



Cruise Details

Name:	Discover Vietnam & beyond by ocean and river
Reference:	EMERALDYMSS240129-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Xara
Regions:	Australia & New Zealand
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Departs On:	24 Jan 29
Departs From:	Singapore
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Arrives On:	13 Feb 29
Arrives At:	Siem Reap
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Cruise Nights:	20
Total Vacation Days:	21

Itinerary

Day 1: Singapore (Singapore)

Your cruise begins in Singapore, where you'll be transferred to your luxury Emerald yacht to begin your journey through the captivating waters of Southeast Asia. With its striking skyline, bustling neighbourhoods, and world-class dining, Singapore offers the perfect introduction to the remarkable destinations that await on your unforgettable voyage. Please book your flight to arrive into Singapore prior to 02:00 PM.

Arrives On: 24 Jan 29

Day 2: Singapore (Singapore)

Enjoy a full day in the vibrant city of Singapore. Explore its striking skyline, diverse cultural districts, and lush gardens at your own pace, or simply relax on board and take in the harbour views. This is your chance to experience the city's unique blend of modern innovation and rich heritage before your voyage continues.

Arrives On: 25 Jan 29

Day 3: Bintan Island (Indonesia)

Pulau Bintan has a relaxed blend of tropical landscapes and resort-style leisure just across the waters from Singapore. The island has many coastal resorts in the Lagoi area, but there are still peaceful beaches and extensive mangrove ecosystems that can be explored by boat. Its appeal lies in its natural surroundings and easy-going island atmosphere.

Arrives On: 26 Jan 29

Day 4: Tioman (Malaysia)

Pulau Tioman is a lush, jungle-covered island known for its dramatic mountain backdrop, clear waters and relaxed coastal villages. Tekek Bay serves as a gateway to the island's natural beauty, offering opportunities for beach relaxation, snorkelling and exploration of its laid-back island lifestyle.

Arrives On: 27 Jan 29

Day 5: Anambas Islands (Indonesia)

The Anambas Archipelago is a remote cluster of islands in the waters of Southeast Asia, celebrated for its crystal-clear lagoons, coral reefs and untouched tropical landscapes.

Arrives On: 28 Jan 29

Day 6: Anambas Islands (Indonesia)

With limited development and a true sense of seclusion, Anambas Archipelago promises one of Indonesia's most pristine island experiences. Your luxury Emerald yacht offers the best ways to explore here, with excursions by Zodiac, kayak or stand-up paddleboard, depending on conditions.

Arrives On: 29 Jan 29

Day 7: Redang (Malaysia)

Pulau Redang is one of Malaysia's most beautiful island escapes, known for its powder-white sands, turquoise waters and vibrant coral reefs. Part of a protected marine park, it offers exceptional snorkelling and diving, kayaking and other watersports amidst a tranquil natural setting surrounded by tropical rainforest.

Arrives On: 30 Jan 29

Day 9: Côn Đảo (Vietnam)

The Côn Đảo archipelago is a remote and atmospheric island group known for its unspoiled beaches, clear waters and moving history. Once the site of a brutal prison, from French colonial times until the 1970s, today it is a peaceful retreat where natural beauty and complex tales coexist in a striking island setting.

Arrives On: 01 Feb 29

Day 10: Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam)

A dynamic and fast-evolving metropolis, Ho Chi Minh City is the commercial heart of Vietnam, where historic French colonial architecture stands alongside sleek skyscrapers. Bustling boulevards, vibrant markets, and a rich culinary scene reflect the city's energy and diversity, while museums and historic landmarks offer insight into its complex and fascinating past.

Arrives On: 02 Feb 29

Day 11: Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam)

Your luxurious yacht journey comes to an end in Ho Chi Minh City. From here, 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.

Arrives On: 03 Feb 29

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 farming and fishing communities, untouched by tourism

Arrives On: 04 Feb 29

Day 13: 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. 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 the home of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le and the bustling Sa Dec Markets

Included Excursion

A visit to My An Hung village

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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. As part of our EmeraldPLUS experience, you'll delight in a traditional Lion Dance performance on board.

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A Lion Dance performance on board

Included Excursion

See the local industries in Gieng Island

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Day 14: Long An (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 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 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 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

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

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Craft Beer Adventure by remark (extra expense)

DiscoverMORE
Samai Distillery (extra expense)

Arrives On: 08 Feb 29

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

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

Included Excursion
A visit to the Royal Palace

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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)

Scenic Freechoice Dining: 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.

DiscoverMORE
Evening – Local Fare at Phare Circus (extra expense)

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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

Included Excursion
Visit to Ta Prohm Temple

DiscoverMORE
Vespa tour of Siem Reap (extra expense)

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Evening – Gondola Boat ride at Banyon with drinks (extra expense)

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

DiscoverMORE
Evening – Local Fare at Phare Circus (extra expense)

Arrives On: 11 Feb 29

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

EmeraldPLUS
Apsara dance performance and dinner show

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Siem Reap Countryside by Vespa (extra expense)

DiscoverMORE
Banteay Srei Temple and APOPO (extra expense)

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Tonlé Sap and Lotus Workshop (extra expense)

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Khmer Cooking Class (extra expense)

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Senteurs d'Angkor Workshop (extra expense)

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Day 21: 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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