



River Cruising – the Jayavarman

The Lost Civilization Cruise Saigon to Siem Reap 8 Days/7 nights- Upstream

Inspired by the golden age cruise liner Normandie, "The Jayavarman" is a 20th century boutique style marvel which marries avant-garde French Colonial design with enchanting Indochine architecture to perfection. This is Indochina's first of a kind boutique style river cruise liner and offers uncompromising luxury.

Day 1: Ho Chi Minh City / My Tho (L, D)

Farewell to the hustle and bustle of Saigon as you travel 70kms south by land to My Tho to embark your boutique ship. Refreshments will be served as the ship departs along the Mekong. A briefing will follow in the lounge prior to your welcome dinner. When approaching Cai Be, the ship drops anchor to moor midstream where the river is several kms wide.



Day 2: Cai Be – Sa Dec – Chau Doc (B, L, D)

Everyday can start with an invigorating tai-chi lesson on the sundeck, as the sun begins its gentle glow. The day tour starts with a visit to Cai Be's boisterous and colourful floating market on board a traditional sampan*. Stopping to allow time to observe how rice paste, rice cookies and coconut candies are made, enjoy local life along the canals on the way back to the ship for lunch.

In the afternoon we cruise to Sa Dec on a traditional sampan* to tour Binh Thanh Island and its man-made canals. Here, every villager is involved in the process of making rattan mat.

Then board the ship for a tranquil evening cruise towards Chau Doc.

*sampan - a flat bottomed traditional Vietnamese wooden boat



Day 3: Chau Doc – Border Crossing (B, L, D)

Welcome to the fish sanctuary of Vietnam. Brace yourself for a short excursion in Chau Doc, a pleasant town near the Cambodian border with sizeable Chinese, Kinh and Khmer communities. The inhabitants of these island live on houses poised on high stilts – a century old tradition in this part of the Mekong Delta. We stop to visit a fish farm which consists of floating houses and the villagers make their living by cultivating fish. Continue to Chau doc pier, to stroll around the colourful local market.

By mid-afternoon, the cruise liner will make its way to the border for Phnom Penh, the capital city of Cambodia.

Day 4: Phnom Penh (B, L, D)

Phnom Penh was once the Paris of the East. Despite its rapid development, it has retained a lot of its rustic charm and elegance. After breakfast

Sightseeing in the morning will include the Killing Field outside of town followed by the Genocide Museum which is a stark reminder of the genocide that transpired during Cambodia's Khmer rouge regime. Then following onto the dazzling white and gold edifice of the Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda, and witness exceptionally beautiful Khmer craft at the National Museum before travelling back to the ship by "cyclo".

Late afternoon, a comprehensive lecture on Cambodia's modern history. BBQ dinner then sit back and enjoy the Apsara dance performance.



Day 5: Phnom Penh – Kampong Cham (B, L, D)

Depart before the break of dawn from Phnom Penh with a stop at the little known Chong Koh silk weaving island community. Then return to the ship and cruise past the Mekong's tranquil villages, exhilarating river life and sun-hardened fishermen in their make shift boats.

You will see the rural Angkor Ban village where time stood still and transported back a hundred years into an era unsullied by modernity, where you will feel overwhelmed by the unbridled warmth of the villagers.

Then, back to the Ship to cruise towards Kampong Cham.

Day 6: Kampong Cham – Wat Hanchey (B, L, D)

Wake up in the small hours of the morning, truly energized to embark on a land journey to the pre-Angkorian temple of Wat Hanchey. Travellers either take a motor-taxi or climb the 291 steps to the top. Located at the top of a hill overlooking the river, is one of the most breath-taking views in Cambodia. Built in the 8th century, this ancient structure, together with a bigger and newer addition underscores the superb architecture of the Chenla Empire which predates the mighty Angkor temple complex. You will even get to engage in light banter with some of the monks in the area. Later returning to the ship to witness a blessing ceremony performed by orange-clad local monks.



Later cruising towards Kampong Cham to visit Wat Nokor, a wat built within the ruins of an ancient temple which holds a timeless story.

Day 7: Kampong Cham – Kampong Chhnang (B, L, D)

Before the sun peeks over the horizon, the cruiser sets sail towards Kampong Chhnang on the Tonle Sap River - an amazingly narrow river - which glides through leafy swaths of the Southeast Asian jungle. Greeted by cacophonous children who waive enthusiastically early in the morning when they bring their livestock for a bath in the meandering Tonle River.



Then we approach Kampong Chhnang, Cambodia's 'Water World' where everything is on stilts balanced on rich water rich soil - it's an awesome sight whilst practising Tai Chi on the deck. Here we take a minivan to see the Khmer-styled pottery at the Aundaung Russey village. Then, back to the river for an adventurous motorboat excursion to the wetlands, floating houses and fish farms in the region.

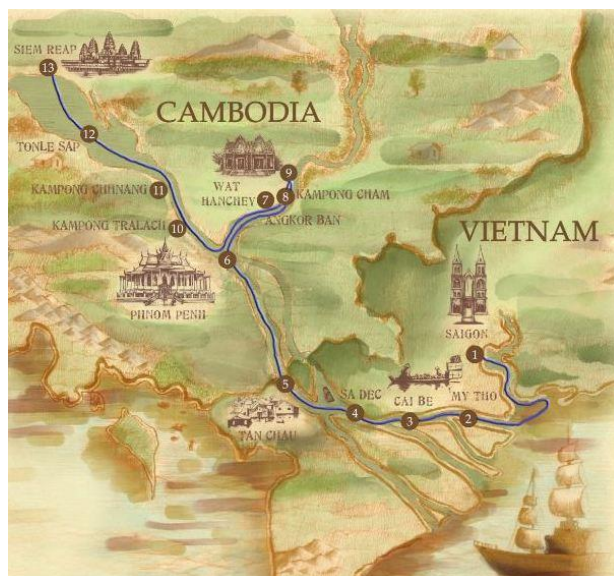
Later returning to the ship for lunch whilst cruising the narrow and meandering Tonle Sap.

The water level rises and drops considerably throughout the year. Thus, your journey begins in high or low water after lunch.

Day 8: Tonle Sap – Siem Reap (B)

The Tonle Sap (The Great Lake) is the flowing heart of Cambodia, giving love and life to this nation. It has more fish than any other lake in the world and is home to an incredible variety of birds, including rare and endangered. The Tonle Sap dominates Cambodia and is the largest freshwater lake in Asia, so wide that one cannot see its shores from the middle of the lake. The water level varies a great deal according to the time of the year and the amount of rainfall recorded. Thus minor changes to the itinerary may occur during different season.

Our cruise aboard our Heritage Line cruise liner comes to an end as you reach the city of the fabled Angkor Temple complex. Bid farewell to the cruise as your journey comes to a close. But the memories - and the friendships made on board - linger on for a lot longer.



Itineraries are subject to fluctuating water levels and does not cruise throughout the month of May

Please Note: This itinerary can be done in reverse, ask for departures and prices

Departures:

Upstream: January 7, 21, February 4, 18, March 4, 18, April 1, 15, July 8, 22, August 5, 19, September 2, 16, 30, October 14, 28, November 11, 25, December 9, 23 2017

Price per person from (Superior Cabin):	Twin/Double	Single
Travel		
Jan – March 2017	\$4463	\$6638
April 2017	\$3559	\$5284
01 June – 29 September 2017	\$3021	\$4476
30 September – 13 October 2017	\$3673	\$5453
14 October – 31 December 2017	\$4607	\$6815

Price Includes: 7 nights' accommodation, all excursions including entrance fees, transportation from the meeting point to port, port taxes, tour guide services (English speaking), taxes, fuel, river pilots, full board, welcome and farewell dinner, mineral water, coffee and tea. Transfers in Saigon and Siem Reap from or to the meeting point to/from embarkation/ disembarkation point or V.V.

Price Excludes: International flights, Vietnam & Cambodia visa, travel insurance, departure taxes, personal expenses and gratuities of USD \$11 per passenger per day is recommended.

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