



Cruise Details

Name:	Wonders of Japan, Vietnam and Cambodia
Reference:	EMERALDECOS310326
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Harmony
Regions:	Asia
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Departs On:	31 Mar 26
Departs From:	Osaka
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Arrives On:	21 Apr 26
Arrives At:	Siem Reap
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Cruise Nights:	21
Total Vacation Days:	22

Itinerary

Day 1: Osaka (Japan)

Welcome to Osaka, Japan. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel for a three-night stay. This evening meet your Tour Director for your briefing and welcome dinner.

Arrives On: 31 Mar 26

Day 2: Osaka (Japan)

We begin our morning tour of Osaka by wandering through Shinsaibashi-suji shopping avenue, followed by Kuromon Ichiba Market, known as Osaka's kitchen. Afterwards visit the Museum of History and the rebuilt Osaka Castle. The afternoon is free at leisure before transferring to the Umeda Sky Building for 360-degree night-time views of the skyline of Osaka from the Floating Garden Observatory. Then settle into your dinner with a view, 170m off the ground.

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Day 3: Osaka (Japan)

Drive to the birthplace of the Japanese state and cradle of Japanese culture in Asuka. Wander through the Inabuchi terraced rice paddy fields, the ancient Tobiishi stone bridge, famous in Japanese folklore and visit Ishibutai tumulus, the largest known megalithic structure in Japan.

EmeraldPLUS Learn about the history, life and training routine of a sumo wrestler during a private visit to a Sumo Museum in Kehayaza, where Sumo originated. After your welcome ceremony, see a demonstration of Jinku and the wrestlers in action in the dohyo.

Later in the evening take a ride on the Osaka Metro to wander around the lively entertainment area of Dotonbori.

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Day 3: Asuka, Nara (Japan)

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Day 4: Osaka (Japan)

Drive to the culturally rich city of Kyoto, home to many World Heritage-listed sites. Upon arrival, glide through the surreal Arashiyama Bamboo Grove by traditional rickshaw before exploring and enjoying a vegetarian meal at the World Heritage listed Tenryu-ji Temple. Afterwards visit the famous Kinkaku-ji or Golden Pavilion because it is completely covered in gold leaf, before settling into your hotel for a two night stay.

EmeraldPLUS Tonight's dinner will allow you to interact with a Geiko or Maiko who'll host your meal. It's an excellent opportunity to learn about what is involved in becoming a Geisha and the art of Japanese hospitality.

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Day 4: Kyoto (Japan)

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Day 5: Kyoto (Japan)

Begin your day with an early visit to the Fushimi Inari Shrine, famous for its thousands of vermilion torii gates and its appearance in the film 'Memoirs of a Geisha'. Continue to Nara, Japan's first permanent capital established in the year 710 as Heijō, the city now known as Nara. Here you'll visit Todaiji Temple, constructed in 752 as the head temple of all provincial Buddhist temples of Japan. The Temple grew so powerful that the capital was moved from Nara to Nagaoka in 784 in order to lower the temple's influence on government affairs. Also see deer in Nara Park before returning to Kyoto and stopping at a sake brewery and museum to taste and learn about Japan's

famous brew.

Ryokan Upgrade For a unique insight into Japanese culture, choose to stay tonight in a Ryokan (at additional cost, must be pre-booked before departure). This traditional Japanese Inn has tatami mat flooring with futon beds, sliding shoji paper doors, onsen hot spring baths and private facilities, and includes dinner and breakfast.

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Day 5: Nara City (Japan)

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Day 6: Kyoto (Japan)

Travel by Shinakansen to Hakone. Upon arrival stop and study the art works and sculptures at the Hakone Chokokuno Mori Open Air Museum before transferring to your hotel for the night.

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Day 6: Hakone (Japan)

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Day 7: Hakone (Japan)

Admire the stunning views of Mt Fuji during your Lake Ashinoko cruise before driving to Tokyo. Upon arrival visit the Asakusa district, paying your respects at Sensoji, the city's oldest Buddhist temple. Later check-in and relax at your hotel in Tokyo, your home for the next three nights.

DiscoverMORE
Dine at a Gonpachi Nishiazabu made famous in the movie Kill Bill (extra expense)

DiscoverMORE
Culturally immerse yourself in the traditional Japanese evening Izakaya bar scene serving Yaki-tori and Kushiyaki with your Tour Director (extra expense)

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Day 7: Tokyo (Japan)

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Day 8: Tokyo (Japan)

Gather your bearings of Tokyo from above as you take in the view from Tokyo Sky Tree. Then dress up in your chefs' clothes to make your own sushi lunch with the help of a local chef. Afterwards, wander through picturesque Shinjuku-Gyoen Gardens before witnessing the Shinjuku entertainment district come alive at dusk where tonight is yours at leisure to explore the sights and sounds of Shinjuku.

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Day 9: Tokyo (Japan)

Visit the Imperial Shinto Meiji Shrine, before walking across the busiest pedestrian crossing in the world in Shibuya. Enjoy your afternoon at leisure for some last-minute shopping in Shibuya. **EmeraldPLUS** Later take in the bright lights of Tokyo during your evening farewell dinner cruise on Tokyo Bay with free flow drinks on a yakatabune, an old fashioned houseboat.

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Day 10: Tokyo (Japan)

Say goodbye to the land of the rising sun and fly to Ho Chi Minh City Vietnam. On arrival, you will be met by your Emerald Cruises representative and transferred to your hotel, situated in downtown District 1, for a two-night stay. After checking in, you will be free to explore the city before meeting your tour director for your welcome briefing and dinner at a local restaurant.

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Day 10: Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam)

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Day 11: Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam)

Drive away from Ho Chi Minh City to Cu Chi Tunnels, watching the city skyline fade into the distance as the road winds through rice paddies, villages and scenes typical to southern Vietnam. Spend a couple of hours walking around Cu Chi's rugged grounds with a local guide. Upon your return to Ho Chi Minh City, enjoy a Pho (noodle soup) lunch with the remainder of the afternoon and evening yours to enjoy at leisure or venture out on one of our DiscoverMORE excursions. **Included Excursion** Cu Chi Tunnels **DiscoverMORE** An evening Saigon Street Food walking tour (extra expense) **DiscoverMORE** One Night in Saigon (extra expense)

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Day 12: Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam)

After checkout, enjoy a tour of the city, visiting the Notre Dame Cathedral, Opera House and Town Hall. Then, visit the Reunification Palace before transferring to the port where you will board your Emerald Cruises Star-Ship, Emerald Harmony. You'll be welcomed on board by your captain and crew before setting sail after lunch down the Saigon River to Cho Gao canal where you will anchor for the night. This evening, enjoy your first dinner on board with your fellow travellers. Your Cruise Director will conduct a port talk to review the activities and itinerary for the days ahead.

Included Excursion
An orientation tour of Ho Chi Minh City

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Day 12: Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam)

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Day 13: Ben Tre (Vietnam)

This morning, you'll cruise through the bustling Cho Gao canal, one of the major arterial canals of Vietnam connecting Tien Giang Province in the Mekong Delta with Ho Chi Minh City. You'll be fascinated watching the heavy commercial traffic navigate this important waterway, where upwards of 1,800 vessels transit each day.

Once on the Mekong River, this afternoon you'll visit the Tan My Floating community followed by a ride through local plantations to visit a mushroom farm, a fruit farm with sampling and a honey farm with local sweets. Later, you'll sail onwards to Sa Đéc, a Mekong Delta hidden gem.

Included Excursion
Visit the Thoi Binh hamlet and its farming and fishing communities that is untouched by tourism

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Day 14: Sa Đéc (Vietnam)

After a short sampan ride to Sa Đéc, enjoy a walking tour with a visit to the home of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, who inspired Marguerite Duras' celebrated novel, L'Amant, and the town's bustling central market.

Return to Emerald Harmony by sampan, then sail on to My An Hung Island. Recognised as a cultural and historical destination, this small rural village specialises in cultivating red-hot chilli and peppers and is known for its Monkey Bridge. As part of your EmeraldPLUS experience, listen to local folk singing during your visit.

EmeraldPLUS
Listen to some local folk singing in My An Hung

Included Excursion
A visit to My An

Hung village and its Monkey Bridge

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Day 14: My An Hung (Vietnam)

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Day 15: Giêng Island (Vietnam)

Known as 'Mango Island,' Cu Lao Gieng is a small, scenic island untouched by tourism, located along the upper Mekong River. Travel by local motorcycle rickshaw through the island's villages to visit families who work in a variety of local industries including Mango farming, different types of boat building and a factory making incense sticks for temples.

The afternoon is yours to enjoy at leisure on board, or alternatively, partake in a DiscoverMORE excursion to the Tam Nong Ramsar Bird Sanctuary in An Long. As part of our EmeraldPLUS experience, you'll delight in a traditional Lion Dance performance on board.

EmeraldPLUS A Lion Dance performance on board

Included Excursion See the local industries in Gieng Island

DiscoverMORE A visit to Tam Nong Ramsar Bird Sanctuary in Tram Chim National Park (extra expense)

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Day 15: Long An (Vietnam)

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Day 16: Tân Châu (Vietnam)

Embark on a sampan ride to Evergreen Island for a walk through a local village, giving you a glimpse into the lives of the local farming community. Reboard your sampan and return to Tan Chau and as part of our EmeraldPLUS experience, visit the local Cao Dai Temple. Cao Dai is a syncretic, monotheistic religion established in Tây Ninh, southern Vietnam, in 1926. At the temple, learn more about this fascinating and complex religion. Afterwards, ride in a Xe Loi (local form of cyclo) back to your sampan before returning to Emerald Harmony. Back on board your Star-Ship, you'll sail to the border between Vietnam and Cambodia.

EmeraldPLUS A visit to a local Cao Dai Temple and Xe Loi ride, unique to the Mekong Delta

Included Excursion A visit to Evergreen Island

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Day 17: Phnom Penh (Cambodia)

This morning, you'll awake in Cambodia's capital, Phnom Penh. Known as the 'Pearl of Asia,' the city was almost entirely evacuated by the Khmer Rouge in 1975. Today, you'll learn about the Khmer Rouge and the darkest days of Cambodia's history. A short drive will take you to the Killing Fields at Choeung Ek, where you'll have the opportunity to stroll through the fields, visit the memorial and understand more about this country's sombre chapter.

Afterwards, visit Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum (also known as 'S-21'), a former school converted to the Khmer Rouge's main prison and torture HQ. Spend the afternoon as you please, either exploring our DiscoverMORE excursions, visiting the Central Market located in the heart of Phnom Penh, or simply relaxing on board Emerald Harmony.

This evening, as part of your EmeraldPLUS experience, enjoy a remark (local Tuk-Tuk) tour through Phnom Penh to admire the city lights.

EmeraldPLUS
Phnom Penh by night on a remark (Tuk-Tuk) tour

Included Excursion
Killing Fields at Choeung Ek and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum

DiscoverMORE
A silk farm tour at Koh Oknha Tei (extra expense)

DiscoverMORE
Craft Beer Adventure by remark (extra expense)

DiscoverMORE
Samai Distillery (extra expense)

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Day 18: Phnom Penh (Cambodia)

Located north of Phnom Penh, Oudong was the former royal capital of Cambodia until it relocated to Phnom Penh in 1866. Start your day with a visit to the Oudong Monastery and Temples. Important remnants here include the burial sites of Khmer kings as well as religious artefacts dating back more than a century. In Oudong Monastery's main temple, receive a traditional Buddhist blessing from the resident monks, as part of your EmeraldPLUS experience. In the afternoon, you'll visit the majestic Royal Palace, with its French-inspired gardens and Silver Pagoda. Back on board, as part of your EmeraldPLUS experience, enjoy a cultural performance by the Cambodian Student and Children's Organisation. Afterwards, make the short sail to Prek K'Dam, gliding past Phnom Penh illuminated at night.

EmeraldPLUS
A traditional Buddhist Monk blessing

EmeraldPLUS
Cultural Performance by the Cambodian Student and Children's Organisation

Included Excursion
A visit to the Royal Palace

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Day 18: Oudong (Cambodia)

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Day 18: Prek Kdam (Cambodia)

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Day 19: Prek Kdam (Cambodia)

Disembark Emerald Harmony in the morning and continue by road to Siem Reap for your included three-night stay. Stay at your deluxe boutique property of world-class design that takes great care in honouring the environment and paying homage to the traditional and local aesthetics. This evening as part of your EmeraldPLUS programme, attend Phare, The Cambodian Circus, where a combination of acrobatics, music and dance tell a uniquely Cambodian story.

EmeraldPLUS
Phare Cambodian Circus performance

DiscoverMORE
Evening – Dinner at Phare Circus (extra expense)

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Day 19: Siem Reap (Cambodia)

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Day 20: Siem Reap (Cambodia)

Today, start with a visit to Angkor Thom, not a single temple such as the historic sites it neighbours, but rather one of the most remarkable royal cities of the Angkor Period and an architectural wonder. As the last capital of the Khmer Empire, it was a fortified city, home to priests, officials of the palace, military and buildings for administering the kingdom. Afterwards, visit the sacred Temple of Ta Prohm. In an incredible standoff between human creation and nature, the jungle's root systems have reclaimed this spiritual location now enshrouded in wild vegetation. The backdrop to many Hollywood scenes, the incredible Ta Prohm is both a cinematic and contemplative location. This evening is free to visit 'Pub Street' or try a DiscoverMORE option.

Included Excursion
Visit to Angkor Thom

Included Excursion
Visit to Ta Prohm Temple

DiscoverMORE
Evening – Sunset Drinks Gondola Boat at Bayon (extra expense)

DiscoverMORE
Evening - Cambodian Street Food Discovery Tour (extra expense)

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Day 21: Siem Reap (Cambodia)

Witness a mesmerising sunrise over Angkor Wat. Afterwards, walk through this magnificent UNESCO World Heritage-listed site, renowned for its intricate carvings. This afternoon, enjoy time at leisure to explore the town, or join a DiscoverMORE excursion. Later, as part of your EmeraldPLUS experience, enjoy an immersive evening and farewell dinner at Satcha Handicraft Centre, accompanied by an Apsara dance performance.

EmeraldPLUS Apsara dance performance and dinner show

Included Excursion Sunrise visit to Angkor Wat

DiscoverMORE Siem Reap Countryside by Vespa (extra expense)

DiscoverMORE Banteay Srei Temple and APOPO (extra expense)

DiscoverMORE Tonlé Sap (extra expense)

DiscoverMORE Khmer Cooking Class (extra expense)

DiscoverMORE Senteurs d'Angkor Workshop (extra expense)

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Day 22: Siem Reap (Cambodia)

After breakfast this morning, you will be transferred to the Siem Reap airport to catch your onward or homebound flight.

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