

CLASSIC TOUR

13 Day Luxury Mekong Cruise Tour

Tour code: WMK13

Saigon (2N) – Cai Be (1N) – Sa Dec – Tan Chau (1N) – Phnom Penh (1N) – Kampong Cham (1N) – Kampong Chhnang (1N) – Tonle Sap Lake (1N) – Siem Reap (2N)

Come and enjoy the finer things in life without missing out on authentic cultural experiences when you join this 13-Day Luxury Mekong Cruise Tour.

The highlight of the trip will undoubtedly be the luxury cruise where you will be cared for by professional crew and treated to a private balcony overlooking the water as the ship glides upstream to a charming town called Cai Be.

Other enjoyable activities include visiting small villages, local schools, and ancient temples where you can receive blessings from spiritual leaders.

Note:

As flight times, hotels, logistical services and days of travel can be subject to availability and modifications beyond our control, if cancellations or delays should occur, we will make a conscientious effort to secure alternative arrangements of similar value to those in our booking agreement.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel into an underground world of guerilla warfare, Cu Chi Tunnels
- Stand astounded by the UNESCO World Heritage Angkor Temples
- Brace yourself for an excursion around Tan Chau, slow-paced town near the Cambodian border.
- Visit Phnom Penh’s famous tourist attractions including Killing Fields, the centrally located prison “S21”, Royal Palace and National Museum.

INCLUSIONS

Tour Inclusions:

- International flights from SYD/MEL to Vietnam/Cambodia
- Accommodation and Meals as mentioned in the program
- Transfer by private vehicle with A/C
- All entrance fees and sightseeing as mentioned in the program
- Local English speaking guide in Vietnam and Cambodia
- 2 bottles of water per day during your trip



Tour Exclusions:

- Meals and drinks are not mentioned in the program
- Visa fees
- Tipping for driver and tour guide & personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Trip delay or interruption by airline schedule change
- Extra cost or missing tour caused by flight delay or cancel
- Any service not clearly mentioned in the program

ITINERARY



Day 1: Saigon Arrival

Depart for Saigon. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel for check-in.

Meal: In-flight Meals.

Accommodation: Hotel in Saigon.

Day 2: Saigon City Tour – Cu Chi Tunnels

In the morning, take a brief Saigon tour to **Notre Dame Cathedral**, **Post Office** (photo spot only), **War Remnant Museum** and have fun shopping at **Ben Thanh Market**. In the afternoon, continue to **Cu Chi Tunnels**, a byzantine maze of underground passages, chambers and booby traps used by both the Viet Minh and the Viet Cong during Vietnam-US war. The tunnel system had become legendary during the 1960s as a strategic military base and underground community life.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch.

Accommodation: Hotel in Saigon.

Day 3: Mekong Cruise: Saigon – My Tho – Cai Be

Today, you will meet in the welcome lounge in Saigon, enjoy a drink then travel 70 km to My Tho. On arrival, embark on a luxury cruise for a journey along the mighty **Mekong River**. The professional crew will warmly welcome you on board then guide you to check in your prepared state-room. A lunch buffet is served in the restaurant on board. In the afternoon, you can leisurely enjoy tea at your private balcony or at the open air bar while the cruise steadily glides upstream to reach Cai Be, a charming town well-known for its spiritual **Catholic French Church** and manufacturer of traditional crafts and food products. We drop anchor near **Cai Be**. Enjoy dinner on board and watch the selected classic movies.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.



Accommodation: Overnight Cruise in Mekong.

Day 4: Mekong Cruise: Cai Be – Sa Dec – Tan Chau

Awake early and join a Tai Chi session on the top deck or simply relax and enjoy the sunrise. This morning, you will take a **Cai Be tour**. Go on-shore to visit a **workshop** where you can learn how rice paste, rice paper, rice cookies, rice wine and coconut candies are manufactured. Continue to cruise through the lush and green canal network and observe farmers working on fields. Lunch is served on board. In the afternoon, upon arrival in **Sa Dec**, you will embark on a local boat and head towards **Binh Thanh island** to explore the native life and witness the manual process of mat making. Also, you will meet an elderly local couple who will share their exciting stories on life on this island. Back on board and take a dip in a pool on the sun deck and listen to a presentation of the expert guide on the “Life on the Mekong Delta” while the ship continues to **Tan Chau**, the border town to Cambodia. We will moor near Tan Chau.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Accommodation: Overnight Cruise in Mekong.

Day 5: Mekong Cruise: Tan Chau – Phnom Penh (Cambodia)

After breakfast at the dining hall, you will go on-shore and take an excursion around **Tan Chau** by “xe loi”, a local vehicle used as a taxi in this region. Slowly cross the streets to see all the local houses and workshops before stopping at the colourful market for shopping. Afterwards, hop on a local boat to visit the **floating fish farm** and see how fish farming works. Back on board and cruise towards **Phnom Penh**. Spend your rest of the afternoon at your leisure. Dinner is served before arriving in Phnom Penh, capital of Cambodia.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Accommodation: Overnight Cruise in Mekong.

Day 6: Mekong Cruise - Phnom Penh City Tour

After breakfast, start a full sight-seeing tour by bus to **Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum**, a former high school which was used as the notorious Security Prison 21 (S-21) by the Khmer Rouge regime before heading to **Choeung Ek Killing Field** to learn about the atrocities that took place here.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Accommodation: Overnight Cruise in Mekong.

Day 7: Mekong Cruise – Kampong Cham

Journey to the small **Angkor Ban village** on the Mekong River, famous for its beautiful traditional houses. Back on board and enjoy a presentation of **traditional Khmer fashion** before having lunch. Continue a visit to a **local school** (NGO project), an enchanting pre-Angkorian temple of Wat Hanchey and colourful monastery of Wat Nokor. Here we might get a chance to engage in a light banter with some of the monks living in the area. Back on board and relax.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Accommodation: Overnight Cruise in Mekong.

Day 8: Mekong Cruise – Kampong Chhnang

After breakfast, stop at the island of **Koh Oknha Tey**. Afterwards, reach Kampong Tralach and journey to the “**Green School**”. Observe the interesting and close-by life on shore and enjoy dinner. We sail downstream while enjoying breakfast, stop at the island of **Koh Oknha Tey**, famous for its high-class silk manufactures. We explore the island by tuk-tuk then listen to a presentation about “Geography of the Mekong and Tonle Sap” before lunch. After lunch, you will join a **Monk’s blessing ceremony** to pray for health and prosperity on board. The cruise continues towards **Kampong Tralach**, we drop anchor near Kampong Chhnang, allowing you to observe the interesting close-by life on shore.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Accommodation: Overnight Cruise in Mekong.

Day 9: Mekong Cruise – Tonle Sap Lake



Wake up early to witness the spectacular dawn and join a Tai Chi session on the sun deck. After breakfast, visit a nearby **rural village** and take a walking tour to observe the village specialities – Khmer style pottery and the making of palm sugar then explore the floating villages and the wetlands of the region. Back on board for lunch and continue towards the **Great Tonle Lake**, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

In the afternoon, leisurely enjoy a high tea then join a farewell event.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Accommodation: Overnight Cruise in Mekong.

Day 10: Mekong Cruise – Siem Reap

This morning, you will arrive in Siem Reap. Disembark and take a local boat to the shore. On arrival at the pier, you will be greeted by our tour guide and get transferred to your hotel for check-in.

Meals: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hotel in Siem Reap.

Day 11: Siem Reap – Angkor Temples Complex

Spend a full day discovering the breathtaking Angkor Temples. Start your journey with a visit to Angkor Wat. In the afternoon, journey to **Angkor Thom**, home to the Elephant Terrace, **Bayon Temple**, **Terrace of Leper King** and **Ta Prohm**.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hotel in Siem Reap.

Day 12: Siem Reap - Depart

Spend a day at your leisure and get ready for a flight back home.

Meals: Breakfast.

Accommodation: N/A.

Day 13: Home Arrival

You will arrive home today.

Meals: N/A.

Accommodation: N/A.

FINE PRINT

Deposit & Payments

- Secure your package with a deposit of **\$500** per person.
- Pay a 2nd installment of **\$2,999** per person within 30 days after deposit.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

Booking Process

Step 1: Customer selects one of our ready-made tour packages along with your preferred travel date based on the availability calendar.

Noted: In case you request a free quote for your planned vacation, simply fill in this Customize Request

Form: <https://www.asiavacationgroup.com.au/customize/>

Step 2: Complete the Booking Form

Step 3: One of our Reservation team will contact you within 12 hours to confirm your booking request.

Please note that customers must book at least 90 days prior to departure to ensure your desired travel date and time.



How to extend your stay

If you wish to do so, please follow these steps:

1. Follow the “Book Now” prompts, until you reach the “Anything else we need to know?” field
2. Here, please specify your preferred flight arrangements and if you require additional accommodation, with the number of nights needed.
3. After finalizing your purchase and submitting your booking form, a member of our Reservation team will be in contact with you via email to verify your request.

Please note, a supplement of **AU\$200** per person (plus any applicable fare and tax differences) applies to deviate from the standard itinerary. We will contact you via email with a quote and proposed flight itinerary, and then proceed with collecting the additional payment required to confirm your request.

The additional cost for these land arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice, due 90 days prior to departure, and is strictly subject to availability.

Important Information

Tipping

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. Please be advised that tipping for tour guides, drivers and bellmen are required and will be collected by your travel consultant 7 days before you depart. A gratuity of **10AUD per person/day** can make a big difference to locals employed in the tourism industry as they have done an impeccable job to serve you through your holiday.

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

Single supplement is **\$1,635** per person in addition to the twin share price.

Paired Solo Traveller

Not available.

Group size: 6-30 pax

Triple Share

Upon your request except for cruises

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

We have partnered with SureSave to offer you competitive rates for your travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover simply to arrange your policy.

Visa & Passport information

It is the traveler’s responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return and must have more than 4 blank pages.

Australian passport holder is required to have a visa for travel to Vietnam. The visa is easiest to complete with Asia Vacation group and just need to pay **AUD160** for Vietnam visa single entry.

Once approved, please ensure that you travel with the following documentation as they are required to present to customs upon arrival into the country.

Please note that these details are subject to change without notice. We recommend visiting <https://smartraveller.gov.au> for up to date information in terms of entry requirements.

For Cambodia, you will obtain your visa when crossing the border from Vietnam to Cambodia. The cost of the Cambodian Visa is around USD\$37 per person.



Tour Documentation

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

Children

Children must be 2 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are the same price as adults.

Tour Length

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land.

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