

## Luxury Mekong & Temple Discovery Cruise



**Tour Name:** Luxury Mekong & Temple Discovery Cruise

**Tour Code:** VIMR

**Days:** 11

**Day 1**

**Tue, 05 May**

**Ho Chi Minh City > Mekong Cruise (L,D)**

Welcome to Ho Chi Minh City. You will be welcomed and taken to your meeting point, the Intercontinental Saigon. Please arrive at the hotel by midday. From here travel by coach to My Tho to board the luxurious Scenic Spirit. Toast the start of your cruise with a cocktail reception.

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**Day 2**  
**Wed, 06 May**

**Cai Be > Sa Dec (B,L,D)**  
**Freechoice:** Board a sampan to visit Cai Be before stopping at local cottage industries and a French colonial or traditional Vietnamese house. Alternatively savour morning tea at a French colonial house or choose to stay on board for your special Scenic Freechoice activity.  
Later, immerse yourself in the historic town of Sa Dec and explore and interact with the sellers in the lively market, then visit the home of Mr Huynh Thuy Le who inspired Marguerite Duras' novel L'Amant.

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**Day 3**  
**Thu, 07 May**

**Tan Chau (B,L,D)**  
**Freechoice:** Visit the farmers on Evergreen Island and enjoy a ride in a Xe Loi. Alternatively, walk through Chau Doc market, visit a family-operated fish farm and cruise around Chau Doc waterfront or visit Tra Su Bird Sanctuary.  
Tonight enjoy a themed evening dinner to say farewell to Vietnam.

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**Day 4**  
**Fri, 08 May**

**Tan Chau > Phnom Penh (B,L,D)**  
Arrive early this morning into the capital city of Cambodia, Phnom Penh.  
**Freechoice:** Journey to the Killing Fields and tour Tuol Sleng, the former school which was converted to the Khmer Rouge's main prison, or take a guided tour of the local food market before joining a hands-on Khmer cooking demonstration. Alternatively, explore by Tuk Tuk Phnom Penh's colonial buildings and the Central Market before lunch at a local NGO restaurant teaching street kids hospitality skills.  
**Enrich**  
Arrive in style by Tuk Tuk and immerse yourself in the historically celebrated luxury of Raffles, Hotel Le Royal. Enjoy a guided history tour followed by an indulgent high tea prepared in front of you, all whilst sipping on the hotel's signature cocktail named in honour of Jacqueline Kennedy. Choose to retire to the Elephant Bar for happy hour before returning to the ship.  
Later this evening revel in our exclusive Phnom Penh by City Lights tour, giving an insight into the capital's nightlife.

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**Day 5**  
**Sat, 09 May**

**Phnom Penh > Kho Chen (B,L,D)**  
This morning marvel at the Royal Palace, with the famous Silver Pagoda within, on your included visit to this must-see attraction. Later sail up the Tonle River to the silversmith village of Kho Chen.

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**Day 6**  
**Sun, 10 May**

**Oudong > Kampong Tralach (B,L,D)**  
Cruise to Kampong Tralach and take an ox cart ride through a local village and fields to Wat Kampong Tralach. Board your coach to the ancient capital of Oudong to visit the impressive pagoda and monastery.  
**Enrich**  
Learn how to pray in a Buddhist pagoda and partake in a ceremony to receive a blessing from a monk, all whilst donating towards the daily meal of the resident nuns and monks.  
Drive a short distance to Prek K'dam to re-board Scenic Spirit and continue your cruise to Kampong Cham via Phnom Penh.  
**Sundowners**  
Enjoy a cocktail reception on the sundeck against the backdrop of Phnom Penh's lights as the ship sails past the capital at sunset.

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**Day 7**  
**Mon, 11 May**

**Wat Hanchey > Kampong Cham (B,L,D)**  
Walk (or drive) to the top of Wat Hanchey, an ancient hilltop pagoda and monastery to meet the resident novice monks. Sail downstream to Kampong Cham.  
**Freechoice:** Learn about the history behind Phnom Pros (Man Hill) and Wat Nokor. Alternatively explore the ecotourism village of Cheung Kok or visit a rubber plantation factory and betel nut village.

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**Day 8**  
**Tue, 12 May**

**Mekong Cruise > Siem Reap (B,L)**  
Discover the countryside of Cambodia on your drive to your hotel in Siem Reap, your stylish three night Special Stay located in the heart of the town.  
**Enrich**  
Take your Premium reserved seat at the colourful Cambodian Circus, Phare.

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**Day 9**  
**Wed, 13 May**

**Siem Reap (B,L)**

Visit the jungle covered Ta Prohm Temple before stopping at Angkor Thom and the multi-faced Bayon Temple. Later in the afternoon visit the colossal Angkor Wat. Take advantage of your free night to visit the night markets.

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**Day 10**  
**Thu, 14 May**

**Siem Reap (B,D)**

**Enrich**

Marvel at sunrise over the magnificent Angkor Wat before moving to a special location for a champagne breakfast with food prepared by an NGO supported local bakery school.

**Freechoice:** Discover Banteay Srei and visit the Landmine Museum or admire the skills on display at Artisans D'Angkor. Alternatively, cruise on Tonle Sap (seasonal), take a tuk tuk ride to the markets, or a tethered balloon ride above Angkor Wat (weather dependent) before visiting a Pouk Silk Farm and Preah Khan Temple.

**Enrich**

Enjoy a magical themed gala dinner at an Angkor temple in front of candle lit temple ruins, with included drinks and featuring Apsara dancers.

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**Day 11**  
**Fri, 15 May**

**Siem Reap (B)**

Depart Cambodia treasuring many wonderful memories.