



## Cruise Details

Name:	Charms of the Mekong
Reference:	AMAKB250120U
Operator:	Ama Waterways
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	AmaDara
Regions:	Mekong
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Departs On:	20 Jan 25
Departs From:	Ho Chi Minh City
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Arrives On:	27 Jan 25
Arrives At:	Siem Reap
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Cruise Nights:	7
Hotel Nights:	2
Post-Cruise Days:	6
Total Vacation Days:	16

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam)

Transfer via motorcoach from Ho Chi Minh City to AmaDara at My Tho Port for your 7-night river cruise and then meet fellow travelers at a Welcome Dinner as the ship cruises to Cai Be

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#### Day 3: Tân Châu (Vietnam)

Enjoy a visit to Tan Chau, a small Mekong River town unspoiled by tourism Be treated to an authentic experience on a traditional "xe-loi"

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#### Day 4: Phnom Penh (Cambodia)

This morning, you will visit the Royal Palace, the spectacular Silver Pagoda and National Museum, which has an outstanding collection of Khmer crafts Alternatively, you may wish to shop for unique treasures at the bustling, yellow colored Central Market after you visit to Royal Palace After lunch on board, the excursion takes you to Cambodia's infamous Killing Fields and the Khmer Rouge's grim Tuol Sleng S21 detention center

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#### Day 5: Oudong (Cambodia)

Visit Oudong, Cambodia's former royal capital from the early 17th century until 1866 Today, Oudong is a place of pilgrimage for Cambodians While here, be treated to a memorable Buddhist Blessing Ceremony at a monastery You may walk around Oudong's monastery or take an active walking tour to see panoramic views of the Oudong plain In Kampong Tralach, you will have a truly authentic excursion an oxcart ride through a local village Later in the day, experience Phnom Penh via a tuk tuk ride and be enchanted by the city's French Colonial architecture and tree-lined boulevards set amidst monumental Angkorian architecture

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#### Day 6: Oknha Tey Village (Cambodia)

In the morning, set sail for Oknhatey Village Oknhatey is the "Silk Island," located on the lush banks of the Mekong River and known for its rich tradition of silk weaving While here, you will visit a local elementary school and observe the traditional silk weaving, an art that has been preserved for

centuries Your cruise continues to sail to Angkor Ban

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#### Day 7: Angkor Ban (Cambodia)

Go on a walking tour of Angkor Ban, one of the few villages in Cambodia that was not destroyed under the Khmer Rouge regime in the 1970s Here people still live in their traditional wooden abodes and keep their old cultural traditions alive Hundreds of wooden houses stand intact on stilts, shaded with banana trees, among the hustle and bustle of the daily agricultural on-going of the local villagers After visiting here, the ship sets sail for Kampong Cham, where you will go on an afternoon excursion to Wat Nokor, perhaps the most treasured monument within the ancient complex of Banteay Prey Nokor Fusing the Old-World with the "new," this centuries-old temple now boasts a contemporary pagoda within its walls inside which you will delight in the colorful depictions of Buddha's life Cap the day off with a festive Farewell Dinner on board

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#### Day 8: Kampong Cham (Cambodia)

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