

## **RICHES OF THE MEKONG FEATURES AND ITINERARY**

7-Night cruise with 3 nights Hanoi, 1 night Ha Long Bay, 3 nights Siem Reap pre-cruise and 3 nights Ho Chi Minh City post-cruise. 6 rounds of championship golf.

### **SPACIOUS STATEROOMS**

- » 7 nights luxury accommodation in a twin-balcony stateroom
- » Flat-panel screen that features in-house movies
- » Mini-fridge, desk and sitting area
- » Bottled water replenished daily

### **AN ARRAY OF AMENITIES AND PERSONALIZED SERVICE**

- » Sun deck with pool
- » Fitness room and three spas
- » Saigon Lounge with panoramic views and bar
- » Bottled water in every stateroom replenished daily
- » Daily entertainment including cultural performances

### **AWARD-WINNING DINING**

- » All onboard dining in a variety of venues
- » Regionally inspired cuisine made with locally sourced ingredients
- » The Chef's Table specialty restaurant
- » Welcome Cocktail and Dinner
- » Unlimited wine with lunch and dinner
- » Complimentary local beer, house-brand spirits and soft drinks during cruise
- » Snacks and refreshments served daily in the Main Lounge

### **A WORLD OF EXPLORATION**

- » Immersive tours in every destination
- » Gentle, regular, active and late-riser tour options
- » Knowledgeable guides
- » Personal headset for easy exploration
- » Airport transfers

### **LAND PROGRAM**

- » 2 nights hotel accommodation in Hanoi at the Sofitel L'Opera (or similar), including city tour, 2 rounds of championship golf with lunch and daily buffet breakfast
  - » 1 Night hotel accommodation in either Hai Phong or Ha Long Bay and Dinner and Breakfast
  - » Overnight stay on board an elegantly appointed ship in Ha Long Bay
  - » 3 nights hotel accommodation in Siem Reap at the Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf & Spa Resort (or similar), including daily buffet breakfast, Golf at the Angkor Golf Club including Lunch
  - » 1 round of Championship Golf including transfers at the Vattanac Golf Resort in Phnom Penh
  - » 3 nights hotel accommodation in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) at the Sofitel Saigon Plaza (or similar), including buffet breakfast, 2 rounds of Championship Golf including Lunch.
  - » Private tours and transfers except for embarkation and disembarkation days
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## **DAY 1**

### **ARRIVE IN HANOI, VIETNAM**

Hanoi, Vietnam's capital city boasts a rich cultural heritage that blends in harmony with its vibrant present. From ancient temples to French Colonial architecture and modern-day skyscrapers, along with beautiful parks and lakes, Hanoi is an eclectic and lively city.

## **DAY 2**

### **HANOI**

Your day starts off in the morning with your golf concierge and a trip to Sky Lake Golf and Country Club, located just 45 minutes west of Hanoi. After lunch return to Hanoi. In the evening enjoy a local street food tour with your guide before turning in for the night. B,L,

## **DAY 3 (Option 1)**

### **HANOI - HAI PHONG**

This morning we head for the bustling port of Hai Phong and play the Vin Perl Hai Phong golf course. Managed by IMG, this 36 hole layout personifies attention to detail, not just on the course but also the practice facilities and the clubhouse. The Marshland course is the more difficult course with tight fairways and a premium on shotmaking and course management. The lakeside has generous fairways, but beware the errant shot as 12 holes are water holes. After lunch check into the Avani Haiphong Hotel. (B,L,D)

## **DAY 3 (Option 2)**

### **HANOI - HA LONG BAY**

This morning we head for the bustling port of Ha Long Bay and play the FLC Ha Long Bay golf course. Set above the seaport of Ha Long bay this Schmidt Curley designed course is in a spectacular layout, with 5 Par 3's offering spectacular scenes of the Ha Long Bay. The course is short by modern standards at 6800 yards from the back tees, but you will still do well to play to your handicap. After lunch check into the Wyndham Ha Long Bay (B,L,D)

## **DAY 4**

### **HA LONG BAY or HAI PHONG**

After breakfast check in to your appointed luxury cruise ship. Ethereal Ha Long Bay is considered by many to be the Eighth Natural Wonder of the World. Board an elegantly appointed ship designed with all the modern conveniences to ensure smooth sailing for an incredible once-in-a-lifetime experience. The backdrop of the bay's magnificent scenery and dramatic limestone cliffs and rock formations provide you with the perfect setting for a memorable sojourn. (B,L,D). Itinerary is dependant on hotel availability, but the Hai Phong option is less crowded and enters Ha Long Bay on the less touristy side. Your golf clubs will be taken care of during your overnight cruise.

## **DAY 5**

### **HA LONG BAY - HANOI - SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA**

Spend the morning sailing across the emerald waters of Ha Long Bay with more than 2,000 small islands rising from the water like a dragon's back. Later in the morning, disembark the ship and transfer to Hanoi Airport for a short flight to Siem Reap, Cambodia, the gateway to Angkor Archaeological Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the former capital of the Khmer empire. (B,L)

## **DAY 6**

### **SIEM REAP - ANGKOR**

This morning head to the Nick Faldo designed Angkor Golf Club and enjoy 18 holes of Championship golf. Faldo

designs his courses with testing your skills in mind, so be prepared to work through most of the clubs in your bag. After lunch head back to the hotel to relax by the pool. Cap this memorable day off with a special “Apsara Dance Show” at your hotel, featuring local Cambodian/Khmer folk dancers. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 7**

##### **SIEM REAP - ANGKOR**

Discover the heart and soul of Cambodia and the most iconic of all Angkorian Temples, Angkor Wat. This is one of the largest religious monuments ever constructed and a true masterpiece of Khmer architecture built by King Suryavarman II in the early 12th century to honor the Hindu god, Vishnu. (B,D)

#### **DAY 8**

##### **EMBARKATION – KAMPONG CHAM, CAMBODIA.**

Transfer via motorcoach to the AmaDara in Kampong Cham for your seven-night cruise. Board a motorcoach to the Twin Mountains, known as Phnom Pros and Phnom Srei (male and female mountains). In the annals of Khmer legend, the twin mountains were formed as the result of a competition between the men and women of an ancient Cambodian kingdom to resolve which gender would be responsible for wedding proposals. Later, join fellow guests for an evening Welcome Dinner. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 9**

##### **ANGKOR BAN - OKNHATEY**

During the morning, go on a walking tour to Angkor Ban, one of the few villages in Cambodia that was not destroyed under the Khmer Rouge regime in the 1970s. Here people still live in their traditional wooden abodes and keep their old cultural traditions alive. Hundreds of wooden houses stand intact on stilts, shaded with banana trees, among the hustle and bustle of the daily agricultural on-going of the local villagers. After visiting here, the ship sails to Oknhatey or “Silk Island,” located on the lush banks of the Mekong River. This island is known for its rich tradition of silk weaving. While here, you’ll visit a local elementary school and observe the traditional silk weaving that have been preserved for centuries. Your ship moors in Oknhatey village. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 10**

##### **LOUDONG - KAMPONG TRALACH - PHNOM PENH**

Your cruise continues to sail to Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia. The morning excursion takes you to Loudong, Cambodia’s former royal capital from the early 17th century until 1866. Today, Loudong is a place of pilgrimage for Cambodians. While here, be treated to a memorable Buddhist Blessing Ceremony at a monastery. After visiting Loudong, be treated to a truly authentic excursion, an oxcart ride through a local village Kampong Tralach. Later in the day, experience Phnom Penh via a tuk tuk ride and be enchanted by the city’s French Colonial architecture and tree-lined boulevards set amidst monumental Angkorian architecture. After returning to the ship, enjoy Khmer folk dancing performed by local children in the Saigon Lounge. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 11**

##### **PHNOM PENH**

This morning takes you to the Vattanac Golf resort, which was designed by Nick Faldo and opened for play in 2019. The newest course in Cambodia quickly shot up the international rankings and is destined to join the top 100 very soon. After lunch return to the ship to rest or alternatively, you may wish to shop for unique treasures at the bustling yellow-colored Central Market or visit the Royal Palace, the spectacular Silver Pagoda and the National Museum, which has an outstanding collection of Khmer crafts. (B,L,D)



## DAY 12

### PHNOM PENH – BORDER CROSSING – TAN CHAU, VIETNAM

Spend the day cruising the Mekong River as your ship crosses the border into Vietnam. (B,L,D)

## DAY 13

### TAN CHAU – SA DEC

Visit Tan Chau, a small Mekong River town unspoiled by tourism. You will have the opportunity to enjoy an authentic experience via a traditional “xe-loi” (trishaw) ride around the town, with stops at silk-making and rattan mat workshops, followed by a boat ride through the narrow channels of the Mekong River to “Evergreen Island.” Alternatively, take a boat ride to Evergreen Island and return to Tan Chau, where you will visit a rattan mat workshop. Later in the day, cruise to Sa Dec. (B,L,D)

## DAY 14

### SA DEC - XEO QUYT - CAI BE

Once ashore in Sa Dec, tour the town where French writer Marguerite Duras spent many years in her youth. Visit a colorful local market and the 19th-century house of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, Duras’ Chinese paramour, on whom her prize-winning novel “The Lover” is said to be based. Later, board a motorcoach for Xeo Quyt, once used as a military base during the French war and now an important ecological site. You will have an opportunity to visit candy and rice paper making workshops, and the historic Kiet Old House. In Cai Be, cap the day off with a festive Farewell Dinner on board. (B,L,D)

## DAY 15

### HO CHI MINH CITY (MY THO PORT) - DISEMBARKATION

Disembark the AmaDara in My Tho Port and transfer to Ho Chi Minh City. Vietnam’s former capital of Indochina was once known as “Paris of the Orient,” and today, it is an industrial, cultural and educational hub. Explore such famous landmarks as the former Presidential Palace, the Central Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral and the War Remnants Museum before visiting the Ben Thanh Market—one of the oldest and most iconic structures in Ho Chi Minh City. (B,L)

## DAY 16

### HO CHI MINH CITY

Twin Doves Golf Resort is a beautiful course made up of three 9 hole courses designed by Peter Rousseau who also designed Van Tri Golf Club in Hanoi. The Luna, Stella and Sole courses are all interchangeable and each combination will give you over 7100 yards of spectacular championship golf. Enjoy the club house and extensive lunch offerings before heading back to Ho Chi Minh City. (B,L)

## DAY 17

### HO CHI MINH CITY

Tan Son Nhat Golf Resort is a great golf course made of 4 tracks of 9 holes and is located next to the runway of Ho Chi Minh International Airport. Completely modernised and wonderfully shaped the course is a pure joy to play. Very friendly staff, this is the perfect course to finish of your holiday in Vietnam. (B,L)

## DAY 18

### DEPART HO CHI MINH CITY

Bid farewell to Vietnam as you prepare for your homeward flight. (B)

