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LEADING THE WAY IN RIVER CRUISING





VIETNAM, CAMBODIA & The Mekong River 2018 - 2019



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Welcome

A Mekong river cruise provides a unique perspective on one of the most exotic regions of the world. There are wondrous things to be seen along this fabled river – ancient temples and robed monks, colorful markets and ethereal landscapes, elegant Colonial-era architecture and the warm smiles of the friendly Vietnamese and Cambodian people.

AmaWaterways takes pride in designing journeys that venture beyond the ordinary and provide a tantalizing mix of must-see sights and hidden gems. Our Vietnam and Cambodia itineraries feature authentic cultural encounters, enticing shore excursions and expert guides well-versed in Asian religions, architecture and history. You can experience it all from the comfort of the elegant AmaDara, which features twin-balcony staterooms and suites, along with an array of onboard amenities.

Generations of distinguished explorers have been drawn to the magic and mystery of Southeast Asia. Join us and see this endlessly fascinating destination for yourself. We hope to welcome you aboard soon.

#### Sincerely,

Rudi Schreiner President Kristin Karst Executive Vice President Gary Murphy Vice President, Sales



ANGKOR WAT, CAMBODIA

# **OUR STORY**

Family-owned and operated, AmaWaterways has been a passion project for its founders since its creation in 2002. President Rudi Schreiner designed his first ship back in 1975 while sailing the Amazon for seven months. Since the completion of the Rhine-Main-Danube Canal in 1992, Rudi has been a driving force for river cruise travel—and for these efforts has been recognized as the "Most Innovative Cruise Executive" and has been presented the prestigious "Lifetime Achievement Award" by Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA).

Executive Vice President, Co-Founder and Co-Owner Kristin Karst brings extensive experience in luxury travel, river cruising and customer service to AmaWaterways. Rudi and Kristin partnered with Jimmy Murphy, a brilliant travel entrepreneur who built Brendan Vacations. His son Gary now carries on his father's tradition in his role as Vice President of Sales. These families came together to create the premiere travel experience for AmaWaterways' guests.

Our commitment to this unifying goal is what makes an AmaWaterways river cruise stand out from the rest. While we received the 2016 Cruise Critic Editors' Picks Award for the "Best River Cruise Line"; the "Travvy Award" for "Best River Cruise Line, Asia"; and were recognized as having the "Highest Rated River Cruise Ships in Europe" by travel authority Berlitz, we never rest on our laurels. AmaWaterways is always humbled by the wonderful accolades we receive, which underscore our whole-hearted dedication to the happiness of each and every guest who travels with us.

# THE EXOTICS

# Chobe (Africa) | Mekong (Vietnam and Cambodia) | Ayeyarwady River (Myanmar)

Walk the path less traveled. Discover the magic and beauty of a distant land. Delve deeply into local cultures, and meet extraordinary people with a remarkable resilience. At AmaWaterways, our love for travel inspired us to bring our river cruise expertise to the more exotic parts of the world. With our innovative ships, carefully designed itineraries, expert guides and immersive tours, you can explore Southeast Asia and Africa in elegance and comfort. Join us on a journey that is sure to delight, amaze and leave you with special memories that will last forever.

# AMAWATERWAYS, FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED SINCE 2002



Representing our family ownership, from left to right: Rudi Schreiner, President; Kristin Karst, Executive Vice President; Gary Murphy, Vice President of Sales



BRING THIS BROCHURE TO LIFE Watch our video, *Vietnam, Cambodia and the Mekong River*, by going to amawaterways.ca/mekong

The Mighty Mekong

THE MEKONG DELTA

# THE MOTHER OF WATER

The Mekong River begins high on the Tibetan plateau and winds its way through China and the rainforests, plains and rice fields of five Southeast Asian countries before meeting the sea. In terms of its historical, cultural and ecological riches, the Mekong – "the Mother of Water" – has no equal. The sagas of ancient empires, colonial powers and modern conflicts have unfolded along the Mekong for centuries. Even today, it is impossible to overstate the river's importance for the many millions of Vietnamese and Cambodians who live along its vast length. The fortunes of the Mekong Delta and Tonle Sap Lake are inextricably linked and serve as the primary source of life for the people of this incredibly fertile region.

The best way to experience the Mekong is by river cruise, which allows you to fully appreciate the sights and sounds of this fabled and fascinating waterway. From the vantage point of your ship, you can witness the compelling contrast of the modern day river and its ancient past. Sampans and motorboats yield to each other as cone-hatted fishermen check their nets while chatting on cell phones. It is an awe-inspiring spectacle that simply must be seen to be believed. Wherever the Mekong takes you, the sincere warmth and friendliness of the Vietnamese and Cambodian people will leave a lasting impression.



# FLOATING VILLAGES, VIVID BIRDWATCHING AND Exhilarating Wildlife

The floating villages that waft over the Tonlé River is its most striking feature. Often vibrant and colorful, these floating houses – along with floating schools, markets, vegetable gardens, barns, karaoke bars and other structures – are constructed above bamboo mats, letting the village rise and fall with the tide's ebb.

These iconic floating structures also directly connect the villages to the water, from which so much of local life is intertwined. Roughly 90 percent of the local population makes their living by catching fish and tending to the regional agriculture and so the water is often dotted with huge fish traps and local markets.

Sometimes referred to as "the single most important breeding ground in Southeast Asia for globally threatened large water birds," the Tonlé Sap region is home to roughly 100-150 varieties of waterbirds and between 200-300 species of fish. The fishing industry provides more than half the fish annually consumed throughout Cambodia.

Get more connected to Vietnam and Cambodia at amawaterways.ca/connections.





# NAVIGATE THE MEKONG IN STYLE

The award-winning AmaDara, recipient of "Travel Weekly's" prestigious 2016 Magellan Awards, is in a class unto itself with spacious staterooms and suites, private balconies and convenient interior access. Savor authentic regional delicacies and Western cuisine in the main restaurant or dine at The Chef's Table specialty restaurant. A host of amenities ranging from an onboard spa to a swimming pool provides added comforts for guests to enjoy.

Upon embarkation, prepare for an awakening of your senses. The distinct French Colonial décor, accented by Mekong artifacts made by native craftsmen, serves as a stunning visual backdrop for your voyage. Once the ship sets sail, join fellow adventurers for the Captain's Welcome Reception and treat your taste buds to a refreshing drink, chilled regional beer, a locally-inspired cocktail or fine wine.

Take some time to explore the ship and discover the Saigon Lounge, pool and fitness room. Perhaps rejuvenate your spirit with an onboard massage at the spa or simply relax on the sun deck taking in the lush scenery. As you walk down air-conditioned interior corridors towards the restaurant, fragrant aromas tell you dinner is ready. AmaWaterways' expert chefs ensure you experience exquisite cuisine inspired by the local region.

You can also look forward to authentic onboard entertainment during your cruise, including cultural performances, featuring traditional costumes and musical instruments. For now, however, return to your stateroom, find the perfect temperature using the climate control, lie down on high-quality linens and drift into sweet slumber. Tomorrow, your adventure down the Mekong officially begins.





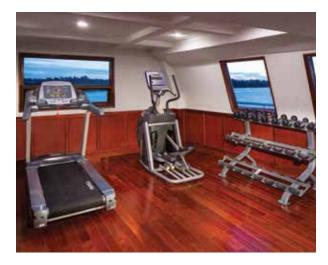
## SIGNATURE TWIN BALCONIES

Enjoy stunning panoramic views and plenty of fresh air from the privacy of your spacious stateroom or suite complete with both a French and outside balcony.



#### SUN DECK AND POOL

Take a refreshing dip in the pool, socialize with new friends, or relax with a cool cocktail on the open-air sun deck as you watch the ever-changing scenery pass by.



#### FITNESS ROOM AND SPAS

Stay active and fit in the well-appointed fitness room, or simply unwind with a soothing massage in one of three onboard spas after a day of exploring.



## **INTERIOR ACCESS**

Unlike other ships on the river, the AmaDara offers interior access to each deck with air-conditioning in most areas, so you stay cool and comfortable during your voyage.



## **ENRICHING & AUTHENTIC ENTERTAINMENT**

Enjoy colorful and vibrant local entertainment, including traditional Khmer Apsara dancers, and lively musical performances in the lounge.



#### **IMPECCABLE SERVICE**

Be treated to the most genuinely warm and welcoming staff who will go above and beyond to ensure every step of your journey is as memorable as possible.

A UNIQUE DINING EXPERIENCE AT THE CHEF'S TABLE RESTAURANT

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# A PALATE-PLEASING JOURNEY

Part of what makes travel so exhilarating is discovering the destination and its culture through its cuisine, and while traveling through Vietnam and Cambodia, you'll be treated to an exciting palatepleasing journey. Immersed in history and tradition, the cuisine of Vietnam and Cambodia is a wonderful blend of fragrant herbs and spices, freshly caught fish, exotic vegetables and fruits bursting with flavor, every imaginable kind of noodle and rice—the staple of all Southeast Asian cuisine.

While you'll be treated to diverse and delicious locally inspired cuisine, you'll also have a variety of choices, including Western favorites. Bountiful buffet breakfasts provide the energy needed for days full of immersive excursions. Lunch offers an assortment of hot and cold dishes, salads and a selection of regional specialties, along with mouthwatering desserts; or if you prefer, enjoy a light lunch on the sun deck, complete with refreshing breezes. In the evenings, indulge in a multi-course menu in the main restaurant, or take a seat at The Chef's Table specialty restaurant, where you can watch as your chef prepares a true tasting menu with an appetizer, a champagne sorbet intermezzo, choice of main course and decadent desserts. Enjoy unlimited complimentary wine with lunch and dinner, as well as house brand spirits, local beer and soft drinks throughout your cruise.



# A TASTE OF VIETNAM SPRING ROLLS WITH DIPPING SAUCE

*Goi Cuon* (spring rolls) is a Vietnamese dish, bursting with fragrant fresh herbs, rice noodles and a choice of meat, fish or poultry wrapped in rice paper. Spring rolls are easy and fun to make, and the filling possibilities are endless. Depending on the region, they are served with a side of either hoisin sauce or nuoc cham, a Vietnamese dipping sauce made with a fish sauce base.

### Ingredients for Spring Rolls (Goi Cuon)

- 10 pc dried rice paper
- 2/3 cup cooked sliced pork / cooked peeled prawns / tofu for vegetarian
- 1/4 cup fresh rice noodle (cooked)
- 1/8 cup vegetables (carrots, bean sprouts and green mango)
- 1/4 cup salad and herbs (mint, basil, coriander and lettuce)
- 1/8 cup chive flower

#### Ingredients for Fish Sauce Dip (Nuoc Cham)

- 2 tbsp plain fish sauce
- 1 tbsp lime juice
- 4 tbsp hot water
- 2 tbsp sugar
- 1 tbsp red chili finely chopped
- 1 tbsp crushed garlic
- 2 tbsp blended peanut (optional)

Serves 4 to 6 people.

## Instructions

- 1. Dip the rice paper in cold water and put a little of each item mentioned above (salad, fresh noodles, vegetables, pork, prawns or tofu, depending on your taste) in the middle of the rice paper.
- 2. Fold both ends of the rice paper together in the same direction to make a roll. Half way into folding the roll, add a chive flower for decoration and then continue rolling to the end.
- 3. To make the dip (Nuoc Cham), simply mix all ingredients together and stir.
- 4. Decorate the spring rolls with fresh herb and serve with dipping sauce.

# The Colorful Contrasts of Vietnam

FLOATING MARKETS, VIETNAM

# UNDENIABLY INTRIGUING AND DYNAMIC

One of the world's great destinations, Vietnam lures us with its incredible beauty, amiable people and rich culture that has endured for centuries. It remains one of the most intriguing and dynamic countries in all of Asia, with landscapes that are as varied as its history. Blessed with a survival instinct that has seen it through many generations of conflict and upheaval, Vietnam has undergone a significant transformation and the growing sense of optimism can be felt throughout much of the country.

While visiting Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, you'll experience the ongoing duality of art and commerce, east and west, old and new, progress and tradition, co-existing in the most harmonious ways. You'll see makeshift food stalls, mopeds zigzagging down city streets and animated vendors selling their wares at lively markets. Just beyond the city limits, however, experience a world entirely apart from urban life while sailing along the Mekong. Here, you'll get a glimpse into another era; one where people still happily honor the timeless traditions passed down through the centuries from their ancestors. A place where water buffalo roam; women in pastel-colored tunics slowly peddle their bicycles down dusty paths; and children wave to you from wooden houses on bamboo stilts. These experiences add to the many colorful contrasts of Vietnam, and to your lifelong memories.

# ETHEREAL HA LONG BAY

Ha Long Bay is considered by many to be the Eighth Natural Wonder of the World, with more than 2,000 small islands rising from emerald green waters like a dragon's back. AmaWaterways' guests spend the night aboard an elegantly appointed ship designed with all the modern conveniences to ensure smooth sailing for a once-in-a-lifetime experience.





THE OLD QUARTER, HANOI

Hop on an authentic rickshaw through Hanoi's bustling Old Quarter with its French Colonial architecture, tranquil lakes and ancient temples.



## **HO CHI MINH CITY**

Vietnam's largest city is a sensory overload, with fast-paced urban life and culture set against a backdrop of modernization and pockets of French Colonial architecture.

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# **CAPTIVATING AND PRICELESS**

Sharing a border with Thailand, Laos and Vietnam, Cambodia has its own distinct allure. The country is still primarily agrarian and recovering from the cruel misfortune that befell it a generation ago. Today, Cambodia is a resurgent nation, attracting visitors from around the world eager to explore its wealth of treasures as the seat of a once-great empire.

Historic capitals, lush river valleys and a traditional water blessing from Buddhist monks are yours to experience. Throughout your journey, you will meet the heart and soul of the country—the people—who have a delightful and well-earned reputation for being genuinely welcoming, friendly and gentle. In a country where nearly the entire population practices Buddhism, raised voices and displays of anger are extremely unusual.

# AWE-INSPIRING ANGKOR

Nothing prepares you for your first visit to one of the world's greatest architectural achievements, Angkor Archaeological Park, a vast UNESCO-designated temple complex once lost under tangled jungle vines. Wandering amongst its ancient ruins, you will see exquisite statues and bas-relief carvings. Explore Angkor's amazing temples, such as Angkor Wat, Banteay Srei, Angkor Thom, which includes the Terrace of the Elephants and the pyramid temple of Bayon, Ta Prohm and other key sites. You'll be forever entranced by the "Lost Civilization of Asia," arguably the most remarkable architectural treasure found anywhere in Southeast Asia.





## PHNOM PENH

Experience Phnom Penh, Cambodia's colorful capital, via an authentic tuk tuk ride. Discover its many treasures, including the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and National Museum.



## TRADITIONAL APSARA DANCING

Be treated to the traditional dance of the Cambodian people, Apsara. Dating back to the Angkorean era, this classical performance is best described as graceful and sophisticated.



# AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

Immerse yourself in the local culture and heritage of Vietnam and Cambodia as you are transported back in time to another era—one where you'll experience the beauty of traditional life along the Mekong Delta and the Tonle Sap River. Authentic experiences in rural villages unspoiled by tourism offer you a chance to delve deeply into this life and to witness the time-honored methods of skilled artisans who create exquisite handicrafts and delicacies.

In Cai Be, visit with local skilled artisans who make everything from rice paper and rice wine to traditional rice candy. Take an exhilarating trishaw ride down the streets of Tan Chau, stopping at sites like the colorful Cao Dai Temple, along with visits to traditional silk-weaving and mat-making workshops. Discover Koh Chen where residents have been practicing the art of silver- and copper-making over so many generations they cannot remember its source. These are only a few of the many adventures you'll experience on this life-enriching journey.



# VIETNAM \_\_\_\_\_





### CAI BE

CAMBODIA

Visit a Vietnamese rice paper workshop and try your hand at making paper using the traditional method that has been used for centuries.



## SA DEC LOCAL MARKET

Discover exotic fruits and regional delicacies at vibrant, kaleidoscopic street markets. Meet friendly locals who always seem to have wide sunny smiles on their faces.

# SKILLED ARTISANS Experience local com

Experience local commerce firsthand while watching skilled artisans make popular items, such as mats and slippers, right in front of your eyes.



#### **OXCART RIDE**

Take an age-old mode of transportation for a test drive through a rural Cambodian village. It's an experience designed for travelers with a spirit of adventure.



#### **BUDDHIST BLESSING**

In Cambodia's former capital of Oudong, you will have an exclusive opportunity to receive a special Buddhist blessing.



## FLOATING VILLAGE

Balanced on wooden stilts above the Tonle Sap River, these tranquil floating villages are a unique sight not to be missed.

DAYBREAK AT THE ANGKOR UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE IN CAMBODIA

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# **RICHES OF THE MEKONG**

## 16 DAYS · TRAVEL TO HANOI AND RETURN FROM HO CHI MINH CITY

SPEND 2 NIGHTS IN HANOI, 1 NIGHT IN HA LONG BAY, 3 NIGHTS IN SIEM REAP, 7-NIGHT PREK KDAM TO HO CHI MINH CITY CRUISE AND 2 NIGHTS IN HO CHI MINH CITY



Your journey begins in Vietnam's capital, Hanoi, followed by an excursion to breathtaking Ha Long Bay for an overnight stay aboard an elegantly appointed ship. A short flight to Siem Reap, Cambodia brings you to the gateway of the ancient Khmer empire where you'll explore the temples of Angkor Archeological Park. Embark on your Mekong River cruise and visit rural villages, local markets and a Buddhist monastery along the way. Conclude your cruise with a two-night stay in lively Ho Chi Minh City.



# DAILY PROGRAM FEATURES

DAY	DESTINATION	ACTIVITIES
1	Hanoi	Hotel check-in
2	Hanoi	City tour and rickshaw ride
		Water Puppet Show
3	Hanoi	Transfer to Ha Long Bay
	Ha Long Bay	Bay excursion
		Overnight cruise
4	Ha Long Bay	Transfer to airport
		Flight to Siem Reap
	Siem Reap	Hotel check-in
5	Siem Reap	Angkor Thom, Ta Prohm
		and Banteay Srei temples
		Visit AmaWaterways-
		sponsored school
6	Siem Reap	Angkor Wat
7	Prek Kdam	EMBARKATION
	*	Welcome Dinner
8	Kampong	Motorboat excursion into
	Chhnang	lakeside wetlands
	Koh Chen	Silversmith village visit
9	Oudong	Visit Buddhist monastery
	Kampong Tralach	Oxcart ride
	Phnom Penh	Tuk tuk ride
10	Phnom Penh	Killing Fields and
		Genocide Museum
		OR Central Market
		Royal Palace and
		National Museum
11	Tan Chau	Border crossing from
		Cambodia to Vietnam
12	Tan Chau	Trishaw ride to
		craftsmen's workshops
		OR Local village
13	Sa Dec	Local boat ride to Sa Dec
		Visit local market and temple
	Xeo Quyt	Xeo Quyt excursion
	Cai Be	Visit local workshops
-		OR Kiet historic house
14	Ho Chi Minh City 🗘	DISEMBARKATION (My Tho Port
		Transfer to city; City tour
15	Ho Chi Minh City	Free day
16	Ho Chi Minh City	Return flight home

Disembark 7-Night Cruise

Note: Itinerary can be booked as cruise only.

For itinerary details, visit www.amawaterways.ca

# **INCLUDED FEATURES**

- » 2 nights hotel accommodation in Hanoi at the Sofitel Legend Metropole (or similar), including daily buffet breakfast
- » Overnight stay on board an elegantly appointed ship in Ha Long Bay
- » 3 nights hotel accommodation in Siem Reap at the Sofitel Royal Angkor Phokeethra Golf & Spa Resort (or similar), including daily buffet breakfast
- » 7 nights deluxe cruise accommodation in an outside stateroom with twin balconies
- » Immersive excursions and authentic local encounters
- » Fine dining with all meals included during your cruise
- » Unlimited wine with every lunch and dinner on board
- » Complimentary house-brand spirits, local beer and soft drinks during cruise
- » Bottled water in every stateroom replenished daily
- » Welcome Dinner and Farewell Dinner
- » Special highlights on board, including folklore dances and music performances, cultural discussion forums, theme dinners and music entertainment
- » Non-smoking environment (smoking only permitted in designated areas)
- » 2 nights hotel accommodation in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) at the Sofitel Saigon Plaza (or similar), including buffet breakfast
- » All transfers with the purchase of cruise and air package

# YOUR ITINERARY

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. Discover some of Hanoi's most famous historic and cultural sites on your guided tour that includes: Ba Dinh Square and The Temple of Literature. You'll also visit the infamous prison that American POWs sarcastically dubbed the "Hanoi Hilton" during the Vietnam War. Take an authentic rickshaw ride, known as "cyclo," in Hanoi's bustling Old Quarter, and then enjoy a traditional water puppet show. (B)

**Day 3, HANOI - HA LONG BAY.** Ethereal Ha Long Bay is considered by many to be the Eighth Natural Wonder of the World, and AmaWaterways' guests will be treated to this exclusive once-in-a-lifetime experience. Spend the night on board an elegantly appointed ship designed with all the modern conveniences to ensure smooth sailing. The backdrop of the bay's magnificent scenery and dramatic limestone cliffs and rock formations provide you with the perfect setting for a memorable dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 4, 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 5, SIEM REAP - ANGKOR. Begin your morning exploration of the Angkor temple complex at Angkor Thom, meaning "the great city." This is home to Bayon Temple, best known for its gigantic smiling stone faces, as well as the Terrace of the Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper King. You'll then visit nearby Ta Prohm, known as the "Kingdom of Trees," for the way in which the temple stones have become intertwined with thick forest vegetation over the centuries. Afternoon excursions take you to the fascinating jewel in the crown of Angkorian art, Banteay Srei, meaning "Citadel of Women," as it has been said that the carving is too fine to have been done by the hand of man. Afterwards, you are in for another treat of a different kind with a visit to the English-language school sponsored by AmaWaterways in the village of Ta Toum. Cap this memorable day off with a special "Apsara Dance Show" at your hotel, featuring local Cambodian/Khmer folk dancers. (B,D)

Note: The English-language school visit is capacity controlled.





# **RICHES OF THE MEKONG**

Day 6, 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 7, SIEM REAP - PREK KDAM - EMBARKATION.

Transfer via motorcoach to the AmaDara in Prek Kdam, a small village on the Tonle River, for your seven-night cruise. Meet fellow guests at a Welcome Dinner as the ship sails to Kampong Chhnang. (B,L,D)

Day 8, KAMPONG CHHNANG - KOH CHEN. A local motorboat takes you into the lakeside wetlands that form the mouth of Tonle Sap River. Enjoy the stunning variety of bird life here as well as tranquil floating villages. In the afternoon, take a leisurely walk to the small village of Koh Chen, which specializes in silver- and copper-smithing. Get an up-close view of how local artisans make ornamental items often used in traditional ceremonies at a home workshop. (B,L,D)

Day 9, OUDONG - KAMPONG TRALACH - PHNOM PENH.

Situated on a picturesque hillside not far from Phnom Penh, lies Oudong, Cambodia's former royal capital. Today, Oudong is a place of pilgrimage for Cambodians. While here, be treated to a memorable Buddhist Blessing Ceremony at a monastery. In Kampong Tralach, you'll have another truly memorable excursion – an oxcart ride through a local village. Later, your ship departs for Phnom Penh, the vibrant colorful capital of Cambodia. Experience Phnom Penh via an authentic tuk tuk ride and be enchanted by the city's French Colonial architecture and tree-lined boulevards set amidst monumental Angkorian architecture. During the evening on board, enjoy a typical Khmer folk performance presented by local children. (B,L,D)

Day 10, PHNOM PENH. You will have a choice of excursions this morning. Visit Cambodia's infamous Killing Fields and the Khmer Rouge's grim Tuol Sleng S21 detention center (Genocide Museum) just outside the city. Or if you prefer to stay in Phnom Penh, you can visit the bustling yellow-colored Central Market. After lunch on board, you'll explore the highlights of the city, followed by the Royal Palace, the spectacular Silver Pagoda and the National Museum, which has an outstanding collection of Khmer crafts. (B,L,D) Day 11, 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 12, TAN CHAU - SA DEC. Enjoy a visit to Tan Chau, a small Mekong River town unspoiled by tourism. Take a boat ride through the narrow channels of the Mekong River to several scenic locations, including a small village known as "Evergreen Island." Return to Tan Chau, where you will visit a workshop that makes rattan mats. You may opt to take a traditional "xe-loi" (trishaw) ride around the town, with stops at artisans' workshops, such as a silk-making workshop. (B,L,D)

Day 13, 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, Cao Dai Temple and the 19th-century house of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, Duras' Chinese paramour. Later, board a motor coach for Xeo Quyt, once used as a base during the French and U.S. wars and now an important ecological site. You will have an opportunity to visit candy and rice paper making workshops; or alternatively, visit the historic Kiet Old House. Cap the day off with a festive Farewell Dinner on board. (B,L,D)

#### Day 14, HO CHI MINH CITY - 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 15, HO CHI MINH CITY. Spend a day at leisure exploring more of Ho Chi Minh City, or perhaps go in search for local handicrafts, colorful textiles, as well as other souvenirs. (B)

Day 16, DEPART HO CHI MINH CITY. Bid farewell to Vietnam as you prepare for your homeward flight. (B)

# **OTHER ITINERARY OPTIONS**

3 nights in Siem Reap and 7-night cruise, add **C\$999** to the 7-night cruise price.

# DATES AND PRICES (CAD)

START DATE	START	EMBARK DATE	SHIP	7-NIGHT CRUISE	15-NIGHT CRUISE/LAND
2018	CIT	DATE	NAME	CRUISE	CRUISE/LAND
Jan 9	Hanoi	Jan 15	AmaDara	C\$4,076	C\$6,825
Jan 23	Hanoi	Jan 29	AmaDara	C\$4,076	C\$6.825
Feb 6	Hanoi	Feb 12	AmaDara	C\$4,076 C\$4.076	C\$6.825
Feb 20	Hanoi	Feb 26	AmaDara	C\$4,076 C\$4.076	C\$6,825 C\$6.825
Mar 6	Hanoi	Mar 12	AmaDara		
Mar 20	Hanoi	Mar 26	AmaDara	C\$3,951 C\$3,701	C\$6,700 C\$6,450
			AmaDara		
1	Hanoi	Apr 9	AmaDara	C\$3,451	C\$6,200
Apr 17	Hanoi	Apr 23		C\$3,201	C\$5,950
Aug 7	Hanoi	Aug 13	AmaDara	C\$3,076	C\$5,825
Aug 21 Sep 4	Hanoi	Aug 27	AmaDara AmaDara	C\$3,201	C\$5,950
	Hanoi	Sep 10	, and a dra	C\$3,451	C\$6,200
Sep 18	Hanoi	Sep 24	AmaDara	C\$3,701	C\$6,450
oct 2	Hanoi	Oct 8	AmaDara	C\$3,951	C\$6,700
oct 16	Hanoi	Oct 22	AmaDara	C\$3,951	C\$6,700
ct 30	Hanoi	Nov 5	AmaDara	C\$3,951	C\$6,700
Nov 13	Hanoi	Nov 19	AmaDara	C\$3,951	C\$6,700
Nov 27	Hanoi	Dec 3	AmaDara	C\$3,951	C\$6,700
Dec 11	Hanoi	Dec 17	AmaDara	C\$3,951	C\$6,700
Dec 25	Hanoi	Dec 31	AmaDara	C\$4,076	C\$6,825
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Jan 8	Hanoi	Jan 14	AmaDara	C\$4,076	C\$6,825
Jan 22	Hanoi	Jan 28	AmaDara	C\$4,076	C\$6,825
eb 5	Hanoi	Feb 11	AmaDara	C\$4,076	C\$6,825
eb 19-	Hanoi	Feb 25	AmaDara	C\$4,076	C\$6,825
Mar 5	Hanoi	Mar 11	AmaDara	C\$3,951	C\$6,700
Mar 19	Hanoi	Mar 25	AmaDara	C\$3,701	C\$6,450
Apr 2	Hanoi	Apr 8	AmaDara	C\$3,451	C\$6,200
Apr 16	Hanoi	Apr 22	AmaDara	C\$3,201	C\$5,950

Cruise hosted by Sbragia Family Vineyards, featuring special onboard wine tastings.

Cruise prices are per person in a Cat. C, deluxe outside stateroom with twin balconies, and are inclusive of C\$202 per person port fees. To upgrade to a higher category, add per person:

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CAT.	DECK	STATEROOM	ADD'L
В	Sadec, Saigon & Tonle	French & Outside Balcony	C\$749
A	Saigon	French & Outside Balcony	C\$1,124
S	Sadec	French & Outside Balcony	C\$1,749
L	Sadec	French & Outside Balcony	C\$3,374

Single Supplement Cruise: Category A, B & C 50%; Suite 75% and Luxury Suite 100% of twin price

Single Supplement Pre- and Post-Cruise Land Arrangements: C\$1,374 per person

#### Intra-Asia Air (Hanoi-Siem Reap):

Additional C\$450 per person including taxes and fuel surcharges.

#### Bedding: Please call for details.

Visa: Visas are required for travel to Vietnam and Cambodia. Passengers with a 16-day cruise and land itinerary must obtain a multiple entry visa for Vietnam (as there are two different points of entry into the country) and a single entry visa for Cambodia. Those booked on a seven-night cruise only must obtain single entry visas for Vietnam and Cambodia. Please consult with your Consulate for more information.

Airfare: Please call for AmaWaterways' special roundtrip airfares.

#### Please ensure flights arrive on the applicable date.

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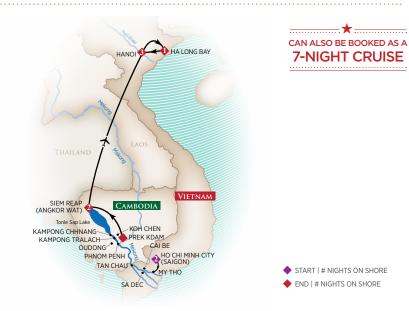


**NEW FOR 2018** 

# CHARMS OF THE MEKONG

#### 16 DAYS - TRAVEL TO HO CHI MINH CITY AND RETURN FROM HANOI

SPEND 2 NIGHTS IN HO CHI MINH CITY, 7-NIGHT HO CHI MINH CITY TO PREK KDAM CRUISE, 2 NIGHTS IN SIEM REAP, 3 NIGHTS IN HANOI AND 1 NIGHT IN HA LONG BAY



Two lively cities, Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi, provide the perfect start and end to your incredible journey. Cruise along the Mekong, visiting rural villages, historic pagodas, local markets and a Buddhist monastery where you'll be treated to a special blessing by monks. Indulge your inner adventurer in Siem Reap, exploring the grand temples of Angkor Archeological Park. And be treated to an overnight sojourn on board an elegantly appointed ship in Ha Long Bay.



# DAILY PROGRAM FEATURES

	DESTINATION	ACTIVITIES
1	Ho Chi Minh City	Hotel check-in
2	Ho Chi Minh City	City tour
3	Ho Chi Minh City 🕀	EMBARKATION (My Tho Port)
		Welcome Dinner
4	Cai Be	Local boat ride
		Visit local workshops
		OR Kiet historic house
	Sa Dec	Local boat ride to Sa Dec
		Visit to local market and temple
5	Tan Chau	Trishaw ride to
		craftsmen's workshops
		OR Local village
	Border Crossing	Border Crossing from
		Vietnam to Cambodia
6	Phnom Penh	Killing Fields and
		Genocide Museum
		National Museum and
		Royal Palace
7	Phnom Penh	Tuk tuk ride
		OR Central Market
	Koh Chen	Silversmith village visit
8	Oudong	Visit Buddhist monastery
	Kampong-Tralach	Oxcart ride
9	Kampong-	Motorboat excursion to
	Chhnang	lakeside wetlands
10	Prek Kdam 🛛 🗘	DISEMBARKATION
	Siem Reap	Motorcoach transfer to
		Siem Reap; Hotel check-in
11	Siem Reap	Angkor Wat, Ta Prohm Temple,
		Banteay Srei
		Visit AmaWaterways-
		sponsored school
12	Siem Reap	Angkor Thom; flight to Hanoi
	Hanoi	Hotel check-in
13	Hanoi	City tour and rickshaw ride
		Water Puppet Show
14	Hanoi	Transfer to Ha Long Bay
	Ha Long Bay	Bay excursion
		Overnight cruise
15	Ha Long Bay	Transfer to Hanoi
	Hanoi	Hotel check-in
16	Hanoi	Return flight home

🏶 Embark 7-Night Cruise

Disembark 7-Night Cruise

Note: Itinerary can be booked as cruise only.

For itinerary details, visit www.amawaterways.ca

# **INCLUDED FEATURES**

- » 2 nights hotel accommodation in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) at the Sofitel Saigon Plaza (or similar), including buffet breakfast
- » 7 nights deluxe cruise accommodation in an outside stateroom with twin balconies
- » Immersive excursions and authentic local encounters
- » Fine dining with all meals included during your cruise
- » Unlimited wine with every lunch and dinner on board
- » Complimentary house-brand spirits, local beer and soft drinks during cruise
- » Bottled water in every stateroom replenished daily
- » Welcome Dinner and Farewell Dinner
- » Special highlights on board, including folklore dances and music performances, cultural discussion forums, theme dinners and music entertainment
- » Non-smoking environment (smoking only permitted in designated areas)
- » 2 nights hotel accommodation in Siem Reap at the Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf & Spa Resort (or similar), including daily buffet breakfast
- » 3 nights hotel accommodation in Hanoi at the Sofitel Legend Metropole (or similar), including daily buffet breakfast
- » Overnight stay on board an elegantly appointed ship in Ha Long Bay
- » All transfers with the purchase of cruise and air package

# YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1, ARRIVE IN HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM. Ho Chi Minh City, still affectionately referred to by locals as Saigon, is Vietnam's former capital. Once known as the "Paris of the Orient," it is now an industrial, cultural and educational hub.

Day 2, HO CHI MINH CITY. Always bustling, Ho Chi Minh City is a city of contrasts blending old and new, and east and west. Explore some of the city's most famous landmarks, including the former Presidential Palace, the Central Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral and the War Remnants Museum. Afterwards, visit the Ben Thanh Market one of the oldest and most iconic structures in Ho Chi Minh City, where you can search for local handicrafts, colorful textiles, as well as other unique souvenirs. (B,L)

Day 3, HO CHI MINH CITY – EMBARKATION. Board the AmaDara at My Tho Port. Meet your fellow travelers at a Welcome Dinner as the ship cruises to Cai Be. (B,L,D)

**Day 4, CAI BE - SA DEC.** Take a local boat to Cai Be. You will have an opportunity to visit candy and rice paper making workshops; or alternatively, visit the historic Kiet Old House. Later in the day, journey to Sa Dec, a sprawling town on the Mekong Delta, where French writer Marguerite Duras spent part of her childhood. You will visit the local market, Cao Dai Temple and the house of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, Duras' Chinese paramour, which her prize-winning novel, "The Lover," is said to be based on. (B,L,D)

Day 5, TAN CHAU - BORDER CROSSING. Enjoy a visit to Tan Chau, a small Mekong River town unspoiled by tourism. You will have the opportunity to take a traditional "xe-loi" (trishaw) ride around the town, with stops at a silk-making, slipper and rattan mat workshops. Alternatively, you can take a boat ride through the narrow channels of the Mekong River to several scenic locations, including a small village known as "Evergreen Island." Return to Tan Chau, where you will visit a rattan mat workshop. Later in the day, cruise from Vietnam to the Cambodian border en route to Phnom Penh. (B,L,D)

Day 6, PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA. This morning's excursion takes you to Cambodia's infamous Killing Fields and the Khmer Rouge's grim Tuol Sleng S21 detention center (Genocide Museum) just outside the city. After lunch on board, you'll explore the highlights of the city, followed by a visit to the Royal Palace, the spectacular Silver Pagoda and the National Museum, which has an outstanding collection of Khmer crafts.





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After returning to the ship, enjoy Khmer folk dancing performed by local children in the Saigon Lounge. (BL,D)

Day 7, PHNOM PENH - KOH CHEN. Experience Phnom Penh via an authentic tuk tuk ride and be enchanted by the city's French Colonial architecture and tree-lined boulevards set amidst monumental Angkorian architecture. Alternatively, you may wish to shop for unique treasures at the bustling yellow-colored Central Market. Later in the morning, set sail for Koh Chen. Once there, take a walk through Koh Chen and visit home workshops specializing in silver- and copper-smithing to get an up-close view of how local artisans make ornamental items often used in traditional ceremonies. (B,L,D)

Day 8, OUDONG - KAMPONG TRALACH. Situated on a picturesque hillside not far from Phnom Penh, lies Oudong, Cambodia's former royal capital from the early 17th century until 1866. Today, Oudong is a place of pilgrimage for Cambodians. While here, be treated to a memorable Buddhist Blessing Ceremony at a monastery. In Kampong Tralach, you'll have another truly memorable excursion – an oxcart ride through a local village. (B,L,D)

Day 9, KAMPONG CHHNANG. A local motorboat takes you into the lakeside wetlands that form the mouth of Tonle Sap River. Enjoy the stunning variety of bird life here as well as tranquil floating villages. Cap the day off with a Farewell Dinner on board. (B,L,D)

Day 10, PREK KDAM – DISEMBARKATION – SIEM REAP. Disembark at Prek Kdam, a small village on the Tonle River, and transfer by motorcoach to Siem Reap, gateway to the Angkor Archaeological Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the former capital of the Khmer empire. (B,D)

Day 11, SIEM REAP - ANGKOR. Begin your morning exploration of the temple complex at Angkor Wat, the most iconic of all Angkorian temples. Afterwards, visit nearby Ta Prohm, known as the "Kingdom of the Trees," for the way in which the temple stones have become intertwined with thick forest vegetation. You'll also see the fascinating jewel in the crown of Angkorian art, Banteay Srei, which means "Citadel of Women," as it has been said that the carving is too fine to have been done by the hand of man. Later in the day, visit the English-language school sponsored by AmaWaterways in the village of Ta Toum. During the evening, be treated to a special "Apsara Dancing Show" at your hotel, featuring local Cambodian/Khmer folk dancers. (B,D)

Note: The English-language school visit is capacity controlled.

Day 12, SIEM REAP - HANOI. After breakfast, you will have a guided sightseeing tour of Angkor Thom meaning "the great city." This is home to Bayon Temple, best known for its gigantic smiling stone faces, as well as the Terrace of the Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper King. Later in the day, take a short flight to Hanoi, the capital city of Vietnam. (B,L)

Day 13, HANOI. From ancient temples to French Colonial architecture and modern-day skyscrapers, along with beautiful parks and lakes, Hanoi is an eclectic and lively city. A morning sightseeing tour will showcase some of Hanoi's most famous historic and cultural sites, including Ba Dinh Square and The Temple of Literature. You will also visit the infamous prison that American POWs sarcastically dubbed the "Hanoi Hilton" during the Vietnam War. In the afternoon, experience an authentic rickshaw ride (known as a "cyclo") in the Old Quarter, followed by a traditional Water Puppet Show. (B)

**Day 14, HANOI - HA LONG BAY.** Take a scenic drive from Hanoi to one of Vietnam's most renowned locations, Ha Long Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. 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 dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 15, HA LONG BAY – HANOI. 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 back to Hanoi where you can enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. (B,L)

Day 16, DEPART HANOI. Bid farewell to Vietnam and prepare for your homeward flight (B)

# **OTHER ITINERARY OPTIONS**

3 nights in Siem Reap and 7-night cruise, add **C\$999** to the 7-night cruise price.

# DATES AND PRICES (CAD)

START DATE	START CITY	EMBARK DATE	SHIP NAME	7-NIGHT CRUISE	15-NIGHT CRUISE/LAND
2018					
Jan 6	Ho Chi Minh City	Jan 8	AmaDara	C\$4,076	C\$6,825
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Mar 31	Ho Chi Minh City	Apr 2	AmaDara	C\$3,576	C\$6,325
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Oct 27	Ho Chi Minh City	Oct 29	AmaDara	C\$3,951	C\$6,700
Nov 10	Ho Chi Minh City	Nov 12	AmaDara	C\$3,951	C\$6,700
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# PREMIER HOTELS

Your hotel accommodations in Hanoi, Siem Reap and Ho Chi Minh City were carefully selected to offer luxury and serenity during the land portions of your itinerary.

## Sofitel Legend Metropole (Hanoi, Vietnam)

Step back into history at Hanoi's most storied 5-star hotel. A Grand Dame of Southeast Asia. Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi welcomes guests to experience her French Colonial grandeur and timeless elegance. Located steps from the Opera House in Hanoi's French Quarter this legendary property brings guests into intimate contact with the opulence of another era. Surround yourself in heritage as you stroll stately corridors and explore a dramatic past. Behind its classical white façade, green shutters, original wrought iron details and stately wood paneling resides over a century of stories. Stand on the walkways that grace its lush courtyard lawn and immerse yourself in the hotel's rich traditions. Enjoy a full range of 5-star luxury services and facilities, including spa, fitness center and swimming pool, along with a collection of restaurants and bars.

## Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf & Spa Resort (Siem Reap, Cambodia)

Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra offers top quality accommodations close to the magnificent temples of Angkor Archeological Park. The hotel elegantly combines Khmer and French architectural design, and features landscaped gardens, a collection of restaurants and bars, a spa and the largest free-form swimming pool in Cambodia. The resort also boasts a world-class 18-hole golf course at the Phokeethra Country Club. a 25-minute drive from the hotel.

## Sofitel Saigon Plaza (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam)

The Sofitel Saigon Plaza has 286 rooms and is located on tree-lined Le Duan Boulevard just minutes from Ho Chi Minh City's vibrant commercial center, which features fantastic dining, shopping and sights like Notre Dame Cathedral and the Reunification Palace. Enjoy 5-star accommodations and service, award-winning restaurants and the Rendez-Vous Natural Spa as you see what this bustling capital has to offer.

NOTE: Hotels listed are based on availability. Comparable quality hotels may be substituted if needed.









Your hotels are carefully selected to provide modern amenities and services in a refined, elegant atmosphere offering the quintessential Asian experience.



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OUR AWARD-WINNING BEAUTIFUL SUITES ABOARD THE AMADARA

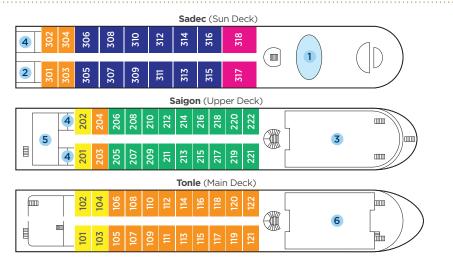


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# AWARD-WINNING AMADARA

The 124-passenger AmaDara features spacious staterooms and suites, of which have private twin balconies. Public areas include two stylish restaurants, an inviting lounge, a fitness room, hair salon, spa and a refreshing sun deck pool.



Lux. Suite Suite Cat. A Cat. C

Sadec Deck / French & Outside Balcony - 502 sq. ft. Sadec Deck / French & Outside Balcony - 366 sq. ft.

Saigon Deck / French & Outside Balcony - 251 sg. ft.

Sadec, Saigon & Tonle Deck / French & Outside Balcony - 251 sq. ft.

Saigon & Tonle Deck / French & Outside Balcony - 251 sq. ft.



#### 1 Pool

- 2 Fitness Room
- 3 Saigon Lounge
- 4 Spa
- 5 The Chef's Table restaurant
- 6 Mekong Restaurant
- 7 Hair Salon (Lower deck, not shown)

# Category Suite



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Outside Balcony

Category

A, B&C

French Balcony

**Technical Data** 

Length: 302 ft. Width: 46 ft. Staterooms: 62 Passengers: 124 Registry: Vietnam

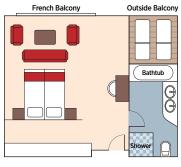


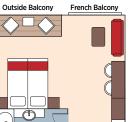




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Category Luxury Suite





# Built: 2015





# GIVING BACK, AMAWATERWAYS CAMBODIAN SCHOOL PROJECT

AmaWaterways proudly sponsors the ODA (Opportunities of Development thru Art) Free Village English School outside of Siem Reap, Cambodia. Our financial support helped build the school and we continue to provide funds for teachers' salaries, school supplies and other necessities. The school brings critical English-language skills to local children and also serves as a community center for nearby residents of all ages.

Guests who tour the Angkor Archaeological Park as part of their Mekong River cruise-and-land itineraries have a unique opportunity to visit this school and interact with the children. In fact, many bring their own donations, such as notepads and pencils, to help support the project.

Our guests derive much enjoyment from visiting this remarkable part of the world, and many are very touched by the warmth of the Cambodian people. We have received numerous emails from guests saying how inspiring it was to be in such a poverty-stricken place, yet surrounded by smiling children who seemed to think they had everything they could possibly want in the world.

All of us at AmaWaterways are equally inspired by these delightful children and are honored to be involved with such a worthwhile, life-changing project as the ODA Free Village English School.

After reserving your cruise, please visit www.amawaterways.ca/cruise-check-in to complete your online cruise check-in and to register for your visit to the AmaWaterways-sponsored English school, as the school visit is capacity controlled.



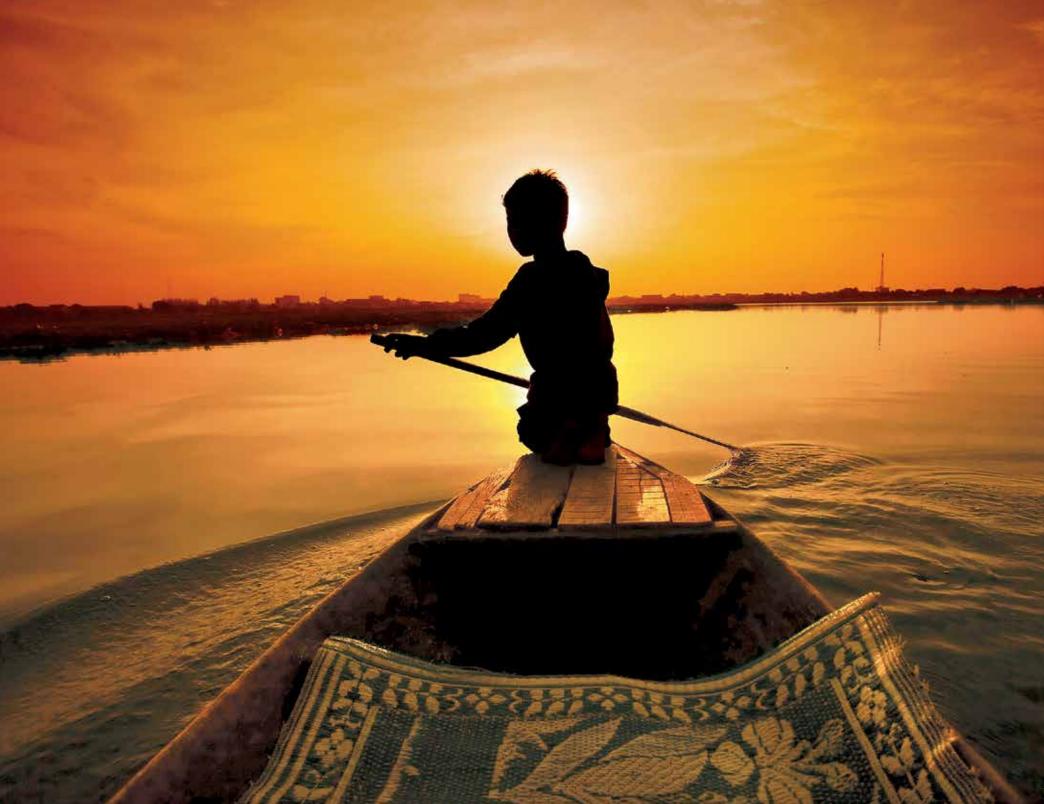
Students at the ODA Free Village English School near Siem Reap, Cambodia, a thriving facility built and supported with funding from AmaWaterways.

# HELPING FROM HOME



Guests often ask if there is something they can bring from home to donate to the ODA Free Village English School during their visit. If you are interested in making a contribution, we suggest basic personal hygiene products or school supplies, such as toothpaste, soap, shampoo, pencils, erasers, pens, chalk, small notebooks, Post-It notes, dry-erase markers and highlighters.

Thank You!



Parties: In these terms and conditions, "you" or "passenger" or "participant" refers to the person booking, purchasing or traveling on the cruise, and to individuals traveling as part of that person's reservation. "We" or "us" refers to Amadeus Waterways, Inc., a Calfornia corporation ("AMA") and AmaWaterways, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company ("AWL"). AMA offers the travel and enters into these terms and conditions with you pursuant to arrangements made with AWL.

Deposit and Final Payment: To confirm a cruise or cruise & land reservation, we require a deposit of C\$500 per person for Europe and Asia itineraries and C\$3,000 per person for Africa itineraries on or before the deposit due date indicated on the confirmation. Transoceanic airline flights and packages require an additional deposit of C\$450 per person for economy class or C\$750 per person for business/first class flights. Certain airline tickets require non-refundable, full payment at the time of reservation. Hotel Extra Nights require a non-refundable deposit of C\$50 per stateroom at the time of confirmation of the hotel availability. Final payment is due no later than 90 days before the travel start date.

Cancellation Charges: In the unfortunate event a participant must cancel travel, notice to AmaWaterways must be via email to Res@AmaWaterways.com, which must include a return receipt and read notation, or other writing stating clearly and correctly each guest's name, ship name, start and end date of the cruise and a brief statement of the reason for cancellation. Other forms of notice are not sufficient. The effective date of the cancellation is the date we receive the written cancellation notice. Name changes, a substitution of a participant or a reduction in the number of guests in a stateroom are treated as a cancellation in that all applicable cancellation charges apply. Cancellation charges for bookings within charter and part-charter agreements are as per the charter contract. All other cancellation charges are per-person, based on the cancellation date, as follows:

Pricing: All prices are in Canadian dollars. In the event that a cruise fare listed, guoted or advertised through any website, printed collateral, reservations person, travel agent or any other source is booked, but is incorrect due to an electronic error, typographical error, human error or any other error causing the fare to be listed, guoted or advertised for an amount not intended by AmaWaterways. AmaWaterways reserves the right to correct the erroneous fare by requesting the passenger to pay the correct fare intended, or by canceling the cruise. Airfares, air taxes and air surcharges guoted on your invoice or by a reservation agent are only guaranteed once airfare deposit or full payment is received by AmaWaterways. AmaWaterways reserves the right to increase prices without notice.

Prices Do Not Include: Published prices do not include vessel fuel surcharges; passport and visa fees; baggage fees; travel protection; vaccinations; laundry; additional food and beverages; optional excursions; gratuities or other items or services of a personal nature.

Passport and Visas: A valid passport is required for each participant. Passports must be valid for at least six (6) months after the scheduled return date to your home country. For travel to Asia, we require a copy of your valid passport prior to or at final payment. If not received at this time, embarkation may be denied and cancellation penalties will apply. Guests on the Vietnam/ Cambodia Cruise & Land program must obtain a Multiple Entry Visa for Vietnam, as they will have two different points of entry into Vietnam, and a Single Entry Visa for Cambodia. Guests on the cruise only Vietnam/Cambodia itinerary will require a single entry visa for Vietnam and Cambodia. For travel to Africa, a valid passport with 8 open/non-stamped pages is required. At publication time, a visa is required for a US citizen to travel to Turkey. Vietnam, Cambodia, Kenva, Tanzania and Zimbabwe (as well as numerous other countries). Non-US citizens must consult the appropriate consulates regarding visa and other document requirements. Obtaining required visas and any other required travel documentation, and assuring these are complete and correct in all ways, is the sole responsibility of each participant. We are not in a position to obtain or verify the accuracy or completeness of any participant's visa or other required documentation and shall not be responsible or liable for delay or missed portion of any part of the itinerary or other problems resulting from the participant lacking the appropriate travel documentation.

Travel Documents: Only after receipt of full payment. travel documents (including airline confirmation information, if applicable) will be sent by regular ground delivery (US & Canada), approximately 3-4 weeks prior to departure. (Delay in final payment will delay delivery of travel documents.) Expedited delivery may be possible for an additional charge.

#### FLIGHTS & AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Flight Schedules & Airfares: AmaWaterways offers special airfares based on the flight and seat availability of contracted carriers. We are able to accept a traveler's choice of preferred air carrier, flight schedule, and some deviations so long as the requests are made at the time of booking the airline reservation. To hold/confirm an airline reservation, the airlines require your full legal name as it appears on your passport. For contract airline fares a deposit of C\$450 per person (economy class tickets) or C\$750 per person (business/first-class tickets) is required to secure the flight schedule and guoted price. Published airfare prices require full payment at the time of reservation. Once the airfare deposit or full payment is received your airline tickets will be issued and any changes will be subject to penalty if not cancelled within 24 hours of ticketing. Should the name on your airline reservation not match your passport exactly, your airline reservation will have to be cancelled, full penalties will be assessed and your reservation will have to be recreated subject to market pricing at the time of the new reservation.

Air tickets are economy class, unless otherwise requested and additional charge for upgrade is paid, and are issued pursuant to the terms and conditions of the relevant airline(s). Airlines require your name to appear on your airline ticket exactly as it appears on your passport. We shall not be responsible or liable for consequences of name on an airline reservation and passport not matching exactly. We shall not be responsible or liable for costs resulting from airline schedule changes, lost air ticket, delay, disruption or cancelled flight; lost baggage or missed connections.

Changes: Airline tickets issued by AmaWaterways have restrictions. For example, they cannot be reissued, transferred, or exchanged. Any changes made to an airline ticket, including minor name corrections, will incur a minimum C\$450 per ticket change fee plus any additional increases in the cost of the airfare. A change or refund request must be made through us, but may not be possible. For example, some airline tickets are non-refundable.

Limitation on Special Requests & Frequent Flier Numbers: As a courtesy, we may try to relay a request for seat assignments, meal requests, frequent flyer numbers, or other special assistance to the particular airline. The sole authority to grant such requests rest with the airline and is not under the control of AmaWaterways. Whether or not we relay a request to an airline, you or your travel agent must always confirm directly with the airline regarding any such requests. To insure you receive proper credit on your frequent flyer account, we recommend you provide your frequent flyer number to the airline at the time of check-in. Please note our airfare prices use special contract fares that may not allow you to receive credit on your frequent flier account nor may they allow you to use miles to upgrade to a higher class.

Baggage: Please check with the airline regarding their baggage allowance. Most airlines limit checked bags to either one or two pieces per person, and limit carry-on



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DEPARTURE CANCELLATION CHARGE CHARGE (ECONOMY CHARGE (BUSINESS/FIRST (EXCEPT INSURAL CONTRACT FARES) CLASS CONTRACT FARES)	S CE)
More than 121 days C\$250 (Europe & Asia) C\$450 penalty* C\$750 penalty* — prior to departure C\$1,500 (Africa)	
120-90 days prior C\$500 (Europe & Asia) to departure C\$3,000 (Africa) C\$450 penalty* C\$750 penalty* —	
89-60 days prior 35% of cruise and land price C\$450 penalty* C\$750 penalty* 35% of all charged to departure	es
59-30 days prior 50% of cruise and land price C\$450 penalty* C\$750 penalty* 50% of all char- to departure 50% of cruise and land price C\$450 penalty*	es
29-7 days prior  80% of cruise and land price  C\$450 penalty*  C\$750 penalty*  80% of all chart	es
6 days prior to departure 100% of cruise and land price C\$450 penalty* C\$750 penalty* 100% of all char	jes

baggage to one piece per person, and weight and size restrictions apply. There are strict luggage restrictions for our programs in Africa; please ask for details. We shall not be responsible or liable for costs or consequences of participant exceeding the airline's baggage restrictions, or for loss, theft, damage or delay to participant's baggage.

Airport Transfers: Guests purchasing transoceanic airfare through us may qualify for complimentary group airport transfers on a scheduled arrival between the airport and the ship or hotel, and on a scheduled departure between the hotel or the ship and airport. Airport transfers included in your airfare package will be reflected on your travel confirmation and on your travel documents. If airport transfers are not reflected on your confirmation, AmaWaterways is not responsible for providing airport transfer service to you. Please note: our group airport transfer service may involve some waiting time between the time your flight lands and the time you arrive at the ship or hotel. All guests making their own airfare arrangements are solely responsible for arranging their transportation to/from the airport. Individual airport transfers can be purchased for those quests who are scheduled to arrive/depart on our itinerary dates, please ask for details.

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

Cruise and Cruise & Land Itineraries: Carrier seeks to provide services as published or stated in the final documents. But deviations to planned cruise, cruise & land itinerary or any other aspects of the travel may occur. If conditions make cruise routes unsafe for navigation or in other respects, or raise sufficient doubt about safety, Carrier reserves the right to modify or provide alternate services. These may include, but are not limited to, providing accommodation on the docked ship and/or substituting ground arrangements. An effort will be made to try to arrange elements of the cruise and cruise tour similar to those originally planned, but the level of similarity may vary. Except as otherwise provided in your Passenger Ticket Contract, such changes will not entitle you to any credit or a refund. Cruise, cruise & land routes, and all other aspects of the cruise and travel are subject to change with or without notice.

Hotel Accommodations: We will seek to use hotels listed (if any) on your confirmation. Changes may be necessary, therefore use of such hotels is not assured. An effort will be made to substitute similar hotels, but the level of similarity may vary. Standard policy for hotels is to have rooms available for check-in no earlier than 3:00 p.m. Subject to the discretion of the hotel, triple-occupancy hotel accommodations may involve the use of hotel rooms with just two beds. Only those guests who have elected to take our Cruise & Land program on the brochure itinerary dates will receive transfers between the hotel(s) and the ship. Cancellation: Carrier reserves the right to cancel, change or postpone any cruise departure date and itinerary. In the event of a complete cancellation of a departure by Carrier, we will refund monies paid for the cruise or cruise & land package to those participants who have not previously cancelled.

**Personal Changes:** Except as otherwise provided in your Passenger Ticket Contract, deviation from the published itinerary for any reason will not entitle participant to any reduction in charge. Participant will bear a full charge for any unused services.

**Child Policy:** All guests under the age of 18 are to be in a cabin with an adult, and must remain supervised at all times, and their safety is the responsibility of the accompanying adult(s). Children between the ages of 4-10 at the time of embarkation may share a cabin with 2 adults provided the child is able to share the bed with the adults – no additional bed will be provided. Please be

aware that balcony cabins of any kind may be unsafe for small children if left unsupervised. Children 4-7 years old are not recommended on any program and on our Africa program, due to safety precautions, there is a minimum age limit of 12 years old, unless otherwise agreed upon by AmaWaterways. AmaWaterways does not provide child-specific programs or child-minding facilities.

Disabled Participants: Handicapped facilities are not available on board or in many places visited on the cruises and cruise tours we offer. If you (participant) have a disability and reasonable accommodation may enable you to use the services, please let us know how you believe we can help. Participant must inform us in writing, at or immediately after making the reservation, but in any event as early as possible, of any mobility impairment or other condition, whether physical, emotional or mental, which may require accommodation or use of an assistive device during the travel. A reasonable effort will be made to accommodate special needs, but we are not responsible for denial of service by carriers, hotels, or other independent suppliers. A participant, who, due to impairment, is not self-sufficient, may be required to travel with a companion who shall take responsibility for assistance needed during travel and in case of emergency. An individual with a disability that would result in a direct threat to the health and safety of others or to that individual may be excluded, if it is determined there is a significant risk that cannot be eliminated or reduced to an acceptable level by reasonable accommodations, policies, practices, procedures assistive devices or services. If participant fails to timely inform us of any impairment or condition, and it is determined based on information that participant should have provided that participation poses a safety risk to participant or direct health or safety threat to others, participant may be excluded from parts or all of the travel. We shall have no liability to participant relating to any condition, treatment, failure to inform us of an impairment, or resulting exclusion.

**Pregnancy:** For the safety of parent and child, and depending on various circumstances, passengers who are at an advanced stage of pregnancy (after 5 months) may be subject to restrictions or exclusion concerning their ability to travel and/or board a ship. Please inform us immediately, so we can assess your personal circumstances and possible accommodation.

Medical: Medical doctors are not available on any vessel. If medical services are required, efforts to contact local medical providers will be made. A participant requiring such assistance is solely responsible for all related charges. We will not be responsible or liable for sufficiency of our efforts to reach medical providers, unavailability, delay, quality or other aspect of any such services. Participant is encouraged at time of booking and well before departure, to review participant's health and medical conditions and insurance and consult participant's health care and insurance providers regarding needs and scope of coverage for any incident or need that may occur during travel, and to obtain supplemental health and medical insurance for the travel, as needed.

**Inoculations and Medical Preparation:** All passengers traveling on certain Africa itineraries will require Yellow Fever vaccination. AmaWaterways strongly recommends that all passengers take malaria pills for travel to Africa. Please contact your personal physician or local health department prior to travel for further detailed information and recommended precautionary measures.

**Smoking:** Smoking is only permitted on the ship's Sun Deck in the designated smoking area.

**Diet:** Special dietary requests must be provided to us at time of reservation. An effort will be made to meet the request, but we cannot assure the request can be accommodated.

Disclaimer of Responsibility: AMA's arrangements are with AWL, and they arrange with others for services described in this confirmation and in our brochures. Transport on river cruise ships ("ships") or other forms of transport ("transport") is provided by third party owners, operators and charterers ("supplier(s)"). Suppliers are separate entities and are deemed not to be our principals, agents, employees or partners. We do not own or operate any ship or transport service. Accordingly, WE DISCLAIM RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY FOR, AND PARTICIPANT WAIVES, RELEASES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THERE SHALL NOT BE ANY CLAIM OR RECOURSE AGAINST US FOR OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF: BREACH OF DUTY, BREACH OF CONTRACT. NEGLIGENT OR WILLFUL OR INTENTIONAL ACT. FAILURE TO ACT OR OMISSION BY ANY SUPPLIER. Supplier and participant obligations and liabilities are subject in each case to terms and conditions of each supplier's contract of carriage or other supplier terms and conditions, and any and all applicable government laws and regulations and international conventions that apply, including, but not limited to choice of law, jurisdiction of disputes and limitations of liability and limitations on timing of claims. PARTICIPANT AGREES THAT WE SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGE, LOSS (INCLUDING PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, AND LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY) OR EXPENSE OCCASIONED BY ANY ACT OR OMISSION OF ANY SUPPLIER PROVIDING SERVICES. OR ANY PROVIDER OF A TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN. OR INSURER. OR OF ANY OTHER PERSON. If the services of a supplier cannot be delivered or there are changes in any planned service for any reason beyond our control, we will make an effort to arrange similar services. Any resulting additional expenses will be participant's responsibility.

Limitation of Liability: REGARDLESS OF ANY OTHER PROVISIONS IN THIS CONFIRMATION AND IN OUR BROCHURES, OUR LIABILITY FOR BREACH, DAMAGE, LOSS, PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, AND/OR LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, OR OTHER LOSS, INJURY OR DAMAGE, ALSO INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ECONOMIC DAMAGES, EMOTIONAL DISTRESS, MENTAL SUFFERING AND/OR PHYSICAL OR PSYCHOLOGIC INJURY, WHETHER OCCURRING BEFORE THE START OF TRAVEL, AFTER TRAVEL HAS BEGUN, AFTER COMPLETION OF THE TRAVEL, OR MULTIPLE TIME PERIODS, AND REGARDLESS OF WHETHER DUE TO ACCIDENTAL OR WILLFUL OR INTENTIONAL ACT OR OMISSION OF ANY PERSON OR ENTITY, OR OTHER CAUSE SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PAID TO US FOR THE TRAVEL.

Agreement; Forum and Jurisdiction for Legal Action; Jury Waiver: Your payment of a deposit and/or our issuance of final documents shall be deemed consent by participant to these terms and conditions. These terms are deemed to be made, accepted and entered into in Los Angeles County, California. These terms and the rights and obligations of the parties, and any legal or equitable action concerning the interpretation, enforcement, or claimed breach of any term, obligation, or duty as contained or related to these provisions or arising from these terms and conditions, shall be interpreted, construed and governed by the laws of California, and any such claims shall be litigated, if at all, before a court of competent jurisdiction located in the County of Los Angeles. California. U.S.A., to the exclusion of the courts of any other country, state, city, municipality, county or locale. You agree to consent to jurisdiction and waive any objection that may be available to any such action or proceeding being brought in such courts.

#### YOU AND WE WAIVE THE RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL.

Time Limit for Notice of Claims and Filing Legal Action: The parties agree that any notice of claim against us of any nature whatsoever which is connected to, related to or arising from these terms and conditions must be received by us in writing within thirty (30) days after the date of completion of the cruise or cruise and land package. No lawsuit may be maintained against us unless the lawsuit is commenced no later than six (6) months after the date of completion of the cruise or cruise and land package, and valid service of the lawsuit on us is made within thirty (30) days after commencement of the lawsuit.

Passenger Contract: All ship transport is provided according to terms and conditions of the Passenger Ticket Contract included in the final documentation and available for review at the following website: www.amawaterways.ca. Please carefully read the Passenger Ticket Contract which is a binding contract between you as the passenger and the vessel owner. For our vessels flying the Swiss flag, the owner is AmaWaterways GmbH, an entity organized under the laws of Switzerland and the Passenger Ticket contract would therefore be governed by the laws of Switzerland. AmaWaterways GmbH owns, operates and/or charters the ship, as the carrier ("Carrier"), and governs all dealings between you and Carrier. For our vessel in Portugal, the owner is DouroAzul, Sociedade Maritimo Turistica S.A, an entity organized under the laws of Portugal and the Passenger Ticket contract would therefore be governed by the laws of Portugal. DouroAzul, Sociedade Maritimo Turistica S.A owns, operates and/or charters the ship, as the carrier ("Carrier"), and governs all dealings between you and Carrier. For our vessel in Vietnam, the owner is Indochina Waterways, an entity organized under the laws of Vietnam and the Passenger Ticket contract would therefore be governed by the laws of Vietnam. Indochina Waterways owns, operates and/or charters the ship, as the carrier ("Carrier"), and governs all dealings between you and Carrier. The Passenger Ticket Contract establishes limits of liability, limits on claims, and time limits for making claims, as well as other restrictions, limits and disclaimers limiting Carrier's liability for your death, illness, injury, or damage claims relating to baggage or personal property. It incorporates provisions and limitations under the Athens Convention Relating to the Carriage of Passengers and Their Luggage by Sea. 1974, and the Protocol to the Convention Relating to the Carriage of Passengers and Their Luggage by Sea, 1976, the International Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims. 1976, and the Strasbourg Convention on the Limitation of Liability of Owners of Inland Navigation Vessels, 1988. Venue for litigation of any disputes under the Passenger Ticket Contract is exclusively in the courts of Basel, Switzerland.

California Seller of Travel Law: We are registered with the California Attorney General, California Seller of Travel Program as Amadeus Waterways, Inc., registration number CST 2065452-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California. This transaction is covered by the California Travel Consumer Restitution Fund (TCRF) if we were registered and participating in TCRF at the time of sale and you are located in California at the time of payment.

By confirming the reservation with payment, the guest/ travel agent acknowledges that they are aware of and will comply with these terms and conditions. For the most current version of the General Information and Terms & Conditions, which will supersede the Terms & Conditions published in any of our brochures in the event of a conflict and any prior oral, implied, written or other representation or agreement between you and us, please visit www.amawaterwavs.ca.



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