

Exploring the Mekong River
Scenic Cruise Line
11 Day Cruise - 03/23/19 to 04/06/19



Day 1 - Thursday, March 23rd

12:55 PM Depart Atlanta Korean Air FLT KE036 Airbus A350 (Delta One)

Day 2 - Friday, March 24th

05:15 PM Arrive Seoul South Korea (+14 hrs ahead)
Check into hotel:
Grand Hyatt Incheon (near the airport, Incheon International)
208, Yeongjonghaeannam-ro 321beon-gil, Jung-gu Incheon
Eat, snack rest, un-jet lag
Unknown as to how we will feel. We can just go to sleep

Day 3 - Saturday, March 25th

07:30 AM Breakfast
08:00 AM Checkout -take shuttle to airport
10:50 AM Depart Seoul Viet Nam Air FLT 409 (5 hr 25min) Airbus A350
01:40 PM Arrive Ho Chi Minh City
02:30 PM Catch hotel airport limousine
Check into Hotel:
[Park Hyatt Saigon](#)

Day 4 - Sunday, March 26th

8:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM After arriving in Vietnam, you will be welcomed and taken to your meeting point.
2:00 PM After lunch, travel by coach to My Tho to board the luxurious Scenic Spirit.
Toast the start of your cruise with a cocktail reception. [Suite details](#)
5:00 PM Depart My Tho

Day 5 - Monday, March 27th

Cai Be > Da Sec

Board a sampan to visit the famous Cai Be floating market before stopping at local cottage industries and French colonial or traditional Vietnamese houses. Alternatively relish a later start before savouring morning tea at the French colonial Le Longanier House featuring local musicians and cultural demonstrations. Or stay on board for your special Freechoice activity. Later immerse yourself in the historic town of Sa Dec. From your sampan disembark, explore and interact with the sellers in the lively market and visit the home of Mr Huynh Thuy Le who inspired Marguerite Duras' novel L'Amant. Spend the remainder of the afternoon cruising to Tan Chau.

Day 6 - Tuesday, March 28th

Tan Chau

Stay in Tan Chau to visit Evergreen Island and enjoy a ride in a Xe Loi to the local Cao Dai Temple. Alternatively choose from two options which cruise by speedboat to Chau Doc. Firstly visit a family-operated fish farm before walking through a Cham village or visit Tra Su Bird Sanctuary. Tonight is your themed evening dinner to say farewell to Vietnam

Day 7 - Wednesday, March 29th

Tan Chau > Phnom Penh

Relax during a full day of cruising as you cross the border into Cambodia. Make use of the ship's luxury and take the time to enjoy a cocktail by the pool or appreciate some solitude on your private balcony as you watch the scenery pass you by before berthing in Phnom Penh. Arrive in style by tuk tuk and immerse yourself in the historically celebrated luxury of Raffles, Hotel Le Royal. Enjoy a guided history tour followed by an indulgent high tea prepared in front of you by the hotel's chefs, all whilst sipping on your signature cocktail named in honour of Jacqueline Kennedy. Retire to the Elephant Bar before returning to the ship.

Day 8 - Thursday, March 30th

Phnom Penh

Journey to the Killing Fields and tour Tuol Sleng, the former school that was converted to the main prison of the Khmer Rouge, or take a guided tour of the local food market before joining a hands on Khmer cooking demonstration. Alternatively, by Tuk Tuk explore Phnom Penh's colonial buildings, the Central Market as well as its modern architecture before stopping for

lunch at a local NGO restaurant which teaches street kids hospitality skills. Later this afternoon visit the National Museum and the Royal Palace with the famous Silver Pagoda within.

Day 9 - Friday, March 31st

Oudong > Kampong Tralach > Tho Chen

After a short cruise from Phnom Penh to Kampong Tralach, experience an ox cart ride from the ship through a local village and fields to Wat Kampong Tralach. Board your coach to the ancient capital of Oudong to visit the impressive pagoda and monastery to observe the lifestyle of the resident monks and nuns. Receive a blessing in the pagoda from a monk and learn how to pray in a Buddhist pagoda before giving a donation which contributes to the daily meal of the resident nuns and monks. Drive a short distance to Prek K'dam to re-board Scenic Spirit. Later sail downstream to wander through the silversmith village of Kho Chen before continuing your cruise to Kampong Cham.

Day 10 - Saturday, April 1st

Wat Hanchey . Kampong Cham

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Day 11 - Sunday, April 2nd

Discover the rural side of Cambodia on your drive to your hotel in Siem Reap, your stylish three night Special Stay located in the heart of Siem Reap. Take your Section A Reserved seat at the colourful Cambodian Circus, Phare.

Day 12 - Monday, April 3rd

Visit the colossal Angkor Wat before stopping at Angkor Thom and the multi-faced Bayon Temple. Later visit the atmospheric Ta Prohm Temple. Take advantage of your free night to visit the night markets.

Day 13 - Tuesday, April 4th

Marvel at sunrise over the magnificent Angkor Wat before moving to a special location for a champagne breakfast with food prepared by an NGO supported local bakery school.

Discover Banteay Srei and visit the Landmine Museum or explore Beng Mealea temples and Artisans D'Angkor. Alternatively, cruise on Tonle Sap (seasonal) or take a tethered balloon ride (weather dependent) above Angkor Wat before visiting a Pouk Silk Farm and Handicraft Factory

Be wowed by a magical themed gala dinner at an Angkor temple, with included free flow drinks and a show featuring Apsara dancers in front of candle lit temple ruins.

Day 14 - Wednesday, April 5th

Mekong Cruise > Siem Reap

Disembark and drive to Siem Reap with stops at a stone cutters village and walk across the ancient Khmer bridge at Kampong Kdei. Upon arrival in Siem Reap, enjoy lunch before being transferred to the airport or your hotel of choice to complete your Mekong adventure.

02:00 PM	Arrive Siem Reap
09:35 PM	Depart Siem Reap Viet Nam Airlines (1 hr 15 min) Airbus A321
10:50 PM	Arrive Hanoi (1 hr 45 min layover)
11:50 PM	Depart Hanoi Viet nam Air FLT 408 Airbus A350 (4 hr 40 min)

Day 15 - Thursday, April 6th

06:30 AM	Arrive Seoul South Korea
09:20 AM	Depart Seoul Korean Airlines FLT KE035 (13 hr 40 Min)
09:50 AM	Arrive Atlanta (30 minute flight...go figure)
11:00 AM	Leave airport
	Go home
	Stay awake all day

Costs

Airfare	\$11,800 - ATL to Seoul
Airfare	\$ 3,113 - Seoul to Ho Chi Minh City to Siem Reap to Seoul
Cruise	\$ 8,690
Hotel	\$ 180
Total	\$23,783