme, but TV satellite dishes dot rooftops of houses built on stilts. You'll visit the local island village of Hong Ngu, a major producer of the traditional Khmer scarves located not far from the Vietnam-Cambodia border. Since they're woven in many homes around the village, you'll have the opportunity to see the process first-hand. You'll also stop at a local temple dedicated to a unique religion founded in this area of Vietnam, Hoa Hoa. And perhaps the most interesting visit of the day? A visit to the local home of a retired VC General.

Featured Excursion:

Daily life on the great delta

DAY 9: Sa Dec, Vinh Long, Tien Loi (Ben Tre)

Following breakfast, your journey continues via sampan, where you'll observe the daily routines of the villagers in Sa Dec. Visit a colorful temple, the home of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le and then venture to Gieng Island, where you'll experience how a local family makes incense sticks and the conical hat.

Featured Excursion:

Sampans and colonial romance

DAY 10: Tien Loi (Ben Tre), My Tho

Today, you'll witness the hustle and bustle of delta river life as the local traders take their produce to market. After breakfast, you'll board a traditional sampan and explore the narrow canals and backwaters of this famed region. The untouched island of Tien Loi awaits on a unique excursion created exclusively for Uniworld guests, where you can see how local farmers make rooster cages, decorate bonsais in their yards and more.

Featured Excursion:

Village life on the Mekong

DAY 11: My Tho (Disembark), Transfer to Ho Chi Minh City

Experience how ancient history melds with the boisterous present in Vietnam's largest city, where skyscrapers tower over ancient temples and motorbikes putter along picturesque alleys. This evening, join us onboard the Saigon Princess for dinner and a dance performance with beautiful views of Ho Chi Minh City at night.

Featured Excursions:

Dynamic Ho Chi Minh City

Dinner Cruise on Saigon Princess

DAY 12: Ho Chi Minh City

Today's featured excursion provides a fascinating glimpse of the Viet Cong's vast network of incredibly narrow tunnels dating back to the Vietnam War.

Featured Excursion:

Vestiges of war—Cú Chi Tunnels

DAY 13: Depart Ho Chi Minh City

If your cruise/tour package includes a group departure transfer or if you have purchased a private departure transfer, you will be transferred to Tan Son Nhat International Airport for your flight home or continue your tour with an extraordinary optional extension program.

Note: The itineraries presented are subject to modification due to water levels, closures because of public holidays or other uncontrollable factors. Every effort will be made to operate programs as planned, but changes may still be necessary throughout the cruise. This day-to-day schedule is subject to change. Your final day-to-day schedule will be provided onboard on the first day of your cruise.