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# TIMELESS TREASURES OF THE MEKONG

A river journey through Vietnam and Cambodia  
aboard the luxurious RV Mekong Princess

14<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February, 28<sup>th</sup> February to 13<sup>th</sup> March  
& 20<sup>th</sup> November to 4<sup>th</sup> December 2028



Join us aboard the luxurious RV Mekong Princess and discover the diversity of the mighty Mekong as it flows through Vietnam and Cambodia. With just 28 guests on board, we can offer an intimate experience and close-up perspective of the river including some ports of call along both the Mekong and Bassac Rivers which are virtually untouched by tourism. Our cruise combines scenic interest with a study of local life and culture as well as ample time to relax on board our beautiful vessel admiring the passing scenery.



Our seven night river journey offers the most beautifully relaxing way to discover the stunning, unspoiled countryside, fascinating culture, bustling markets and timeless villages of the Mekong. We have combined our cruise with hotel stays in the iconic Vietnamese city, Ho Chi Minh as well as time in Siem Reap allowing the opportunity to visit the magnificent temple complex at Angkor Wat. During the cruise you will soak up the diverse culture of the region and everyday life of the local people for whom the Mekong plays such an important role and one of the greatest experiences of our journey will be encountering their great charm and natural warmth.

## WHAT OUR GUESTS SAY...

*"From the moment I stepped on the Mekong Princess I was made to feel like royalty. All members of staff aboard are very caring and attentive. It is very well run. In the restaurant and lounge they look after you very well indeed. Nothing is too much trouble from remembering your names to all your personal likes and dislikes and the food is exceptional."*

*"The boat is superb, it's a home away from home! The staff are so friendly, efficient and helpful – always service with a smile! Nothing is too much trouble for them. The food is absolutely delicious, the chef is a marvel, and he did a cookery session and fruit knowledge and demonstration. The tours are well planned, informative and a real adventure."*

*"One of the best trips I have ever done. The Mekong Princess is a beautifully run boat and super comfortable. The staff are top class, very well trained and nothing is too much trouble. The food is exceptional, with local and European specialities on offer at every meal. I highly recommend the whole experience."*

*"A really marvellous cruise. No request to the team on board was too much trouble; they are a very special crew. Our suite was extremely comfortable, and the chef did a great job with the food. For a really special treat do have a massage/facial treatment! The excursions from the ship always went like clockwork."*

*"A wonderful holiday and everything that would be wanted on a special adventure. The organisation was exceptional, the staff very helpful and the ship beautiful. All that would be wanted and needed to make a good holiday was catered for. A very friendly small number of guests. Highly recommend Noble Caledonia and this holiday."*



Angkor Wat



Ho Chi Minh City



Silver Pagoda, Phnom Penh



Independence Palace, Ho Chi Minh City

## ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Time spent cruising along the Mekong and Bassac Rivers
- Colourful Cai Rang floating market
- City tour of Phnom Penh visiting the famous Emerald Buddha
- Experience different local transportation "xe loi"
- Ride on traditional Vietnamese sampans through mangroves
- Explore the magnificent Angkor Wat

## THE ITINERARY

**Day 1 London to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.** Fly by scheduled indirect flight to Ho Chi Minh City.

**Day 2 Ho Chi Minh City.** Arrive this morning into Ho Chi Minh City (formerly known as Saigon) and transfer to the centrally located Park Hyatt hotel for a two night stay. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure and tonight meet your fellow travellers for dinner at the hotel. (D)

**Day 3 Ho Chi Minh City.** After breakfast, join a guided tour of the city which was built by the French in 1850. We begin our day with a visit to the Central Post Office and along the way we will view the Saigon Opera House, constructed by the French in 1898. We visit Independence Palace, also known as Reunification Palace, which was designed by the architect Ngo Viet Thu. The palace was the home and former workplace of the president of South Vietnam during the Vietnam War. We also visit the War Remnants Museum which primarily contains exhibits relating to the Vietnam War. Later today there will be the option to either learn how to make a traditional Vietnamese dish in a cooking class or alternatively take an optional tour to the Cu Chi Tunnels, a massive tunnel network on the outskirts of the city, which were used by the Viet Cong soldiers to house troops and move supplies during the Vietnam War. (B, L)

**Day 4 Ho Chi Minh City.** This morning there will be some free time after breakfast before we transfer to the RV Mekong Princess. Enjoy lunch on board with breathtaking views as we set sail for our journey along the Mekong. Join your fellow travellers this evening for the welcome reception and dinner on board. (B, L, D)

**Day 5 Ben Tre & Can Tho.** This morning we sail on traditional Vietnamese sampans through a channel lined with mangroves to visit a local coconut candy maker. After watching the candy-making process we will walk through the village to visit an orchard where fruits native to Vietnam can be seen in various stages of maturity on the vine. After a fresh fruit tasting, we continue to a pier where we board small, local boats for a trip through the narrow creeks lined with Nipah palm before returning to the ship. This afternoon we sail through an area of the Mekong Delta barely touched by tourism to Can Tho city, the riverside capital city of the Mekong Delta. On arrival enjoy

a welcome unicorn dance before we continue with our walking tour of Can Tho. The tour will include a visit to the Zihuang Pagoda. There will be some time at leisure to explore this charming city and visit the street food market before dinner is served on board. (B, L, D)

**Day 6 Can Tho & Hoa An.** We begin our morning before breakfast aboard the sampans for a cruise through the fascinating Cai Rang floating market near Can Tho. The sampans will weave in and out of the many boats that sail into the market each morning to sell produce and other items the residents of the Mekong Delta need in their daily lives. As they weave through the market, there will be many opportunities for amazing photographs, while enjoying fresh fruit and the Vietnamese "anti-aging drink," fresh coconut water. Before returning to the ship for breakfast, we stop at a local noodle factory, where we witness the amazing process of how they are made. After lunch, the sampans take us to visit Hoa An village. Hoa An village is untouched and well-known with lush green fields whereby local inhabitants grow a variety of seasonal crops. Starting our excursion on a "xe loi" (motor cart) via winding country roads. En route, we stop for a short walk in the peaceful village with rice fields and fruit orchards. We then continue the sampan ride on a major branch of the Mekong river - before turning into a busy canal famous for being the rice milling centre of the region, we will witness how rice is being transported and processed locally. Our last stop is at one of the conical hat-making families, with an opportunity to meet with a local family and learn how to create products through hands-on experience. (B, L, D)

**Day 7 Gieng Island & Hong Ngu – Border Crossing.** This morning we board sampans that will take us into Gieng Island. After a short walk around the local sampan village, where sampans are produced daily by local families, we take a canal drive to explore the untouched floating area with duck farms, monkey bridges, and tropical orchards along the riverside. We drive through the island on local transport "xe loi" to visit a Catholic monastery, built around the same time as the Notre Dame Cathedral in Saigon in the 1870s. This afternoon we visit the local island village of Hong Ngu, not far from the Vietnam-Cambodia border. Hong Ngu produces a large number of the traditional Khmer scarves exported to Cambodia and we will have the opportunity to see the weaving process in several of the homes as well as displays of embroidery. The inhabitants of this area had only encountered one western visitor prior to the arrival of the RV Mekong Princess and are especially friendly and welcoming. Also visit the local temple dedicated to a unique religion founded in this area of Vietnam, Hoa Hoa. In the late afternoon, the RV Mekong Princess will cross the border into Cambodia and continue up the Mekong River. (B, L, D)

**Day 8 Phnom Penh, Cambodia.** This morning the RV Mekong Princess sails towards Phnom Penh. After lunch on board join local cyclo drivers for an afternoon city tour of Phnom Penh. We ride along the riverfront to the Royal Palace, where we enjoy a leisurely walk through the grounds, with opportunities to visit the Throne Hall and moonlight Pavilion. Upon crossing into the second section of the complex, we walk amongst enormous stupas and spirit houses. We continue to the famous silver pagoda, home of Cambodia's Emerald Buddha and Maitreya Buddha, encrusted with more





than 9000 diamonds. Following some free time we return to the cyclos for a ride to the National Museum which houses the largest pre- Angkorian and Angkorian holdings in Cambodia. (B, L, D)

**Day 9 Phnom Penh.** After breakfast we drive to Tuol Sleng (infamously known as S-21), which was converted by the Khmer Rouge from a large school to a prison and torture headquarters. We continue to Choeung Ek, the ‘Killing Fields’. Here we visit the small museum and Memorial Stupa and learn about the atrocities committed during the Khmer Rouge regime. Return to the vessel for lunch and enjoy the afternoon at leisure to relax on board or perhaps explore the city independently. Before dinner this evening there will be a performance of traditional folk dance on board. (B, L, D)

**Day 10 Angkor Ban.** Enjoy the morning sailing. After lunch on board, we visit the charming town of Angkor Ban. Here, we witness the daily life of the local people, starting with a brief stop at a local monastery complex to experience a water blessing ceremony. We continue through the village with an opportunity to visit a family’s home, to meet the family and discuss their lifestyle. Afterwards, we continue to the local school where we join the children in their classroom and experience what their typical school day is like. There will be opportunities to take photos during our return journey to the vessel. (B, L, D)

**Day 11 Kampong Cham to Siem Reap.** After breakfast we disembark the RV Mekong Princess in Kampong Cham and transfer to the Park Hyatt Siem Reap for a three night stay. The Park Hyatt Siem Reap is the city’s most prestigious address, located in the heart of the city. The remainder of the day will be at leisure to enjoy this beautiful city independently. Enjoy dinner at the hotel this evening. (B, D)



**Day 12 Siem Reap.** This morning we visit the famous Angkor Wat complex, situated 5.5 kilometres north of the modern town of Siem Reap and built during the reign of King Suryavarman II in the early 12th century. The modern name Angkor Wat means ‘Temple city’ or ‘City of Temples’ in Khmer. After lunch at a local restaurant we ride on Tuk Tuks to visit the walled city of Angkor Thom, the last capital of the great Khmer Empire under the reign of Jayavarman VII. Bayon Temple is located at the end of the south gate entrance and is regarded as a 12th century masterpiece. Inside the city we will see impressive stone carvings. (B, L)

**Day 13 Siem Reap.** Today, we travel to the gem of the Angkor area and the pretty temple of Banteay Srey. The so-called “Citadel of the Women” remains the best preserved temple in Cambodia. Next we visit Ta Prohm; it has been largely left as it was found, overgrown by jungle trees and vines, making it one of the most picturesque of the Angkor temples. This afternoon, we visit the Roulous temple group, the site of the ancient centre of the Khmer civilisation known as Hariharalaya. Enjoy dinner this evening at a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 14 Siem Reap to London.** After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the airport for the scheduled indirect flight to London. (B)

**Day 15 London.** Arrive this morning.

**PRICES PER PERSON**  
Based on double occupancy

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Cat	Cabin Description	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
4	Saigon Suite with French Balcony	£7695	£7495
3	Apsara Suite with French Balcony	£7995	£7795
2	Tonle Suite with French Balcony	£8495	£8295
1	Angkor Suite with Private Veranda	£9195	£8995
5	Junior Suite with French Balcony for sole use	£9395	£9195
4	Saigon Suite with French Balcony for sole use	£9795	£9595

**PRICE INCLUDES:** Economy class scheduled air travel • Two nights accommodation at the Park Hyatt Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City • Seven nights aboard the RV Mekong Princess • Local spirits, house wine, beer & soft drinks included with lunch and dinner on board • Three nights accommodation at the Park Hyatt Siem Reap Hotel • Meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner) • Cruise Director and Noble Caledonia Tour Manager • Shore excursions with local English speaking guides • Entrance fees • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.  
**Not Included:** Travel insurance, Cambodian visa, optional tour to Cu Chi Tunnels on day 3.

**Important Visa Information:** A visa is required for Cambodia for British passport holders (passport holders of other nationalities will need to check with their nearest relevant embassy/ consulate). Noble Caledonia will provide further information about the visa application process to booked passengers. Visa information is subject to change.



# RV MEKONG PRINCESS

For our journey along the Mekong we are delighted to have chartered the RV Mekong Princess, an all-suite, luxurious river vessel with just 14 spacious suites. The friendly onboard staff of 28 will provide you with excellent service and do much to contribute to your enjoyment throughout your cruise.

## Your Suite

The 14 spacious suites are attractively furnished and feature panoramic floor to ceiling French doors. The cabin's décor combines the elegance of French-colonial style with the tranquillity, comfort, modern convenience and luxuries which would rival the finest hotels in Asia. Cabins feature individual climate control, premium mattresses, duvets and bed linens, choice of pillows, comfortable seating areas, generous storage, in room safe, ceiling fans and desks. Spa robes, slippers and specially selected, spa bath amenities are also provided for your comfort and convenience. A television with on-demand system in each suite offers popular, classic and destination-related movies and international printed news is delivered to your suite daily.



Angkor Suite

## Suite Categories

**Angkor Suite:** Located on the upper Deck, 560 square feet Angkor suites offer the most spacious and luxurious accommodation aboard the Mekong Princess. In addition to French doors opening onto a private veranda with seating area, the suites floor to ceiling glass windows allow for breathtaking views of the passing scenery. The suites feature a fixed king sized bed with a premium mattress and linen, and a bathtub with a separate shower, and a fully stocked minibar. Guests choosing one of the Angkor suites enjoy an extra level of personal service, with complimentary laundry service and evening canapés, one complimentary spa treatment and scented bath preparation on request.

**Tonle Suite:** Located forward on the upper deck, the two Tonle suites provide guests with 323 square feet of living space featuring a fixed king sized bed, a bathtub with a separate shower and floor to ceiling sliding doors that open to a French balcony offering panoramic views of the passing landscape.

**Apsara Suite:** The four Apsara suites are located mid-ship on the upper deck. With 256 square feet of living space, they feature floor-to-ceiling sliding doors with a French balcony and with an en-suite shower. Guests choosing an Apsara suite may request two twin beds or one queen bed.

**Saigon Suite:** The four Saigon suites are located forward on the main deck and offer 256 square feet of living space with floor to ceiling sliding doors that open to a French balcony with an en-suite shower. Guests may request two twin beds or one queen bed.

**Junior Suite:** The two Junior suites are located mid-ship on the main deck. With 216 square feet of living space, they feature floor-to-ceiling sliding doors with a French balcony and an en-suite shower. Guests may request two twin beds or one queen bed.





Restaurant



Lounge



Tonle Suite



Apsara Suite



Junior Suite



Sun Deck

## Your Dining

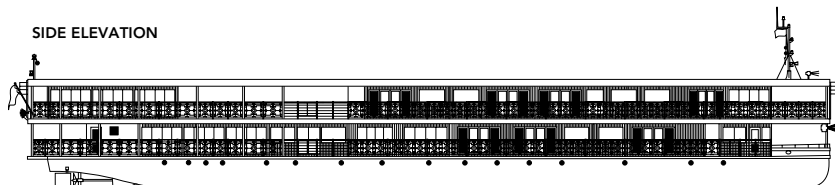
The Indochine Dining Room seats all passengers in one seating and is located on the Main Deck. Using locally-sourced, fresh herbs, fruits, and vegetables, some of which are rarely seen elsewhere, the Chef and his culinary team will ensure each meal is an experience to delight all of your senses. Buffet style breakfasts and lunches offer a variety of Asian and western dishes featuring the freshest local ingredients. Elegant multi-course dinners are paired with wine and offer a selection of deliciously healthy traditional dishes as well as western favourites. Complimentary coffee, water, tea, soft drinks and local beer are offered throughout the cruise with complimentary wine served with lunch and dinner.

## Your Space

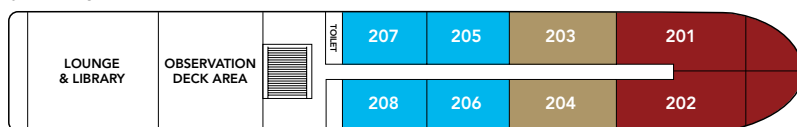
The RV Mekong Princess is elegantly furnished, intimate and spacious throughout the public areas. The indoor Ramvong Lounge and outdoor Observation Deck are ideal areas for relaxing with a good book or socializing with fellow guests whilst enjoying the passing scenery. The sumptuous furnishings of the Ramvong Lounge offer the opportunity to sink into a comfortable chair while listening to a local guides' lecture, watching a movie or simply watching the world go by. The Observation Deck features chaise lounges and shade. Other facilities on board include the Princess Spa, a boutique shop and a fitness centre which features amazing panoramic views of the landscape with floor to ceiling windows.

## DECK PLAN

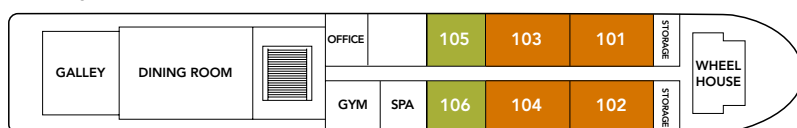
### SIDE ELEVATION



### UPPER DECK



### MAIN DECK



■ CATEGORY 1 ■ CATEGORY 2 ■ CATEGORY 3 ■ CATEGORY 4 ■ CATEGORY 5



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