



# Cambodia, Vietnam & the Mekong River



iscover the natural beauty, fascinating culture and spirited welcome of Cambodia and Vietnam on this 15-day adventure. Aboard the luxurious small ship Jayavarman, cruise down the storied Mekong River from Siem Reap to Ho Chi Minh City. Explore the beautiful ruins of Angkor Thom, Ta Prohm and Angkor Wat, all part of a UNESCO World Heritage site. Marvel at Phnom Penh, once known as the "Paris of the East," and Ho Chi Minh City, a nexus of history, culture and culinary delights. Observe unique wildlife species and beautiful riverscapes along the Mekong, known as the "Mother of Water." Most importantly, along the way you'll experience river life with the locals — visit markets, monasteries, and fish and vegetable farms; ride in rickshaws and tuk-tuks; and engage with artisans, monks and villagers. Gain an insider's look at the bustling life and natural beauty of these two vibrant countries!

#### **Exclusive Highlights**

- Seven-night cruise aboard Jayavarman, an exclusively chartered, deluxe small ship.
- Three nights in Siem Reap, Cambodia, and 2 nights in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, in deluxe accommodations.
- Meet with local artisans to learn about their traditional crafts; see local fish and vegetable farmers at work.
- Visit UNESCO World Heritage site Angkor in Siem Reap, Cambodia.





#### Dear Texas Ex:

On this 14-night adventure, discover the wonders of Cambodia and Vietnam as you cruise the Mekong River from Siem Reap to Ho Chi Minh City. You'll experience the famous highlights — breathtaking ancient Angkor Wat; the beguiling cities of Phenom Penh and Ho Chi Minh City; and the storied Mekong River itself.

But unlike many tourists, you will see beyond the popular features and experience the true heart of these countries. As you sail downriver, meet and interact with local people every day.

Travel as residents do — by oxcart, tuk-tuk and rickshaw — to small villages. Stroll through markets, mingling with shoppers going about their daily routines. Meet with monks and priests who talk about their lives and beliefs. Smile with schoolchildren as you learn about their library project. Visit family-run orchards and vegetable and fish farms. And discover the communities' crafts and creative industries, meeting artisans, weavers and chefs.

From luxurious lodgings in hotels and on the small ship *Jayavarman*, explore like you never have before, making authentic connections in these beautiful destinations. Reserve this unforgettable program now, while extended savings and space are still available.

This outstanding itinerary is brought to you by the Texas Exes travel program, which supports the association's mission of promoting and protecting The University of Texas at Austin and uniting its alumni around the world. While you do not have to be an alumnus of UT to travel with us, we do ask that all Flying Longhorns travelers have an active membership in the Texas Exes. Memberships start at just \$50.

The association is a huge proponent of continuing education and there is no better classroom than our world. Experience rich history and culture in the company of your fellow Longhorns! Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? We're standing by to answer all of your questions and take your reservation. Group size is limited on this popular program and likely to sell out quickly. Additional information about all Texas Exes Flying Longhorns trips can be found at travel.texasexes.org.

Best regards,

Your Flying Longhorns Travel Team, Margaret, Janice, and Alysha



#### Day 1 | Jan 19

Depart your home city to fly to Siem Reap, Cambodia.

### Day 2 | Jan 20

Cross International Date Line.

#### Day 3 | Jan 21

Siem Reap, Cambodia

Arrive at Siem Reap International Airport, transfer to the deluxe Borei Angkor Resort & Spa and check in.

#### Day 4 | Jan 22

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Siem Reap

Explore Angkor Thom, a great walled city built in the late 12th century. Tour the complex, including the Baphuon, Elephant Terraces, Leper King

Apsara dance performance

Terrace and Royal Palace area. Enjoy a group lunch at an authentic local restaurant. Next, explore the haunting temples of Ta Prohm, a former Buddhist monastery where roots of massive strangler figs and other trees have overtaken the buildings. This afternoon, visit Satcha, a handicraft center supporting local artisans and preserving Cambodian culture. This evening, join your fellow travelers at the hotel for a Welcome Reception and Dinner with a cultural show. В

# Day 5 | Jan 23

Siem Reap

Discover breathtaking Angkor Wat, a grand, UNESCO-designated temple and the largest religious monument in the world.

See the extensive gallery of bas-relief murals, among other memorable highlights.

#### Day 6 | Jan 24 B-L-R-D

Siem Reap | Embarkation | Kampong Cham

Embark Jayavarman and cruise on the vast Mekona River to Cambodia's sixth-largest city, Kampong Cham. Tour the city, noting its quaint main street, small markets, artisans and craftspeople. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

#### Day 7 | Jan 25 B-L-D

Angkor Ban | Prek Bangkong In Angkor Ban, visit the local monastery and its delightful village, meet monks during their morning class, and engage in





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friendly conversations with the villagers. Later, visit Prek Bangkong, known for its silk-weaving community. Observe artisans and weavers, and learn about the intricate silk production process.

# Day 8 | Jan 26 B-L-

Kampong Laeang | Kampong Tralach | Phnom Penh

Discover Kampong Laeang, a lovely lakeside village in the vast Tonle region, one of Cambodia's amazing ecosystems. Board tuk-tuks to travel the countryside for an authentic look at rural Cambodian life. This afternoon, an ox-pulled cart will transport you down quiet, winding roads bordered by lush rice paddies. In a small village along the river, visit and learn about a local school and library project.

## Day 9 | Jan 27

Phnom Penh

Welcome to Phnom Penh, a storied city at the confluence of three rivers, with a history and culture that spans centuries. Despite its rapid development, it has retained much of its rustic charm and elegance. After our tour, return to the ship and savor an al fresco barbecue dinner accompanied by a classic Apsara dance performance.

#### Day 10 | Jan 28

Phnom Penh | Tan Chau, Vietnam

Enjoy a tasty breakfast on board as the ship departs Phnom Penh and begins a full day of sailing. This afternoon, we will cross the border and arrive in Tan Chau, Vietnam, a pleasant town with diverse Chinese, Kinh and Khmer communities.

#### Day 11 | Jan 29 B-L-D

Tan Chau | My An Hung

Tan Chau is known for its aquaculture, agriculture, vibrant markets and silk-weaving culture. Ride in a xeloi, shop in the market, visit a temple, and visit at a fish farm that has been operated for many years by one family. This afternoon in nearby My An Hung, visit a family vegetable farm. As a local artistic group performs a traditional dragon dance, sample Vietnamese teas and freshly harvested tropical fruits.







#### Day 12 | Jan 30

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Binh Thanh | Cai Be | Tan Phong

Today, stop in two Mekong islands and one delta village, and meet locals within the communities. Learn how villagers fashion products from water hyacinths and rice, and visit a family fruit orchard.

#### Day 13 | Jan 31

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My Tho | Disembark | Ho Chi Minh City

After breakfast, disembark the ship and transfer to Ho Chi

Minh City. On a walking tour, see the city's many fascinating historic landmarks. Enjoy a group lunch and an open-air bus tour before checking into the deluxe *Park Hyatt Saigon*. Spend time this evening exploring on your own.

#### Day 14 | Feb 1

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Ho Chi Minh City

Today choose an included excursion: either a market visit and Vietnamese cooking class or an exploration of the Cu Chi Tunnels. This elaborate tunnel system beneath the city



is centuries old and was used for guerrilla warfare during the Vietnam war. Join your fellow travelers for a Farewell Reception this evening.

#### Day 15 | Feb 2

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Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight back to your home city.

Note: This is an ACTIVE program. The itinerary is subject to change due to local conditions.

# **Ingenious Weaving**

Native to the Upper Amazon River basin in South America, the water hyacinth is an invasive species now found in over 50 countries on five continents. Beautiful to behold, with drifting lush greenery and pale purple blooms, it nevertheless wreaks havoc on waterways. It grows into thick floating mats that prevent sunlight and oxygen from penetrating the water, killing off fish and amphibians. The water then stagnates and becomes a breeding area for mosquitoes—and their dangerous diseases.

A fearsome foe, the water hyacinth is extremely adaptable and can thrive in a variety of conditions, even in badly polluted water. And mats of the invasive weed can double in size every two weeks. In Cambodia and Vietnam, local people have found a solution. They harvest the water hyacinths and dry out their long stems, we wise them into baskets mats hardbases and other handi-

In Cambodia and Vietnam, local people have found a solution They harvest the water hyacinths and dry out their long stems weaving them into baskets, mats, handbags and other handicrafts. Villagers make money from their efforts, and as the hyacinths are thinned out, the river returns to health and surrounding communities benefit.









#### Borei Angkor Resort & Spa

Located in the heart of the former capital of Cambodia, Borei Angkor Resort & Spa is a hub of cultural energy, only a few minutes away from Siem Reap's cultural and historic attractions. Each room and suite provides guests with an unparalleled selection of contemporary amenities, rich in detail and steeped in tradition.



#### Park Hyatt Saigon

Discover urban luxury with a combination of sophisticated design, handcrafted details and modern-day comforts at *Park Hyatt Saigon*. Conveniently located near the world-class restaurants of Ho Chi Minh City, but sheltered and quiet, this hotel offers the ultimate personalized luxury experience.

#### **INCLUDED FEATURES**

- 3-night stay in the deluxe Borei Angkor Resort & Spa in Siem Reap, Cambodia.
- 7-night cruise from Siem Reap, Cambodia to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam on the deluxe small ship Jayavarman.
- 2-night stay in the deluxe Park Hyatt Saigon in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.
- —Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Included Meals | 12 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 8 dinners.
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The deluxe small ship Jayavarman showcases interior design characterized by a charming French Colonial theme along with stylish Khmer accents. Public areas are decorated with fine objects d'art emanating the aura of a floating art gallery. The welcoming atmosphere invites guests to feel at home from their first step aboard. An open kitchen adds a unique flair to culinary experiences. The ship plies the lower Mekong River between Vietnam and Cambodia.



#### **2026 DEPARTURE DATE**

January 19 to February 2

Tour Begins: January 21



Category	Description	Standard Rate	Extended Savings Rate*
С	Stateroom with a private balcony with seating area and sliding-glass door; twin or double beds. 215 sq ft   Main Deck, mid & fwd	\$8,495	\$7,495
В	Stateroom with a private balcony, with seating area & sliding-glass door; twin or double beds; carved wooden furniture. 248 sq ft   Upper Deck, mid & fwd.	\$10,095	\$9,095
Α	Suite with private balcony, with seating area & sliding-glass door; wood four-poster king-size bed; butler service. 290 sq ft   Upper Deck, fwd.	\$14,405	\$13,405

All suites and staterooms are river-view and feature a comfortable bed; writing desk & chair; private balcony with chairs & table; private bathroom with vanity, walk-in shower, bathrobe & luxury toiletries. Also: individually controlled air conditioning; minibar; in-room safe; hair dryer; tea and coffee makers; complimentary Wi-Fi\*; in-house telephone; luggage rack; sandals, sun hat & umbrella. Note: Wi-Fi\* is provided by satellite connection, which may be sporadic due to weather conditions or boat movement.

 $All\ rates\ are\ in\ U.S.\ dollars,\ per\ person,\ based\ on\ double\ occupancy,\ including\ taxes\ (unless\ otherwise\ stated)$ 

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