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Cruise Details

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Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Harmony
Regions:	Mekong
Departs On:	05 Jan 28
Departs From:	Hanoi
Arrives On:	28 Jan 28
Arrives At:	Luang Prabang
Cruise Nights:	23
Total Vacation Days:	24

Itinerary

Day 1: Hanoi (Vietnam)

Xin Chao and welcome to Vietnam. On arrival in the capital, Hanoi, you'll be transferred to the city and the Anatole Hotel or similar for your included one-night stay. Relax at the hotel, explore the historic streets of this ancient city, or take a stroll with the locals around wander Hanoi's romantic Hoàn Kiem Lake. This evening, you'll meet your Tour Director for your Welcome Dinner and briefing for the exciting days ahead.

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Day 2: Hanoi (Vietnam)

This morning after breakfast, you'll leave Hanoi and travel to UNESCO World Heritage-listed Halong Bay where you'll board your elegant Au Co cruise ship. Cruise through the bays, passing countless limestone Karst islets and soak up the magnificent scenery of one of the most spectacular natural wonders in Asia. Enjoy the immersive experiences available on board, learn

more about the key local livelihoods of the region, or simply choose to relax. Towards the end of the day, the ship will anchor for the night in the Trinh Nu area among breathtaking karst formations, where dinner will be served on board. Included Excursion
Two-night Halong Bay cruise on the elegant Au Co cruise ship: Sail through the limestone seascapes of Ha Long Bay on board the elegant Au Co. Discover forested islets and quiet coves as the bay’s dramatic karst formations unfold around you, combining immersive scenery with the relaxed atmosphere of cruising this World Heritage-listed landscape.

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Day 2: Ha Long Bay (Vietnam)

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Day 3: Ha Long Bay (Vietnam)

Today, continue cruising deeper into the region’s more untouched areas bound for serene Lan Ha Bay. From a smaller boat, enjoy swimming on secluded quiet coves and kayaking in Ho Ba Ham Lake. Later, you’ll pay a visit to Cua Van fishing village, which is reached by rowing boat. Spend the day at this charming community and enjoy a unique glimpse into the traditional life of Vietnamese fishermen and the surrounding natural beauty. Afterwards, you’ll return to your cruise ship and following dinner, can try your hand at squid fishing on board with the crew.

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Day 4: Ha Long Bay (Vietnam)

Enjoy the sunrise and breakfast. Then cruise through breathtaking rock formations and visit Sung Sot Cave, before arriving back at port for your transfer to Hanoi.

On arrival back in Hanoi, you’ll visit Hanoi’s Old Quarter also known as the ‘36 Streets’. This bustling area of narrow streets and alleys is home to literally thousands of small businesses and shopkeepers. It's a great place to explore with plenty of photo opportunities. Visit Hang Be Market, also located in the Old Quarter, before enjoying a walk around Hoàn Kiem Lake located in central Hanoi. Here walk across the red bridge to Ngoc Son Temple located on the Jade Islet within the lake.

Later, choose to enjoy an optional traditional water puppet show, a unique North Vietnamese art form depicting scenes from rural life and episodes of historical significance As part of EmeraldPLUS, you'll enjoy dinner at KOTO (Know One Teach One), a unique restaurant set up to train and educate disadvantaged children. EmeraldPLUS
Dinner at KOTO Restaurant: Dine at KOTO Restaurant, a Hanoi social enterprise that supports young people through hospitality training. Enjoy Vietnamese cuisine in a welcoming setting while learning how the organisation creates opportunities for its students and helps build brighter futures. Included Excursion
Hanoi’s Old Quarter:

Explore Hanoi’s Old Quarter, where narrow streets and traditional shopfronts reveal the city’s enduring character. Wander amid bustling markets, fragrant food stalls and historic temples, discovering a lively blend of local life, centuries-old trading traditions and Vietnamese culture. DiscoverMORE
Water Puppets with Backstage Pass (extra expense)
Enjoy a Hanoi Water Puppet performance, a centuries old cultural specialty of North Vietnam. Unlock its secrets with a special backstage pass to meet and interact with the puppeteers.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 1.5 hours

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Day 4: Hanoi (Vietnam)

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Day 5: Hanoi (Vietnam)

Begin your morning city tour and learn about ‘Uncle Ho’, Ho Chi Minh, regarded as the father of modern Vietnam. Admire the exterior of his imposing mausoleum, before continuing to the Ho Chi Minh Quarter to glimpse his humble stilt house and the small but iconic One Pillar Pagoda. Then explore the nearby Temple of Literature, Vietnam’s first university established to educate Vietnam’s royalty, mandarins and members of the elite. The university functioned for an incredible 700 years, and its charming gardens and well-preserved architecture offer a fascinating glimpse into the nation’s storied past.

Depart Hanoi and transfer to the airport for your included flight to Da Nang (Hoi An). Upon arrival in Hoi An, transfer to the Bel Marina Hoi An Resort or similar for your included three-night stay. Tonight you can join a DiscoverMORE excursion. Included Excursion
Hanoi’s City Tour, including the Temple of Literature: Discover Hanoi’s layered history and everyday energy on a city tour that introduces its cultural landmarks and streetscapes. Visit the Temple of Literature, Vietnam’s first national university, where tranquil courtyards, pavilions and stone stelae reflect centuries of scholarly tradition. DiscoverMORE
Hoi An Memories Show (extra expense)
With your VIP seats, travel through the history of Hoi An at the Hoi An Memories Show. Featuring more than 500 actors and dancers performing 400 years of history on a 25,000 square metre outdoor stage you’ll be mesmerised at the scale and theatre of the 70 minute show.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2.5 hours

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Day 5: Hoi An (Vietnam)

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Day 6: Hoi An (Vietnam)

Today, start with our EmeraldPLUS visit to the Reaching Out Project. Reaching Out is an NGO (non-governmental organisation) established in 2000, which provides opportunities for people with disabilities to learn skills and gain meaningful employment. After, enjoy a walking tour of Hoi An and see the old merchant's houses, the Japanese Covered Bridge and the Assembly Hall of the Chinese Congregation. Tonight, after a dinner menu sampling the local style street food, the evening is yours free to wander the historical lantern lit streets and their many shops or bars. EmeraldPLUS
Reaching Out Project: Visit the Reaching Out Project, a social enterprise supporting people with disabilities through vocational training and employment. Meet the artisans behind its handcrafted products and discover how traditional skills and creativity foster independence, confidence and meaningful connection within Hoi An's community. Included Excursion
A walking tour of Hoi An: Stroll through Hoi An's atmospheric old town, where lantern-lined streets, wooden merchant houses and bustling market stalls reveal centuries of trading history. Admire the Japanese Covered Bridge and elegant Chinese assembly halls, then absorb the distinctive blend of Vietnamese, Chinese and Japanese influences that shapes this World Heritage-listed town.

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Day 7: Hoi An (Vietnam)

Enjoy a day of leisure to explore Hoi An and its surroundings. Perhaps take the time to explore the Old Town and visit one of the many tailors Hoi An is known for, or take a cyclo (bicycle style rickshaw) to An Bang Beach. Alternatively venture out on one of our DiscoverMORE excursions. The choice is yours. DiscoverMORE
My Son Historic Kingdom Tour (extra expense)
Today, you will visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed ruins of My Son Here you will learn about the Cham culture, its rulers and their impressive reign. Take a moment to soak up the atmosphere and imagine what My Son was like in its heyday.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3.5 hours DiscoverMORE
Hoi An Rural Life (extra expense)
Head into the tranquil countryside for an unforgettable Hoi An cycling tour. Discover unknown regions of Hoi An, from ancient temples and water coconut forests to communal organic gardens — where you can help out with the local work! Paddle to lunch in a traditional basket boat before being rewarded with a delicious local feast.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 6.5 hours DiscoverMORE
Red Bridge Cooking Class (extra expense)
Indulge in the wonderful flavours of Vietnamese cooking during a hands-on cooking class at the Red Bridge Cooking School. After buying your ingredients at Hoi An's morning market with your chef, take their boat along the Thu Bon River to the school, walk through the herb garden, then indulge in a hands-on cooking class and self-made lunch.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 3.5 hours

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Day 8: Hoi An (Vietnam)

Leave Hoi An for Hue, the former imperial capital of Vietnam. You will drive through Danang before crossing the Hai Vân Pass, known as the Ocean Clouds Pass before dropping down to the wonderfully photogenic fishing village of Lang Co. In Hue, you will visit the Imperial Citadel where the Nguyen Dynasty ruled between 1802 and 1945. Enjoy a relaxing cyclo (bicycle-style rickshaw) ride from Dai Noi 'Old City' to Tinh Tam Lake where the Emperors where the emperors used to go to relax. Then later check into the Indochine Palace for the night. This evening, for your EmeraldPLUS experience, savour a traditional Vietnamese royal dinner menu. EmeraldPLUS
A traditional Vietnamese royal dinner at a local restaurant: Enjoy a traditional Vietnamese royal dinner, inspired by the refined culinary traditions of Vietnam's imperial courts. Savour beautifully presented regional dishes in an elegant local setting, where time-honoured flavours and gracious hospitality create a memorable cultural dining experience.

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Day 8: Hue (Vietnam)

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Day 9: Hue (Vietnam)

Today, you'll be transferred to Hue airport for your flight south to Ho Chi Minh City, also known as Saigon. After checking into Sheraton Saigon Grand Opera Hotel or similar in downtown District 1, you are free at leisure to explore Vietnam's largest and most dynamic city. Take a stroll around the historic centre to admire the impressive French colonial architecture, or enjoy one of the many Saigonese restaurants and cafés.

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Day 9: Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam)

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Day 10: 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: Explore

the Cu Chi Tunnels, an extensive underground network used during the Vietnam War. Learn how Vietnamese fighters lived and moved through this complex system, gaining a powerful insight into the ingenuity, resilience and human experience shaped by the conflict. DiscoverMORE
Dinner and show at Chào Vietnam: A Cultural Symphony (extra expense)
Also known as the "The Sound of Vietnam" Chào Show is a multi-sensory 90 minute live cultural performance that blends traditional Vietnamese music with modern stage technology and traditional Vietnamese dishes.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 1.5 hours DiscoverMORE
Saigon After Dark by Vintage Jeep (extra expense)
Ho Chi Minh City shines at night and there is no better way to see and taste the street food of Vietnam's commercial centre than by a vintage US Army Jeep. Try local street food at local restaurants with drinks, visit the night flower market and conclude the evening with a visit to a rooftop bar to enjoy a panoramic view of the city for a final nightcap.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 4 hours

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Day 11: Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam)

After checkout, enjoy a guided city tour, 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 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: Discover Ho Chi Minh City's dynamic blend of French colonial architecture, Vietnamese heritage and modern energy. Explore its lively streets and landmark buildings, gaining an engaging introduction to the city's history, culture and everyday rhythm.

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Day 12: 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 authentic farming and fishing communities: Discover Thoi Binh hamlet, where farming and fishing shape the rhythm of daily life. Meet local residents and gain an insight into the traditional practices that sustain this Mekong Delta community, surrounded by peaceful waterways and rural landscapes.

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Day 13: Sa Déc (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. As part of your EmeraldPLUS experience, listen to local folk singing during your visit. EmeraldPLUS
Listen to local folk singing in My An Hung: In My An Hung, listen to local folk singing that brings the village's cultural traditions to life. The gentle melodies and shared performance offer a warm insight into the community's heritage and everyday spirit. Included Excursion
Mr. Huynh Thuy Le and bustling Sa Đéc: Discover the lively Mekong town of Sa Đéc, where colourful market stalls and riverside streets reveal everyday local life. Visit the former home of Huynh Thuy Le, whose romance with French novelist Marguerite Duras inspired The Lover, and explore its blend of Chinese, French and Vietnamese architectural influences. Included Excursion
My An Hung Village: Step into everyday life in My An Hung, a rural village in the Mekong Delta. Discover traditional Vietnamese customs through local crafts and cultural performances, meet residents and experience the warmth of a community where time-honoured traditions remain part of daily life.

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Day 13: My An Hung (Vietnam)

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Day 14: 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. After arriving at Tan Chau, as part of our EmeraldPLUS experience, you'll delight in a traditional Lion Dance performance on board. EmeraldPLUS
Lion Dance on board: Enjoy a traditional lion dance performed by young artists from rural Vietnam. Colourful lions, dragons and unicorns move to the rhythmic sound of drums, cymbals and gongs in a vibrant performance believed to ward off evil spirits and welcome good fortune. Included Excursion
Local industries on Gieng Island: Discover the local industries of Gieng Island, where skilled artisans preserve traditional livelihoods passed down through generations. Visit family-run workshops to see the work behind handmade crafts and local produce, gaining an engaging insight into the island's resourceful community and enduring traditions.

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Day 14: Tân Châu (Vietnam)

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Day 15: 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, where you will 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. Included Excursion
A visit to Evergreen Island: Explore Evergreen Island, where peaceful waterways and lush landscapes reveal the rhythms of Mekong Delta life. Wander through rural lanes and meet local residents, discovering everyday traditions shaped by the island's close connection to the river. Included Excursion
Local Cao Dai Temple and Xe Loi ride: Visit a local Cao Dai Temple to discover the distinctive beliefs and vivid symbolism of this Vietnamese faith. Then ride by xe lôi, a traditional form of transport unique to the Mekong Delta, along rural lanes framed by everyday village life and verdant landscapes.

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Day 16: 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 remork (local Tuk-Tuk) tour through Phnom Penh to admire the city lights. EmeraldPLUS
Phnom Penh by night on a remork (Tuk-Tuk) tour: See Phnom Penh after dark from a traditional remork, Cambodia's tuk-tuk. Travel through lively streets and past illuminated landmarks, taking in the capital's changing rhythm as markets, cafés and evening gatherings bring the city to life. Included Excursion
Killing Fields at Choeung Ek and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum: Visit the Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum for a respectful insight into Cambodia's Khmer Rouge era. Reflect among the memorials at Choeung Ek, then explore the former S-21 prison, bearing witness to those who suffered during this devastating period. DiscoverMORE
Koh Oknha Tei and Silk Farm Discovery (extra expense)
Board a ferry boat and cross the Mekong River to Koh Oknha Tei Island. Travel by tuk-tuk through the local villages and learn about the farmers lives with a stop at a villager's house for some local fruit tasting. Continue to Chamka Snae Silk Craft where you can witness the entire process of silk creation, through the life cycle of the silk worm, to the harvesting of the silk cocoons and the creation of beautiful silk weavings on wooden hand looms. Best of all, you may find a lovely handmade souvenir of what you saw being created.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2.5 hours DiscoverMORE
Craft Beer Adventure by remork (extra expense)
Travelling around Phnom Penh by local remork, visit a couple of local breweries to enjoy a tour of their facilities, and of course, some samples of their craft and local pub grub. Try tasting boards of some of Cambodia's best–selling craft beers to determine which is your favourite to try again! The tour includes lively visits to an underground brewery, cosy beer gardens, personal brewery tours with the brewers, when available, giving you the opportunity to mix with the locals and expats at their favourite hangouts.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2.5 hours DiscoverMORE
Samai Distillery (extra expense)
Embark on an immersive journey through the art of rum-making at Samai, Cambodia's first premium rum distillery. Delve into the meticulous process behind creating handcrafted local rums, each one a testament to the unique flavour profiles and character derived from Cambodia's rich terroir and natural resources. Engage your senses as you explore the raw materials, savour signature rum tastings, and uncover the secrets of crafting creative rum cocktails. Elevate your experience and skills with a hands-on bartending techniques training session led by an expert mixologist, where you'll create your own cocktails. Then, immerse yourself

in the vibrant atmosphere of the free-flow bar, accompanied by Latin music and a selection of cold cuts, as you soak in the ambiance before returning to the ship.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2.5 hours

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Day 17: 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 set sail, gliding past the illuminated Phnom Penh at night, to Rokar Koang, a small town located further up along the up the Mekong River. EmeraldPLUS
A traditional Buddhist Monk blessing: Receive a traditional blessing from a Buddhist monk in a local pagoda. Learn how to pray and take part in a meaningful ceremony that supports the resident monks' daily meal, gaining a respectful insight into Cambodian spiritual traditions. EmeraldPLUS
Cultural Performance by the Cambodian Student and Children's Organisation: Enjoy an engaging performance by young Cambodian artists, where traditional music and dance share stories of the country's cultural heritage. Colourful costumes, graceful movements and live melodies create an uplifting celebration of Cambodia's enduring artistic traditions. Included Excursion
Visit to the Royal Palace: Explore Phnom Penh's Royal Palace, the ceremonial residence of Cambodia's monarchy. Admire its ornate Khmer architecture, gilded roofs and elegant courtyards, then visit the Silver Pagoda, home to treasured Buddhist artworks. This striking complex offers a vivid introduction to Cambodia's royal traditions and spiritual heritage.

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Day 17: Oudong (Cambodia)

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Day 17: Rokar Koang (Vietnam)

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Day 18: Rokar Koang (Vietnam)

Disembark Emerald Harmony in the morning and continue by road to Siem Reap for your included three-night stay. Stay at the beautiful Shinta Mani, a 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. Take advantage of our DiscoverMORE dinner at the circus to further support Phare's work. EmeraldPLUS
Phare Cambodian Circus performance: Experience Phare Circus, where theatre, music, dance and contemporary circus arts bring Cambodian stories to life. Performed by young artists from Phare Ponleu Selpak's vocational training centre, each show explores the country's history, folklore and contemporary life with energy and heart. DiscoverMORE
Evening – Local Fare at Phare Circus (extra expense)
Between Phare Boutique and the big top, you will discover Phare Café, an outdoor local 'hawker market' serving drinks, snacks and delicious Asian inspired meals. Start your evening entertainment dining at the Cambodian Street Food Festival. With your voucher grab a table and choose your dinner with drinks from a selection of Cambodian and other Asian specialty food stalls, all whilst enjoying the pre-show performances. By having dinner here you are further supporting the great work and mission of Phare's social enterprise.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 1.5 hours

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Day 18: Siem Reap (Cambodia)

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Day 19: 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: Explore Angkor Thom, the last great capital of the Khmer Empire. Enter through its monumental gates and discover the Bayon Temple, renowned for its serene stone faces, alongside the Terrace of the Elephants. Ancient carvings and towering ruins reveal the scale and artistry of Cambodia's

imperial past. Included Excursion
Visit to Ta Prohm Temple: Explore Ta Prohm, where ancient stone corridors and carved towers are entwined with towering tree roots. Built during the Khmer Empire, this atmospheric temple blends intricate architecture with the surrounding jungle, creating one of Angkor's most evocative and distinctive settings. DiscoverMORE
Siem Reap Countryside by Vespa (extra expense)
Riding on the back of an iconic and elegant Vespa scooter, this is a tour like no other. This incredible tour will take you in style to the most authentic and fun experiences available in Siem Reap. You will be driven away from the tourists and into the Cambodian countryside where the splendour of these striking surroundings and its local people will let you discover a new side to Cambodia away from the temples. Exotic foods, drinks and experiences will let you experience Khmer life in the way the Khmer people do.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 3 hours DiscoverMORE
Gondola Boat ride at Bayon with drinks (extra expense)
On the moat of Angkor Thom, cruise the waters surrounding the ancient city wall in a private gondola paddle boat. Enjoy the scenery as you sip your sparkling wine and enjoy canapes on a 40-minute paddle out to the southwest corner of the wall. Enjoy the setting sun from your gondola boat before returning back to the South Gate of the city.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 2.5 hours

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Day 20: 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, accompanied by an Apsara dance performance. Included Excursion
Sunrise visit to Angkor Wat: Watch dawn break over Angkor Wat, as the temple's iconic towers emerge against the changing sky. Explore the world's largest religious monument, where detailed bas-reliefs and grand galleries reveal the artistry and spiritual legacy of the Khmer Empire. EmeraldPLUS
Apsara dance performance and dinner show: Experience the grace of Cambodia's classical Apsara dance, where elegant hand gestures, intricate costumes and live traditional music bring ancient stories to life. This captivating performance celebrates the artistry and enduring cultural heritage of the Khmer people. DiscoverMORE
Banteay Srei Temple and APOPO (extra expense)
This afternoon travel to the "gem" of the Angkor area, the pretty temple of Banteay Srei. The so- called "Citadel of the Women" was built between the 11th and 13th century and remains the best preserved temple in Cambodia. It displays some of the finest examples of classical Khmer art as this small temple is noted for its truly remarkable fine bas-reliefs, depicting Hindu god Shiva. Banteay Srei is unique in that it is constructed of pink sandstone, which is seen nowhere else in Angkor. Continue on to the APOPO visitor centre for an exclusive

tour of this fascinating and life-saving organization. Spend up to an hour learning about the devastating impact of explosives that lie buried in the Cambodian countryside and get first-hand experience about this creative solution to the problem.
Activity Level: Active, Duration: 3 hours DiscoverMORE
Tonle Sap and Lotus Textiles (extra expense)
Tonle Sap is the largest lake in Southeast Asia as well as a UNESCO Biosphere site due to its ecology and endangered flora and fauna. The lake is of extreme importance to Cambodians who live on it and earn their living from fishing. The uniqueness of this lake lies in the fact that the water feeding it changes directions twice annually. As a result, the lake bottoms out during the dry season but can then swell by over 10 meters in the rainy season. You will have the unique opportunity to visit some of the local floating villages located on the lake and experience the lifestyle of these inhabitants. Before returning to your hotel, visit a local Cambodian handicraft factory, Samato Lotus Textiles to see how many products can be made from the flower of the Lotus.
Activity Level: Active Duration: 3.5 hours DiscoverMORE
Khmer Village Cooking Class (extra expense)
Uncover the secrets of Khmer cuisine with a hands-on Siem Reap cooking class. Join a chef to prepare the meal step by step, from buying the ingredients at a local market, to cooking them up in a traditional village kitchen. Taste delicious dishes and embrace the local culture throughout the experience.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours DiscoverMORE
Senteurs d’Angkor Workshop (extra expense)
Visit this Botanical garden to learn all about Cambodia’s herbs, spices and fruits and see locals at work in workshops dedicated to the preservation of the arts and crafts of Cambodia. Through the different workshop stations, be guided by the scents and flavours of Cambodia as local artisans make by hand soap with coconut oil, natural cosmetics, subtly scented balms, aromatic candles and also their packaging called “smok” and “krebei riel” boxes. Try your hand at making your own lip balm and packaging to take home as a keepsake.
Activity Level: Easy, Duration: 3.5 hours

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Day 21: Siem Reap (Cambodia)

After a morning at leisure in Siem Reap, join your included flight to Luang Prabang and enjoy a three-night stay at the Villa Maly Hotel or similar, walking distance to the famous night markets.

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Day 21: Luang Prabang (Laos)

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Day 22: Luang Prabang (Laos)

Discover key landmarks within the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town, including the exquisite, 16th century temple, Wat Xieng Thong and former Royal Palace, now converted into the National Museum. Later, enjoy a boat cruise along the Mekong River, stopping at a local village which specialises in traditional rice wine before continuing to the Pak Ou Caves.

After returning to Luang Prabang, let the locals show you how to play Pétanque, also known as Petong in Laos. Tonight, enjoy your free time, perhaps shopping for souvenirs and sampling local cuisine at the vibrant night market. Included Excursion
Pak Ou Caves – Cruise along the Mekong River by long boat to Pak Ou Caves, a sacred grotto crammed with thousands of miniature Buddha statues and images made of wood, resin, and bronze. Originally sites of animist river-spirit worship, the caves became Buddhist sanctuaries under royal patronage starting in the 15th and 16th centuries

Arrives On: 26 Jan 28

Day 23: Luang Prabang (Laos)

Rise early to witness the incredible sight of Buddhist monks move silently through the atmospheric streets as they collect alms. Later, travel to Kuang Si waterfalls. This afternoon, join an Emerald DiscoverMORE excursion, before enjoying your Farewell Dinner with your fellow guests this evening. Included Excursion
Drive to Kuang Si waterfalls, a set of picturesque, tiered falls and swimming holes set amongst the lush, dense jungle, located about 29 kilometres south of the town of Luang Prabang. The main fall has a drop of over 60 metres. DiscoverMORE
Ock Pop Tok Living Craft Centre – natural dyeing class (extra expense)
Set in lush tropical gardens and located on the banks of the Mekong, the Living Crafts Centre is the perfect place to learn more about the fascinating world of Lao textiles and handicrafts. The Centre brings the concept of “East Meets West” alive. Alongside our Master Weavers and experienced teachers, learn more about the textiles and traditional crafts of Laos. Try your hand at natural clothe dyeing and bring home a one-of-a-kind souvenir.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours DiscoverMORE
Ban Chan (Laos Pottery House) – Pottery lesson (extra expense)
Travel by local tuk tuk and ferry to the small village of Ban Chan Nua. After a short tour of the village to learn all about its history in pottery production including seeing the pottery centre, a traditional kiln as well as the brick factory, create your own unique souvenir from clay and learn traditional Lao pottery techniques. Since the firing process will take at least 2 weeks, you will be offered to choose a piece that is already fired from a prepared selection instead to take home.
Activity Level: Moderate, Duration: 3 hours

Arrives On: 27 Jan 28

Day 24: Luang Prabang (Laos)

This morning after breakfast, bid farewell to Laos and transfer to the airport for your included flight to Thailand and its vibrant capital, Bangkok, where your extraordinary Indochina journey ends. Emerald Cruises transfers are only available for flights departing out of Bangkok after 07:00 PM. Rivers and waterways are subject to variations in water levels. While every effort is made to adhere to the planned itinerary, changes in river conditions, ad hoc local government regulations or local festivities may require journey modifications. These will be made based on the advice of local authorities or for safety reasons. Hotels are indicative and are subject to change.

Arrives On: 28 Jan 28

Day 24: Bangkok (Thailand)

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