

14 Day 5 Star Mekong Cruise Tour

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Discover [Asia](#) with our team of experts, and a carefully selected, value-packed exploration of Asia's most iconic destinations. Our tours offer must-visit sights, rich experiences and quality inclusions all at an unbeatable prices. Your bucket list dreams are ticked off on these all-encompassing vacations.

Travel with the confidence. Your trip has been carefully crafted by [our team](#) with you in mind and it's that same team that takes you on the journey. One amazing team to help and guide you, not only as your local travel expert but also as a friend with helpfulness and sincerity.

Specialists in Asia touring since 2010, [Asia Vacation Group](#) is proud to be the people who craft your itinerary, help you at each step, plus guide and operate your tour.



7 nights on Luxury Mekong Cruise	Flexible Cancellation	5 Star hotels accommodation
Fully escorted by English-speaking local tour guide		

Day by Day Itinerary

Ho Chi Minh City (3 nights), Mekong Cruise (7 nights), Siem Reap (2 nights)

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Add-on flight from \$1,250**
- Incredible in deeeeph sightseeing the South Vietnam and Cambodia throught Mekong Delta that you've never seen before.
- 5 nights at 5* hotels accommodation in the centrallly location.
- 7- nights on Mekong Princess Cruise.
- Travel into an underground world of guerilla warfare, Cu Chi Tunnels
- Stand astounded by the UNESCO World Heritage Angkor Temples
- Daily Breakfasts and full board meals on Mekong Cruise.
- Fully escosrtd by English speaking tour guides.
- Daily shore-excursions & entrance fees; sightseeing and transfers during the cruise
- Welcome drink, brewed coffee, tea and mineral water
- Passenger liability insurance; internet on the ship.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Australia {plane} Ho Chi Minh City (Formerly name Saigon)

Xin Chao! Today you will leave your home for flight to Vietnam. Welcome to Ho Chi Minh City – the formerly name called Saigon.

On arrival, you will be greeted by your transfer driver at Tan Son Nhat International Airport and transferred to your hotel for check in. **Meal:** In-flight meals **Accommodation:** Eastin Grand Hotel Saigon 5* or similar

Day 2: Ho Chi Minh City {bus} Cu Chi Tunnels

Enjoy breakfast in your hotel before starting your holiday with a short guided tour around central Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon). Spot Notre Dame Cathedral, Saigon Central Post Office before a visit to the War Remnant Museum. Later, soak up the atmosphere of Ben Thanh market, one of Ho Chi Minh's liveliest. This afternoon drive to the Cu Chi Tunnels, just a small part of a larger network of tunnels that run under much of the country. The Cu Chi Tunnels were the location of the Viet Cong's base of operations for the Tet offensive in 1968. More widely the tunnels were used as communication and supply routes as well as living quarters, stores and hospitals during the Vietnam-US war.

Allotment on cruise is the subject to change. Please check availability when requested. **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch **Accommodation:** Eastin Grand Hotel Saigon 5* or similar

Day 3: Ho Chi Minh City

Enjoy a free day to explore the city in more detail or choose one of the optional tours as below. **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch **Accommodation:** Eastin Grand Hotel Saigon 5* or simila

Day 4: Mekong Cruise: Ho Chi Minh City {Cruise}

After breakfast, our tour guide will pick you up to transfer to the Mekong Princess docking at Saigon Port for embarkation. Once aboard, a safety briefing as soon as you embarked will take place in the Ramvong Lounge. You will be welcomed by your Vietnamese and Cambodian ship's crew, before embarking on the most extraordinary journey of discovery.

Lunch, with highly attentive oriental hospitality, will be served soon after departure, as we cruise along the Saigon River. Having settled into your luxurious suites, you can relax and enjoy the new scenes and watch the world pass by.

We sail at midday through Saigon River, Soai Rap River, Nuoc Man canal, Vam Co River and Cho Gao canal to the "Mighty Mekong River".

Late in the day, we anchor in the heart of the Mekong Delta, time to enjoy crafted cocktails by our skilled bartenders and watch the sun sets, and sampans passing by. A traditional Vietnamese "A La Carte" dinner will be served in the Indochine onboard Restaurant, embracing a subtle fusion of dishes for the most delicate palates.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner **Accommodation:** Mekong Princess Cruise 5* or similar

Day 5: Ben Tre {Cruise} Can Tho

This morning, sampans take you through a channel lined with mangroves. We will try one of most popular local transportation named "xe lam" (three-wheeler) to visit a local coconut candy maker. After watching the candy-making process, walking 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, you continue to a pier where you board small, local boats for a trip through the narrow creeks lined with Nipah palm before returning to the ship.

This afternoon, the ship sails through an area of the Mekong Delta barely touched by tourism to Hoang Dieu Harbor next to Can Tho city, known as Tay Do – the capital of the Mekong Delta. After an early dinner, you will be taken by bus to Can Tho City for a vicinity tour of the town & night market with local guide. You will then have time to explore on your own around the charming city before returning to the ship. The ship docks overnight.

*Onboard activity: Lecture of Vietnam, Vietnam's People, Culture & colonial History. **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner **Accommodation:** Mekong Princess Cruise 5* or similar

Day 6: Can Tho {Cruise} Hoa An

Early this morning, continental breakfast will be served. Bus ride to the pier in Can Tho to board the sampan for a cruise through the fascinating Cai Rang floating market. The sampan 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. We will make a stop as well at a local dry noodle making house, where we witness the amazing process of how they are made. On the way back to the ship, we will stop at Ninh Kieu Wharf to visit the Zihuang Pagoda (Chua Ong) and enjoying the unicorn traditional dance performed by local teenagers; after that, we will take a short ride the famous “Binh Thuy Ancient House” better known as the “Lover’s House” from French novelist Marguerite Duras, then return to the Mekong Princess for a well-deserved Breakfast.

After lunch, continue excursion by sampan to Hoa An village, where is untouched and well-known with flower growing and handmade craft. Our first stop at flower gardens where we will see many different kinds of flowers and learn how to grow and take care of them. Then, a short walking to a local house and chat with the host to see how they live and work in their daily life.

After a short break, continue our excursion on motor trishaw to another village. We stop by at the conical hat-making families, have memorable time chatting with local family members and learning how to create products. Enjoy your walk in the peaceful village with rice fields, fruit trees in between visiting few local families.

The Princess sails and anchors near Gieng Island. **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner **Accommodation:** Mekong Princess Cruise 5* or similar

Day 7: Gieng Island {Cruise} Hong Ngu

After breakfast, 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 mango gardens along the riverbanks. We will try one of most popular local transportation named “xe loi” (motor trishaw) driving through this island to visit a Phanxico Monastery.

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. Woven in many homes around the village, here we have the opportunity to see the weaving process under several homes. Some villagers are also embroidery artists, displaying their art in and around the homes. The inhabitants of this area had only encountered a few western visitors prior to the arrival of the Mekong Princess, they are especially friendly and welcoming. Guests will also visit the local temple dedicated to a unique religion founded in this area of Vietnam, Hoa Hao. The ship sails and anchors in Tan Chau overnight.

*Onboard activity: Cooking Class Demonstration by our Executive Chef. **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner **Accommodation:** Mekong Princess Cruise 5* or similar

Day 8: Phnom Penh - Cambodia

Our Princess will dock at Phnom Penh port. After completing immigration procedures to Cambodia, local cyclo drivers meet you for an exciting city tour of Phnom Penh. You begin your ride along the riverfront to the Royal Palace, where a leisurely walk takes you through the grounds and perfectly manicured gardens, with opportunities to visit the Throne Hall and Moonlight Pavilion. Upon crossing into the second section of the complex, you walk amongst enormous stupas and spirit houses, on the way to the famous Silver Pagoda, home of Cambodia’s Emerald Buddha and Maitreya Buddha, encrusted with more than 9,000 diamonds. Following a short break, your cyclos take you to the National Museum. Housing the largest pre-Angkorian and Angkorian holdings in Cambodia, the National Museum ends the morning tour with a comprehensive look at many of the artifacts excavated around the Angkor Archeological Area in Siem Reap, as well as other areas around the former Khmer Empire.

The ship docks in Phnom Penh overnight.

*Onboard activity: Fruit Carvings & Tropical Fruits Demonstration; Lecture of Cambodia’s Geography and Life along the Mekong River by your host. **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner **Accommodation:** Mekong Princess Cruise 5* or similar

Day 9: Phnom Penh City Tour

This morning, private motor-coach take you on a scenic 45-minute drive away from the ship, arriving at Choeng Ek, the killing fields depicted in the movie, and the center of the darkest days of Cambodian history. You may walk through the fields, visit the small museum and Memorial Stupa, and learn more about the atrocities committed during the Khmer Rouge regime. On the return drive to Phnom Penh, a stop is made at Tuol Sleng (infamously known as S-21), which was converted by the Khmer Rouge from a large school to a prison and torture headquarters.

This afternoon is free at leisure for your own exploration the charming city of Phnom Penh.

This evening before dinner, enjoying the entertainment onboard with a cultural performance including Apsara, Cambodia's national dance, as well as several traditional folk dances.

The ship docks in Phnom Penh overnight. **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner **Accommodation:** Mekong Princess Cruise 5* or similar

Day 10: Angkor Ban

The Mekong Princess leaves Phnom Penh and sails to Angkor Ban. We start the afternoon tour with a visit to the charming and authentic town of Angkor Ban. Here, we witness the daily life of the local people, starting with a visit to the pagoda with a special blessing ceremony for our guests by local monks, then we keep going on visiting to a local family's home, to meet them and discuss their lifestyle. We continue through the village to the local school where we join the children in their classroom and experience what their typical school day is like.

Ship sails to Kampong Cham and docks overnight. **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner **Accommodation:** Mekong Princess Cruise 5* or similar

Day 11: Kampong Cham {Cruise} Siem Reap

Enjoy a sumptuous Breakfast Buffet in the Indochine Restaurant. After breakfast, we disembark the Mekong Princess in Kampong Cham and transferred by motor-coach to your hotel in Siem Reap. Check in your hotel and free time at leisure. **Meals:** Breakfast **Accommodation:** Angkor Paradise Hotel 5* or similar

Day 12: Siem Reap {bus} Angkor Temples

Today is a major highlight of your time in South East Asia. Enjoy a full day discovering the mysterious Temples of Angkor. Your day starts with a visit to the heart and soul of Cambodia – Angkor Wat. The complex is the largest religious structure in the world and was built in the early 12th Century. Continue with a visit to the ancient Ta Prohm Temple. Swallowed by the jungle, this 11th Century monastery is one of the most atmospheric ruins in the vast complex. After lunch, continue to Angkor Thom (the Great City). Enter via the south gate and the famous Bayon of the 12th and 13th centuries. Continue through to the Elephant Terrace and the raised Leper King Terrace, featuring many beautifully sculptured Apsaras. **Meals:** Breakfast **Accommodation:** Angkor Paradise Hotel 5* or similar

Day 13: Siem Reap {plane} Australia

After a delicious breakfast and at the appropriate time, you will be transported to Siem Reap airport to board your flight home. **Meal:** Breakfast **Accommodation:** On Plane

Day 14: Home Arrival

Arrive home today and end of your amazing trip with Asia Vacation Group.

INCLUSIONS

- Daily (group) shore-excursions & entrance fees
- 5-nights at 5* hotels accommodation
- 7-nights on Mekong Princess Cruise
- Daily breakfast in the category chosen or similar (subject to availability)
- Full board meals on Mekong Princess Cruise
- Entertainment/activities during the cruise as mentioned in the program
- All local boat rentals as mentioned in the program
- Internet on the ship (subject to cellular network signal)
- Water bottles during tours
- Air-conditioned transportation
- All entrance and sightseeing fees as mentioned in the program
- Fully escorted by English speaking guides

EXCLUSIONS

- Returned international flights
- Meals and drinks are not mentioned in the program
- Visa fees in Vietnam, Cambodia
- Tipping for driver and tour guide (suggestion: 10AUD/pp/day)
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (we strongly recommend you hold a valid travel insurance policy for all domestic and overseas travel)
- Trip delay or interruption by airline schedule change
- Extra cost or missing tour caused by flight delay or cancel
- Any service not clearly mentioned in the program

2023 DEPARTURE DATES: PRICE IS QUOTED IN AU\$ PER PERSON

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
Monday 08 Jan 2024	Sunday 21 Jan 2024	5,699		Book
Monday 19 Feb 2024	Sunday 03 Mar 2024	5,699		Book
Monday 04 Mar 2024	Sunday 17 Mar 2024	5,699		Book
Monday 18 Mar 2024	Sunday 31 Mar 2024	5,699		Book
Monday 01 Apr 2024	Sunday 14 Apr 2024	4,899		Book
Monday 13 May 2024	Sunday 26 May 2024	4,899		Book
Monday 27 May 2024	Sunday 09 Jun 2024	4,899		Book
Monday 24 Jun 2024	Sunday 07 Jul 2024	4,899		Book
Sunday 21 Jul 2024	Saturday 03 Aug 2024	4,899		Book
Monday 19 Aug 2024	Sunday 01 Sep 2024	4,899		Book
Monday 16 Sep 2024	Sunday 29 Sep 2024	4,899		Book
Monday 14 Oct 2024	Sunday 27 Oct 2024	5,699		Book
Monday 28 Oct 2024	Sunday 10 Nov 2024	5,699		Book

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
Monday 11 Nov 2024	Sunday 24 Nov 2024	5,699		Book
Monday 09 Dec 2024	Sunday 22 Dec 2024	5,699		Book

OPTIONAL TOURS



Dinner on Saigon River Cruise

AU\$135

FINE PRINT

FLIGHT INFORMATION

- This package includes international flights from Sydney/Melbourne and surcharge from Adelaide, Brisbane, Perth or other city if requested when selecting your departure city. **Interstate Surcharge** Surcharge of **\$400** for departures from Adelaide/Brisbane and **\$500** for departures from Perth. In this packages, we will use some different airlines such as: Vietnam Airlines, Singapore Airlines, Bamboo Airways (23kg for checked baggage per passenger and 7kg hand luggage per passenger, 01-piece check-in baggage).
 - Some flights will require a minimum of 1 transit.
 - Despite the airlines baggage allowance, we recommend travelling with 20 kilos per person due to restrictions with internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Also, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters is not included. If travelling over this amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable direct.
 - Once ticketed, flights are non-refundable. Any changes will be subject to the airline rules, Airline change fees and an Asia Vacation Group change fee of \$250 per person.
 - Full names as per passport (including all middle names) are required. Any error in the names submitted will be subject to an Asia Vacation Group name change fee of \$150 plus any applicable fees charged by the airline, or the ticket may be non-refundable with the purchase of a new ticket required.
 - Any airline schedule changes or cancellations are beyond our control. It is important that you, as the customer, stay up-to-date with the latest airline schedule information prior to your departure. If a schedule change results in extended transits or an earlier/later departure from your destination, any additional accommodation or alternative arrangements will be at the traveler's expense.
 - Any airline 'extras' such as pre-allocated seating is at your own arrangement (additional charges apply)
 - After booking, the price payable may be subject to change as a result of factors beyond the control of Asia Vacation Group. Asia Vacation Group reserves the right to increase the price payable and this will be reflected on the customer's invoice. Increases may be in relation to, but not limited to, currency fluctuations, airline taxes, airfare increases and fuel surcharges.
 - Internal airfares (where applicable and included in the itinerary) will be using a local carrier and may include low-cost carriers without meals or entertainment. Checked baggage will still be included for each passenger.

Any additional baggage required is payable at time of check-in.

- If you are travelling with another party on a separate booking, we cannot guarantee that the same flights will be booked for all parties, as this strictly depends on availability.
- You will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters are not included. If travelling over the recommended amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable directly.
- In the event of that you no-show on your scheduled flight, please be aware the airline will require you to pay a no show fee, Airline reissue fee plus any additional airfare and taxes. Asia Vacation Group will also charge a \$250 admin fee to assist re accommodating you on the next available flight. Please note that depending on the airline's policy, purchasing a new ticket may be required.

Flight requests, amendments or preferences

We understand customers may wish to request changes to their included airfares. If you wish to fly with a certain airline, land at a certain time or change your flight in other ways we will gladly provide you with a personalized quote tailored to your specific requirements.

We would be more than happy to provide you with a quote for the following requests:

Airline Preferences – You may wish to fly with a particular airline

Cabin Preferences – These include upgrading to premium economy or business class

Extensions (start and end cities must remain the same) – You may request to extend your stay pre or post tour.

Meal Requests – You may request a specific meal for dietary requirements.

Seat Requests – If you would like to request particular seating. However please note, not all airlines allow the selection of pre-purchased seat arrangements.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Important Information

COVID-19

Due to COVID there may be disruptions to standard operating schedules of particular components of this itinerary. Should a component be effected a substitute will be confirmed prior to departure.

Physical Requirements

A reasonable level of fitness is required but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches and boats, walking around the sights and climbing some steps.

Tipping

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

Accommodation

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

Single Supplement

Single supplement is **\$3,999 per person** in addition to the twin share price.

Paired Solo Traveler

Not available.

Group size:

Min group 2 person

Triple Share

Upon your request except for cruises

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

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

Visa & Passport information

It is the traveler's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return and must have more than 2 blank pages.

A visa is required for travel to Vietnam. The visa is easiest to complete with Asia Vacation Group and just need to pay \$160 for single entry for Vietnam Visa.

Tour Documentation

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

Children

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are the same price as adults.

Tour Length

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

HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY

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

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

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

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

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