



## Cruise Details

Name:	10-Day Meandering Majestic Mekong Cruise
Reference:	EMERALDEWVL230925-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Harmony
Regions:	Mekong
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Departs On:	23 Sep 25
Departs From:	Ho Chi Minh City
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Arrives On:	02 Oct 25
Arrives At:	Phnom Penh
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Cruise Nights:	9
Total Vacation Days:	10

## Itinerary

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

Xin Chao and welcome to Ho Chi Minh City (former Saigon), Vietnam's largest city. On arrival, you'll be transferred to the Sheraton Saigon Hotel and Towers, before transferring to Saigon Port to board your Emerald Cruises award-winning Star-Ship. You'll be welcomed aboard Emerald Harmony by your captain and crew, before setting sail after lunch down the Saigon River to Cho Gao canal. 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: Chợ Gạo (Vietnam)

The Cho Gao canal is one of Vietnam's major arterial canals, connecting Tien Giang Province in the Mekong Delta with Ho Chi Minh City. You'll find it fascinating to watch the heavy commercial traffic navigate this important waterway, which sees upwards of 1,800 vessels transit each day. During your morning of relaxation on board, soak up the ever-changing passing scenery, enjoy a refreshing dip in the infinity pool, or indulge in a spa treatment (at additional cost). This afternoon, you'll visit the Tan My Floating community followed by a ride through the local 'Delta plantations', visiting a mushroom farm, a fruit farm with sampling and a honey farm with local sweets before returning to Emerald Harmony to sail onwards to Sa Đéc, a hidden gem on the Mekong Delta.

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

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### Day 2: Ben Tre (Vietnam)

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### Day 3: Sa Đéc (Vietnam)

After a short ride on a sampan to Sa Dec enjoy a walking tour around town with a stop at the home of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, who inspired Marguerite Duras' novel L'Amant, and enjoy a walk through the 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 village in rural Vietnam specialises in red-hot chilli and peppers. As part of our Emerald**PLUS** programme, enjoy some local folk singing during the visit.

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Listen to some local folk singing in My An Hung

**Included Excursion**  
A visit to the bustling Sa Dec Markets and the home of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le

**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 various local industries, including mango farming, boat

construction and production of temple incense sticks. This afternoon sail to An Long.

**Included Excursion**  
See the local industries in Gieng Island

Arrives On: 26 Sep 25

#### Day 5: Long An (Vietnam)

Today is yours to enjoy your free time on board or, if you prefer, partake in a DiscoverMORE optional excursion to the Tam Nong Ramsar Bird Sanctuary in An Long. As part of your EmeraldPLUS experience, you can enjoy a traditional Lion Dance performance on board.

**EmeraldPLUS**  
A Lion Dance performance on board

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

Arrives On: 27 Sep 25

#### Day 6: Tân Châu (Vietnam)

In Tan Chau, embark on a sampan ride to Evergreen Island for a walk through a local village, affording a glimpse into the 'Delta farming community'. Reboard your sampan returning to Tan Chau and as part of your EmeraldPLUS experience, visit a 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 reboarding Emerald Harmony. You'll then cruise to the border between Vietnam and Cambodia.

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Cao Dai Temple visit and Xe Loi ride

**Included Excursion**  
A visit to Evergreen Island

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#### Day 7: Phnom Penh (Cambodia)

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

Afterwards, visit the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum (infamously known as 'S-21'), a former school converted to the Khmer Rouge's

main prison and torture HQ. Spend the afternoon at leisure, exploring our DiscoverMORE excursions, visiting the vibrant Central Market, or relaxing on board.

Later, as part of your EmeraldPLUS experience, you'll enjoy an evening remark (local Tuk-Tuk) ride through Phnom Penh, admiring 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 Rum Distillery visit (extra expense)

Arrives On: 29 Sep 25

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

In the morning visit the majestic Royal Palace with its gardens and Silver Pagoda. Once back on board, as part of your EmeraldPLUS experience, you'll enjoy a cultural performance by the Cambodian Student and Children's Organisation. After lunch set sail from Phnom Penh and enjoy an afternoon of relaxed sailing as you cruise further up the Mekong River to Angkor Ban.

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Cultural Performance by the Cambodian Student and Children's Organisation  
**Included Excursion**  
A visit to the Royal Palace

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#### Day 8: Angkor Ban (Cambodia)

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#### Day 9: Angkor Ban (Cambodia)

In Angkor Ban, explore its historical rural wooden houses which survived the Khmer Rouge and visit a classroom that teaches English to the local students, after their regular school lessons. In the village temple learn how to pray in a Buddhist pagoda and you'll receive a traditional Buddhist blessing from the temple's resident monks as part of your EmeraldPLUS excursion. Afterwards set sail to your final destination, Peam Chi Korng located further upstream on the Mekong River.

**EmeraldPLUS**  
A traditional Buddhist Monk blessing  
**Included Excursion**  
Walk around the historical village of Angkor Ban

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## Day 9: Peam Chi Kang (Cambodia)

Arrives On: 01 Oct 25

## Day 10: Phnom Penh (Cambodia)

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

Please book your flight to depart out of Phnom Penh after 10:00 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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