



## Cruise Details

Name:	8-Day Majestic Mekong Cruise
Reference:	EMERALDEWVC030126-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Harmony
Regions:	Mekong
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Departs On:	03 Jan 26
Departs From:	Ho Chi Minh City
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Arrives On:	10 Jan 26
Arrives At:	Phnom Penh
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Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

## Itinerary

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

On arrival, you'll be transferred downtown to the Sheraton Saigon Hotel and Towers before transferring to the Saigon Port to board your Emerald Cruises award-winning Star-Ship. You'll be welcomed on board Emerald Harmony by your captain and crew before setting sail after lunch down the Saigon River towards Ben Tre, in the Mekong Delta. This evening, enjoy your first dinner on board with your fellow guests and an informative port talk hosted by your Cruise Director.

Please book your flight to arrive into Ho Chi Minh City prior to 08:30 AM.

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### Day 2: Ben Tre (Vietnam)

This morning, sail through the bustling Cho Gao, one of the major arterial canals of Vietnam connecting Tien Giang Province in the Mekong Delta with Ho Chi Minh City. Today makes a fascinating morning watching the heavy commercial traffic navigate this important waterway, which can see upwards of 1,800 vessels transit each day. This afternoon, once on the Mekong River, you'll visit Tan My Floating community, followed by a ride through the local plantations to visit a mushroom farm, a fruit farm with sampling and a honey farm with local sweets. You'll then return to Emerald Harmony to sail onwards to Sa Đéc, a hidden gem on the Mekong Delta.

**Included Excursion** Visit Thoi Binh hamlet and its farming and fishing communities, untouched by tourism

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### Day 3: Sa Đéc (Vietnam)

After a short sampan ride to Sa Đéc, enjoy a walking tour around town with a stop at the home of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, who inspired Marguerite Duras' celebrated novel, L'Amant, and a walk through the town's central market to peruse its varied produce.

Return to Emerald Harmony by sampan and sail to My An Hung Island. Recognised as a cultural and historical destination, this small Mekong Delta village specialises in cultivating red-hot chilli and peppers. As part of your EmeraldPLUS experience, enjoy some 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 3: My An Hung (Vietnam)

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### Day 4: 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 4: Long An (Vietnam)

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#### Day 5: 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 6: 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

**Included Excursion**

Killing

Fields at Choeung Ek and Tuol Sleng Genocide

Museum

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

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Craft Beer Adventure by remork (extra expense)

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Samai Distillery (extra expense)

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#### Day 7: 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.

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A traditional Buddhist Monk blessing

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Cultural Performance by the Cambodian Student and Children's Organisation

[Included Excursion](#)

A visit to the Royal Palace

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#### Day 8: Phnom Penh (Cambodia)

Disembark Emerald Harmony in the morning and transfer to Phnom Penh airport for your onward or homebound flight.

Please book your flight to depart out of Phnom Penh after 11:00 AM.

This itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons such as high and low water. As such, the cruise may operate altered from that stated above.

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For more information on this cruise, please call +44 (0)1202 767926.

