TIMELESS WONDERS OF VIETNAM, CAMBODIA & THE MEKONG

Two of the most beautiful, historic and friendly places in all of Asia. In many ways, a visit here is less about the sights you see than it is about the people you meet and the experiences you have along the way.

> 15 DAYS HO CHI MINH CITY TO SIEM REAP 2 COUNTRIES | 29 MEALS | 13 INCLUDED EXCURSIONS

> > Mekong Jewel - Maximum Guests: 68











DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1: DEPART UK

Fly to Ho Chi Minh.

DAY 2: HO CHI MINH CITY

Upon arrival you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and escorted to the Park Hyatt Saigon. (B, WD)

DAY 3: HO CHI MINH CITY

Experience how ancient history melds with the boisterous present in Vietnam's largest city, where skyscrapers tower over ancient temples and motorbikes putter along picturesque alleys. (B, L, D)

Featured Excursion: Dynamic Ho Chi Minh City.

Not to Miss Moment: This evening, join us on-board the Saigon Princess for dinner and a dance performance with beautiful views of Ho Chi Minh City at night.

DAY 4: HO CHI MINH CITY > MY THO (EMBARK) ► TIEN LOI (BEN TRE)

Today's featured excursion provides a fascinating glimpse of the Viet Cong's vast network of incredibly narrow tunnels dating back to the Vietnam War, Following lunch. you'll be taken to the Mekong Jewel. (B, L, D

Featured Excursion: Vestiges of war -Cú Chi Tunnels.

DAY 5: TIEN LOI (BEN TRE) ► VINH LONG ► SA DEC

Today, you'll witness the hustle and bustle of delta river life as the local traders take their produce to market. After breakfast, you'll board a traditional sampan and explore the narrow canals and backwaters of this famed region. Visit the untouched island of Tien Loi to enjoy a private excursion with local farmers before heading to Vinh Long. (B, L, D)

Featured Excursion: Step aboard a luxurious sampan to discover the village life along the Mekong.

DAY 6: SA DEC > GIENG ISLAND ► HONG NGU

Following breakfast, continue your journey via sampan, where you'll observe the daily routines of the villagers in Sa Dec. Visit a colourful temple, the home of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le and then venture to Gieng Island, where you'll experience how a local family makes incense sticks and the conical hat, (B. L. D

DAY 7: HONG NGU ► PHNOM PENH

Visit the local island village of Hong Ngu. a major producer of the traditional Khmer scarves located not far from the Vietnam-Cambodia border. Your last and most interesting visit of the day? A visit to the local home of a retired VC General, (B. L. D)

DAY 8: PHNOM PENH

Today, you'll discover the thriving and exotic

capital of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Phnom Penh. It stands at the juncture of three captivating rivers and is divided into three districts, the picturesque French colonial area, a handsome residential district and a rapidly changing Old Town. (B, L, D)

Featured Excursion: Cambodia's capital-Phnom Penh.

DAY 9: PHNOM PENH ► ANGKOR BAN

Today's featured excursion may be the most profound and memorable experience of vour entire journey. You'll learn about the infamous Killing Fields of the Khmer Rouge and visit a former school-turned-prison that is now a genocide museum. (B. L. D)

Featured Excursion: The Killing Fieldstragedy and reconciliation in Cambodia.

DAY 10: ANGKOR BAN

▶ WAT HANCHEY ▶ KAMPONG CHAM

If yesterday was an exploration of Cambodia's dark past, today is a celebration of the country's bright future. You'll meet young children at a local school and friendly villagers in their homes, and have a rare opportunity to receive an unforgettable water blessing from local Buddhist monks. (B, L, D)

DAY 11: KAMPONG CHAM (DISEMBARK) ► SIEM REAP

You'll disembark in the morning and transfer via executive motorcoach to Siem Reap. the gateway to Angkor, the legendary archaeological site. Cap your trip with three nights at the Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf & Spa Resort, minutes away from the famed temple complex of Angkor Wat. (B. L)

Featured Excursions: City tour & Artisan visit by remork.

DAY 12: SIEM REAP

Today is a bucket list kind of day as you explore the ancient temples of Angkor Wat, a gigantic religious complex that is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B)

Featured Excursion: Visit Angkor Wat Temple - the largest religious monument in the world & the single most recognisable landmark in Cambodia.

DAY 13: SIEM REAP Today you will enter the spectacular remnants of Angkor Thom, the royal city. Built during the heyday of the Khmer dynasty in the 12th century, this extraordinary complex of Hindu and Buddhist monuments was once lost to the world for many years, hidden under dense jungle vines. (B, FD)

Featured Excursions: South gate of Angkor Thom, Bayon and Ta Prohm and Apsara show

DAY 14: SIEM REAP (DEPART)

Check out of your hotel and be transferred to the airport to begin your journey home. (B)

DAY 15: ARRIVE BACK IN THE UK

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(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner (WD/FD) Welcome/Farewell Dinner