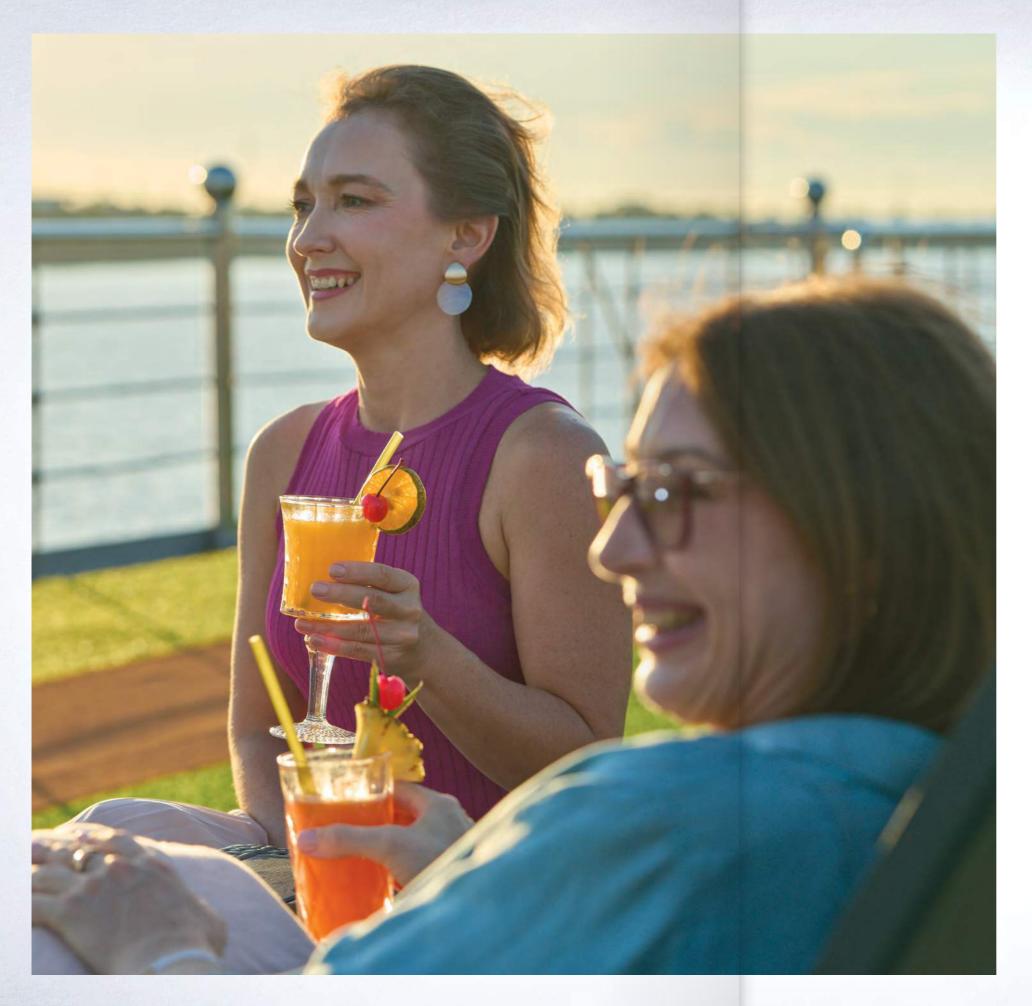


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# **Book With Confidence**

Award-winning operator APT has been dedicated to travellers for almost a century. We know that now, more than ever, you want flexibility and reassurance when making your holiday plans.

That's why we ensure you can travel on your terms.

#### **PEACE OF MIND**

APT has been setting the standard in world travel for almost a century. When you book a cruise and flight with APT, you are ATOL (Air Travel Organisers' Licence) protected, which ensures your funds are in safe hands, giving you greater peace of mind.

#### **HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

Your health and wellbeing are our priority at APT.

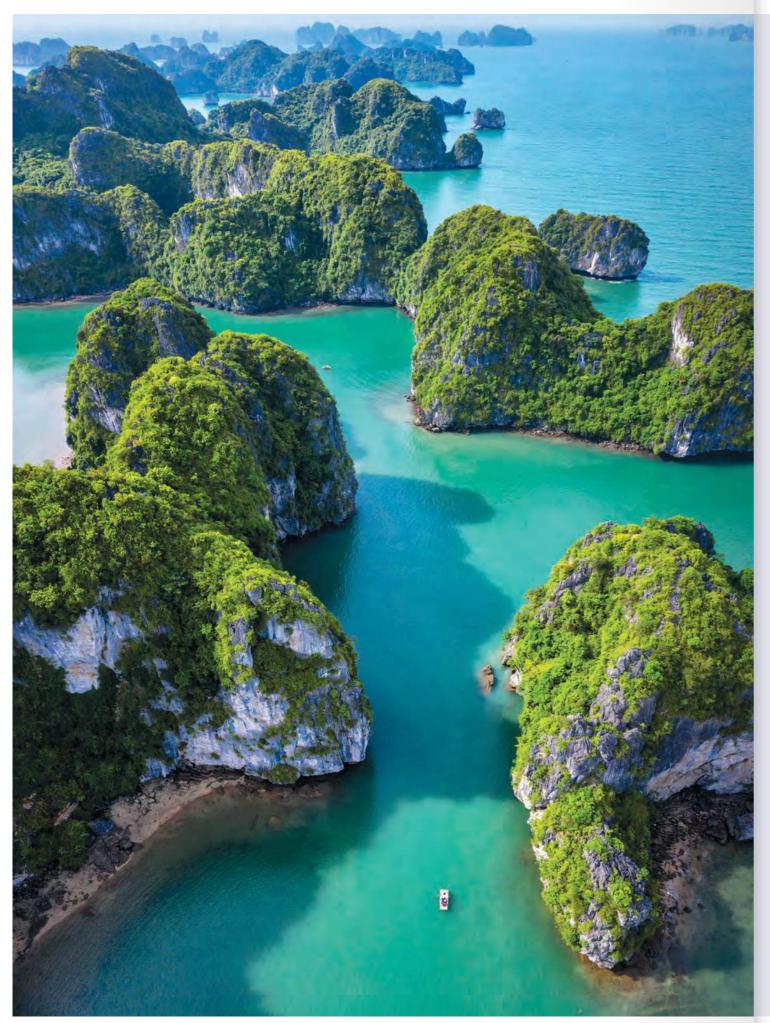
Among our meticulous protocols are industry-leading pre-departure health screenings and cleaning.

#### **INSURANCE**

APT has partnered with Staysure insurance, who offers comprehensive cover policies suited to your needs. Ask our reservations team for more information today.

For full details visit aptouring.com/bookwithconfidence

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## BENEFIT FROM OUR EXPERIENCE

#### **FAMILY-OWNED SINCE 1927**

APT is a leading travel company with origins that date back almost a century.

Over this time, we have established a clear understanding of what makes the perfect holiday, and enjoy going the extra mile to ensure our travellers have a life-enriching experience.

#### **EXPERTISE & EXPERIENCE**

We go to great lengths to show you the very best of the world with ease in complete comfort and style. We also take you away from the crowds to interact with local people and enjoy experiences off the typical tourist trail. Our travel professionals use their knowledge and expertise to perfect our itineraries and deliver a comprehensive collection of inspiring holidays.

#### **FULLY INCLUSIVE & GUARANTEED**

Our prices cover everything, including sightseeing, accommodation, meals and drinks, as detailed in your itinerary; plus overseas transfers, taxes, port charges and all tipping.

#### **CUSTOMER SATISFACTION**

We are proud of the 98% satisfaction rating we receive from our travellers, together with an excellent rating on the independent review site Trustpilot, and are committed to maintaining these exceptional standards.

#### **AWARD-WINNING HOLIDAYS**

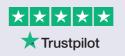
In 2018, we were honoured to receive the award for Best River Cruise Line at the prestigious Telegraph Travel Awards, winning for the third time since 2014. While in 2017, we were also recognised as Best Escorted Tour Operator. Voted for entirely by the experienced and discerning *Telegraph* readers, these valuable accolades are further proof that when you choose to travel with APT, you are choosing to travel with the very best.

#### PEACE OF MIND

You will always enjoy complete peace of mind when you book with us, as APT is a member of the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA), and our air-inclusive packages are fully bonded with the Civil Aviation Authority's Air Travel Organisers' Licence (ATOL) scheme.

#### **APT CLUB**

Once you have booked with APT, we invite you to join APT Club, which offers a range of exclusive member-only benefits. See page 28 for further details.







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# CHOOSE YOUR DREAM HOLIDAY

Enjoy a stress-free, immersive experience with expert guides, setting out on perfectly curated itineraries designed with the discerning and curious traveller in mind.

#### **LUXURY RIVER CRUISING & TOURING**

Our Luxury Holidays allow you to discover the true essence of Asia in unparalleled comfort and style. You will enjoy the finest five-star accommodation, a host of unforgettable dining experiences, enriching sightseeing and exceptional service.

It is the detail, however, that tells the real story. From a luxurious stay at the award-winning Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf & Spa Resort to learning how to cook flavourful local dishes with an expert chef in Hoi An, or cruising across the sacred waters of the Lower Ganges in India, the experiences we offer truly showcase our expertise.

You will enjoy a varied range of Signature Experiences, as detailed in your itinerary, carefully designed to provide insight into the history, culture, lifestyle and cuisine of each region. And because everyone is different, we know you will appreciate our Freedom of Choice concept, which allows you to tailor your sightseeing and dining according to your interests in select locations, at no additional cost.

#### TRAVELMARVEL RIVER CRUISING & TOURING

With APT Travelmarvel, you'll enjoy inspirational travel at outstanding value, while benefitting from APT's hallmark expertise, in-depth knowledge and personalised service. Across Vietnam and Cambodia, experience premium, hand-picked accommodation in central or unique locations, quality meals and must-see sights.

Plus, our Insider Experiences give you the chance to gain a greater insight into each remarkable region you visit, through a selection of unique stays, authentic excursions and memorable meals — at no additional expense.

And while all the iconic destinations and essential experiences are included throughout your journey, you will also have ample free time to discover at your own pace.



Travelmarvel River Cruising and Touring holidays are part of the APT Travel Group, and are indicated throughout the itinerary pages by the logo on the left.

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# CHOOSE YOUR DREAM HOLIDAY

Our Small Group Journeys offer in-depth explorations in an intimate group led by expert guides, allowing you to discover the world from a truly personalised perspective.

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#### SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

APT Travelmarvel delivers memorable travel experiences in the world's most inspiring destinations. Building on our extensive escorted touring experience and dedication to creating dream holidays, our Small Group Journeys are designed to bring you closer to the heart of every destination, allowing you to fully immerse yourself in each region's culture and cuisine as you meet the locals along the way.

Travel in comfort on a Small Group Journey limited to no more than 16 guests, escorted by expert local guides for a more intimate and individualised experience. These journeys allow you to explore places larger groups can't access and experience a more in-depth cultural immersion with a personal touch.

Our meticulously crafted itineraries provide the perfect balance of Real Moments and must-see highlights, all of which will invigorate your senses. Crafted to offer a harmonious blend of exploration and relaxation, our journeys ensure a balanced pace with abundant opportunities for an authentic immersion into each destination you visit.

Stay in hand-picked accommodation, from charming boutique hotels to unique local retreats, which seamlessly blend comfort with spectacular service. Each stay is chosen to ensure an extraordinary experience tailored to your destination of choice.

Our dedicated and experienced English-speaking local guides will look after you every step of the way and be on hand to share their vast knowledge, revealing highlights off the beaten track, to create a once-in-a-lifetime holiday experience.

Our Small Group Journeys feature guaranteed departures\*, providing peace of mind when booking your trip.

\*Select guaranteed departures may apply.



#### **FLIGHTS FROM THE UK**

The ultimate convenience

Embarking on your APT Vietnam and Cambodia cruise is carefree, with return flights from London Heathrow included in the holiday price. If you're booking a Small Group Journey, we offer competitive prices on world-class leading airlines. Please enquire with our expert team to find out more.

#### **ENRICHING SIGHTSEEING**

Crafted especially for you

From Ho Chi Minh City to Tokyo, you will be captivated by the included sightseeing on offer. Discover iconic wonders up close and experience a variety of customs and cultures in a range of unique locations.

#### **OUTSTANDING SERVICE**

Every step of the way

A dedicated Cruise or Tour Director will ensure everything runs smoothly on your journey. They will assist with anything you need, while the knowledge of expert local guides will enhance your journey.

#### STYLISH ACCOMMODATION

More than just a place to stay

Cruise in style aboard some of the finest river ships on their respective waterways. On land, unwind in quality accommodation in leading hotels and resorts, set in central or unique locations.

#### **DELECTABLE CUISINE**

A range of dining experiences
Indulge your tastebuds on a journey

through the delicious delights across Asia. Enjoy a variety of meals during your adventure, both on board and on land, as well as select drinks as detailed in each itinerary.

#### **ALL THE FINER DETAILS**

For your absolute peace of mind
Relax — we really do think of
everything. From overseas transfers
and luggage porterage to port
charges and tipping, your price
covers everything you need for
the perfect holiday.

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## **GETTING YOU THERE**

We only work with leading scheduled airlines to ensure you travel with confidence.

#### A SEAMLESS EXPERIENCE

For your convenience, our River Cruising holidays in Asia include Economy Class flights from London Heathrow. Regional departures are available; please reach out to our consultants to find out more. Our Touring and Small Group Journey holiday prices do not include return flights; however, we do offer competitive flight prices. Please enquire at time of booking.

We are proud to partner with a wide range of respected carriers, including Singapore Airlines, Qatar Airways and British Airways, so that you can sit back and enjoy the quality onboard experience as your adventure begins.

We have partnered with major carriers that reflect our own high levels of service and offer flight paths that best suit your itinerary. However, if you have an alternative preferred airline or would like to discuss upgrade options, please contact our specialist consultants.

#### **UPGRADE YOUR INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS**

To make your journey even more memorable, you may choose to upgrade to Premium Economy or Business Class, which feature a range of additional benefits. These include dedicated check-in and departure lounges, enhanced personal space on board the aircraft, superior in-flight entertainment, and a greater choice of food and beverages.

#### **DISCOVER MORE WITH A STOPOVER**

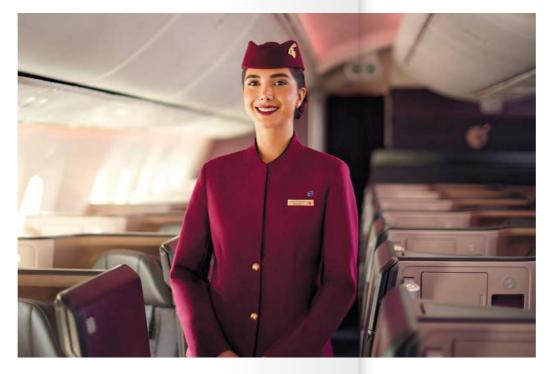
Our close association with select airlines presents you with the opportunity to break up your journey in either direction. More than just a chance to adjust to the time difference and relax between flights, a stopover allows you to gain insight into another exciting destination, such as Singapore.

For a carefree experience, we will book your accommodation with daily breakfast included, and arrange return airport transfers, plus a half-day sightseeing tour. Stopover choices will be determined by the airline you fly with, as well as the destination you are travelling to or from, so please contact our specialist consultants to discuss your options.



Relax knowing that we take care of your flight arrangements. Fly with one of our trusted major carriers, British Airways. Indulge in Business Class comfort with Qatar Airways.







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# ENRICHING SIGHTSEEING

Uncover the true heart of Asia through an array of sightseeing inclusions.

#### THE ONLY LIMIT IS YOUR IMAGINATION

Whether on river or land, our top priority is to offer you the very best sightseeing experiences, and we are always delighted to hand-pick a selection of activities that capture the spirit of Asia's truly remarkable countries. All our holidays include an array of sightseeing inclusions as standard, leaving you free to enjoy the experiences that shape your journey.

#### **BECOME IMMERSED IN LOCAL LIFE**

Each day presents an opportunity to gain an authentic glimpse into the region you are visiting. As you arrive in each new destination, our extensive sightseeing opportunities open up new cultural experiences that give you a special understanding of the area. We will take you to locations off the beaten path and you will get to know the locals and gain an insight into their everyday lives.

#### TAKE THE HOLIDAY YOU WANT

We believe you should be in control of your holiday, and that is why we make every effort to help you tailor your sightseeing to match your fitness levels, expectations and interests. We pride ourselves on offering a range of sightseeing activities, both included and optional, that appeal to all different touring tastes.

#### LOCAL GUIDES, LOCAL INSIGHT

Throughout your holiday, embark on fascinating sightseeing excursions with local guides, who will take you on an exciting journey, complete with the knowledge only an insider could offer.

#### **PUT YOUR CONFIDENCE IN THE EXPERTS**

Our professional Cruise and Tour Directors are friendly English-speaking locals who possess an amazing level of knowledge and offer outstanding service. With their established reputation as the very best in the business, they are always on hand to ensure your experience is unforgettable from start to finish.



#### Clockwise from top left: The breathtaking temple of Ta Prohm in Cambodia. Geishas on the street in Kyoto, Japan. India's awe-inspiring Taj Mahal.





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#### Clockwise from top left:

Hoi An Eco Tour in basket boats in Vietnam. Dine at Vietnam House in Ho Chi Minh City. World Heritage-listed Angkor Wat at sunrise in Cambodia.



Venture into a wonderful world of special moments, diverse cultures and charming surprises.

#### **ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME MOMENTS**

An included feature on all Luxury Holidays, our Signature Experiences have been thoughtfully chosen to deepen your discovery in select locations. They will take you on an inspiring journey beneath the surface of local history, culture and traditions.

The Signature Experiences on the opposite page are a taste of the varied highlights that may await, at no extra cost.







#### **DINNER AT VIETNAM HOUSE**

Sample high-end sustainable produce during a special dining experience in Ho Chi Minh City. With zing and zest, treat your tastebuds to a flavoursome feast of authentic cuisine at Vietnam House. The modernising of well-known favourites is a practice only recently accepted in Vietnamese culture – and so the dishes you'll savour here are born from a newly inspired palate.

#### SUNRISE AT ANGKOR WAT, CAMBODIA

Experiencing the beauty of Angkor Wat is an amazing encounter at any time, but witnessing the glow of a sunrise over the temple is truly enchanting.

## BUDDHIST BLESSING CEREMONY, CAMBODIA

Take part in a traditional Buddhist blessing ceremony with the resident monks at a monastery in Oudong, a former royal seat and Cambodia's capital until 1866.

#### **RURAL LIFE IMMERSION, INDIA**

Cruise to the sleepy village of Baranagar to experience rural Indian life. Experience the terracotta Char Bangla Temples, historic city of Murshidabad, and sacred Lower Ganges. In Murshidabad, you'll stop to explore the Hazarduari Palace, an impressive structure which features 1,000 doors, 100 of which are false and were designed to deter thieves.

#### **GLENBURN PENTHOUSE HIGH TEA, INDIA**

Indulge in a delectable high tea at the Glenburn Penthouse, which offers fantastic city views. Delight in a vast array of treats and teas and learn all about Kolkata during a fascinating talk from a local resident.

#### S LOOK FOR THIS LOGO

Throughout itineraries, our Signature Experiences are shown in bold gold text and are highlighted by this logo.

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Clockwise from top left:

Set off on a Ha Long Bay cruise in Vietnam.

Witness incredible performances at Phare Circus in Cambodia.

# ☆ INSIDER EXPERIENCES

Enjoy unique sightseeing activities, memorable interactions and exclusive culinary experiences.

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## EMBRACE THE WONDERS OF VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

On all Travelmarvel holidays, an exciting range of specially selected Insider Experiences treats you to some truly engaging opportunities at no additional cost. You will enjoy in-depth discoveries of local culture, take in sights of incredible natural wonders, and come face-to-face with unique wildlife.

The Insider Experiences opposite are a sample of those that may await in select locations throughout your journey.







## OPPORTUNITIES OF DEVELOPMENT THRU ART (ODA), CAMBODIA

Visit Opportunities of Development thru Art, a partner of our OneTomorrow charitable fund, which provides education opportunities for disadvantaged children in Siem Reap.

#### LUNCH AT KOTO, VIETNAM

Savour authentic flavours and feast on a soulful Vietnamese lunch at KOTO (Know One, Teach One). This restaurant was established as Vietnam's first social enterprise, seeking to empower local youth who are at-risk and disadvantaged, through hospitality training.

#### APSARA PERFORMANCE, CAMBODIA

Apsara dance is a form of Cambodian traditional dance. It plays an integral part in Khmer culture and showcases graceful movements to narrate classical myths and religious stories.

#### CYCLO RIDE IN HANOI, VIETNAM

Take to the streets on a cyclo tour of Hanoi's Old Quarter, absorbing the district's sights and sounds.

#### HA LONG BAY CRUISE, VIETNAM

Set sail to Ha Long Bay on a two-night cruise aboard Bhaya Classic. This World Heritage-listed location is made up of over 1,600 limestone pillars that seem to float on the bay's emerald waters.

#### ☆ LOOK FOR THIS LOGO

Throughout itineraries, our Insider Experiences are shown in bold blue text and are highlighted by this logo.

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#### TAILORED ESPECIALLY FOR YOU

While we take care of all the finer details, we leave the exciting choices up to you.

We understand that different travellers have different interests, and that is why on our Luxury Holidays we help you personalise your journey with a varied selection of sightseeing and dining experiences to choose from at no extra cost.

With the freedom of flexibility, you can select the experience that best suits your interests. And through a variety of themes, it is even easier to choose the inclusion that ensures your holiday is just that: yours.

Examples of this exclusive concept include exploring Cambodia's Phnom Penh by cyclo, venturing to Bat Trang, a pottery village near Hanoi that has specialised in porcelain for over 700 years, and partaking in a traditional Khmer cooking workshop in Siem Reap.

Throughout itineraries, Freedom of Choice Sightseeing and Dining inclusions are highlighted by these logos.

See pages 74-76 for a comprehensive list of all available options together with their respective themes.

# Whether it is a guided walking tour through city or town, a visit to a local museum or historic

a city or town, a visit to a local museum or historic site, or an art and culture experience, you will enjoy a genuine insight into a destination's history and lifestyle on our Culture & Heritage experiences.



#### GOURMET DELIGHT

Follow your nose on our enticing selection of culinary experiences. Take part in authentic cooking classes, learn the secrets of traditional dishes at local markets, and be introduced to local culinary specialties at memorable dining events.



## GET ACTIVE

For the explorers, adventurers and lovers of the great outdoors, we offer you everything from thrilling rides on the back of a motorbike, to more leisurely options like guided bicycle tours through temples and pagodas and tai chi in a park.

## RELAX & REVIVE

Between your sightseeing adventures, it is always good to have some time to unwind. When you feel like a breather, indulge in a rejuvenating treatment at a luxury day spa or enjoy a traditional massage.



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# STYLISH ACCOMMODATION

Chosen for their prime locations, unsurpassed settings and unrivalled service, we ensure each hotel is exceptional.

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#### STEP ABOARD YOUR FLOATING HOTEL

Aboard river ships cruising the mighty Mekong in Vietnam and Cambodia and the Lower Ganges in India, enjoy elegant and comfortable stays in superb suites that offer the perfect haven to retire to at the end of a busy day of sightseeing.

Most suites aboard our river ships feature spacious balconies from which you can admire the passing scenery, en suites with premium or luxury amenities, and comfortable queen or king-size beds.

During time on board, public spaces invite the opportunity to connect or unwind. Relax on a sun lounger on the Sun Deck with a drink in hand, dine on exceptional regional or western cuisine at the onboard dining venues, keep active at your ship's gym or indulge in pampering at the onboard spa. The smallest details have been considered to ensure the journey is just as enjoyable as the destination itself.

#### **ENJOY THE PERFECT LOCATION ON LAND**

Our diverse hotels and resorts are not only hand-picked for their outstanding facilities, they are also chosen for their centrally located or one-of-a-kind locations.

From conveniently located hotels that place you right in the middle of the action, to peaceful resorts in tranquil natural settings, each has been carefully chosen to allow you to immerse yourself in the region and enhance your journey throughout Vietnam, Cambodia, India, Sri Lanka and Japan.

#### **SERVICE WITH A SMILE**

Throughout your adventure, exceptional hospitality is a guaranteed highlight. The standard of accommodation across Asia is recognised as among the world's finest, in part due to the warm and highly professional service.

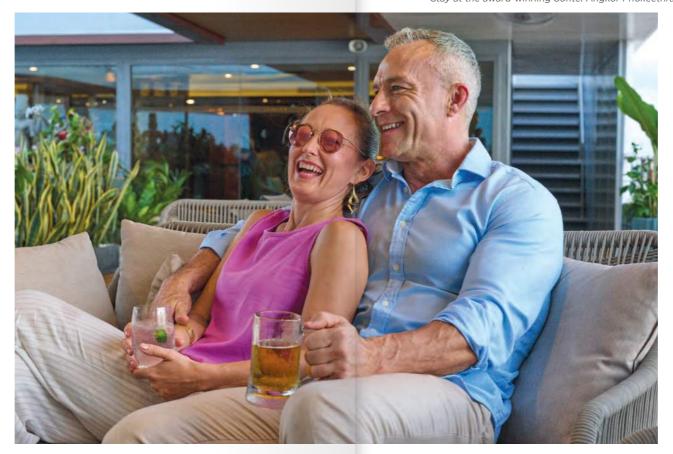
This dedication extends to the service on the river ships, where no task is too much trouble for the friendly, intuitive and skilled staff. Hospitality staff will treat you as the individual you are, and will be there to attend to your needs every step of the way. You have our assurance that your entire experience will go beyond the everyday.



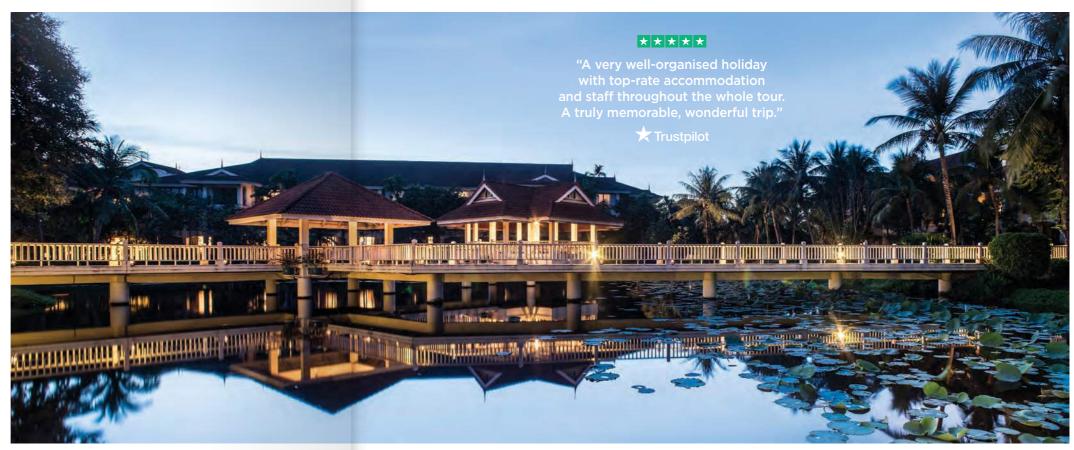
Glide along the Mekong River aboard the boutique Mekong Serenity in Vietnam and Cambodia.

Unwind at the refined Park Hyatt Saigon in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

Stay at the award-winning Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf & Spa Resort in Siem Reap, Cambodia.







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# **DELICIOUS FLAVOURS**

Asia's rich and multifaceted cuisine is worldrenowned and guaranteed to enhance your time spent in each region.

Often, meals shared and savoured on holiday become the most cherished memories. Whether it's falling in love with a flavour-packed local specialty, gathering with new friends around a table to share a meal, or learning to cook a traditional dish, every bite of your journey is certain to prove unforgettable.

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#### SUPERB INCLUDED DINING

All meals are included for the duration of your river cruise, with an Executive Chef and team of experts crafting a range of exceptional meals from fresh and local produce.

While touring by land or on a Small Group Journey, enjoy a variety of meals as detailed in each itinerary, including hand-picked dining experiences in some of the best restaurants in Vietnam, Cambodia, India, Sri Lanka and Japan.

#### **WELCOME AND FAREWELL DINNERS**

At the beginning of your journey, get to know your Cruise or Tour Director and fellow travellers over a delicious Welcome Dinner. Towards the end of your trip, you will also gather over a Farewell Dinner to reflect on your holiday with your new-found friends.

#### **SOMETHING TO SATISFY ALL TASTEBUDS**

While travelling, you can rely on our commitment to creating flavoursome dishes to tempt all our passengers. From fine dining and casual buffet-style meals, to regional feasts and more familiar western-style fare, you can be sure all dishes will be prepared by expert chefs to guarantee their quality and taste.

#### FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ DINING INCLUSIONS

Not all travellers have the same tastes when it comes to cuisine and dining experiences. That is why on our Luxury Holidays, in select destinations, you are presented with a range of different restaurants from which to choose to dine at on free evenings.

See page 76 for a comprehensive list of all available Freedom of Choice Dining inclusions on our Luxury Holidays.



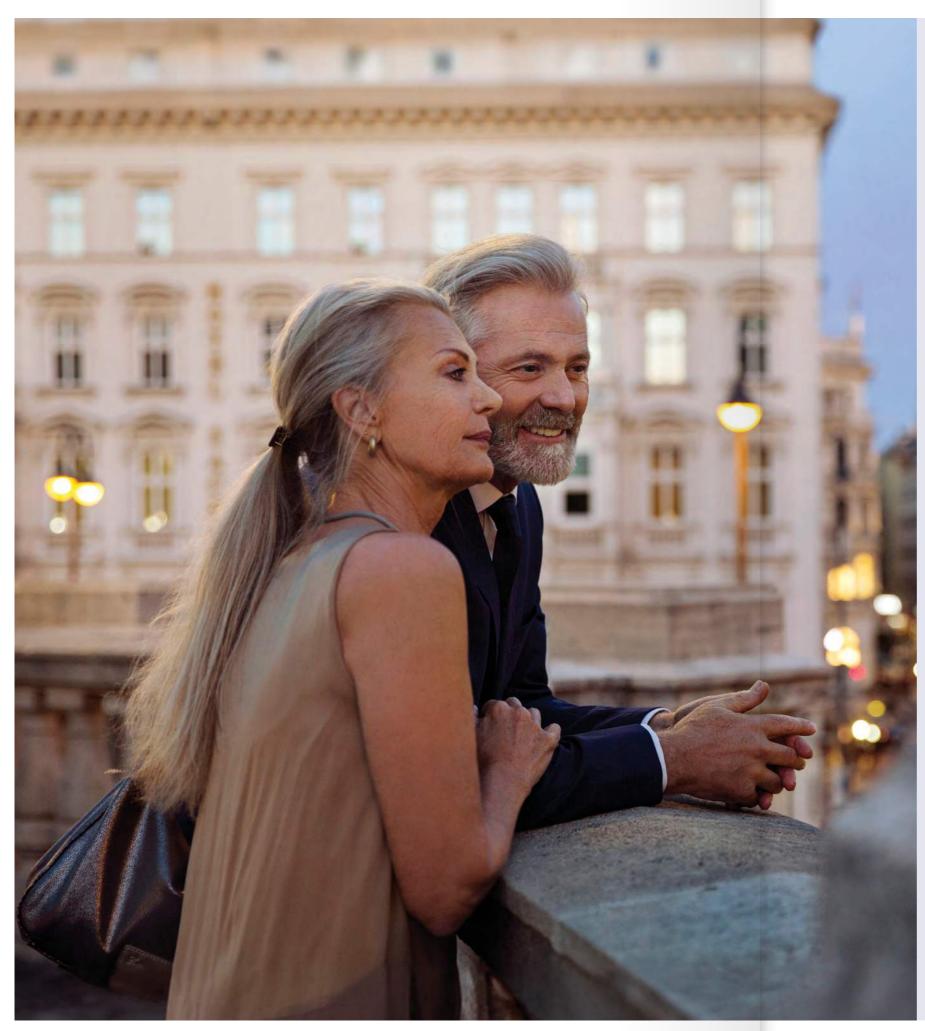
#### Clockwise from top left:

Delight in local Vietnamese specialties. Aromatic curries are at the heart of India's beloved cuisine. Sample some of the signature flavours of Japan.





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# APT Club

#### A CLUB THAT TAKES YOU FURTHER

Welcome to APT Club - our member-only loyalty program. APT Club is free for anyone to join and members have access to exclusive benefits, whether or not you have toured with us previously. Every time you travel with us, you rise through the membership tiers, so not only do you enjoy unforgettable travel experiences throughout the world, you also unlock exciting new benefits with every trip.



Welcome Home voucher



Friends & Family voucher



Private airport transfers



Overnight hotel stays



Exclusive offers just for you



First access - be the first to hear about new travel experiences







Priority member reservations line



24/7 online access to APT Club

Join for free by scanning this QR code or visit **aptouring.com/aptclub** 



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# VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

Explore the wonders of Vietnam and Cambodia as you are swept through the legendary landscapes of these enchanting lands.

A blend of breathtaking natural landscapes, vibrant cities and incredible flavours, Vietnam has been an attractive destination for travellers for decades – and very few visit just once. From Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City, so captivated by the country's incredible beauty and energetic cities, our guests often return time and time again.

A country that boasts wondrous grace, stunning beauty and a rich history, Cambodia is a land of contrasts. Its highlights are plentiful, not least of which is the iconic Angkor Wat, considered the world's largest religious monument. The capital Phnom Penh is the political hub of the country, with the gleaming gold Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda superb examples of fascinating Khmer architecture.



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## **MEKONG SERENITY**

The luxurious Mekong Serenity provides a spacious retreat to truly enjoy the lush landscapes of Vietnam and Cambodia.

#### THE NEW SHIP IN TOWN

Experiencing two of Asia's most charming countries aboard the boutique Mekong Serenity is a unique experience. With ample space on board, this vessel boasts some of the most luxurious suites on the Mekong River. With just 44 suites accompanying a maximum of 88 guests, the ship's intimate size means your voyage is highly personalised. Showcasing a modern, sophisticated style with a nod to local influence, this is a ship beyond compare.

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## ALL SUITES, ALL BALCONIES, ALL SPACIOUS

When you step inside the Mekong Serenity, you are greeted by a spacious and exquisitely designed haven, with all suite categories boasting indoor and outdoor balconies.

#### **ANGKOR SUITES**

For the pinnacle of luxury, our Angkor Suites are the largest on board and feature a deluxe bedroom with king-size bed and lounge area, a separate bathroom with spa bath and a separate living room with floor-to-ceiling windows. Take full advantage of the river views from the large balcony terrace and enjoy Gold Butler Service, which includes daily fruit platters, pre-dinner canapés, one bottle of champagne, garment pressing, packing and unpacking service and more.

#### **BAYON SUITES**

Bayon Suites feature a large bedroom and lounge area combined, plus a separate bathroom with spa bath, floor-to-ceiling window and large balcony terrace with sun loungers to take in the passing scenery. Additional amenities are included with Silver Butler Service.

#### **DELUXE TWIN BALCONY SUITES**

Featuring large indoor floor-to-ceiling panoramic balcony plus an outdoor balcony with plush seating, these suites are the epitome of comfort. Unwind with a queen-size bed and luxury bed linens, a cosy sitting area with sofa, and a private en suite with a separate standing shower, hair dryer and locally sourced amenities.



The Mekong's leading boutique luxury ship, the Mekong Serenity. Unwind in the spacious Angkor Suite aboard the Mekong Serenity. The ship's elegant Bayon Suite.







#### PERSONALISED SERVICE

Make every holiday moment count, knowing outstanding service and an unrivalled insider's perspective are hallmarks of every APT journey.

#### **ONBOARD BUTLER SERVICE**

Our onboard Butler Service offers guests additional personalised attention and room service. The laundering of two garments per person, per day is included for guests in all suites.

#### Silver Butler Service

Guests in Bayon Suites enjoy Silver Butler Service. The benefits include shoe shining, booking of appointments, one spa treatment per person, per cruise, and a daily fruit platter.

#### **Gold Butler Service**

Guests in Angkor Suites enjoy Gold Butler Service. In addition to the benefits provided by our Silver Butler Service, Gold Butler Service also includes a packing and unpacking service, one bottle of French Champagne, pre-dinner canapés, and tea and coffee service.

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## **MEKONG SERENITY**

Cruise the Mekong River in style aboard this boutique five-star retreat with fabulous inclusions, intimate culinary experiences and deluxe amenities. Discover Vietnam and Cambodia's riverside villages, colourful markets, local people, hidden treasures and authentic culture in absolute style and luxury.

## INCLUDED DRINKS ON THE MEKONG SERENITY

True to APT's commitment to fully inclusive cruising, international house wine, local beer, local spirits, soft drinks, specialty coffee, an assortment of teas and water is included at all times during your cruise.

#### **INDULGENT PUBLIC AREAS**

#### **Unrivalled Wining & Dining**

From indulgent champagne breakfasts and delicious dinners to flavoursome local dishes and Western classics, the cuisine served in Lemongrass Restaurant is second to none. For an elevated evening, experience Indochine, an intimate dining space showcasing Southeast Asian degustation cuisine.

#### Alfresco Cafe & Swimming Pool

Head to the pool for a chance to cool off and unwind, or enjoy a light lunch at the accompanying cafe. The Sun Deck beckons above, inviting you to lounge and find complete relaxation with a book or drink in hand.

#### Lounge & Bar

An ideal place for afternoon tea or a nightcap, the air-conditioned Harmony Lounge provides an inviting space to enjoy a drink and take in the views. By night, enjoy a range of entertainment.

#### Spa & Wellness Centre

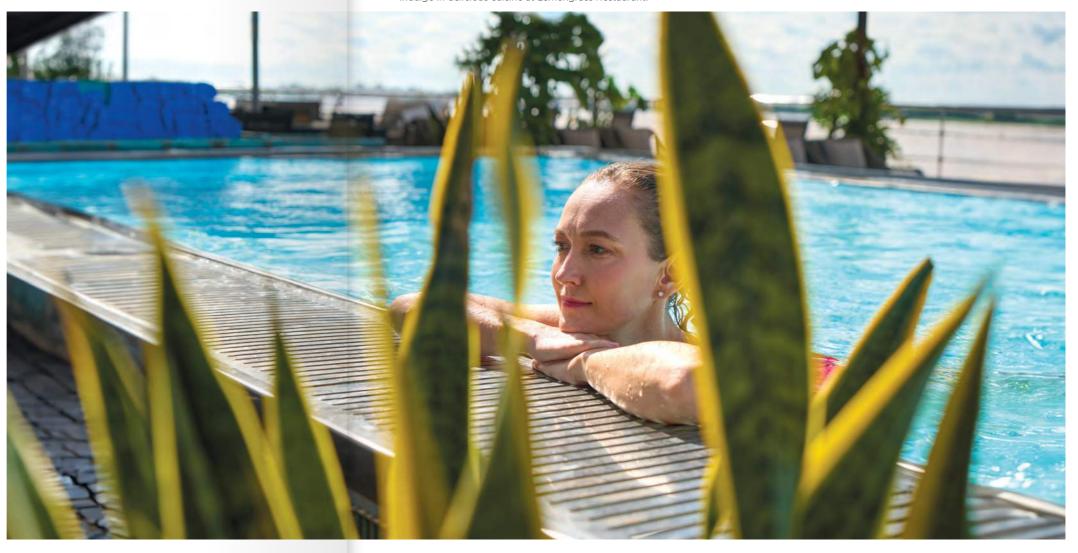
Take advantage of a selection of hair and beauty treatments, enjoy a blissful massage, or exercise at the onboard fitness centre.

#### **ONBOARD ENTERTAINMENT**

Local guide presentations, cooking demonstrations, vegetable carvings, fruit tasting, documentaries and talent shows – it's all here on board your ship. As well as regular evening entertainment, you'll be joined by traditional dance artists and folklore musicians.



Take a refreshing dip in the onboard pool. Relax in the Harmony Lounge. Indulge in delicious cuisine at Lemongrass Restaurant.







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Stay in some of the region's most iconic hotels, selected for their world-class service, luxurious accommodation and stylish decor.

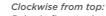
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#### SOFITEL LEGEND METROPOLE HANOI

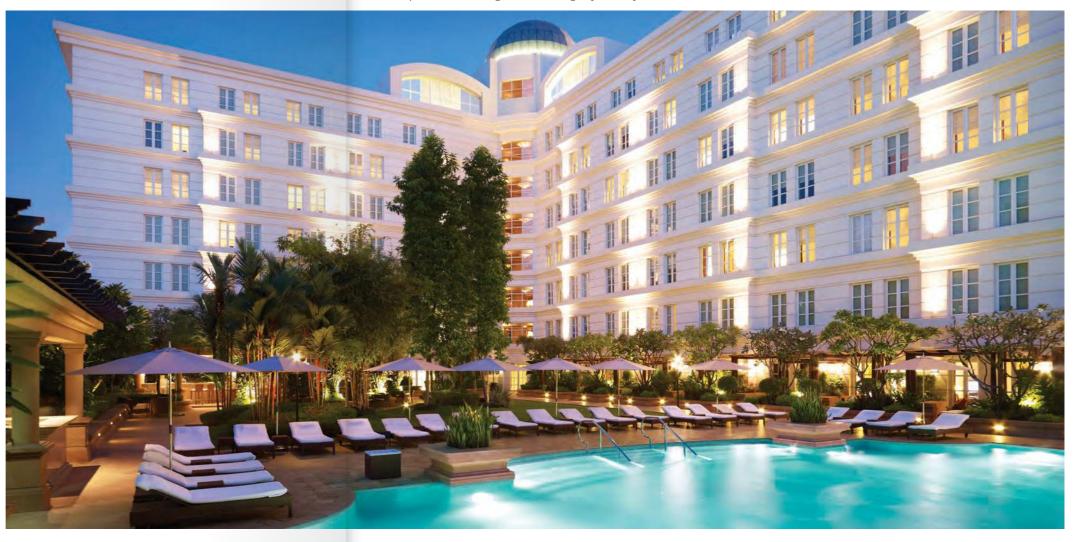
Found in central Hanoi just steps from the Opera House in the French Quarter, the Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi offers world-class facilities surrounded by old-world style and charm. Blending warm Vietnamese hospitality with European luxury, enjoy staying at this ideally located property, which prides itself on excellent service and is home to some of the city's most renowned restaurants and must-visit bars.

#### PARK HYATT SAIGON

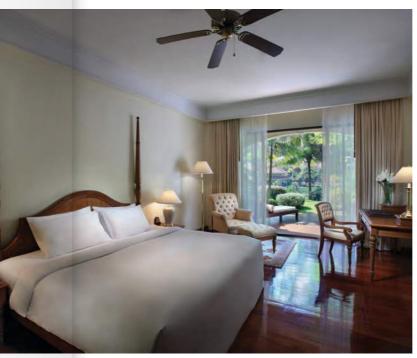
Despite its superb location in Ho Chi Minh City's historic centre, the Park Hyatt Saigon doesn't skimp on modernday comforts. Dine at two world-class restaurants, cool off in the 20-metre outdoor pool or stretch out on the surrounding sun loungers, and indulge in a treatment at Xuan Spa. Come evening, the top-rated Lam Son Martini bar serves inventive cocktails crafted by expert mixologists.



Relax in five-star luxury at the grand Park Hyatt Saigon in Ho Chi Minh City. Enjoy the elegant design of the Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf & Spa Resort in Siem Reap. Explore World Heritage-listed Ha Long Bay in luxury aboard Au Co.







## SOFITEL ANGKOR PHOKEETHRA GOLF & SPA RESORT, SIEM REAP

Perfectly positioned just a short drive from Angkor Archaeological Park, Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf & Spa Resort is the ideal base from which to explore the ruins. Combining Khmer and French design, this award-winning hotel features gardens, five restaurants and bars, a luxury spa and Cambodia's largest free-form swimming pool.

#### AU CO. HA LONG BAY

Embark on an exquisite journey amid a mesmerising oasis of azure water and majestic karsts aboard the luxurious Au Co. This luxury ship fuses contemporary Asian design with French architecture, elegance and style. Setting a new standard for travel on the bay, and designed along the principles of Feng Shui, it provides an unforgettable experience. Enjoy the luxury of its spacious onboard areas, indulge in delicious cuisine and unwind in the relaxing spa.

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# VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA HIGHLIGHTS

15 DAYS SIEM REAP TO HO CHI MINH CITY

#### **LUXURY RIVER CRUISING & TOURING**

## Discover Cambodia's Ta Prohm temple at Angkor Archaeological Park.

S Visit Opportunities of Development thru Art (ODA) in Siem Reap

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

Senjoy VIP seats at Phare Circus and meet the performers backstage

Witness sunrise at Cambodia's Angkor Wat

YOUR INCLUDED

S Join a private visit to Theam's Gallery and savour a Khmer dinner and a traditional apsara performance

Set off on a tuk tuk tour of Koh Pen

S Experience a Buddhist blessing ceremony in Oudong

(S) Travel by speedboat to the Cu Chi tunnels, built by Vietnamese resistance fighters during the Vietnam War

Meet a Master Distiller at Lady Triêu Distillery and enjoy a tasting of multiaward-winning gin in Ho Chi Minh City

S Dine at the highly acclaimed restaurant Vietnam House in Ho Chi Minh City

#### Day 01. Depart London

Make your way to London Heathrow for your flight to Cambodia.

Day 02. Arrive Siem Reap

Be met on arrival and transfer to your luxurious hotel. Tonight, savour dinner with your fellow travellers. Three Nights: Siem Reap, Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf & Spa Resort.

Day 03. Siem Reap

Begin your exploration of Angkor Archaeological Park with a visit to Angkor Thom, then head to the intriguing Bayon temple and Ta Prohm. Later, visit Opportunities of Development thru Art (ODA), then be welcomed backstage at Phare Circus to meet the performers and watch the show from your VIP seats.

Day 04. Siem Reap

Rise early this morning and travel back to Angkor Archaeological Park to witness sunrise at magnificent Angkor Wat. Afterwards, join a guided tour of the temple complex. This afternoon, choose your sightseeing activity. Tonight, be treated to a private visit to Theam's Gallery, then indulge in a Khmer dinner while enjoying a traditional apsara dance performance.

Day 05. Siem Reap, Kampong Cham, Embark Ship, Koh Pen, Angkor Ban

G Journey through remote villages to Kampong Cham, where you'll board the Mekong Serenity, your home for the next seven nights. Following lunch, journey by local tuk tuk around the island of Koh Pen and gain an insight into village life. Tonight, a welcome dinner awaits as your ship cruises to the historic village of Angkor Ban.

Seven Nights: Mekong Serenity.

Day 06. Angkor Ban, Oknha Tey, Phnom Penh

Join a walking discovery of Angkor Ban, one of the few villages in Cambodia not destroyed under the Khmer Rouge regime.

Later, your ship cruises to Oknha Tey, which is renowned for its silk weaving traditions.

Gain an insight into the weaving process as you watch the village women create beautiful Khmer fabrics from their wooden looms.

Later, continue cruising.

Day 07. Phnom Penh

Choose between an excursion to the Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, a cyclo discovery of Phnom Penh, a visit to the National Museum, or an exploration of the Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda. After lunch, enjoy time at leisure to explore the city at your own pace or simply relax.

Day 08. Phnom Penh, Oudong, Koh Chen
Disembark in Phnom Penh and discover
Oudong, a revered pilgrimage site for
Cambodians. Take part in a Buddhist
blessing ceremony for good luck, health
and safe journey, with monks at a local
monastery. On your return to the ship, enjoy
a leisurely stroll through the village of Koh
Chen and visit local workshops that craft
authentic copperware. The afternoon is yours
to explore Phnom Penh as you wish.

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#### Day 09. Phnom Penh, Border Crossing, Tan Chau

Spend the day cruising towards the Vietnamese border. While border formalities are carried out, enjoy the onboard activities, which may include a presentation from local guides, a fruit carving demonstration, or even a cooking workshop. Alternatively, relax with a rejuvenating treatment at the onboard Spa and Wellness Centre. Cross into Vietnam and cruise to Tan Chau.

Day 10. Tan Chau, Evergreen Island, Sa Dec

Transfer to a small boat for a cruise to
Tan Chau, then take a rickshaw tour. Visit
a local silk and rattan weaving workshop.
Later, visit Evergreen Island, where you'll
experience authentic rural Mekong life.
The rest of today is at leisure.

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Day 11. Sa Dec, Cai Be, My Tho

Explore Sa Dec where French writer
Marguerite Duras met her VietnameseChinese lover, Huynh Thuy Le. Tour his
former home and learn the story behind
Duras' best-selling novel, *The Lover*. Return
to the ship and cruise to Cai Be for more
sightseeing. Afterwards, visit a rice paper
manufacturer to learn how this Vietnamese
staple is made. Tonight, enjoy your farewell
dinner on board.

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#### Day 12. My Tho, Disembark Ship, Ho Chi Minh City

Disembark in My Tho and continue to
Ho Chi Minh City. Today, you can choose
to enjoy a walking tour, a motorbike ride, a
cooking class or a shopping adventure. This
evening, relish a sumptuous dinner.

Two Nights: Ho Chi Minh City,
Park Hyatt Saigon.

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Day 13. Ho Chi Minh City

Signature of Journey by speedboat along the Saigon River to the Cu Chi tunnels, then meet a Master Distiller at Lady Triêu Distillery and enjoy a guided tour and gin tasting. Tonight, savour dinner at Vietnam House, and enjoy a unique cocktail specially designed for APT guests.

Day 14. Depart Ho Chi Minh City

After breakfast, transfer to Tan Son Nhat International Airport for your return flight. B

Day 15. Arrive London
Arrive back in London today



## Your Luxury Holiday Includes

Home-to-airport transfers by private car\*
 Return scheduled flights from the UK\*
 Unique cultural experiences in up to 13 towns, villages and cities
 Signature Experiences
 Freedom of Choice Sightseeing
 Locally inspired dining - a total of 31 meals

Select complimentary beverages served at your discretion on board the
 Mekong Serenity\*
 APT Cruise Director and expert local guides

Overseas transfers, port charges, porterage and tipping

#### **2025/26 DATES & PRICES**

15 Days Siem Reap to Ho Chi Minh City (VEM15F) from

£5,245

per person, twin share, including saving<sup>†</sup>

Mekong Serenity	Category	Twin from†
Deluxe Twin Balcony Suite	E, D, C, B, A	£5,245
Bayon Suite	Bayon	£6,240
Angkor Suite	Angkor	£7,040

#### eparture Dates

2025: Jul. 18, 24; Aug. 1, 7, 15, 21, 29; Sep. 4, 12, 18, 26; Oct. 2, 10, 16, 24, 30; Nov. 7, 13, 21, 27. 2026: Jan. 16, 22, 30; Feb. 5, 13, 19, 27; Mar. 5, 13, 19, 27; Apr. 2, 10, 16.

Bold dates indicate itinerary operates in reverse (VEMR15F). †Prices shown are per person, twin share, including saving and flights, based on a Cat. E Deluxe Twin Balcony Suite; Cat. Bayon Suite; and Cat. Angkor Suite, departing 7 August 2025 (VEM15F). Please enquire for solo traveller prices.

For a detailed day-by-day itinerary and up-to-date prices, visit aptouring.com/VEM15F call 0800 012 6686 or consult your travel agent

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#### KEY

S SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

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## VIETNAM AND **CAMBODIA DISCOVERY**

19 DAYS HANOI TO HO CHI MINH CITY

#### **LUXURY RIVER CRUISING & TOURING**

## Day 01. Depart London

- Receive VIP Fast Track Service for a seamless arrival into Hanoi's airport
- S Enjoy exclusive access to a bomb shelter in Hanoi

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

YOUR INCLUDED

- S Experience the beauty of Ha Long Bay during a three-day luxury cruise
- S Visit Opportunities of Development thru Art (ODA) in Siem Reap
- S Enjoy VIP seats at Phare Circus and meet the performers backstage
- Witness sunrise at Cambodia's Angkor Wat
- S Join a private visit to Theam's Gallery and savour a Khmer dinner and a traditional apsara performance
- Set off on a tuk tuk tour of Koh Pen
- S Experience a Buddhist blessing ceremony in Oudong
- Travel by speedboat to the Cu Chi tunnels, built by Vietnamese resistance fighters during the Vietnam War
- Meet a Master Distiller at Lady Triêu Distillery and enjoy a tasting of multiaward-winning gin in Ho Chi Minh City
- S Dine at the highly acclaimed restaurant Vietnam House in Ho Chi Minh City

#### **KEY**

S SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Dining

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner



Cruise the picturesque waters of Ha Long Bay in Vietnam.

#### Make your way to London Heathrow Head to your hotel and enjoy dinner for your flight to Vietnam. with your fellow travellers this evening.

Three Nights: Siem Reap, Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf & Spa Resort.

#### Day 02. Arrive Hanoi

S Touch down in Hanoi and receive VIP Fast Track Service for a seamless arrival. Transfer to your luxurious hotel located in the heart of the city. Later this evening, you'll get to know your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner.

Two Nights: Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi. D

#### Day 03. Hanoi

Take a guided tour of Hanoi's most famous sites and enjoy a cyclo ride. Then, choose how to explore more. You can take a tour of Bat Trang, enjoy a massage, take a walking tour, take part in a Vietnamese coffee workshop or enjoy a water puppet show. Tonight, choose your dining experience from a range of restaurants. BD

#### Day 04. Hanoi, Tuan Chau, Embark Ship, Ha Long Bay

S Join a local historian for a private tour of your hotel's bomb shelter, then set off by coach to Tuan Chau and embark on your three-day cruise on the World Heritagelisted Ha Long Bay.

Two Nights: Ha Long Bay, Au Co.

#### Day 05. Ha Long Bay

At sunrise, rejuvenate with a tai chi lesson. After breakfast, explore the Trinh Nu area by kayak before returning to the boat for a leisurely cruise towards Cua Van Floating Village, where you will savour a special lunch. Later, enjoy dinner on board.

#### Day 06. Ha Long Bay, Tuan Chau, Disembark Ship, Hanoi, Siem Reap

Today, perhaps discover Sung Sot Cave or embark on an excursion to Titov Island. Disembark and transfer to Hanoi airport

for your included flight to Siem Reap.

#### Day 07. Siem Reap

S Begin your exploration of Angkor Archaeological Park with a visit to Angkor Thom, then head to the Bayon temple and Ta Prohm. Later, visit Opportunities of Development thru Art (ODA), then be welcomed backstage at Phare Circus to meet the performers and watch the show. B

#### Day 08. Siem Reap

Rise early and travel back to Angkor Archaeological Park to witness sunrise at magnificent Angkor Wat. This afternoon, choose your sightseeing. Tonight, visit Theam's Gallery, then indulge in a Khmer dinner while enjoying a traditional apsara dance performance.

#### Day 09. Siem Reap, Kampong Cham, Embark Ship, Koh Pen, Angkor Ban

Journey to Kampong Cham, where you'll board the Mekong Serenity. Following lunch, journey by local tuk tuk around the island of Koh Pen and gain an insight into village life. Tonight, a welcome dinner awaits. Seven Nights: Mekong Serenity.

#### Day 10. Angkor Ban, Oknha Tey, Phnom Penh

Join a walking discovery of Angkor Ban, one of the few villages in Cambodia not destroyed under the Khmer Rouge regime. Later, visit the island of Oknha Tey.

#### Day 11. Phnom Penh

Choose your included sightseeing activity from a range of fascinating options. After lunch, enjoy time at leisure to explore the city at your own pace or simply relax.

Day 12. Phnom Penh, Oudong, Koh Chen S Disembark in Phnom Penh and discover Oudong. While here, receive a Buddhist blessing by monks at a local monastery. Afterwards, stroll through Koh Chen. BLD

#### Day 13. Phnom Penh, Border Crossing, Tan Chau

While border formalities are carried out, enjoy the onboard activities. Cross into Vietnam and cruise to Tan Chau.

#### Day 14. Tan Chau, Evergreen Island, Sa Dec Transfer to a small boat for a cruise to Tan Chau, then take a rickshaw tour.

Later, visit Evergreen Island. BLD Day 15, Sa Dec. Cai Be. My Tho Explore Sa Dec, where French writer

## Marguerite Duras met her Vietnamese-

Chinese lover, Huynh Thuy Le. Tour his former home and learn the story behind Duras' novel, The Lover. Then, visit a Cao Dai temple before cruising to Cai Be.

#### Day 16. My Tho, Disembark Ship, Ho Chi Minh City

Disembark in My Tho and continue to Ho Chi Minh City. Choose from a walking tour, motorbike ride, cooking class or a shopping adventure.

Two Nights: Ho Chi Minh City. Park Hyatt Saigon.

#### Day 17. Ho Chi Minh City

Journey by speedboat to the Cu Chi tunnels, then meet a Master Distiller at Lady Triêu Distillery and enjoy a gin tasting. Tonight, savour dinner at Vietnam House, and enjoy a special cocktail.

#### Day 18. Depart Ho Chi Minh City Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. B

Day 19. Arrive London

Arrive back in London today.



## Your Luxury Holiday Includes

villages and cities ® Signature Experiences

Freedom of Choice Sightseeing & Dining Locally inspired dining a total of 42 meals ® Select complimentary beverages served

> at your discretion on board the Mekong Serenity\* APT Cruise Director and expert local guides

® Overseas transfers, port charges, porterage and tipping

#### **2025/26 DATES & PRICES**

19 Days Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City (VEM19F) from

£7,545

per person, twin share, including saving<sup>†</sup>

Mekong Serenity	Category	Twin from†
Deluxe Twin Balcony Suite	E, D, C, B, A	£7,545
Bayon Suite	Bayon	£8,540
Angkor Suite	Angkor	£9,340

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2025: Jul. 14, 20, 28; Aug. 3, 11, 17, 25, 31; Sep. 8, 14, 22, 28; Oct. 6, 12, 20, 26; Nov. 3, 9, 17, 23. 2026: Jan. 12, 18, 26; Feb. 1, 9, 15, 23; Mar. 1, 9, 15, 23, 29; Apr. 6, 12.

Bold dates indicate itinerary operates in reverse from Hanoi to Siem Reap (VEMR19F) - quests fly from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City and cruise to Siem Reap, †Prices shown are per person, twin share including saving and flights. based on a Cat. E Deluxe Twin Balcony Suite; Cat. Bayon Suite; and Cat. Angkor Suite, departing 12 April 2026 (VEM19F). Please enquire for solo traveller prices

> For a detailed day-by-day itinerary and up-to-date prices, visit aptouring.com/VEM19F call **0800 012 6686** or consult your travel agent

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## BEST OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

23 DAYS HANOI TO SIEM REAP

#### **LUXURY RIVER CRUISING & TOURING**



The charming waterfront in Hoi An's old town in Vietnam.

## YOUR INCLUDED SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

Receive VIP Fast Track Service in Hanoi

Tour a bomb shelter in Hanoi

Take a three-day Ha Long Bay cruise

S Visit Red Bridge Cooking School in Hoi An

S Join an agricultural eco-tour in Hoi An

S In Hue, cruise the Perfume River

S Go by speedboat to the Cu Chi tunnels

S Meet a Master Distiller at Lady Triêu Distillery and enjoy a gin tasting

S Dine at Vietnam House in Ho Chi Minh City

S Enjoy a Buddhist blessing ceremony

Take a tuk tuk tour of Koh Pen

S Visit ODA in Siem Reap

S Enjoy VIP seats at Phare Circus

S Witness sunrise at Angkor Wat

S Watch an apsara dance in Siem Reap

#### **KEY**

#### S SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Dining

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

#### Day 01. Depart London

Fly from London Heathrow to Vietnam.

#### Day 02. Arrive Hanoi

Track Service for a seamless arrival. Later, sayour a welcome dinner.

Two Nights: Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi. D

#### Day 03. Hanoi

Take a guided tour of Hanoi's famous sites before a cyclo ride. Later, choose your sightseeing and dining experiences.

#### Day 04. Hanoi, Tuan Chau, Embark Ship, Ha Long Bay

S Join a local historian for a private tour of your hotel's bomb shelter. Then, set off by coach to Tuan Chau and embark on your three-day cruise on World Heritage-listed Ha Long Bay.

Two Nights: Ha Long Bay, Au Co. BLD

#### Day 05. Ha Long Bay

At sunrise, rejuvenate with a tai chi lesson.

After breakfast, explore the Trinh Nu area by kayak before returning to the boat for a leisurely cruise towards Cua Van Floating Village, where you will savour a special lunch.

Later, enjoy dinner on board.

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#### Day 06. Ha Long Bay, Tuan Chau, Disembark Ship, Hanoi, Da Nang, Hoi An

Perhaps discover the wonder of Sung Sot Cave or embark on an excursion to Titov Island. Disembark and transfer to Hanoi airport for your included flight to Da Nang. Two Nights: Hotel Royal Hoi An – MGallery. BLD

#### Day 07. Hoi An

This morning, set out on a guided discovery of Hoi An and visit a local handicraft workshop to see local artisans at work. Later, discover Hoi An's colourful market and find local ingredients to use during an exclusive cooking class with the Red Bridge Cooking School.

#### Day 08. Hoi An, Hue

## Gain an insight into rural Vietnamese life as you set out on an agricultural eco-tour.

Afterwards, depart Hoi An bound for Hue.
Travel via Da Nang and up and over the
stunning Hai Van Pass with views of Lang Co
beach. Tonight, dine on authentic Hue cuisine
at Nam Phuong restaurant within your hotel.
Two Nights: Silk Path Grand Hue
Resort & Spa.

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#### Day 09. Hue

S Venture to the Imperial City. Visit the historical Thien Mu Pagoda. Glide along Hue's Perfume River and enjoy afternoon tea. B

#### Day 10. Hue, Ho Chi Minh City

Fly to Ho Chi Minh City and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure before dinner.

Two Nights: Ho Chi Minh City,

Park Hyatt Saigon.

#### Day 11. Ho Chi Minh City

G Journey by speedboat to the Cu Chi tunnels, then visit Lady Triêu Distillery. Tonight, savour dinner at Vietnam House, and enjoy a special cocktail.

#### Day 12. Ho Chi Minh City, My Tho, Embark Ship, Cai Be

Perhaps join a city walking tour, go on a motorbike ride, take a cooking class or go on a shopping adventure. Later, be transferred to your luxurious river ship.

Seven Nights: Mekong Serenity. BLD

#### Day 13. Cai Be, Sa Dec, Tan Chau

Board your traditional sampan for your first excursion to Cai Be, a town on the banks of the Mekong. Head back to the ship to savour a delicious lunch while continuing to the quaint town of Sa Dec.

#### Day 14. Tan Chau, Evergreen Island, Phnom Penh

Cruise the tributaries around Tan Chau.

Afterwards, explore Evergreen Island to see authentic rural Mekong life.

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#### Day 15. Phnom Penh

Perhaps join an excursion to the Killing
Fields and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, set
out on a cyclo discovery of Phnom Penh, visit
the National Museum or explore the Royal
Palace and Silver Pagoda.
BLD

#### Day 16. Phnom Penh, Oudong, Koh Chen, Oknha Tey

S Journey to Oudong and take part in a traditional Buddhist blessing ceremony. Visit Koh Chen village, then cruise to Oknha Tey, known for its silk weaving traditions. BLD

Day 17. Oknha Tey, Angkor Ban, Wat Hanchey Sail to the historic village of Angkor Ban. This afternoon, continue to Wat Hanchey. BLD

#### Day 18. Wat Hanchey, Kampong Cham, Koh Pen

© Enjoy lunch on board before taking a journey by local tuk tuk around Koh Pen village and gain an insight into rural life. BLD

## Day 19. Kampong Cham, Disembark Ship, Siem Reap

Significant Disembark the Mekong Serenity at Kampong Cham. Travel to Siem Reap. Enjoy lunch at your hotel, then visit to Opportunities of Development thru Art (ODA). Tonight, meet the Phare Circus performers backstage before watching a captivating show.

**Three Nights:** Siem Reap, Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf & Spa Resort.

#### Day 20. Siem Reap

Rise early and travel to Angkor
Archaeological Park to witness sunrise at
magnificent Angkor Wat. This afternoon,
journey to Ta Prohm temple. Tonight, your
Freedom of Choice Dining options await. BD

#### Day 21. Siem Reap

#### Day 22. Depart Siem Reap

Transfer to the airport for your flight.

#### Day 23. Arrive London

Arrive back in London today.

## Your Luxury Holiday Includes

CAMBODIA VIETNAM

Ho Chi Minh City

Kampong Cham

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Flight (included)Stay (nights)

Home-to-airport transfers by private car\* Return scheduled
 flights from the UK\* Unique cultural experiences in up to 17 towns,

villages and cities ® Signature Experiences

Freedom of Choice Sightseeing & Dining Locally inspired dining - a total of 50 meals Select complimentary beverages served at your discretion on board the Mekong Serenity\*

APT Cruise Director and expert local guides

Overseas transfers, port charges, porterage and tipping

#### **2025/26 DATES & PRICES**

23 Days Hanoi to Siem Reap (VEMR23F) from

£8,295

per person, twin share, including saving<sup>†</sup>

Mekong Serenity	Category	Twin from†
Deluxe Twin Balcony Suite	E, D, C, B, A	£8,295
Bayon Suite	Bayon	£9,290
Angkor Suite	Angkor	£10,090

#### Departure Date

2025: Jul. 10, 14, 24, 28; Aug. 7, 11, 21, 25; Sep. 4, 8, 18, 22; Oct. 2, 6, 16, 20, 30; Nov. 3, 13, 17.

2026: Jan. 8, 12, 22, 26; Feb. 5, 9, 19, 23; Mar. 5, 9, 19, 23; Apr. 2, 6.

Bold dates indicate itinerary operates in reverse from Ho Chi Minh City return (VEM23F) - guests fly from Hanoi to Siem Reap and cruise to Ho Chi Minh City. †Prices shown are per person, twin share including saving and flights, based on a Cat. E Deluxe Twin Balcony Suite; Cat. Bayon Suite; and Cat. Angkor Suite, departing 21 August 2025 (VEMR23F). Please enquire for solo traveller prices.

For a detailed day-by-day itinerary and up-to-date prices, visit aptouring.com/VEMR23F call 0800 012 6686 or consult your travel agent

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## **RV APSARA**

Enjoy the sophisticated design and premium facilities of Travelmarvel's stylish river ship, the RV Apsara.

#### **ALL-BALCONY SUITES**

All our premium suites feature both an Outside Balcony and a French Balcony. No matter which suite category you choose, you are sure to delight in your comfortable retreat, complete with a queen-size bed, an en suite, air-conditioning and a mini-fridge.

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#### ATTENTIVE ONBOARD SERVICE

With a guest-to-staff ratio of 2:1, the service you receive on board is exceptional. Intuitive and professional, but most of all cheerful, each crew member has extensive training and is always happy to help.

#### **CONTEMPORARY FACILITIES**

#### **Stylish Social Spaces**

Relax, take in the scenic views and meet other guests in the spacious public areas designed for comfort. The Sun Deck features reclining chairs and a swimming pool, while the Saigon Lounge & Bar offers an air-conditioned main lounge and a range of evening entertainment.

#### Le Viêt Nam Café

Enjoy an espresso in this stylish French-inspired cafe with large windows that allow you to take in the passing views.

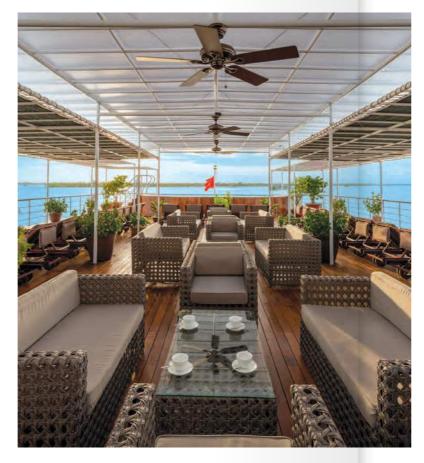
#### **Apsara Spa & Fitness Centre**

As you cruise, relax and enjoy a selection of beauty and wellness treatments in the onboard spa, or use a range of gym equipment in the Fitness Centre.

#### **DELICIOUS DINING**

In the air-conditioned Mekong Restaurant, indulge in a variety of splendid local and international dishes prepared by the ship's experienced onboard chefs.

A selection of international wines, local beer and soft drinks are served with both lunch and dinner on board.



#### Clockwise from top left:

Take in fantastic views from the Sun Deck and swimming pool. Enjoy picturesque scenes along the Mekong River aboard the RV Apsara. Unwind in the comfort of a Deluxe Twin Balcony Suite.





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# HAND-PICKED ACCOMMODATION

Stay in some of the most charismatic and spectacular properties and embrace the true essence of Vietnam and Cambodia.

## SHINTA MANI ANGKOR AND BENSLEY COLLECTION POOL VILLAS, SIEM REAP

Relax with a stay at the Shinta Mani Angkor and Bensley Collection Pool Villas, centrally located in Siem Reap's leafy French Quarter. You will love this resort-style hotel's accommodating staff and gentle atmosphere, which sets the tone for your entire stay in Siem Reap. We are also proud to support the Shinta Mani Foundation, which provides fresh water wells for villagers in Cambodian communities.

#### LE MÉRIDIEN SAIGON

Experience a stay at this one-of-a-kind contemporary hotel, located on the banks of the Saigon River in bustling District 1 within walking distance of many key sights. Unwind in your Classic River View Room, savour delicately prepared meals and relax in the indoor infinity pool.

#### **BHAYA CLASSIC, HA LONG BAY**

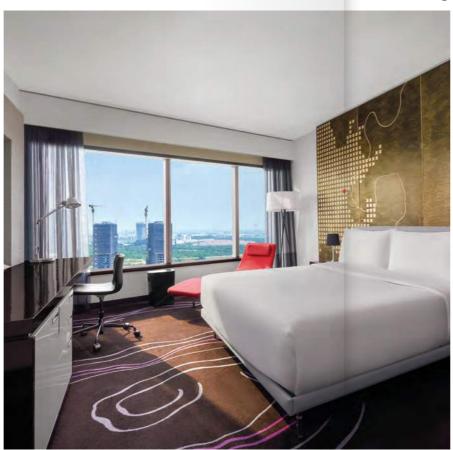
Experience a two-night cruise through World Heritage-listed Ha Long Bay aboard the beautiful Bhaya Classic, a traditional style wooden junk. Fusing contemporary Vietnamese decor with fine amenities, you will enjoy premium accommodation, first-class service and superb cuisine, all while cruising across emerald waters and passing limestone islets that nature has carefully sculpted over millions of years.

#### **GRAND MERCURE HANOI**

Located in the heart of the Vietnamese capital's Old Quarter, this five-star hotel boasts effortless sophistication and attentive service. Enjoy an easy stroll to the city's must-see sights, from the Temple of Literature to the Imperial Citadel of Thang Long. Between sightseeing adventures, retreat to this inner-city sanctuary and make use of the hotel's swimming pool, sauna, hot tub, karaoke room and exceptional restaurant.



Stay in Le Méridien Saigon in Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City. Cruise Ha Long Bay's scenic waters in premium style aboard Bhaya Classic. Indulgence awaits at the Shinta Mani Angkor and Bensley Collection Pool Villas in Siem Reap.







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# ESSENTIAL VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

14 DAYS HO CHI MINH CITY TO SIEM REAP

YOUR INCLUDED

**INSIDER EXPERIENCES** 

Le Méridien Saigon

in Ho Chi Minh City

in Oudong

Receive a Buddhist blessing

Enjoy a tuk tuk tour in Koh Pen

thru Art (ODA) in Siem Reap

at Phare Circus in Siem Reap

Rise early to witness the sunrise

Dine on delicious Khmer cuisine and

see an apsara dance performance

Unwind at Siem Reap's Shinta

Mani Angkor and Bensley

Collection Pool Villas

at Angkor Wat

∀ Visit Opportunities of Development

Be amazed by the skilled performers

Relax with a two night stay at

Take a guided morning walking tour



#### **RIVER CRUISING & TOURING**



Make your way to London Heathrow for your flight to Vietnam.

#### Day 02. Arrive Ho Chi Minh City

Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City and transfer to your hotel, Le Méridien Saigon, where you'll relax in comfort and soak in the Saigon River views from your well-appointed room. Enjoy a Welcome Dinner tonight.

Two Nights: Ho Chi Minh City, Le Méridien Saigon.

Day 03. Ho Chi Minh City, Cu Chi Tunnels
Visit the Cu Chi tunnels and take the
opportunity to crawl through a section. The
afternoon and evening are at your leisure. B

#### Day 04. Ho Chi Minh City, My Tho, Embark Ship, Cai Be

Step out on an early morning guided walk to watch the busy streets come to life, then return to the hotel for breakfast. Drive to My Tho and board the RV Apsara, your boutique river ship and home for the next seven nights. Soak in the scenery as you cruise towards Cai Be.

Seven Nights: RV Apsara.

BL

#### Day 05. Cai Be, Sa Dec, Tan Chau

Take a local boat to Cai Be to see the
French gothic Cai Be Church and visit a
manufacturer of rice paper and coconut
candy. After lunch on board, take a boat ride
to Sa Dec for a guided tour. Stroll through
colourful markets and continue to the home
of Huynh Thuy Le, who inspired Marguerite
Duras' novel, L'Amant (The Lover).
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#### Day 06. Tan Chau, Cambodia Border Crossing, Phnom Penh

Explore the village of Tan Chau as you go ashore for a rickshaw tour and observe how silk is woven in local workshops. After lunch, take a small-boat ride to discover rural life on Evergreen Island. Later, relax on board as you cross the border into Cambodia and cruise towards Phnom Penh. BLD

#### Day 07. Phnom Penh

Soak in the serenity of Angkor Wat at sunrise in Cambodia.

Explore the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum and the Killing Fields. After lunch on board, visit the spectacular Royal Palace, built in 1866, and delight in its white and gold Khmer architecture. Head to the Silver Pagoda and admire its glorious interiors. The afternoon is at your leisure.

Day 08. Phnom Penh, Oudong, Koh Chen
Disembark and travel to Oudong.
Visit a Buddhist monastery, where you
will have the opportunity to partake in
a blessing ceremony conducted by the
resident monks. Then, continue to Koh
Chen to see the open-air copperware
workshops. Return to the ship and enjoy
a free afternoon in Phnom Penh.
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#### Day 09. Phnom Penh, Oknha Tey, Angkor Ban

Rise early as your ship glides along the Mekong, then explore Oknha Tey, renowned for its silk manufacturing traditions. Travel by tuk tuk, pass rice fields and get a glimpse into rural life. Enjoy lunch on board. Set sail for Angkor Ban this afternoon.

#### Day 10. Angkor Ban, Koh Pen, Kampong Cham

Start your morning with a guided walk through Angkor Ban. Stroll through the town and see traditional wooden houses, some over a century old, and a Khmer style pagoda surrounded by stupas dedicated to Buddha. After lunch, discover the agricultural island of Koh Pen by tuk tuk, travelling along shaded lanes and past wooden stilted houses, tucked among palm trees. This evening, enjoy a delicious Farewell Dinner on board.

#### Day 11. Kampong Cham, Disembark Ship, Siem Reap

Transfer to Siem Reap, the gateway to Angkor Wat. Head to the jungle temple of Ta Prohm. Visit Opportunities of Development thru Art (ODA), which supports local underprivileged children, before heading to Phare Circus to be wowed by the performers. Tonight, unwind at Shinta Mani Angkor and Bensley Collection Pool Villas.

Two Nights: Siem Reap, Shinta Mani Angkor and Bensley Collection Pool Villas.

#### Day 12. Siem Reap

Rise early this morning and travel to Angkor Archaeological Park to witness an awe-inspiring sunrise at Angkor Wat.

Afterwards, join a guided exploration of this well-preserved temple. Later, embark on an incredible journey to explore magnificent Angkor Thom and Bayon temple. This evening, dine on tantalising Khmer cuisine and watch a private apsara performance. BD

#### Day 13. Depart Siem Reap

Your journey ends with a transfer to Siem Reap-Angkor International Airport for your onward flight back to the UK.

#### Day 14. Arrive London

Arrive back in London today



## Your Holiday Includes

Return scheduled flights from the UK\*

W Unique cultural experiences in up to 13 towns, villages and cities

(D) Insider Experiences (1) Insider Experiences (2) Insider Experiences (3) Insider Experiences (4) Insider Experiences (5) Insider Experiences (6) Insider Experiences (7) Insider Experiences (8) Insider Experiences (9) Insider Experiences (10) Insider Expe

Select complimentary beverages served with lunch and dinner on board the RV Apsara\*

Travelmarvel Cruise Director and local guides

Overseas transfers, port charges, porterage and tipping

#### **2025/26 DATES & PRICES**

14 Days Ho Chi Minh City to Siem Reap (VTMR14F) from

£3,395

per person, twin share, including saving<sup>†</sup>

RV Apsara	Category	Twin from <sup>†</sup>
Category C	С	£3,395
Category B+, A	B+, A	£3,745
Sadec Balcony Suite	Sadec	£4,045
Mekong Balcony Suite	Mekong	£4,395

#### Departure Dates

2025: Jul. 26; Aug. 1, 9, 15, 23, 29; Sep. 6, 12, 20, 26; Oct. 4, 10, 18, 24; Nov. 1, 7, 15, 21. 2026: Jan. 10, 16, 24, 30; Feb. 7, 13, 21, 27; Mar. 7, 13, 21, 27.

Bold dates indicate the 15 Day Siem Reap to Ho Chi Minh City (VTM15F), which operates in reverse and varies slightly – Mekong River cruise operates from Kampong Cham to My Tho, and guests stay three nights in Siem Reap. †Prices shown are per person, twin share, including saving and flights, based on a Cat. C Deluxe Balcony Suite; Cat. Sadec Balcony Suite; and Cat. Mekong Balcony Suite, departing 9 August 2025 (VTMR14F). Please enquire for solo traveller prices.

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#### KEY

MINSIDER EXPERIENCE

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

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## DISCOVER VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

18 DAYS HANOI TO SIEM REAP







Unwind as you cruise beautiful Ha Long Bay in Vietnam.

## YOUR INCLUDED INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- Stav at Grand Mercure Hanoi
- Dine at the unique KOTO in Hanoi
- Enjoy a cyclo ride in Hanoi
- Take a two-night cruise on Ha Long Bay
- Relax at Le Méridien Saigon
- ☆ Join a Ho Chi Minh City morning tour
- Receive a Buddhist blessing in Oudong
- Enjoy a tuk tuk tour in Koh Pen
- ★ Visit ODA in Siem Reap
- Attend Phare Circus in Siem Reap
- Relax at Siem Reap's Shinta Mani Angkor and Bensley Collection Pool Villas
- Enjoy sunrise at Angkor Wat
- Dine on Khmer cuisine and see an apsara performance in Siem Reap

#### **KEY**

MINSIDER EXPERIENCE

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

#### Day 01. Depart London

Fly from London Heathrow to Vietnam.

#### Day 02. Arrive Hanoi

On arrival in Hanoi, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel, the Grand Mercure Hanoi.

Two Nights: Grand Mercure Hanoi.

#### Day 03. Hanoi

Embark on a guided sightseeing tour of Hanoi, including the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and historic Ba Dinh Square, the iconic One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature.

Feast on a soulful Vietnamese lunch at KOTO, a social enterprise restaurant, then take an afternoon cyclo ride through Hanoi's Old Quarter before time at leisure or choosing from some select experiences. BL

#### Day 04. Hanoi, Tuan Chau, Embark Ship, Ha Long Bay

Set off early to Tuan Chau to board Bhaya Classic for an incredible two-night cruise on World Heritage-listed Ha Long Bay. Meet your crew and set sail among thousands of limestone islets. Feast on a Vietnamese lunch as you soak in the views of Ha Long Bay. Then, it's time to kayak around the Tung Sau area.

#### Day 05. Ha Long Bay

Board rowing boats to visit the Luon
Cave area and enjoy up-close views of the
magnificent limestone karsts. Visit Cua Van
Floating Village in the heart of Ha Long Bay
by kayak or traditional rowing boat. Enjoy
lunch on board while cruising to Trinh Nu
Cave. Spend time relaxing at the private
beach or explore the sunlight-filled cave and
its stunning stalactites and stalagmites. BLD

Two Nights: Ha Long Bay, Bhaya Classic. BLD

#### Day 06. Ha Long Bay, Disembark Ship, Tuan Chau, Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City

☆ Visit Sung Sot Cave before docking back at Tuan Chau and transferring to Hanoi airport. Board your included flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Relax in comfort and soak in the Saigon River views from your well-appointed room at Le Méridien Saigon. A delicious dinner awaits you tonight.

Two Nights: Ho Chi Minh City, Le Méridien Saigon.

Day 07. Ho Chi Minh City, Cu Chi Tunnels
Visit the Cu Chi tunnels, built by the Viet
Cong during the Vietnam War. The afternoon
and evening are at your leisure.

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#### Day 08. Ho Chi Minh City, My Tho, Embark Ship, Cai Be

Step out on an early morning guided walk to watch the busy streets come to life, then return to the hotel for breakfast. Drive to My Tho and board the RV Apsara, your boutique river ship and home for the next seven nights. Soak in the scenery as you cruise towards Cai Be.

Seven Nights: Mekong River, RV Apsara. BLD

#### Day 09. Cai Be, Sa Dec, Tan Chau

Take a local boat to Cai Be to see the
French gothic Cai Be Church and visit a
manufacturer of rice paper and coconut
candy. Afterwards, take a boat ride to Sa
Dec. Stroll through the markets and continue
by foot to the home of Huynh Thuy Le. BLD

#### Day 10. Tan Chau, Cambodia Border Crossing, Phnom Penh

Explore the village of Tan Chau. After lunch, take a small-boat ride to discover rural life on Evergreen Island. Later, relax on board as you cross the border into Cambodia.

#### Day 11. Phnom Penh

Explore the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum and the Killing Fields. After lunch on board, visit the spectacular Royal Palace before heading to the glorious Silver Pagoda. BLD

# Day 12. Phnom Penh, Oudong, Koh Chen Disembark and travel to Oudong. Visit a Buddhist monastery, where you will have the opportunity to partake in a blessing ceremony conducted by the resident monks. Then, continue to Koh Chen. BLD

#### Day 13. Phnom Penh, Oknha Tey, Angkor Ban

Rise early as your ship glides along the Mekong, then explore Oknha Tey. Travel by tuk tuk, pass rice fields and get a glimpse into rural life. Cruise to Angkor Ban this afternoon. BLD

#### Day 14. Angkor Ban, Koh Pen, Kampong Cham

Start with a guided walk through
Angkor Ban. Stroll through the town and see
traditional wooden houses, some over
a century old, and a Khmer style pagoda
surrounded by stupas dedicated to Buddha.
After lunch, discover the agricultural island
of Koh Pen by tuk tuk. This evening, enjoy a
Farewell Dinner on board.

BLD

## Day 15. Kampong Cham, Disembark Ship, Siem Reap

Transfer to Siem Reap, the gateway to Angkor Wat. Head to the jungle temple of Ta Prohm. Visit Opportunities of Development thru Art (ODA), which supports local underprivileged children, before heading to Phare Circus to be wowed by the skilled performers. Tonight, unwind amid an idyllic setting at the Shinta Mani Angkor and Bensley Collection Pool Villas. Two Nights: Siem Reap, Shinta Mani Angkor and Bensley Collection Pool Villas. B

#### Day 16. Siem Reap

Rise early this morning and travel to Angkor Archaeological Park to witness an awe-inspiring sunrise at Angkor Wat.

Afterwards, join a guided exploration of this well-preserved temple. Later, embark on an incredible journey to explore magnificent Angkor Thom and Bayon temple. This evening, dine on tantalising Khmer cuisine and watch a private apsara performance. BD

#### Day 17. Depart Siem Reap

Your journey concludes with a transfer to Siem Reap-Angkor International Airport for your return flight to the UK.

#### Day 18. Arrive London

Arrive back in London today.

# Your Holiday Includes

Sa Dec Cai Be

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SIEM REAP 2

Anakor Ba

CruiseFlight (included)Stay (nights)

- Return scheduled flights from the UK\*
- W Unique cultural experiences in up to 15 towns, villages and cities
- Insider Experiences 15 breakfasts (B), 10 lunches (L) and 12 dinners (D)
  - Select complimentary beverages served with lunch and dinner on board the RV Apsara\*
  - Travelmarvel Tour Director and local guides
  - Overseas transfers, port charges, porterage and tipping

#### **2025/26 DATES & PRICES**

18 Days Hanoi to Siem Reap (VTMR18F) from

£4,595

per person, twin share, including saving<sup>†</sup>

Category C Suites	С	£4,595
Category B+, A Suites	B+, A	£4,945
Sadec Balcony Suites	Sadec	£5,245
Mekong Balcony Suites	Mekong	£5,595

#### Departure Dates

2025: Jul. 22, 28; Aug. 5, 11, 19, 25; Sep. 2, 8, 16, 22, 30; Oct. 6, 14, 20, 28; Nov. 3, 11, 17. 2026: Jan. 6, 12, 20, 26; Feb. 3, 9, 17, 23; Mar. 3, 9, 17, 23;

Bold dates indicate the 19 Day Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City (VTM19F) which operates in reverse and varies slightly – Mekong River cruise operates from Kampong Cham to My Tho, and guests stay three nights in Siem Reap. †Prices shown are per person, twin share, including saving and flights, based on a Cat. C Deluxe Balcony Suite; Cat. Sadec Balcony Suite; and Cat. Mekong Balcony Suite, departing 5 August 2025 (VTMR18F). Please enquire for solo traveller prices.

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## WONDERS OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

22 DAYS HANOI TO SIEM REAP







Admire Hoi An's Japanese Bridge at sunset in Vietnam.

## YOUR INCLUDED INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- Stay at Grand Mercure Hanoi
- Dine at the unique KOTO in Hanoi
- Enjoy a cyclo ride in Hanoi
- Take a two-night cruise on Ha Long Bay
- Stay at Almanity Hoi An Resort & Spa
- Visit Morning Glory Cooking School
- Relax at Le Méridien Saigon
- ☆ Join a Ho Chi Minh City morning tour
- Receive a Buddhist blessing in Oudong
- Enjoy a tuk tuk tour in Koh Pen
- ∀ Visit ODA in Siem Reap
- Attend Phare Circus in Siem Reap
- Relax at Siem Reap's Shinta Mani Angkor and Bensley Collection Pool Villas
- Enjoy sunrise at Angkor Wat
- See an apsara dance in Siem Reap

#### **KEY**

☆ INSIDER EXPERIENCE

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

#### Day 01. Depart London

Fly from London Heathrow to Vietnam.

#### Day 02. Arrive Hanoi

\( \sum \) On arrival in Hanoi, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel, the Grand Mercure Hanoi.

Two Nights: Grand Mercure Hanoi.

#### Day 03. Hanoi

Land Embark on a guided sightseeing tour of Hanoi, including the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and Ba Dinh Square. Feast on a soulful

## Vietnamese lunch at KOTO, a social enterprise restaurant, then take an afternoon cyclo ride before enjoying time at leisure or choosing from some select experiences. BL

#### Day 04. Hanoi, Tuan Chau, Embark Ship, Ha Long Bay

Set off early to Tuan Chau to board
Bhaya Classic for an incredible two-night
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Bay. Set sail among thousands of limestone
islets and soak in the views of Ha Long Bay.
Kayak around the Tung Sau area.

#### Day 05. Ha Long Bay

Board rowing boats to visit the Luon Cave area. Visit Cua Van Floating Village in the heart of Ha Long Bay by kayak or traditional rowing boat. Spend time relaxing at the private beach or visit the fine sunlight caves of Trinh Nu.

Two Nights: Ha Long Bay, Bhaya Classic. BLD

#### Day 06. Ha Long Bay, Disembark Ship, Tuan Chau, Hanoi, Da Nang, Hoi An

Visit Sung Sot Cave before docking back at Tuan Chau and transferring to Hanoi airport. Board a flight to Da Nang. Relax and unwind in the luxurious surrounds of the Almanity Hoi An Resort & Spa.

Three Nights: Almanity Hoi An Resort & Spa.

#### Day 07. Hoi An

Explore the local market, select fresh ingredients, and master the preparation of signature dishes at Morning Glory Cooking School before savouring your culinary creations for lunch.

#### Dav 08. Hoi An

Spend the day at leisure and explore this charming World Heritage-listed town or choose from one of our select experience options (own expense).

#### Day 09. Hoi An, Hue

Travel over the breathtaking Hai Van Pass, before arriving in Hue. Stay: Hue, Pilgrimage Village Boutique Resort & Spa.

#### Day 10. Hue, Ho Chi Minh City

Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City and transfer to your hotel, Le Méridien Saigon, where you'll relax in comfort and soak in the Saigon River views. A delicious dinner awaits tonight.

Two Nights: Ho Chi Minh City,
Le Méridien Saigon.

#### Day 11. Ho Chi Minh City, Cu Chi Tunnels

Visit the Cu Chi tunnels and take the opportunity to crawl through a section. The afternoon and evening are at your leisure. B

#### Day 12. Ho Chi Minh City, My Tho, Embark Ship. Cai Be

Step out on an early morning guided walk to watch the busy streets come to life.

Drive to My Tho and board the RV Apsara.

Seven Nights: RV Apsara.

BLD

#### Day 13. Cai Be, Sa Dec, Tan Chau

Today, take a local boat to Cai Be to see the French gothic Cai Be Church and visit a manufacturer of rice paper and coconut candy. Afterwards, take a boat ride to Sa Dec for a guided tour.

#### Day 14. Tan Chau, Cambodia Border Crossing, Phnom Penh

Explore the village of Tan Chau as you go ashore for a rickshaw tour. Take a small-boat ride to discover rural life on Evergreen Island. Later, cross the border into Cambodia and cruise towards Phnom Penh.

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#### Day 16. Phnom Penh, Oudong, Koh Chen

Travel to Oudong and visit a Buddhist monastery, where you will have the opportunity to partake in a blessing ceremony. Continue to Koh Chen.

#### Day 17. Phnom Penh, Oknha Tey, Angkor Ban

Rise early as your ship glides along the Mekong then explore Oknha Tey. Travel by tuk tuk, pass rice fields and get a glimpse into rural life. Set sail for Angkor Ban this afternoon.

#### Day 18. Angkor Ban, Koh Pen, Kampong Cham

Start your morning with a guided walk through Angkor Ban. After lunch, discover the agricultural island of Koh Pen by tuk tuk. Tonight, enjoy a Farewell Dinner. BLI

#### Day 19. Kampong Cham, Disembark Ship, Siem Reap

Transfer to Siem Reap. Head to the jungle temple of Ta Prohm. Visit Opportunities of Development thru Art (ODA) and head to Phare Circus to be wowed by the performers. Tonight, unwind at Shinta Mani Angkor and Bensley Collection Pool Villas.

Two Nights: Siem Reap, Shinta Mani Angkor and Bensley Collection Pool Villas. B

#### Day 20. Siem Reap

Rise early this morning and travel to Angkor Archaeological Park to witness an awe-inspiring sunrise at Angkor Wat.

Afterwards, join a guided exploration of this well-preserved temple. This evening, dine on tantalising Khmer cuisine and watch a private apsara dance performance.

#### Day 21. Depart Siem Reap

Transfer to the airport for your flight.

#### Day 22. Arrive London

Arrive back in London today.

## Your Holiday Includes

CAMBODIA VIETNAM

Ho Chi Minh City

SIEM REAP 2

Oknha Tey

CruiseFlight (included)Stay (nights)

- Return scheduled flights from the UK\*
- W Unique cultural experiences in up to 17 towns, villages and cities
- Insider Experiences 19 breakfasts (B), 12 lunches (L) and 14 dinners (D)
  - Select complimentary beverages served with lunch and dinner on board the RV Apsara\*
  - Travelmarvel Tour Director and local guides
  - Overseas transfers, port charges, porterage and tipping

#### **2025/26 DATES & PRICES**

22 Days Hanoi to Siem Reap (VTMR22F) from

£5,295

per person, twin share, including saving<sup>†</sup>

RV Apsara	Category	Twin from <sup>†</sup>
Category C	С	£5,295
Category B+, A	B+, A	£5,645
Sadec Balcony Suite	Sadec	£5,945
Mekong Balcony Suite	Mekong	£6,295

#### Departure Dat

**2025:** Jul. 18; Aug. 1, 15, 29; Sep. 12, 26; Oct. 10, 24; Nov. 7.

2026: Jan. 2, 16, 30; Feb. 13, 27; Mar. 13.

<sup>†</sup>Prices shown are per person, twin share, including saving and flights, based on a Cat. C Deluxe Balcony Suite; Cat. Sadec Balcony Suite; and Cat. Mekong Balcony Suite, departing 15 August 2025 (VTMR18F).

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## **INDIA**

Surrender to the spectacular cultural and natural jewels of enthralling India.

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Discover India, a land where every sense comes alive. Marvel at the vibrant colours of Rajasthan's palaces and Kerala's lush backwaters. Listen to the harmonious blend of temple bells, bustling markets and traditional music. Inhale the scent of aromatic spices in Delhi's bazaars and fragrant jasmine in Chennai. Savour diverse culinary delights, from the spicy curries of the south to the sweet treats of Varanasi. Feel the cool marble of ancient monuments, the rough bark of centuries-old trees, and the soft sands of Goa's beaches. India promises an unforgettable journey, immersing you in its rich culture and natural

beauty through sight, sound, smell, taste, and touch.

Embark on exceptional journeys through India's rich tapestry of cultural destinations. Marvel at Delhi's Mughal architecture and vibrant markets, immerse yourself in the timeless beauty of the Taj Mahal in Agra, and seek the Bengal tiger's majesty in Ranthambore National Park. Discover Jaipur's heritage through its forts and palaces, then retreat to the peaceful charm of Pali. Experience Udaipur's romance by serene lakes, delve into Amritsar's profound history, and find solace in Varanasi's spiritual rituals. Be left awestruck by India's captivating diversity.



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#### Clockwise from top left:

Cruise the Lower Ganges aboard the RV Ganges Voyager. The ship's elegant Viceroy Suite. Unwind in the elegant lounge and bar while cruising on board.

## RV GANGES VOYAGER

Traverse the sacred waters of the Ganges River aboard the exquisite Ganges Voyager, offering a rare opportunity to explore remote riverside villages, ancient temples and colourful markets.

#### **BOUTIQUE EXTRAVAGANCE**

Accommodating just 56 guests, your intimate and sophisticated river ship offers modern conveniences, luxuries, and onboard entertainment for a truly immersive journey.

## ALL SUITES, ALL BALCONIES, ALL SPACIOUS

Spacious and well-appointed, all suites aboard the Ganges Voyager benefit from a daily turndown service and feature a large en suite, quality robes, slippers, bath amenities, flat-screen television with on-demand movies, a comfortable seating area and individual climate control.

#### **LUXURY ONBOARD DINING**

In the ship's elegant East India Dining Room, the Executive Chef oversees a team of experts who use fresh local produce to cater for a stunning range of specialty dining experiences featuring authentic local cuisine and Western-style favourites. Select beer and wine are included with all lunches and dinners on board, while tea and coffee are included on board throughout your entire cruise.

#### **FACILITIES ATOP THE SUN DECK**

The Sun Deck's Governor's Lounge and outdoor Observation Deck offer panoramic views, while the Fitness Centre and Voyager Spa provide the perfect spaces to keep active or indulge in a relaxing treatment.

#### PERSONALISED SERVICE

With highly trained and experienced staff on board and the highest staff-to-guest ratio of any ship on the Ganges, you'll be treated with the highest levels of personalised service for which APT is renowned.







#### **ONBOARD SUITES**

#### **Signature Suites**

Situated on the main deck, these suites feature a queen-size bed, French balcony, spacious en suite, living area and luxurious amenities.

#### **Colonial Suites**

These luxurious suites match the Signature Suites, with an added bonus of expansive views from the Ganges Voyager's upper deck.

#### **Heritage Suites**

Enjoy ample additional space, a beautiful fourposter bed, and spectacular views from a frontfacing panoramic balcony.

#### **Viceroy Suites**

The beauty of these suites are in their extra floor space, hand-stencilled wall art and king-size bed.

#### Maharaja Suite

Stay in ultimate luxury in this spacious suite boasting teak wood floors, Persian rugs, daily butler service, included laundry service and an expansive en suite with a deluxe bath tub. 58 | LUXURY RIVER CRUISING & TOURING

## KOLKATA AND LOWER GANGES CRUISE

12 DAYS KOLKATA RETURN

#### LUXURY RIVER CRUISING & TOURING

## YOUR INCLUDED Day 01. Depart London Make your way to Heat!

S Take a heritage tram ride through beautiful Kolkata

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Indulge in a high tea at Kolkata's Glenburn Penthouse
- Cruise to the sleepy village of
  Baranagar to experience an immersion
  into rural Indian life

Make your way to Heathrow airport for your flight to India.

Mallick Ghat Flower Market in Kolkata.

#### Day 02. Arrive Kolkata

Welcome to Kolkata, the lively 'City of Joy'. Kolkata is a thriving hub of culture and history. Be transferred to your luxury accommodation and meet your Tour Director and fellow travellers over a welcome briefing followed by dinner.

Two Nights: Kolkata, Taj Bengal.

#### Day 03. Kolkata

Set out on a privately chartered heritage tram ride as you explore some of the most picturesque sights of the city. Later, visit Kumartuli, the city's traditional potters' quarter. Here, you can admire the potters' incredible craftwork, spanning from clay pots to elaborate statues of gods and goddesses used for a myriad of festivals. This afternoon, includge in a sumptuous high tea at the Glenburn Penthouse, which offers fantastic city views. Delight in a vast array of treats and teas while learning all about the city during a fascinating talk from a Kolkata local resident.

#### Day 04. Kolkata, Embark Ship

the Mallick Ghat Flower Market, or admire the art at CIMA (Centre for International Modern Art) before learning about Sasha, a local NGO which works with local artisans across India. Transfer to the pier to board the Ganges Voyager. Following lunch on board, head to the Victoria Memorial and its museum. Later, return to your ship and enjoy a fantastic performance by Baul musicians, whose spiritual customs have been an important cultural contribution in Bengal for hundreds of years.

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**Seven Nights:** Lower Ganges River, Ganges Voyager.

#### Day 05. Kolkata, Bandel, Kalna

Set out on an early morning walking tour featuring some of Kolkata's best-preserved colonial buildings including the Writer's Building, General Post Office, High Court and Raj Bhavan. Take a tour of St John's Church then, after lunch on board, your ship will begin its journey upstream to the Hooghly Imambara, a prayer hall and famous pilgrimage centre in West Bengal. Admire the massive Victorian clock, the makers of which also built London's iconic Big Ben. Return to your ship and sail on to Kalna.

#### Day 06. Kalna, Matiari

Explore magnificent Kalna on a guided cyclorickshaw tour, visiting some of Bengal's most distinct terracotta temples, including the Rajbari royal palace complex, and the eyecatching Shiva temples. Later, stroll through the local market en route to your ship. Relax as you sail to the village of Matiari.

#### Day 07. Matiari, Khushbagh

Begin the day with a morning walk through Matiari, where you'll have the opportunity to peruse beautiful cooking and household items crafted from recycled copper and brass. Afterwards, continue cruising to the village of Plassey, the site of the Battle of Plassey. Sail on to the peaceful garden and cemetery of Khushbagh.

Day 08. Khushbagh, Baranagar, Murshidabad This morning, cruise to the sleepy village of Baranagar, where you'll admire local sights including the beautiful terracotta Char Bangla Temples. Back on board, glide to Murshidabad and admire the Hazarduari Palace, which dominates the waterfront. Then, ride a toto (electric rickshaw) to the 18th-century Katra Mosque and learn about the Mohammedan rulers. Dinner this evening is back on board your ship.

#### Day 09. Murshidabad, Mayapur

Enjoy a restful morning aboard your ship as life unfolds peacefully along the river before a visit to the village of Mayapur. Learn about the Hari Krishna community and culture in a meeting with some of the movement's dedicated followers. You'll also view the final stages of construction for the enormous Temple of the Vedic Planetarium — Mayapur Chandrodaya Mandir, the world headquarters of ISKCON.

#### Day 10. Chandannagar

Begin the day with a tranquil cruise to
Chandannagar, which was established as
a French colony in 1673. Stroll along the
promenade as you marvel at the French
architecture, then visit the 17th-century
Sacred Heart Church and the Dupleix
Museum. This afternoon, continue cruising
along the Ganges.

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#### Day 11. Disembark Ship, Depart Kolkata

Your adventure along the Lower Ganges comes to an end today with a transfer to Kolkata's Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport for your return journey to the UK.

Day 12. Arrive London
Arrive back in London today.



## Your Luxury Holiday Includes

Home-to-airport transfers by private car\*
 Return scheduled flights from the UK\*
 Unique cultural experiences in up to nine towns, villages and cities
 Signature Experiences
 Freedom of Choice Sightseeing
 Locally inspired dining - a total of 24 meals

Select complimentary beverages served with lunch and dinner aboard the Ganges Voyager\* APT Tour Director and expert local guides

Overseas transfers, port charges, porterage and tipping

#### **2025/26 DATES & PRICES**

12 Days Kolkata Return (INKK12F) from

£5,795

per person, twin share, including saving<sup>†</sup>

Ganges Voyager	Category	Twin from†
Signature Suite	Signature	£5,795
Colonial Suite	Colonial	£6,090
Heritage Suite	Heritage	£6,290
Viceroy Suite	Viceroy	£6,590
Maharaja Suite	Maharaja	£6,790

#### Departure Dates

2025: Mar. 9; Sep. 13; Nov. 8.

2026: Mar. 3.

†Prices shown are per person, twin share, based on the 8 November 2025 departure.

Please enquire for solo traveller prices. Disruptions to itinerary may occur. \*Flights should arrive in Kolkata before 4pm on Day 1. Please note: Some port stops may have physical conditions that prevent some guests from going ashore.

For a detailed day-by-day itinerary and up-to-date prices, visit aptouring.com/INKK12F call 0800 012 6686 or consult your travel agent

PLEASE NOTE: Disruptions to cruising and itinerary may occur. See pages 78-80 for deck plans.
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S SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

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## SENSORY MARVELS OF RAJASTHAN

13 DAYS DELHI RETURN



#### **SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS**

## YOUR INCLUDED REAL MOMENTS

- R Take a deep dive into the marvels of Delhi and immerse your five senses in the city's kaleidoscope of sights, sounds and scents
- R Support a local initiative and embark on a unique tuk tuk ride past the captivating icons of Jaipur
- R Savour an immersive cultural evening with a local family in Jaipur
- R Enjoy a relaxed stay in the countryside of Pali with two nights at the unique Brij Lakshman Sagar

## Day 01. Arrive Delhi

Arrive in Delhi and be met by your VIP airport service before transferring to your hotel. Spend the day at leisure exploring your surrounds or relaxing at your hotel. Tonight, indulge in a culinary experience at the award-winning Dhaba restaurant.

Two Nights: The Claridges New Delhi.

#### Day 02. Delhi

Delve into the diverse cultures and history of Delhi as you embark on a tour crafted to invigorate your five senses, with highlights including the chance to create a personalised fragrance, a rickshaw ride, tasting authentic local dishes, a Gurbani experience and a drive past New Delhi's landmarks. The rest of the day is yours to spend at leisure.

#### Day 03. Delhi, Agra

Journey to Agra, the second capital of the Mughal Empire, and check-in to your hotel. Admire the charming architecture, constructed with red sandstone and white marble. Head out for a tour of Agra Fort, located at the bend of the Yamuna River. Then, as the sun sets, see the majestic Taj Mahal and be awed by one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. Return to your hotel to spend the rest of the evening at leisure. Stay: Agra, ITC Mughal, in Mughal Chambers. B

#### Day 04. Agra, Ranthambore

Rise early this morning to witness the Taj Mahal at dawn and be photographed at this beautiful location by a professional photographer. After breakfast, journey towards the Ranthambore National Park via the World Heritage-listed deserted city of Fatehpur Sikri. Stop for lunch in Bharatpur before continuing to Sawai Madhopur and on to your accommodation, an elegant and centrally situated resort in the heart of the national park.

**Two Nights:** Ranthambore, Juna Maha Jungle Resort Ranthambore.

#### Day 05. Ranthambore

Delight in incredible local cuisine in Rajasthan.

Embark on a tiger safari this morning to glimpse these animals in their natural habitat. Take the day to immerse yourself in the wild wonders of Ranthambore National Park with early morning and afternoon game drives. Enjoy ample opportunities to spot big cats, deer, hyenas and birdlife in the wild. Relax by the pool or indulge in a spa treatment (additional expense) between drives.

#### Day 06. Ranthambore, Jaipur

This morning, you'll head to Jaipur, India's remarkable pink city. Admire the city's large forts, lush gardens, spectacular palaces and temples. After lunch, embark on a tuk tuk ride with a company run by women to support local women. See icons including the City Palace in the centre of the city, the Jantar Mantar Observatory and the Hawa Mahal. Two Nights: Jaipur, Royal Heritage Haveli, in a Heritage Superior Suite.

#### Day 07. Jaipur

R Today, you'll travel to Amber Fort, where you will embark on your VIP Amber tour.

Afterwards, head to the Anokhi Museum of Hand Printing. This afternoon, enjoy free time or visit a vibrant market accompanied by a guide. Tonight, indulge in an immersive cultural experience in a local family's home.

Dressed in traditional attire, take part in a Rajasthani cooking demonstration, admire the ancient art of henna and turban tying, then be mesmerised by the moonlit view of Jaipur. BD

#### Day 08. Jaipur, Pali

R Travel to Pali and settle in to your

spectacular cottage. This evening, embark on a nature walk with the resident naturalist. Savour sundowners on the terrace before delighting in a dinner of traditional cuisine, accompanied by a cultural music performance.

Two Nights: Pali, Brij Lakshman Sagar, in a Luxury Cottage with Private Pool. BLD

#### Day 09. Pali

Join a Jeep safari on the lookout for elusive leopards and vibrant birdlife, accompanied by an expert. Opt for a tour of a local farm and village, a birdwatching tour, or simply relax and enjoy your surroundings.

#### Day 10. Pali, Udaipur

Head south to Udaipur, renowned for its romantic and serene setting, travelling via the Ranakpur temple complex. Upon arrival, the rest of the day is yours at leisure.

Two Nights: Udaipur, Trident, in a Deluxe Garden View Room.

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#### Day 11. Udaipur

Enjoy a morning of discovery in Udaipur.
Visit the City Palace, the Jagdish Temple,
Saheliyon-ki-Bari and the Maharana's Vintage
and Classic Car Collection. Take an enchanting
sunset cruise on Lake Pichola to admire this
picturesque destination.

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#### Day 12. Udaipur, Delhi

Fly back to Delhi this afternoon. Settle in to your hotel before dining at the awardwinning Sevilla restaurant for dinner. **Stay:** The Claridges New Delhi, in a Heritage Room.

#### Day 13. Depart Delhi

Bid farewell as your journey comes to an end with a private transfer to the airport.

#### **EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY**

Continue your India journey with a threenight luxury stay in either Goa, Kovolam or Kumarakom, including daily breakfast, airport transfers and a 45-minute massage.

Tour codes: UKSGGOA, UKSGKOV, UKSGKUM.

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## Your Journey Includes

- ® VIP welcome on arrival at Delhi Airport
- W Unique cultural experiences in up to six towns, villages and cities
- Real Moments ® 12 nights in hand-picked accommodation
- 12 breakfasts (B), six lunches (L) and seven dinners (D)
  - Services of an expert English-speaking local guide
  - Return airport transfers, porterage\* and tipping



Explore the beautiful pink city of Jaipur

#### **2025/26 DATES & PRICES**

13 Days Delhi Return (UKSGIN13) from

£2,995

per person, twin share, including saving<sup>†</sup>

We have access to all the world-class, leading airlines' latest deals. To find out more, please ask our consultants.

#### eparture Dates

**2025**: Jan. 5, 12, 19; Feb. 16; Mar. 9, 16; Apr. 6; May 4; Jun. 8, 22; Jul. 6, 20; Aug. 3, 17; Sep. 7, 14; Oct 5, 12, 19; Nov 2, 16, 30; Dec. 7.

**2026:** Jan. 19; Feb. 16; Mar. 16; Apr. 20.

†Prices shown are per person, twin share, based on the 6 April 2025 departure.

Please enquire for solo traveller prices. Disruptions to itinerary may occur. Itinerary may vary for 2026 dates. \*For further information, and terms and conditions, see towards the back of the brochure.

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R REAL MOMENT

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

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## QUEST OF THE SOUTHERN SENSES

14 DAYS CHENNAI TO KUMARAKOM



#### SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

## YOUR INCLUDED REAL MOMENTS

- R Accompany your local chef to an authentic market in Pondicherry and learn about traditional ingredients before creating your own dish in a Creole cooking class
- In Kumbakonam, try your hand at making kolam, artwork displayed outside homes using rice flour and coloured chalk to symbolise wealth and prosperity
- R Join a Batlagundu village experience, taking in sights, smells, tastes and traditions during your immersive visit. Then, savour a traditional welcome and authentic banana leaf lunch
- Visit a local spice plantation near Periyar and relish exotic aromas while learning how to gather your own aromatic sprigs

#### **KEY**

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Be met by your VIP airport service before transferring to your hotel. Enjoy the day at leisure before a Welcome Dinner at the award-winning The Raintree restaurant. **Two Nights:** Chennai, Taj Connemara, in a Heritage Room.

#### Day 02. Chennai

Join an expert guide as you embark on the British Blueprint Trail. Learn about the city's colonial evolution and its renowned Indo-Saracenic architecture. Conclude at the Government Museum. Savour lunch before traversing the lanes of Georgetown. Enjoy the majestic sunset at Marina Beach.

Day 03. Chennai, Mahabalipuram, Pondicherry Travel to Mahabalipuram and see the World Heritage-listed cave temples, bas-relief sculptures, carved pillared halls and shore temple. After lunch, continue to Pondicherry and explore the city by foot.

**Two Nights:** Pondicherry, Palais de Mahe, in a Mahe Deluxe Room.

#### Day 04. Pondicherry

R Visit Auroville, a New Age community with devotees from over 45 nations. Explore the unique utopian community before lunch in the Solar Kitchen. Later, dive into the region's culinary history with your chef at a market before using fresh produce to create a traditional dish at a Creole cooking class. BLD

#### Day 05. Pondicherry, Kumbakonam

Discover Kumbakonam, one of India's oldest towns. Decorated with many temples, it is known for its Chola heritage, educational institutes and the Mahamaham Festival. Visit a bronze-caster's workshop, then delve into 'Pattu' silk weaving before arriving at your hotel, where you'll enjoy dinner. Stay: Kumbakonam, Mantra Koodam, in a Mantra Cottage.



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R Create your own kolam, a display of rice flour, coloured chalk and herbs, often placed outside homes as a sign of health and prosperity. Afterwards, head to Thanjavur and see its Great Living Chola Temples.

Day 06. Kumbakonam, Thanjavur, Chettinad

**Two Nights:** Chettinad, Visalam, in a Chettinad Room.

Later, arrive in Chettinad.

#### Day 07. Chettinad

Discover Chettinad today with its wide streets of palatial mansions adorned with Italian marble and Burmese teak. See the Arraynar shrine of Kothadi before exploring the local markets. Discover a tile-making unit and admire traditional sarees at a weaving centre. In Karaikudi, visit the antiques market. Later, explore the weekly market with your chef and hand pick ingredients to prepare for dinner at your hotel.

#### Day 08. Chettinad, Madurai

Continue to Madurai. Accompanied by a guide, learn about the awe-inspiring Meenakshi Amman Temple. In the afternoon, discover markets, temples, palaces and museums on a guided tour of the city. Take a tuk tuk and observe an aarti Hindu prayer ceremony at the Meenakshi Temple.

Stay: Madurai, The Gateway Hotel Pasumalai, in a Superior Room.

#### Day 09. Madurai, Periyar

Read through the lush mountain range known as the Western Ghats to Periyar National Park in Kerala. En route, join the Batlagundu village experience. Discover the local market, venture through fields and visit a local temple, then savour a banana leaf lunch at a local village home for a memorable cultural experience. In Periyar, settle in to your hotel before a free afternoon.

Two Nights: Periyar, Spice Village, in a Spice Garden Cottage.

#### Day 10. Periyar

R Join your expert tribal guide for a nature walk. Wander through lush forests and rolling grasslands, admiring vibrant birdlife, elephants and big cats. Return to your accommodation for breakfast, then take a Jeep to a spice plantation and learn about spice cultivation. Tonight, discover Kalaripayattu, Kerala's ancient martial art. BD

#### Day 11. Periyar, Kumarakom

Head to Kumarakom, a set of enchanting back-water islands bordering Lake Vembanad. Spend the rest of the day relaxing at your scenic premium resort. Three Nights: Kumarakom, Coconut Lagoon, in a Heritage Bungalow.

#### Day 12. Kumarakom

Spend the day cruising aboard a houseboat and absorb the serene setting. Float past rice paddy fields, bright houses and vibrant riverside scenes. For lunch, savour a flavourful feast of local cuisine.

#### Day 13. Kumarakom

Enjoy an Ayurvedic massage, before spending the rest of the day at leisure. Perhaps visit the Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary, or partake in traditional activities. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner at Coconut Lagoon.

#### Day 14. Depart Kumarakom

Bid farewell to your enriching journey with a private transfer to the airport.

#### **NORTHERN INDIA ODYSSEY**

Choose a path less travelled on our 15-day Northern India Odyssey journey, venturing north to the atmospheric city of Amritsar and west to the holy city of Varanasi.

Tour code: UKSGIV15.



## Your Journey Includes

- VIP welcome on arrival at Chennai Airport
- W Unique cultural experiences in up to seven towns, villages and cities
  - Real Moments 13 nights in hand-picked accommodation
  - 13 breakfasts (B), eight lunches (L) and six dinners (D)
  - Services of an expert English-speaking local guide
  - Return airport transfers, porterage\* and tipping



Meenakshi Hindu temple in Madurai.

#### **2025/26 DATES & PRICES**

14 Days Chennai to Kumarakom (UKSGIS14) from

£3,195

per person, twin share, including saving<sup>†</sup>

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#### Departure Dat

**2025:** Mar. 1, 22; Apr. 19; May 17; Jun. 21; Jul. 19; Aug. 16; Sep. 20; Oct 11; Nov 1, 15, 29; Dec. 6. **2026:** Jan. 17; Feb. 14; Mar. 07; Apr. 18.

†Prices shown are per person, twin share, based on the 19 April 2025 departure.

Please enquire for solo traveller prices. Disruptions to itinerary may occur. Itinerary may vary for 2026 tours. \*For further information, and terms and conditions, see towards the back of the brochure.

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## **JAPAN**

Explore a land of unique contrasts, where age-old traditions pair seamlessly with modern innovation.

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Japan presents a captivating contrast of conventional and modern customs. Ancient temples and beautiful shrines combine with sprawling, neon-lit metropolises and cutting-edge technology to create wonders defined by a marriage of the old and the new. As fascinating as it is wonderful, there seems to be no end to the discoveries you can make in the 'Land of the Rising Sun'. From sublime culinary delights to forested natural wonders, Japan's diverse and ever-changing offerings are endless. Uncover the treasures of this unique country as you travel aboard high-speed bullet trains and coaches from city to city.

Embark on a journey through Japan's vibrant landscapes and enrich your knowledge of this country's remarkable culture and heritage. Each day unfolds with new destinations and experiences that evoke a sense of wonder and inspire the soul. Delve into rich traditions with a spectacular Japanese tea ceremony, then ascend Tokyo Skytree for a breathtaking perspective of the city. Discover the ancient allure of Kamakura's temples and the majestic beauty of Mount Fuji reflected in the tranquil waters of Lake Kawaguchiko. Immerse yourself in the visionary collection at the Kubota Itchiku Art Museum and witness the playful antics of snow monkeys in Jigokudani. In Kyoto, be awestruck by the Golden Pavilion and master the art of sushi making, while Nara's ancient temples whisper tales of centuries past. Learn the traditional art of Japanese calligraphy (shodo), visit Okayama's historic streets and savour the flavours of Osaka's culinary delights.



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REVEAL THE TRADITIONS OF JAPAN - 13 DAYS

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## **REVEAL THE TRADITIONS OF JAPAN**

13 DAYS TOKYO TO OSAKA



#### SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS



R Experience the rich tradition of a Japanese tea ceremony when visiting a family home in Omotesando in Tokyo.

**REAL MOMENTS** 

- R Take part in a sushi-making class and enjoy your homemade creations for lunch in Kyoto.
- R Delve into Japanese calligraphy with a hands-on shodo lesson in Nara.
- R Embark on an in-depth discovery of Osaka's culinary delights on a street food adventure

#### Day 01. Arrive Tokyo

Arrive in Tokyo and transfer to your hotel. Savour a Welcome Dinner tonight. Two Nights: Tokyo.

The Gate Hotel Ryogoku by Hulic or similar. D

#### Day 02. Tokyo

R After breakfast, visit Tokyo Skytree's observation deck, one of the highest in the world. Continue your exploration at Asakusa to discover the charm of Sensoji, the city's oldest temple, and stroll along Nakamise Street. Later, immerse yourself in the rich tradition of a Japanese tea ceremony with a visit to a family home in Omotesando.

#### Day 03. Tokyo, Kamakura, Kawaguchiko

Today, venture to Kamakura, a quaint seaside town adorned with temples, shrines, and scenic attractions. Accompanied by a knowledgeable local guide, visit the Kōtokuin and Hasedera temples, both part of the Jōdo sect. Head to Kawaguchiko, renowned for its breathtaking vistas of Mount Fuji. Stay: La Vista Fuji Kawaguchiko or similar. BD

#### Day 04. Kawaguchiko, Matsumoto

Join your guide for a visit to the Kubota Itchiku Museum. Afterwards, ascend Mount Tenjo via the Kachi Kachi Ropeway for breathtaking vistas of Lake Kawaguchi and, weather permitting, Mount Fuji. Conclude your day with a scenic drive to Matsumoto. Two Nights: Matsumoto Hotel Kagetsu or similar.

#### Day 05. Matsumoto, Jigokudani

Begin your day with a visit to Jigokudani Monkey Park and see Japanese macaques, also known as snow monkeys, delighting in the natural hot springs. In the afternoon, immerse yourself in the charm of Obuse, a quaint town boasting traditional houses, shops, and winding streets.

#### Day 06. Matsumoto, Kyoto

Join your guide for an exciting excursion to Matsumoto Castle. After exploring the castle, take a limited express train to Nagoya and seamlessly transition to a bullet train bound for Kyoto. Upon arrival in Kyoto, be escorted to vour hotel

Three Nights: Hotel Kanra Kyoto or similar. B

#### Day 07. Kyoto

See Japan's iconic Mount Fuji reflected in Lake Kawaguchiko.

Discover the Kinkaku-ji temple, Kyoto's Golden Pavilion. In the afternoon, explore the scenic Arashiyama district, known for its bamboo forest and historical sites. Visit Nonomiya Shrine before concluding your journey at Tenryu-ji, Kyoto's largest Zen temple. Enjoy a traditional vegan Buddhist lunch amid the temple's serene gardens. BL

R Embark on a culinary adventure with a sushi-making and food presentation class at a local restaurant, then enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

#### Day 09. Kyoto, Nara

R Set off on a journey to the ancient capital of Nara. Explore the rich cultural legacy of this historic city, where temples and shrines from the eighth century still stand today. Begin your exploration at the Horyu-ji temple, which was founded in 607 and boasts the world's oldest surviving wooden structures. Later, take part in a special shodo lesson, where you'll delve into the intricate art of Japanese calligraphy. Stay: JW Marriott Hotel Nara or similar.

#### Day 10. Nara. Okayama

Join an exciting journey to Okayama by bullet train. Arrive in Okayama and be transferred to the beautiful Korakuen Garden. Adjacent to Korakuen Garden stands Okayama Castle, where you'll admire the majestic black castle tower and delve into

the history of Okayama. Conclude your day with a hands-on Bizen ware workshop, a type of traditional Japanese pottery.

Two Nights: Hotel Granvia Okayama or similar. B

#### Day 11. Okayama, Kurashiki

Visit the Kurashiki Bikan area, a retro-modern cityscape that blends Japanese and Western influences. Admire the nostalgic scenery of white-walled storehouses and narrow stonepaved streets once crowded by carts in olden davs. You will also visit Ohashi House and Morita Sake Brewery.

#### Day 12. Okayama, Osaka

R Board a bullet train to Osaka, then be taken to Kuromon Market. Osaka is known as the kitchen of Japan, and Kuromon Market is renowned as the kitchen of Osaka. Your expert English-speaking guide will help you seek out traditional family businesses and sample local culinary favourites. Next, you will take a walking tour of Dotonbori, a popular shopping and entertainment district. Stav: Zentis Osaka or similar. BD

#### Day 13. Depart Osaka

Following breakfast, be transferred to the airport for your onward flight.

#### **HIROSHIMA'S HIGHLIGHTS**

Extend your holiday with three fascinating days in historic Hiroshima.

Tour code: UKSGJAH3.



## Your Journey Includes

- W Unique cultural experiences in up to 10 towns, villages and cities
- ® Real Moments ® Services of an expert English-speaking local guide
  - 12 breakfasts (B), three lunches (L) and three dinners (D)
    - Return airport transfers, porterage\* and tipping



Delight in a morning visit to Kyoto's Kinkakuji Temple in Japan

#### **2025/26 DATES & PRICES**

13 Days Tokyo to Osaka (UKSGJA13) from

£5,995

per person, twin share, including saving<sup>†</sup>

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2025: Feb. 4, 25; May 27; Jun. 24; Sep. 23; Oct. 21; Dec. 2.

2026: Feb. 3; Mar. 10, 24, 31; Apr. 14; May 12; Jun. 2; Jul. 7; Sep. 15; Oct. 6; Nov. 3, 24.

Prices shown are per person, twin share, based on the 24 June 2025 departure. An overnight bag will be required to be packed for days 5, 10 and 11.

Cherry blossom season in Japan usually lasts from late March to early May. However, due to changeable weather,

blooms cannot be guaranteed, even during spring months. Please enquire for solo traveller prices.

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#### **KEY**

REAL MOMENT

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

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## **SRI LANKA**

Embrace fascinating history, a rich culture and a spice-laden, aromatic culinary scene in the small yet mighty island nation of Sri Lanka.

Known as 'The Land of Serendipity', Sri Lanka is a treasure trove of discovery. Hugged by the glistening Indian Ocean, this sun-kissed island is home to heavenly white sand coastlines, charming colonial towns, emerald tea plantations and an abundance of exotic wildlife. Eight incredible World Heritage-listed sites are located in Sri Lanka. You'll discover a swathe of sacred temples, fortified palaces, colonial fortresses and ancient ruins. Admire how British colonial buildings have taken on a uniquely subcontinental appeal and converse with locals who welcome you with smiles as warm as the weather. Allow your mind, body and spirit to be entranced by a kaleidoscope of colour and beauty.

Visit the serene organic village of Melsiripura, where monastic life and lush farmlands await. Explore the ancient city of Anuradhapura, a World Heritage Site rich in Buddhist heritage and one of South Asia's longest continuously inhabited sacred centres. Witness the awe-inspiring gathering of elephants in Minneriya National Park. Stroll through the Royal Botanic Gardens of Peradeniya with a local botanist in Kandy and see the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic. Engage with the Vedda community in Dambana and marvel at Nuwara Eliya's landscapes with an immersive tea estate tour. A scenic train ride to Demodara reveals panoramic views of tea plantations, and you'll also delve into the conservation of wildlife in Udawalawe. Explore historic Galle Fort and try your hand at cinnamon tapping before concluding your adventure with an indulgent stay in Beruwala, a beautiful town on Sri Lanka's southwest coast.



SRI LANKA

DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF SRI LANKA - 13 DAYS

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## **DISCOVER** THE BEAUTY OF SRI LANKA

13 DAYS COLOMBO RETURN



#### SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

#### YOUR INCLUDED

- R Take a deep dive into Buddhist culture during a visit to the Umandawa Global Buddhist Village
- R Enjoy a Sri Lankan cooking demonstration in Habarana

**REAL MOMENTS** 

- R Tour the beautiful Royal Botanic Gardens of Peradeniya with a local botanist
- R Delve into the culture and history of the Indigenous Vedda community in Dambana
- R Take part in a cinnamon tapping experience with a local in Galle

Day 01. Arrive Colombo Arrive in Colombo and be welcomed by a VIP Meet and Greet service before being transferred to your hotel. Meet your fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner. Two Nights: Cinnamon Citadel Kandy

Ancient stone fortress of Sigiriya (Lion Rock).

#### Day 02. Colombo, Habarana

R Head towards the Cultural Triangle. En route, enjoy a special experience at a Buddhist village in Melsiripura. Enjoy the unique opportunity to follow the daily rituals of the Bhikkus and Bhikkunis (Buddhist monks). Afterwards, experience fish therapy at a scenic lake and savour a traditional Sri Lankan vegetarian lunch. Later, visit the iconic World Heritage-listed Sigiriya rock fortress with its stunning frescoes, water gardens and palace complex all perched atop a towering granite column. This evening, arrive at your accommodation in Habarana. Three Nights: Cinnamon Lodge

**Stay:** Granbell Hotel Colombo or similar. D

Habarana or similar.

#### Day 03. Habarana, Anuradhapura

This morning, explore the ancient city of Anuradhapura by tuk tuk, enjoying a thrilling journey through millennia-old ruins, including towering stupas, ancient monasteries, and sacred bodhi trees. This evening, delight in a cultural show in Habarana.

Day 04. Habarana, Minneriya National Park R Delight in a Sri Lankan cooking demonstration, an immersive culinary experience where you'll learn how to prepare traditional dishes, guided by an expert chef. This afternoon, embark on a game drive in

Day 05. Habarana, Kandy

R Head to the captivating city of Kandy, where ancient traditions and modern life

Minneriya National Park and be awestruck

as you witness majestic elephants in their

natural habitat as well as other wildlife. BL

converge amid scenic landscapes, bustling markets and age-old temples. At the Royal Botanic Gardens of Peradeniya, enjoy a guided tour led by a knowledgeable botanist storyteller.

#### Day 06. Kandy

Visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic in Kandy. In the afternoon, indulge in a guided tour of the Suriyakantha Centre for Art and Culture, where you'll discover an array of captivating art and cultural exhibits, complemented by lunch.

Day 07. Kandy, Dambana, Nuwara Eliya R A visit to the village of Dambana, located in the Uva Province of Sri Lanka, will give you the opportunity to meet the surviving Indigenous population of Sri Lanka - the Vedda people. Later, continue your journey through to Nuwara Eliya, where you'll have the opportunity to visit a tea estate and participate in a hands-on tea experience. Two Nights: Nuwara Fliva. The Grand Hotel or similar.

#### Day 08. Nuwara Eliva

Choose how you would like to spend your day today. You may like to embark on a captivating Historical Art and Architectural Walking Tour, indulge in a luxurious high tea experience at the iconic Grand Hotel, or simply relax in the tranquil surrounds. B

#### Day 09. Nuwara Eliya, Nanu Oya, Ella, Demodara, Udawalawe

Bid farewell to Nuwara Eliva and embark on the scenic train ride from Nanu Oya to Demodara. Revel in the breathtaking views as the train winds its way through the countryside. Visit the famous Nine Arch Bridge before reaching Udawalawe. Two Nights: Grand Udawalawe Safari Resort or similar. BD

#### Day 10. Udawalawe

Visit the Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home during feeding time, witnessing the care and rehabilitation of orphaned elephants in their natural habitat. Later. embark on a fascinating village walk.

Day 11. Udawalawe, Galle, Beruwala R En route to Beruwala, take a delightful detour to uncover the beauty of Galle. Wander through the charming streets of this historic coastal city and explore the iconic Galle Fort. Here, join a local expert to learn about the traditional art of harvesting cinnamon, a cornerstone of Sri Lanka's culinary heritage. Two Nights: Cinnamon Bey Beruwala or similar.

#### Day 12. Beruwala

Enjoy the coastal charm of Beruwala at your leisure today. Relax on the soft sands, explore the bustling fish markets, visit the cherished Kande Vihara Temple or take a boat ride along the Bentota River. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner tonight.

Day 13. Beruwala, Depart Colombo Say farewell to your tour with a transfer back to the airport.

#### **MALDIVES RETREAT**

Treat yourself to a four-day, all-inclusive extension in the serenity of the Maldives with return speedboat transfers and luxury resort accommodation.

Tour code: UKSGML4.



## Your Journey Includes

- VIP welcome on arrival at Colombo Airport
- W Unique cultural experiences in up to 12 towns, villages and cities
- Real Moments 12 nights in hand-picked accommodation
- 12 breakfasts (B), two lunches (L) and seven dinners (D)
- Services of an expert English-speaking local guide
- Return airport transfers, porterage\* and gratuities



See wild Asian elephants up close at Minneriya National Park in Sri Lanka.

#### 2025/26 DATES & PRICES

13 Days Colombo Return (UKSGSL13) from

£2,595

per person, twin share, including saving

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†Prices shown are per person, twin share, based on the 20 May 2025 departure.

Please enquire for solo traveller prices. Disruptions to itinerary may occur. Itinerary may vary for 2026 dates. \*For further information, and terms and conditions, see towards the back of the brochure.

> For a detailed day-by-day itinerary and up-to-date prices, visit aptouring.com/UKSGSL13 or call 0800 012 6686 or consult your travel agent

#### **KEY**

REAL MOMENT

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner



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## FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ SIGHTSEEING



On our Luxury Holidays, you can personalise your journey with a choice of sightseeing experiences at no extra cost. Further details will be available through your APT Tour Director.

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Gourmet Delight

Get Active

Culture & Heritage

Relax & Revive

#### **VIETNAM HANOI**



#### 📆 Bat Trang Pottery Village

Journey to Bat Trang, a village where porcelain and pottery of the highest quality has been made for over 700 years. Step out with your guide on an insightful walk and hear stories about the rich clay.



#### 😂 Head, Hand or Foot Massage

Indulge in a relaxing massage at Le Spa du Metropole. Located in the centre of Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi, this spa overlooks the hotel's courtyard garden and pool.



#### Walking Tour of Hanoi

Explore Hanoi on foot. Step inside the neo-Gothic St Joseph's Cathedral, admire Hanoi Opera House and view exhibits at Hoa Lo Prison. Learn about Vietnam's truggle for independence from France.



#### Water Puppet Performance

Set off by foot to one of Hanoi's most renowned water puppet theatres. Learn about the art of water puppetry and its place in Vietnamese culture, including its peginnings in the villages.



#### Vietnam's Coffee Culture

Discover the importance of coffee in Vietnam, one of the country's largest exports. Learn about the history and cultivation of coffee and try your hand at making some unique beverages.

#### HO CHI MINH CITY



#### Motorbike Tour

Jump on the back of a motorbike like a local for a thrilling sightseeing adventure. Zip through the streets past the Central Post Office, Independence Palace, bustling Chinatown and Thien Hau pagoda.



#### Shopping Adventure

Seek out the city's boutiques like only a local knows. Discover high-quality handmade goods at Mekong Quilts, browse guirky souvenirs at Saigon Kitsch, and peruse trendy lifestyle products at L'Usine.



#### TO Ho Chi Minh City by foot

Discover the city's iconic landmarks and French colonial architecture on an informative guided walk. Stroll by the Saigon Opera House, the Central Post Office and Notre Dame Cathedral.



#### Cooking Workshop

Meet your chef, visit a market and discover local ingredients. Continue to a villa and relax in the outdoor garden before you create your dishes. Learn the intricacies of dishes like bánh mì.

#### **CAMBODIA PHNOM PENH**



#### Phnom Penh by Cyclo

Explore Phnom Penh by what was the most popular form of transportation throughout Southeast Asia in the 1960s, the cyclo. Weave past some of the city's most iconic sites.



#### Killing Fields Excursion and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum

earn about a confronting part of Cambodian history with a sobering visit to the Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum



#### National Museum of Cambodia

Accompanied by your private museum quide discover the most important pieces within the National Museum of Cambodia. The collection includes the world's finest display of Khmer sculptures, art and relics.



#### Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda

Discover Cambodia's Royal Palace, the official residence of the King. Completed in 1870, the palace is a spectacular example of Khmer architecture with elements of French influence. The palace also houses the Silver Pagoda.

#### **SIEM REAP**



#### Nillage Bicycle Tour

Journey to the countryside villages next to Siem Reap, where you'll cycle along quiet back trails amid rice paddies and ponds to witness daily farming activities unfold.



#### Quad Bike Adventure

Embark on an exhilarating guad biking experience in the Cambodian countryside outside Siem Reap. Venture along quiet offroad tracks, see rice fields, hidden temples and local communities.



#### Workshop at Senteurs d'Angkor

Visit a handicraft centre to observe the artisans in their workshops and gain an appreciation for their ancient crafts. Discover how they create contemporary designs inspired by Khmer know-how.



#### Horse and Cart Ride

Climb aboard a hand-made horse and cart and set off on an authentic journey into the heart of rural Khmer life. Travel off the beaten path. navigating a variety of terrain through the beautiful countryside.



#### Mhmer Massage

et your cares melt away as you enjoy the nealing powers of traditional Khmer massage This oil-free 60-minute massage uses firm acupressure and muscular stretching to rebalance your energy.



#### Local Boutiques and Markets

Explore Siem Reap's vibrant arts and crafts scene, starting at the Angkor Handicraft Association. This Fair Trade Village is home to a wide variety of artisans who produce handmade goods using traditional techniques.



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Travel to a market and meet your Khmer chef who will whisk you to Lum Orna. Cambodia's first farm-to-table restaurant. Famed for its New Mekong cuisine, it's here you'll learn to prepare a selection of dishes.

#### INDIA **AJABGARH**



#### Bhangarh Exploration

Visit the spectacular ancient town of Bhangarh, which is rumoured to be haunted by spirits between sunset and sunrise



Head out on a jeep safari to one of the villages nearby Ajabgarh, where you will be welcomed by the locals.



#### Traditional Massage

Relax with a traditional ayurveda massage to rejuvenate the body and mind after an exciting day of sightseeing.

#### **KOLKATA**



#### Gallery and NGO Visit

Admire the art at Kolkata's Centre for International Modern Art (CIMA) before stepping in to learn about Sasha, an NGO which works with local artisans across India to keep their crafting traditions alive.



#### Kolkata Flower Market

Rise early to set off for a stroll across Howrah Bridge to the kaleidoscopic Mallick Ghat Flower Market, which is among the largest of its kind in Asia



## FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ DINING



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#### VIETNAM

#### **HANOI**



avour the atmosphere of a Parisian cafe at La Terrasse at the Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi. With its classic Paris-inspired urniture, this is the perfect place to relax.



#### La Table Hanoia

Set in the heart of the French Quarter, and formerly the Press Club, La Table Hanoia takes you on a journey of culinary discovery. Enjoy a fine selection of gourmet food accompanied by exceptional service.



#### KOTO Van Mieu

Dine on Vietnamese cuisine at KOTO Van lieu, a training restaurant for disadvantaged and at-risk youth in Vietnam. This not-forprofit social enterprise empowers youth through its hospitality program.



Inspired by the legacy of the great Lý dynasty, Lý Club Hanoi offers innovative Vietnamese cuisine in a beautifully restored 19th-century colonial villa, with decor including antiques and ornaments from





#### Sokkhak River Restaurant

Feast on a fusion of classic French recipes and modern Khmer dishes in a stunning landscaped garden overlooking the river. At Sokkhak River Restaurant, the chefs put fresh twist on Cambodian classics.



#### Mouhot's Dream

Sit down to dinner at Mouhot's Dream at Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf & Spa Resort. Set beside the tranquil Sala Lake, the restaurant pays homage to renowned French explorer Henri Mouhot.



Be treated to delightful ambience in a garden setting overlooking the Siem Reap River. Offering exquisite Cambodian cuisine, the restaurant's menu expertly balances traditional and contemporary flavours.



Delight in delicious Cambodian fare with Thai and Chinese influences. Enjoy an intimate setting in a traditional Khmer wooden house, one of the few remaining in Siem Reap.



Savour authentic Italian cuisine in an exceptionally designed space at Fellini. The restaurant brings the mouth-watering flavours of Italy to Cambodia.

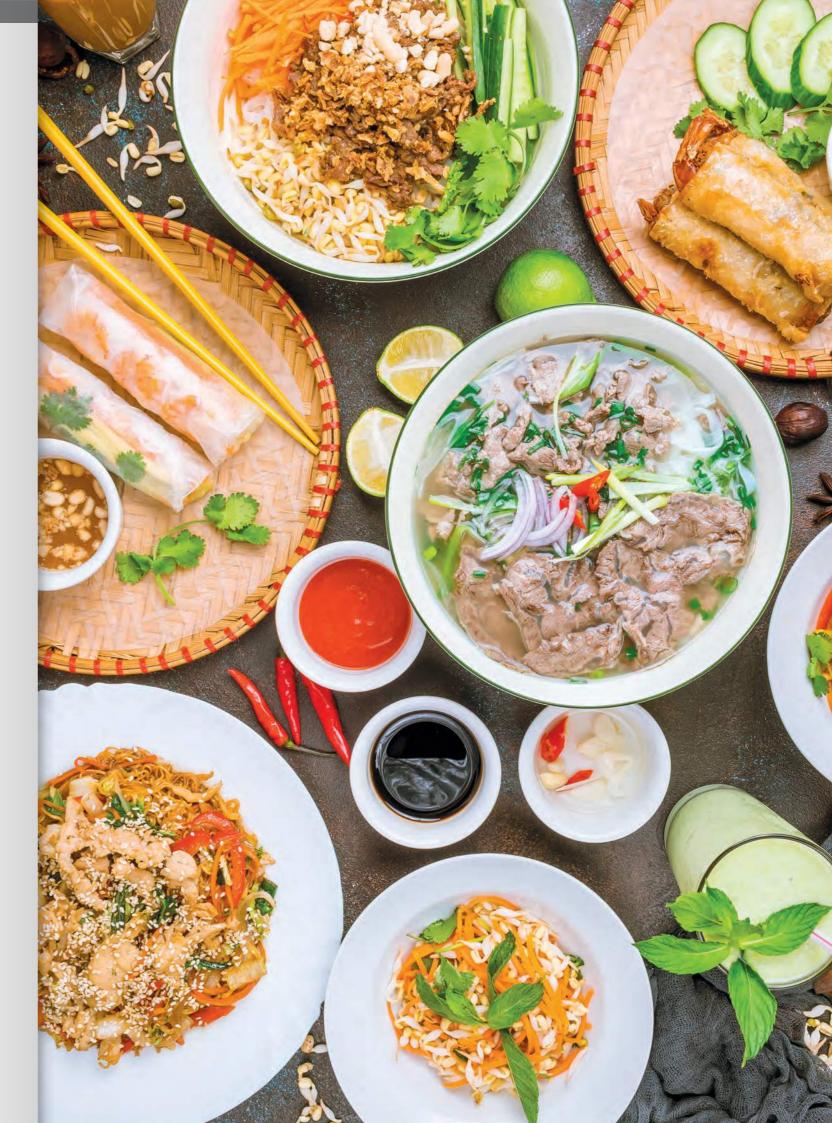


#### SPOONS Café Restaurant

Sample authentic, creative Cambodian cuisine at SPOONS Café Restaurant. This local favourite is renowned for its community spirit, serving as a training restaurant for underprivileged young adults.



Please note: Refer to itinerary pages to determine which sightseeing activities apply to your chosen itinerary. Minimum and maximum group numbers may apply on some activities in order for them to operate. If your first choice is not available, you may be asked to make an alternative selection. Dining options are subject to availability and seasonal opening times of restaurants. Limited numbers and dining times apply. Freedom of Choice Sightseeing and Dining inclusions are not available on our Travelmarvel Holidays.



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## MEKONG SERENITY

#### **SUN DECK SUITE CATEGORIES** Lotus **Angkor Suites** Panoramic Balcony & Balcony Terrace **Bayon Suites** Panoramic Balcony & Balcony Terrace Orchid LOTUS Category A Panoramic Balcony & Outside Balcony and the second Category B Panoramic Balcony & Outside Balcony 2 Lily Category C Panoramic Balcony & Outside Balcony Category D ORCHID Panoramic Balcony & Outside Balcony Category E Panoramic Balcony & Outside Balcony LILY

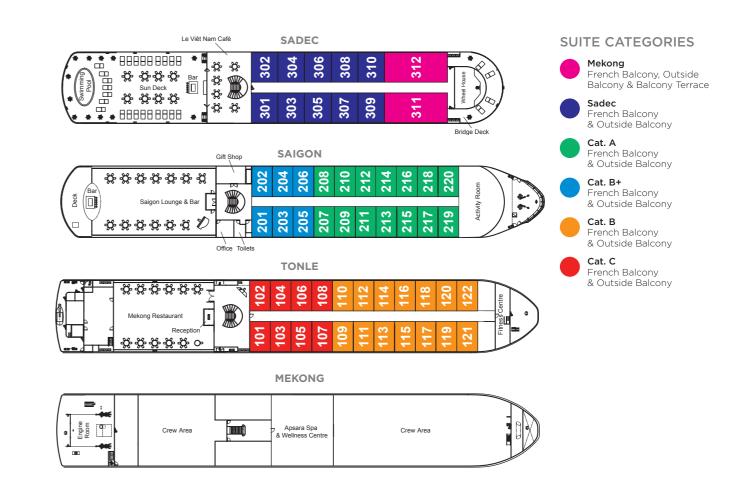
#### TECHNICAL DATA

#### Mekong Serenity - Launched 2023

• Decks: 4 • Length: 92m • Crew: 44 • Suites: 44

# Deluxe Twin Balcony Suite Categories: D, C, B, A Category: Bayon Category: Angkor Spacious Wardrobe Desk/ Dressing Table Julying Room Julyi

## **RV APSARA**



#### TECHNICAL DATA

#### RV Apsara - Launched 2011 - Refurbished 2016

• Decks: 4 • Length: 92.5m • Crew: 50 • Suites: 54



290 sq ft/26.9 sq m

#### Mekong Balcony Suite Category: Mekong



624 sq ft/58 sq m

226 sq ft/21 sq m

## **RV GANGES VOYAGER**







#### **SUITE CATEGORIES**

Upper Deck

Maharaia Suite

Viceroy Suite

Heritage Suite

Colonial Suite

Main Deck

Signature Suite

#### TECHNICAL DATA

RV Ganges Voyager - Built 2014

• Decks: 3 • Length: 56.5m • Crew: 35 • Suites: 28

**Upper Deck** 



**Upper Deck** 



#### **GENERAL INFORMATION & CONDITIONS**

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We reserve the right to cancel the booking if you do not wish to accept the correct price applicable to your holiday package. In such rcumstances, you will be given the choice of amending your booking to an alternative holiday. Changes in transportation costs, including the cost of fuel dues, taxes or fees chargeable for services such as landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports and airports and exchange rates mean that the price of your travel arrangements may change after you have booked. However, there will be no price change within 30 days of your departure. We will absorb and you will not be charged for any increase equivalent to 2% of the price of your travel arrangements, which excludes insurance premium and any amendment charges. You will be charged for the amount over and above that, plus an administration charge of £1 per person together with an amount to cover agents' commission. If this means that you have to pay an increase of more than 8% of the price of your travel arrangements, you will have the option of accepting a change to another holiday if we are able to offer one (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value), or cancelling and receiving a full refund of all monies paid, except for any amendment charges. Should you decide to cancel, you must do so within 14 days from the date of notification of the change in the price of your holiday We will consider an appropriate refund of insurance premiums paid if you can show that you are unable to transfer or reuse your policy. Should the price of your holiday go down due to the changes mentioned above, by more than 2% of your holiday cost, then any refund due will be paid to you. However, please note that travel arrangements are not always purchased in local currency and some apparent changes have no impact on the price of your travel due to contractual and other protection in place.

Please see important information listed under Special Conditions for relevant deposit and final payment terms.

#### Choosing Your Holiday

To maximise your enjoyment of your APT holiday and to ensure that it lives up to your expectations, it is important that you choose the right holiday package for you. Our qualified staff are available to discuss vour options.

#### Travelling with Minors

Children under 12 years of age are not permitted on tours and cruises. All children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult and share their accommodation with an adult. We reserve the right to limit the number of children between the ages of 12 and 18 on board any coach or vessel

#### Transfers at Your Destination

Where stated, transfers are included on the first and last day of the holiday package at designated times. No refund will be given for unused transfers. Transfers cannot be re-routed to other pick-up points or destinations. Passengers who miss the pre-booked transfers must make their own way to/from the ship/hotel at their own expense. A group transfer is generally a shared transfer and the type of vehicle used will normally be dependent upon the size of the group.

#### Home-to-Airport Transfers

Home-to-airport transfers are included on all APT Luxury Holiday packages, when booking within a radius of 75 driven miles from the UK departure airport confirmed for your package. No cash alternative will be given. For journeys over 75 miles there will be an additional charge per car per mile. This service is only available for UK mainland and Northern Ireland. APT reserves the right to remove complimentary home-to-airport transfers on special offers

#### Freedom of Choice & Signature Experiences

Valid only on Luxury River Cruises and tours (excluding Voyages). Minimum and maximum group numbers apply on some Freedom of Choice or Signature Experience. If your first choice is unavailable, you may be asked to choose an alternative

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#### Travelmarvel Select Experience Tours

Valid on Travelmarvel holidays only. Experiences are subject to availability and cannot be pre-booked unless specified. These experiences must be booked and paid for while on tour.

#### Public Holidays/Festivals

Virtually all countries have public holidays, religious or otherwise These festivities may temporarily disrupt your holiday and some religious holidays may result in a reduction of facilities and entertainment.

#### Special Offers

Special Deals and Special Offers other than those advertised herein may be promoted by APT after the program is released. These new special deals/offers do not apply to existing bookings unless otherwise stated.

Special offer terms and conditions may differ, and full details will be advised at the time of booking.

Details including the full range of benefits and conditions may be viewed on our website www.aptouring.com/aptclub

#### BOOKING AND PAYING FOR YOUR HOLIDAY

When you make a booking, you guarantee that you have the authority accept and do accept on behalf of your party the terms of these Booking Conditions. A contract will exist as soon as we issue our booking confirmation, which will include full details of your booking and an invoice in respect of same. You will also be provided, where your holiday package includes a flight, with an ATOL certificate (see clause 'Consumer Protection - ATOL' for more information). The contract is made on the terms of these Booking Conditions, which are governed by English Law, and the jurisdiction of the English Courts. If your booking is made through a travel agent we will address all communications to that travel agent, who will act as agent for you in regard to all communications from us to you. When you buy a holiday package including a flight, all monies you pay to the travel agent are eld by the agent on behalf and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust at all times. This is subject to the agent's obligation to pay it to us for so long as we do not fail. If we fail, any money held at that time by the agent, or subsequently accepted from you by the nt, is and continues to be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation to pay that money to us. When you buy a holiday not including a flight, all monies you pay to the travel agent are held by them on our behalf at all times, pending their transfer to us.

**Disruption to Cruising & Itinerary Arrangements**Itineraries are intended as a guide only and are subject to alteration without notice. Alternations may be necessary for various reasons including, without limitation, road, river or weather conditions, strikes or other reasons beyond APT's control. If conditions render any routes unsafe for navigation, APT reserves the right to provide alternative services including, but not limited to, accommodation on the docked ship or substitute land arrangements. Under normal river conditions, itineraries will operate as far as possible as detailed in this brochure. However, sometimes for reasons beyond our control, it may be necessary to make alterations to your itinerary. For example, without limitation, if there is a water level problem on a river, it may be necessary to operate part of the itinerary by coach, alternative sightseeing may be included, and stay overnight in a hotel instead of cruise ship. APT will not be liable for any direct or indirect costs that you incur as a result of any event or other factor beyond our control which necessitates a change in your itinerary. Additionally, you are not entitled to any refund for any alterations to your itinerary that are caused or contributed to by any flood or water level events or such other events which are beyond our control. Where disembarkation is necessary, services such as Wi-Fi and complimentary all-day beverages cannot be provided. Complimentary beverages are guaranteed during evening meals, where dinner is included on itinerary. In addition, if there is a water level problem it may be necessary to operate part of the itinerary by coach. A revised cruising itinerary and alternative sightseeing may be required. APT cannot quarantee exact arrival and departure times for carriers and operators used by APT and APT will not be liable for failure to make connections with any other services or attractions beyond its control.

Air travel is arranged with independent airlines. APT will arrange air travel as advertised in connection with your holiday package of otherwise arranged with APT. All airfares are subject to flight and booking class availability. Once sold out, surcharges may apply. Airports available may vary depending on the holiday booked and will he advised at the time of booking. Airfares will be booked and ticketed upon receipt of your deposit to avoid price or tax increases. Airport taxes vary for each departure point and routing of airline. Airline schedules are subject to change without notice. Once air tickets are issued, airline amendment and/or cancellation fees apply and, in some cases, are non-refundable. Name changes and voluntary date and schedule changes will incur fees. Please note that flights may be indirect and some airlines charge for luggage separately. While we endeavour to accommodate your airline seating requests, these are never guaranteed and are subject to change at the airline's discretion.

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APT uses the services of a range of airlines in its packages. APT does not warrant that its airfares attract loyalty points as airlines control the application of loyalty points in all cases. Requests to use loyalty points to upgrade travel need to be directed to the airline concerned by the member.

#### Flight Changes

he flights shown in our brochure, on our website and detailed on your booking confirmation are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. Flight timings are set by airlines and affected by events outside our control. Scheduled flight timings, and days of operation are also subject to change. APT will advise you of any significant changes as soon as it is informed by the airline. Minor ning changes will be shown on your flight tickets. Any change in the identity of the airline, flight timings or aircraft type (if advised) will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements without paying any applicable cancellation fees except where specified in these king Conditions. APT is not liable for any additional costs incurred due to airline schedule changes.

#### Out of Date Range Flights

If airlines have not published their schedule at the time of booking. APT will estimate the cost of airfares connected with your holiday package. When the airline releases flight inventory and airfares. APT vill confirm seats and pricing to you by sending you an updated invoice. Once flights have been confirmed by you or your travel agent and payment has been received, APT will issue your ticket/s.

#### Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is not included in your holiday package. You are required to purchase comprehensive travel insurance that includes without limitation) coverage for the cost of your holiday package medical expenses, loss of luggage, personal liability, delay, cancellation curtailment, missed departures, airfare charges that may occur due to cancellation, impossibility of performance or other frustrations, disruptions, loss of deposit, strikes and legal expenses. Please note that special insurance may be required if you intend to participate. sports or activities that have been arranged independently of us. Before departure we will require a proof of your insurance policy.

#### Travel Information & Documents

After booking you will receive an invoice with important information evant to your holiday package. We strongly recommend you check the details carefully and read the included information. Approximately 21 days before departure you will receive your ticket together with your final itinerary. Please ensure that you check your flight timings carefully on your tickets, particularly early morning departures.

Documentation may be emailed to you at the discretion of APT in the case of late bookings, charges, late payment or special offers

#### Special Requests

nere a special request (e.g. diet, room location, twin or double bedded room, a particular facility at a hotel, flight seat requests and/ or particular meals) is an important factor in your choice of holiday, you must advise us when your booking is made. APT will pass your request onto the supplier but cannot guarantee that it will be accommodated. APT will also pass on any dietary requests to the airline but we strongly recommend that you check directly with the airline once your tickets have been issued. The provision of any special request does not constitute a term of your contract with us. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your booking confirmation or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability.

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APT has endeavoured to ensure that the information given on this website and in our brochures about accommodation, itineraries etc. is correct to the best of its knowledge at the time of going to publish/ print. However, advertised descriptions and facilities and prices may change. We recommend that you confirm the details of your chosen holiday package at the time of booking. Additionally, flight times, hotels, carriers and routes on the website and in the brochure are given for guidance only as there may be changes. Final details will be shown on your travel documentation. Holiday package or excursion itineraries may change or be different from those described as a result of, by way of example and not limited to, local conditions, weather conditions and or annual events. APT can give no guarantee as to exact arrival and departure times for carriers and operators used or the cruise/tour. APT will endeavour to notify you of any significant changes prior to your departure.

#### Changes Due to Weather

Sometimes due to elements beyond APT's control, it may be necessary to make alterations to your itinerary. A number of reedom of Choice Sightseeing inclusions are weather dependant

#### Data Protection Policy

APT is fully committed to compliance with all applicable data protection laws. We process information about you that you provide when making a reservation in accordance with our privacy policy. By providing this information you consent (on your behalf and on behalf of any person for whom you are booking) to such processing and you warrant that all information provided by you is accurate. Full details on our privacy policy may be found on our websites www.aptouring. com/privacy or by request to us at dataprotection@aptouring.com

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care, could not foresee or forestall. We will only be responsible for what employees do or do not do if they were acting within the course of their employment and we will only be responsible for what agents or suppliers do or do not do if they were at that time carrying out work that we had asked them to do. Please note that it is your responsibility to show that reasonable care and skill has not been used if you wish to make a claim against us.

- 2. Our suppliers (such as accommodation or transport providers) have their own booking conditions or conditions of carriage, and these conditions are binding between you and the supplier. Some of these conditions may limit or remove the relevant transport provider's or other supplier's liability to you. You can get copies of such conditions from our offices, (48 Warwick Street, London, WIB 5AW r Telephone: 0800 012 6686) or the offices of the relevant supplier.
- 3. Our liability, except in cases involving death, injury or illness, shall be limited to a maximum of three times the cost of your travel arrangements. Our liability will also be limited in accordance with and/or in an identical manner to:
- a. The contractual terms of the companies that provide the travel services that make up your package. such terms are incorporated into this booking; and
- b. Any relevant international convention, for example the Montreal Convention in respect of travel by air, the Athens Convention in respect of travel by sea, the Berne Convention in respect of travel by rail and the Paris Convention in respect of the provision of accommodation, which limit the amount of and conditions under which compensation can be claimed for death, injury, delay to passengers and loss, damage and delay to luggage. We are to be regarded as having all benefit of any limitation of the extent of or the conditions under which compensation is to be paid under these or any conventions. You can ask for copies of the travel service contractual terms, or the international conventions, from our offices (48 Warwick Street, London, WIB 5AW) or telephone: 0800 012 6686. Under English law you have rights in some circumstances to refunds and/or compensation from your airline in cases of denied boarding, cancellation or delay to flights. Full details will be publicised at UK airports and available from airlines. However, reimbursement in such cases will not automatically entitle you to a refund of your holiday cost from us Your right to a refund and/or compensation from us is set out in these Booking Conditions. If any payments to you are due from us, any payment made to you by the airline or any other service provider will be deducted. If it is impossible to ensure your return as scheduled due to unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances, we will bear the cost of necessary accommodation, if possible of equivalent category, for a maximum of three nights. The limit doesn't apply to persons with reduced mobility and any person accompanying them, pregnant women and unaccompanied minors, or persons in need of specific medical assistance, provided that you notified us of these needs at least 48 hours before the start of your holiday.
- 4. In the event that you wish to make a claim or complaint against us. both the services that we have agreed to provide or arrange as part of the contract between you and us and the laws and regulations of the country in which the claim or complaint occurred will be taken into consideration in determining whether or not the services were properly provided. If the services provided comply with local laws and regulations, the services will be treated as having been properly provided, even if the services did not comply with the laws and regulations of the UK, unless the claim or complaint relates to the failure to provide a safety feature which may cause a reasonable holiday maker to refuse the particular arrangements.
- 5. If you, or any member of your party have a medical condition or isability which may affect your holiday, please tell us before you confirm your cruise/tour booking so we are able to advise as to the suitability of your chosen arrangements. In any event, you must provide us with full details in writing at the time of booking. If we easonably feel we are unable to properly accommodate particular needs of the person concerned, we reserve the right to decline the booking or ask for the person to be accompanied by a person who is able to provide full assistance to them throughout their cruise/ tour. If, in the opinion of any representative of APT, your mental or physical condition, or general behaviour is such as to affect your wn health and safety, render you incapable to care for yourself, cause you to become a hazard to yourself or other passengers or result in you becoming objectionable to other passengers or staff you will not be permitted to embark or continue on the whole or any part of the holiday package. Harassment of any kind toward crew, contracted suppliers or other quests may result in immediate emoval form the tour or cruise. APT is not liable to you for any costs associated with such a decision and you will not be refunded for any part of the holiday package.

#### IF WE CHANGE OR CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE

APT endeavours to provide you with all the services confirmed to you at the time of your booking. However, we plan arrangements a long time in advance of your departure date using independent suppliers such as airline, hotels etc., over whom we have no direct control. On occasions changes do have to be made, and APT reserves the right to cancel or amend holiday packages/excursions accordingly.

If we make a significant change to your holiday, we will inform you or your travel agent as soon as reasonably possible if there is time before your departure. Examples of significant changes include a change of destination; a change in accommodation to that of a lower category a change in the time of your departure or return flight by more than 12 hours, and a change of UK departure airport. You will have the choice of either accepting the change of arrangements, accepting ar offer of alternative travel arrangements of comparable standard from us if available (if you choose an alternative which is more expensive you must pay the difference but we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value), or cancelling your holiday and receiving a full refund of all monies paid for arrangements made by APT. You must tell us which one of the above choices you make within seven days of being informed of the significant change we are making, or as soon as reasonably practicable if your departure is less than

seven days from the date you receive notification. If we do not receive notification from you about your choice, you will be deemed to have opted to cancel the holiday package.

You may also be entitled to compensation in the event of a significant change to your holiday package, unless such cancellation or significant change arises due to unavoidable and extraordinary umstances beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had heen taken

These options do not apply for minor, insignificant changes, Examples of minor changes include alteration of your outward/return flights by ess than 12 hours, changes to aircraft type, change of accommodation to another of the same or higher standard, and changes of carriers. Please note that airlines referred to in the brochure may be subject to change. We will in any event ensure that you are notified about any such minor insignificant changes. No compensation is payable in respect of minor changes.

We will take reasonable steps to avoid having to cancel your booking. We may need to do so, however, due to unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken, or for failure by you to pay any outstanding amount. We may also cancel your holiday package if the minimum number of clients required for a particular holiday package is not reached. If your holiday is cancelled you can either have a refund of all monies paid or accept an offer of an alternative holiday package of comparable standard from us, if available, subject to you paying any additional costs (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a

If we cancel the holiday package or make a significant change that  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right$ you do not accept, we will pay compensation as detailed below, except where the significant change or cancellation arises due to unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances beyond our control or that of our suppliers or contractors, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been

- War, armed conflict, criminal damage, riot, civil strife, industrial dispute, terrorist activity or the threat of any such acts.
- · Natural disaster (including but not limited to flooding,
- fire, earthquake, or landslide).
- · Nuclear or other industrial accident.
- · Adverse weather conditions
- High or low water levels.
- · Epidemics and pandemics.
- · Unavoidable technical problems with transport.
- Airports and ports being closed or full.
- · Changes brought about as a result of recommendations made by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office or any other government or international organisation or agency or the police.
- . Changes to laws, rules and/or regulations of any country preventing access to locations or the provision of services.

The compensation that we offer does not exclude you from claiming

more if you are entitled to do so.		0.
	Period before departure in which we notify you:	Amount you will receive per person:
	100 days or more	No compensation
	75 - 99 days	£20
	51-75 days	£30
	26- 50 days	£40
	0-25 days	£50

If it is impossible to ensure your return as agreed in the contract with s due to unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances, we will bear the cost of necessary accommodation, if possible, of equivalent category, for a maximum of three nights for each member of your booking. The limit does not apply to persons with reduced mobility and any person accompanying them, pregnant women and unaccompanied minors, or persons in need of specific medical assistance, provided that you notified us of these needs at least 48 hours before the start of your holiday package.

#### Consumer Protection - ATOL

The flight-inclusive holidays featured on this website are ATOL protected. APT holds an Air Organisers Licence granted by the Civil Aviation Authority, Our ATOL number is ATOL 6781, When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight-inclusive holiday package from us, you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong. We will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where we aren't able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with the services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alter ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable). For more information visit www.caa.co.uk/atol-protection.

#### Consumer Protection - ABTA

APT is also a member of ABTA with membership number V9080. ABTA and ABTA members help holidaymakers to get the most from their travel and assist them when things do not go according to plan. e are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct. APT has provided a bond to ABTA for the protection of monies paid to us in respect of package holidays that do not include flights. This protection follows the guidelines of the latest European legislation and complies fully with all legal requirements within the UK. For further information about ABTA, the Code of Conduct and the arbitration scheme available to you if you have a complaint, please contact ABTA, 30 Park Street, London SE1 9EQ. Telephone: 0203 117 0500 or visit: www.abta.com.

Please note that there are specific General Information

and Conditions that are determined by:

- The country you are in when purchasing your APT holiday.
- 2. The destination/s that you will be travelling to.
- If you did not find the details you require here, or in the relevant online brochure, please at info@aptouring.com for further information.

#### **COVID-19 Requirements**

Before booking and before you travel, ensure that you check the latest government travel requirements and APT updates which include the onboard protocols (which will be available on APT's website at www.aptouring.com/about-us/travel-updates) which will set out the obligations which apply to customers departing on tours. This may include obtaining proof of negative test results prior to embarkation completion of health questionnaire, mask wearing, requirement to isolate if COVID-19 symptoms present during tour and removal of passengers from the tour if deemed necessary by medical staff. Compliance with the travel requirements and APT updates is mandatory and anyone refusing to comply can be denied access to the tour or removed from the tour at APT's absolute discretion Some of the regions or attractions visited while on tour may impose different regulations to that of the government requirements therefore proof of vaccination may be required to participate in some included or optional touring.

#### Medical Assistance

APT does not employ medical staff on its tours. If you require medical attention, local medical services can be contacted immediately. You are responsible for all charges that result from a visiting a medical facility, or for a medical practitioner visiting you. APT is not responsible for the type or quality of the medical services you may receive.

#### Local Purchases

APT is not responsible for any items you may purchase locally i.e. jewellery/furniture etc. You acknowledge that you are solely responsible for any import duty or freight costs.

#### Personal Belongings & Lost Items

For security reasons, valuables should be kept to a minimum and packed in your hand luggage along with your medicines, camera, film, electrical or battery-operated appliances. It is your responsibility to look after your property at all times and you must ensure you are adequately covered by comprehensive travel insurance in the event

#### Smoking

For other passengers' comfort there is no smoking on coaches or river cruise ships, except in designated areas where available.

#### Responsible Service of Alcohol

Our staff are trained to serve alcohol in a responsible manner and are obliged by law to refuse service to any guest who is in the reasonal opinion of any employee, intoxicated or behaving in a dangerous,

#### Service Complaints

If a problem occurs during your holiday, you should, in your own interests, advise your Tour Director so that steps can be taken to esolve the matter. If your complaint is not resolved locally, please follow this up within 28 days of your return home by writing to our Customer Services Department at APT Travel Group 3rd Floor, 52 Grosvenor Gardens, London, SWIW OAU giving your booking reference and all other relevant information. It is strongly recommended that you communicate any complaint to the supplie of the services as well as to our representative without delay and complete a report form while on holiday. If you fail to follow this procedure, we will have been deprived of the opportunity to nvestigate and rectify your complaint while you were in resort, and this may affect your rights under this contract. In the rare event of a dispute which cannot be settled amicably we can also offer you an arbitration scheme for the resolution of disputes arising out of this contract. The scheme is arranged by ABTA and administered independently. The upper limit on claims is £5,000 per person and £25,000 per booking form. This scheme does not apply to claims which are solely in respect of physical injury or illness or their consequences. It can however deal with claims which include an element of minor injury or illness subject to a limit of £1,500 on the amount the arbitrator can award per person in respect of this element. our request for arbitration must be received by ABTA within eighteen months of the date of return from holiday. For injury and illness claims, you can request the ABTA Mediation Procedure and we have the option to agree to mediation. Please also see clause 'Consumer

#### Luggage Limits

Each passenger is entitled to take one piece of luggage that does not exceed the weight limit of 20kg (44 pounds). Dimensions for checked baggage are calculated by adding together the width, height and depth of the piece of baggage. An extra charge will be imposed to cover porterage handling of any additional luggage. Your Tour Director will advise the additional charge. On internal flights, a uggage limit of 20kg (44 pounds) applies. Airlines may impose excess baggage fees at time of check-in. For passengers travelling Premium Economy, Business and First Class, the luggage allowance will be advised at the time of booking.

Some holiday packages may have restricted luggage limits, please refer to Specific Terms & Conditions under relevant destination for

#### SPECIFIC INFORMATION PERTAINING

#### Prices - Deposits - Discounts - Payments

For £500 security deposit per person is required within seven days of booking confirmation. Deposit requirements may vary when booking a special offer. Final payment of the balance of your holiday package price is due 100 days prior to departure unless stated in the terms of a special offer APT reserves the right to cancel any ticket or booking or efuse to honour any price or carry any passenger where any payment has not been received by APT within the specified time. All fares and charges are in British pounds. Payment in full is required at time of booking for reservations made less than 100 days before departure. If APT is unable to confirm your reservation, all monies will be refunded

#### Included in Holiday Package Price

nodation as indicated all transport airfare All cruise and hotel accom-(if indicated in individual itineraries), gratuities, airport transfers on the first and last day, sightseeing, specified excursions, meals as indicated admissions, port charges and the services of a Cruise/Tour Director as stated in your individual itinerary. Our Luxury River Cruises in Asia include complimentary beverages throughout the cruise (French Champagne premium spirits and selected wines are not included) Travelmarvel River Cruises in Asia include complimentary local beer, wine and soft drinks with lunch and dinner. Complimentary beverages are not available during land tours or extensions.

#### Not Included in Our Cruise and/or Tour Price

Airfares (unless specified), airport taxes, laundry unless specified (limited laundry on Luxury River Cruises in Asia. Limited laundry is included when purchasing the Executive Package on the Essential River Cruise in Asia), passport and visa fees, courier fees, food not on the regular table d'hôte menu, drinks may or may not be included as indicated in your itinerary, excess baggage, fuel surcharges and optional excursions and gratuities not specified in your itinerary. Changes to flight schedules may require you to book additional accommodation and services at your own expense.

#### Gratuities

Gratuities are included for all services as indicated in the itinerary or all APT tours and cruises and cannot be redeemed as a cash refund. Gratuities are not included for any individual purchases.

#### Flights Within Asia

nomy flights and airport taxes within Vietnam as well as Vietnam & Cambodia are included in the price as per specific itineraries. All internal flights must be booked by APT where included in the tour package. Airline schedules are subject to change without notice. Seating requests are not available on domestic flights within Asia. There is a one piece, 20kg luggage restrictions for flights included within the tour. This is strictly enforced, and airline-imposed excess baggage charges will apply if this weight is exceeded. Baggage is at owner's risk. Once air tickets are issued, airline amendment and/or cancellation fees apply and in some cases are non-refundable. Full passport details, including middle names, are required for all flights. ame changes and voluntary date changes will incur fees. Seating requests are not available on these included flights.

APT endeavours to utilise the most suitable accommodation available in each destination to ensure passengers enjoy high levels of cleanliness, comfort and service. The hotels listed in this brochure will be used on almost all holiday packages, however, if a change s necessary for any reason, APT will endeavour to ensure that alternative accommodation is of an equivalent standard to those shown. Hotel rooms are generally not available for check-in before 3pm and require check-out by 10am.

#### Twin or Double Rooms

Accommodation in all hotels, regardless of the rating, is in standard rooms based on twin beds or double bed unless otherwise stated. Bedding configuration on board cruises vary depending on the category booked.

#### Solo Travellers limited number of single rooms/suites/cabins may be available on

request at the time of booking your cruise/holiday package. Single rooms/suites/cabins are usually smaller than standard twin or double rooms and often only have one single bed. Cruising - Cabin/Suite/Stateroom Selection

For Asia river cruising, APT will make every effort to assign specific cabins, cabin numbers or locations on the ship if requested. If this is not possible, APT reserves the right to make changes to cabin assignment, within the category booked, without prior notice. Requests for specific cabin numbers or locations will be passed on to the cruise operator but cannot be guaranteed.

#### Passengers Needing Assistance

APT welcomes all passengers. Guests with disability or limited mobility are asked to please note the following:

- 1. Guests with disability or a medical condition requiring assistance must inform APT of any important information relating to their health, mobility and/or fitness which may affect their partial or total participation in the cruise or tour. This information will allow APT to ensure the chosen tour is suitable and meets their needs. Any changes to health, mobility and fitness must also be reported to APT as soon as possible and prior to departure. Where possible, APT will make reasonable adjustments to the tour to assist all guests, however, it cannot do so if the adjustment required would be unreasonable in all of the circumstances, including if such adjustments would affect your safety and/or the safety and/or enjoyment of other passengers.
- 2. If guests require assistance or care (such as pushing a wheelchair, assistance with dressing or assistance with walking), they must travel with a companion capable of providing the required assistance or care. People who are deaf or hard of hearing must share accommodation with a person capable of hearing alarms in cabins. APT is unable to assist any passenger with walking, dining boarding or disembarking any transportation vehicles (including river and ocean cruise ships and trains). To safely participate in embarkation and disembarkation you must be able to do so withou the need for assistance. Guests must also be able to do so without unreasonably impacting other passengers' safety and/or enjoyment
- 3. While APT will make reasonable efforts to accommodate everyone it is not responsible for any denial of services by any third-party entities it has travel arrangements with, such as carriers, hotels, trains, restaurants or other independent suppliers, or for any additional associated expenses charges by those parties.
- 4. Please note coaches and minibuses are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. Many ships require the use of stairs to go between decks. Further, side-by-side docking may require passengers to climb and descend stairs to cross over vessels to disembark and embark at times. APT ships occasionally sail through remote areas that do not have convenient docking facilities. In such circumstances it will be necessary for passengers to negotiate

temporary gangplanks, tender boats, riverbanks and uneven surfaces. If the crew decide that it is not safe for a passenger to negotiate such operations, they may require passengers to stay on board. Due to the lack of infrastructure along the riverbanks, and absence of lifts on board vessels, wheelchairs will be of minimal use Cabin doors and restrooms on river cruise ships are not wide enough to allow access by standard wheelchairs. For safety reasons, passengers using wheelchairs cannot be carried on ramps in ports where the river cruise ship is at anchor. APT is unable to provide individual assistance to any passenger for walking, dining disembarking or embarking cruise ships and/or coaches or other transportation vehicles or other personal needs

#### Health & Fitness

A high level of fitness and health is required to participate on APT's holiday packages. In some destinations there are extensive sightsen excursions by foot which includes the climbing of stairs. Mobility is needed hoarding or alighting coaches river cruise ships and trains We recommend a visit to the doctor before travelling and consult with them regarding any vaccinations which may be required. It is your responsibility to advise APT of any pre-existing medical conditions that may affect the normal conduct of a holiday package and the enjoyment of other passengers.

#### Visa & Passports

. All passengers must have a valid passport that is valid for at least six months validity from your return date. Passengers must consult with the appropriate consulates to ensure any applicable visas for countries visited have been obtained prior to departure. Passengers are solely responsible for meeting necessary passport and visa entry requirements and all associated costs. APT is not responsible for delays or missed portions of your holiday package relating to incorrect travel documents. Full passport details are required to be provided to APT no later than 60 days prior to arrival.

#### IF YOU NEED TO CHANGE OR CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY

#### Changes or Additions to Your Holiday

If you want to change any part of your holiday arrangements after the invoice has been issued, we will do our best to make the change, but it may not be possible. Any request for changes must be made in writing by the person who made the original booking, or their travel agent. If it is possible to make the change, it will be subject to an administration charge of £50 and payment of any further costs incurred as a result of the change. You should be aware that these costs could increase the closer to the departure date that changes are made and you should contact us as soon as possible.

#### Cancellation Policy

For all holiday packages in this brochure, if you choose to cancel the following APT cancellation fees apply:

Days of Notice:	Fee Per Person:
100 days or more	Loss of Deposit
99 to 70 days	30% of the holiday package price
69 to 63 days	40% of the holiday package price
62 to 33 days	60% of the holiday package price
32 to 15 days	90% of the holiday package price
14 to 0 days	100% of the holiday package price

If the reason for your cancellation is covered under the terms of your insurance policy, you may be able to reclaim these charges. Where extra facilities or transport options are non-refundable, in part or in full, the cost of these will be added to the cancellation charge you have to pay. All cancellations must be received in writing by APT and are not effective until this has been received. If your holiday has commenced, 100% of the full holiday package price is charged. There is no refund for unused services or if portions of the holiday package are missed. Additional cancellation fees may be charged in respect to accommodation reserved outside the holiday package dates. These cancellation fees are in addition to any fees that may be levied by APT and your travel agent. You acknowledge that the amounts estimated under the Cancellation Policy are reasonable and represent a genuine pre-estimate of APT's loss and are otherwise reasonably necessary to protect the legitimate interests of APT. If you request changes after APT has issued your documents, APT may charge you an administration and processing fee of £50 per person in addition to any applicable cancellation fees.

#### Cancellation of Ticketed Airfares

Scheduled airlines normally regard name changes and changes to departure dates as a cancellation and rebooking, which may attract a cancellation fee. Applicable cancellation fees may amount to 100% of the airfare

#### ON HOLIDAY

#### Noise & Vibration

APT and our partners take reasonable steps to minimise noise and vibrations on its river cruise ships. You acknowledge and accept that some noise and vibration may be experienced on vessels and that APT is not liable to you for any such noise or vibration

#### **Docking Position**

During port stops, river ships may dock side-by-side, obstructing riews and requiring you to pass through or over other ships to embark or disembark, river ships may moor overnight midstream during most cruising times, rather than dock at a port. Docking positions are governed entirely by the port authorities

#### APT Tour Directors

dedicated APT Tour Director will only be available on tours with 10 or more passengers in Asia, if minimum numbers are not reached the tour will be escorted by a local guide for a portion of your holiday.

Visiting Temples, Pagodas & Mosques When entering temples, pagodas and mosques, shoes and socks may need to be removed and arms and knees will need to be covered.

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