Cruise Details

Name:	Wonders of Vietnam, Cambodia & the Mekong
Reference:	EMERALDEWVS261226-19
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Harmony
Regions:	Asia
Departs On:	26 Dec 26
Departs From:	Ho Chi Minh City
Arrives On:	09 Jan 27
Arrives At:	Siem Reap
Cruise Nights:	14
Total Vacation Days:	15

Itinerary

Day 1: Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam)

Xin Chao and welcome to Ho Chi Minh City! 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 2: 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
Saigon After Dark by Vintage Jeep (extra expense)

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Day 3: 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

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Day 4: Chợ Gạo (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 find this a fascinating sight, observing the heavy commercial traffic navigate this important waterway, where 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).

Once on the Mekong River, this afternoon you'll visit the rural 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 cruise onwards to Sa Đéc, a Mekong Delta hidden gem. Included Excursion
Visit the Thoi Binh hamlet and its authentic farming and fishing communities

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Day 4: Ben Tre (Vietnam)

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Day 5: Sa Déc (Vietnam)

This morning is a leisurely cruise to Sa Đéc.

Later this afternoon, take a short ride on a sampan to arrive in Sa Đéc, a delightful old provincial city in the heart of the Mekong Delta. Enjoy a walking tour around town with a visit to the home of local resident, Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, who inspired Marguerite Duras' novel L'Amant ('The Lover,'), and the town's bustling central market to peruse its varied produce.

Afterwards return to Emerald Harmony by sampan to anchor for the night. Included Excursion
Visit the home of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le and the bustling Sa Đéc markets

Arrives On: 30 Dec 26

Day 6: My An Hung (Vietnam)

After a short sail with breakfast, transfer ashore by sampan to explore the village life on My An Hung Island. Recognised as a cultural and historical destination, this small village in rural Vietnam specialises in red-hot chilli and peppers. For today's EmeraldPLUS experience, enjoy some local folk singing during the visit to this charming riverine community.

After returning to Emerald Harmony, enjoy an afternoon cruise to Gieng Island. Included Excursion
Visit My An Hung
Village EmeraldPLUS
Listen to local folk singing in My An Hung

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Day 7: Giêng Island (Vietnam)

Locally known as 'Mango Island,' Cu Lao Gieng is a small, picturesque 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, various types of boat construction and a factory that produces temple incense sticks.

The afternoon is yours to enjoy at leisure on board as we cruise to Tan Chau. Upon arrival and for today's EmeraldPLUS experience, delight in a traditional Lion Dance performance on the Sun Deck of Emerald Harmony. Included Excursion
Visit local industries in Gieng Island EmeraldPLUS
Lion Dance performance on board Emerald Harmony

Arrives On: 01 Jan 27

Day 8: Tân Châu (Vietnam)

In Tan Chau, embark on a sampan ride to Evergreen Island for a walk through a local village, affording an insightful glimpse into the 'Delta farming community'. You'll then reboard your sampan returning to Tan Chau for a visit to a local Cao Dai Temple. Cao Dai is a syncretic, monotheistic

religion established in Tây Ninh, Southern Vietnam, in 1926. At the temple, you can learn more about the hybrid of philosophies that form the basis of this fascinating and complex religion. Afterwards, take a ride in a Xe Loi, a local form of Cyclo unique to the Mekong Delta, back to your sampan and return to Emerald Harmony. Back on board your Emerald Star-Ship, you'll cruise towards the border between Vietnam and Cambodia. Included Excursion
Visit to Evergreen Island, a Cao Dai Temple visit and Xe Loi ride

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Day 9: Phnom Penh (Cambodia)

Welcome to Cambodia. Today, you'll awake in Cambodia's capital, Phnom Penh. Known as the 'Pearl of Asia' during the French Indochina-era, this city was almost entirely evacuated by the Khmer Rouge regime 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 stroll 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 headquarters. Spend the afternoon as you please, either joining one of our Emerald DiscoverMORE excursions, visiting the Central Market located at in the heart of Phnom Penh, or simply relaxing on board Emerald Harmony.

This evening, as part of your EmeraldPLUS experience, you'll enjoy an evening remork (local Tuk-Tuk) excursion through Phnom Penh, admiring the glittering city lights. Included Excursion
Killing Fields at Choeung Ek and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum EmeraldPLUS
Phnom Penh by night on a remork (Tuk-Tuk) tour DiscoverMORE
A silk farm tour at Koh Oknha Tei (extra expense) DiscoverMORE
Craft Beer Adventure by remork (extra expense) DiscoverMORE
Samai Distillery (extra expense)

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Day 10: Phnom Penh (Cambodia)

In the morning visit the majestic Royal Palace, captivating with its French-inspired 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 cruising as you continue further up the Mekong River to Angkor Ban. Included Excursion
Visit to the Royal Palace EmeraldPLUS
Cultural Performance by the Cambodian Student and Children’s Organisation

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Day 10: Angkor Ban (Cambodia)

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Day 11: Angkor Ban (Cambodia)

In Angkor Ban, explore its historical rural wooden houses which survived the Khmer Rouge. In the village temple, partake in an alm’s ceremony, learn how to pray in a Buddhist pagoda and receive a traditional Buddhist blessing from the temple’s resident monks from as part of your EmeraldPLUS experience. Afterwards set sail to your final destination, Peam Chi Korng located further upstream on the Mekong River. Included Excursion
Walk around the historical village of Angkor Ban EmeraldPLUS
A traditional Buddhist Monk blessing

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Day 11: Peam Chi Kang (Cambodia)

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Day 12: Peam Chi Kang (Cambodia)

Disembark Emerald Harmony in the morning, then continue your journey by road to Siem Reap for your included three-night stay. Upon arrival in this lively northern city, check into your beautiful hotel, a deluxe boutique property of world-class design, which takes great care in honouring the environment and paying homage to the traditional and local aesthetics. This evening, for your EmeraldPLUS experience, you’re invited to Phare, The Cambodian Circus, where a combination of acrobatics, music and dance tell a uniquely Cambodian story. Enjoy a special Emerald DiscoverMORE dinner while attending the circus, to further support Phare’s work. EmeraldPLUS
Phare Cambodian Circus performance DiscoverMORE
Evening – Local Fare at Phare Circus (extra expense)

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Day 12: Siem Reap (Cambodia)

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Day 13: 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 – Gondola Boat ride at Banyon with drinks (extra expense) DiscoverMORE
Evening - Cambodian Street Food Discovery Tour (extra expense)

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Day 14: 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 EmeraldPLUS
Cultural night dinner show with Apsara dance performance DiscoverMORE
Siem Reap Countryside by Vespa (extra expense) DiscoverMORE
Banteay Srei Temple and APOPO (extra expense) DiscoverMORE
Tonlé Sap and Lotus Workshop (extra expense, operating Aug-Feb only) DiscoverMORE
Khmer Cooking Class (extra expense) DiscoverMORE
Senteurs d’Angkor Workshop (extra expense)

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Day 15: Siem Reap (Cambodia)

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

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