LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

Cruising the Mekong: Siam, Saigon & Angkor Wat 2020

12 days from $7,995
Limited to 24 guests

OFFER
Solos save with a waived single supplement on January 6, 2020 and 50% on the single supplement on select departures.

Discover Angkor Wat with an expert local guide, cruise for seven nights on an exclusive charter along the Mekong River to experience its varied cultures in rural settings not easily reached by land, and explore contemporary, vibrant Saigon.

A&K Advantages

Cruise for seven nights on an exclusive charter of 24-guest ‘Mekong Princess,’ a luxurious, boutique river cruiser, accompanied throughout by an A&K Resident Tour Director

Gain deeper insight into Southeast Asia’s varied, intertwined river cultures through interactions with local villagers, families in their homes and monks in pagodas

Explore magnificent Angkor Wat at sunset, with an expert guide at your side

Thanks to your ship’s smaller size, access authentic, less-frequented locales ranging from little-known islands to a port nestled in the heart of vibrant Saigon
DAY 1 ARRIVE BANGKOK, THAILAND
Arrive in Bangkok, the capital of Thailand, and transfer to your luxurious hotel.
The Peninsula Bangkok

DAY 2 BANGKOK | GLIDING ON THE SERENE CHAO PHRAYA RIVER
Discover Wat Pho temple, with its massive reclining Buddha statue, and listen to the musical sound of coins dropping into brass offering bowls, following your welcome briefing. Then, travel by tuk-tuk to the sprawling Grand Palace. Explore the royal Siamese court, home to Thailand’s most important shrine, the green-jade Emerald Buddha. Next, gather for a light lunch aboard a traditional wooden rice barge. Cruise the Chao Phraya River in a relaxed atmosphere, taking in the wonderful views. Later, fly to Siem Reap, Cambodia, transfer to your Khmer-style boutique hotel and enjoy a welcome dinner.
Belmond La Résidence d’Angkor | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3 SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA | SUNSET AT ANGKOR WAT
Set off to explore the extraordinary temples of Angkor, a breathtaking city lost in the jungle and Cambodia’s most prized national treasure. Enter the monumental gates of Angkor Thom, and visit the Bayon Temple, with its 172 large-scale faces wearing enchanting smiles. Continue to Ta Prohm Temple, with its crumbling towers and massive tree roots. This afternoon, visit magnificent Angkor Wat, where you stay until sunset, marveling as the diminishing, moody light washes over this unforgettable, faraway world.
Belmond La Résidence d’Angkor | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 4 CRUISING THE MEKONG | BOARD YOUR ALL-SUITE CRUISER
Drive through the lush and scenic Cambodian countryside to Kampong Cham, where you board A&K’s private charter of all-suite ‘Mekong Princess,’ your boutique river cruiser for the next seven nights. Tonight, enjoy a Khmer-inspired dinner.
‘Mekong Princess’ | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5 CRUISING THE MEKONG | LIFE IN A LOCAL VILLAGE
Explore the charming town of Angkor Ban, where you enjoy glimpses into the lives of local people, starting with a visit to a family home. Enjoy a walk through a small market frequented by locals, and stop briefly at a monastery complex. Then, board ‘Mekong Princess’ and cruise downstream to Phnom Penh, where you Ride Like a Local through Cambodia’s lush and alluring capital city, on an engaging cyclo tour. Discover the ornate Royal Palace and wander past huge stupas, spirit houses and potted flowers en route to the famous Silver Pagoda, home of Cambodia’s Emerald Buddha and the diamond-encrusted Maitreya Buddha. Also visit the National Museum, before returning to the ship to enjoy a professional exhibition of traditional folk dances.
‘Mekong Princess’ | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6 CRUISING THE MEKONG | PHNOM PENH, PEARL OF ASIA
This morning, learn about Cambodia’s darker days as you walk the notorious killing fields of Choeung Ek, one of history’s most infamous places. Your afternoon is free to explore the city on your own.
‘Mekong Princess’ | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7 CRUISING THE MEKONG | CROSSING INTO VIETNAM
Cruise into Vietnam early this morning and continue downstream to little-known Hong Ngu, which nimble ‘Mekong Princess’ can enter with ease. In this place few Westerners have ever been, experience an especially friendly welcome, followed by a visit to a local family home, where you watch the weaving of kromas (traditional Khmer scarves). Later, explore a local temple dedicated to Hòa Hảo, a unique Vietnamese religion. In the afternoon, board a sampan (wooden boat) to Gieng Island, where hundreds of the vessels are built each day. Cruise a canal past orchards and rice fields. Continue to a historic Christian monastery built by the French in 1879.
‘Mekong Princess’ | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8 CRUISING THE MEKONG | MEET A LOCAL FAMILY
Disembark at the village of Hoa An, well known for its floral and craft industries. See how locals grow and use flowers and meet a family in their home. Then, visit the Hoa An kindergarten, supported by A&K Philanthropy, and watch as students make local conical hats. Later, re-board the ship and cruise downstream toward Can Tho, where you disembark to visit Zihuang Pagoda.
‘Mekong Princess’ | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 9 CRUISING THE MEKONG | FLOATING MARKET VISIT
Rise early for a sampan cruise through a fascinating floating market near Can Tho, weaving between boats that sell goods and produce. Fresh coconut water, the Vietnamese “antiaging drink,” refreshes you before a stop at a local factory to see the making of instant noodles. Back on board ‘Mekong Princess,’ sail deeper into regions of the Mekong Delta rarely touched by travellers to see the fourth-century Phuoc Hau Pagoda, where you interact with local monks to learn about their daily life and practices.
‘Mekong Princess’ | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 10 CRUISING THE MEKONG | LIFE AMONG THE MANGROVES

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Today, board a sampan to wend your way through a channel lined with mangroves, whose tangled roots provide a sheltered habitat for the smallest denizens of the river’s ecosystem. Pause to see an artisan produce coconut candy, a favorite local snack. Next, board an intimate, two-seater boat for a cruise through lush, narrow creeks lined with nipa palms, a native species and the only one of its kind adapted to the mangrove habitat.

‘Mekong Princess’ | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**DAY 11 HO CHI MINH CITY | DESIGN YOUR DAY**

Unlike other river ships that are forced to dock outside of Saigon, ‘Mekong Princess’ takes you right into the heart of this lively, evocative metropolis, now known as Ho Chi Minh City. Disembark your river cruiser to enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities.

Visit the War Remnants Museum to view photographs from Bunyo Ishikawa, a Vietnam War photojournalist.

Sample Local Specialties, experiencing the culinary treasures to be found on a Saigon street-food tour.

Stroll Ben Thanh Market & Craft Boutiques to discover the latest in trendy shops and local market life. Tonight, gather for a special farewell dinner.

The Reverie Saigon | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

**DAY 12 DEPART HO CHI MINH CITY**

After breakfast, begin a Cu Chi and Hanoi post-tour extension or transfer to the airport to depart.

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**Extensions**

**Pre-Tour Extension: Luang Prabang**

4 days from $1,895  
Single Supplement from $795  
Internal air from $985  
⇒ Bangkok/Luang Prabang/Bangkok

Explore the Royal Palace, enjoy a baci ceremony, make offerings to monks, visit a farm and take a sunset cruise.

Available to add to select departure dates.  
See Dates & Prices For Details

**DAY 1**

Arrive in Bangkok, Thailand.  
Novotel Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport

**DAY 2**

Fly to Luang Prabang, Laos. Tour the Royal Palace, Wat Visoun, and the Traditional Arts and Ethnology Center. Enjoy a village baci ceremony this evening, followed by dinner.  
Belmond La Résidence Phou Vao | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

**DAY 3**

Join locals making food offerings to local monks. Later, visit a farm and Ock Pop Tok weaving center before a sunset cruise.  
Belmond La Résidence Phou Vao | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

**DAY 4**

See the monasteries of Wat Xieng Thong, Wat Khili, Wat Sop and Wat Sene. Later, fly to Bangkok.

**Post-Tour Extension: Cu Chi & Hanoi**

3 days from $1,995  
Single Supplement from $695  
Internal air from $285  
⇒ Ho Chi Minh City/Hanoi

See the Vietcong’s Cu Chi tunnels, and then fly to Hanoi to visit Ho Chi Minh’s house and the “Hanoi Hilton” prison.

Available to add to select departure dates.  
See Dates & Prices For Details
Travel outside of Ho Chi Minh City to visit the Cu Chi Tunnels. Fly to Hanoi.

Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi | Meals: Lunch

**DAY 2**

Embark on a city tour, including the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Ho Chi Minh’s stilted house and the One Pillar Pagoda. Stop for lunch at a local restaurant before proceeding to the notorious “Hanoi Hilton” prison. This evening, enjoy tea with a local family and dinner at a local restaurant.

Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**DAY 3**

Today, transfer to the airport and depart.

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### Explore Hong Kong: Stopover Package

3 days from $2,395  
Single Supplement from $1,395  
Take advantage of an incredible opportunity to spend two nights in Hong Kong before or after your journey.  
*International air not included.*

#### 3 Days

Experience Hong Kong Island by land, air and sea, beginning with a look at the city’s bustling market culture with stops at the Sheung Wan Dried Food and Herbal Market, street-side antique shops, and an open-air curio market. Ride the Peak Tram funicular up to Victoria Peak for a stunning view of Victoria Harbour and finish with a traditional sampan (wooden boat) ride through the local floating villages.

The Peninsula Hong Kong | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch (Day 2); Breakfast (Day 3)

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### Explore Dubai: Stopover Package

3 days from $1,795  
Single Supplement from $1,195  
Take advantage of an incredible opportunity to spend two nights in Dubai before or after your journey.  
*Hotel Options:*

- Park Hyatt Dubai, from $1,795 | Single Supplement from $1,195  
- Taj Dubai, from $1,895 | Single Supplement from $1,195  
- Mandarin Oriental Jumeira, Dubai, from $2,195 | Single Supplement from $1,495  

*International air not included.*

#### 3 Days

Fly to Dubai and check in to your luxury hotel. Discover the best of this dazzling city, viewing its remarkable architecture, visiting the Spice Market and colorful shops at the Deira Gold Souk, and ascending the Burj Khalifa, the world’s tallest skyscraper. On the last day, continue on to your journey or board your flight home.

Park Hyatt Dubai or Taj Dubai or Mandarin Oriental Jumeira, Dubai | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch (Day 2) Breakfast (Day 3)

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### Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

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### Journey Details

Internal Air: Economy class from $570
Bangkok/Siem Reap

This journey contains some active elements.

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 8:30 a.m. on Day 2.
Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Day 11.
Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

### Special Offer Terms & Conditions

*Subject to availability and may be withdrawn at any time. Not combinable with any other single supplement discounts, including Marco Polo Club discount.*

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).