

# **Cruise Details**

Name: Timeless Wonders of Vietnam, Cambodia & the Mekong

Reference: UNIWORLD50593

Operator: Uniworld

Cruise Type: River

Cruise Rating: Luxury

Ship: Mekong Jewel

Regions: Mekong

Departs On: 30 Jan 25

Departs From: Ho Chi Minh City

Arrives On: 13 Feb 25

Arrives At: Hanoi

Cruise Nights: 14

Total Vacation Days: 15

# **Itinerary**

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

Arrive at Tan Son Nhat International Airport. If your cruise/tour package includes a group arrival transfer or if you have purchased a private arrival transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the Park Hyatt Saigon. Tonight, consider popping out to explore the lively Ben Thanh Night Market or one of the city's quintessential evening cafés—either choice would mark a splendid start to your adventure.

Arrives On: 30 Jan 25

#### Day 2: Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam)

Experience how ancient history melds with the boisterous present in Vietnam's largest city, where skyscrapers tower over ancient temples and motorbikes putter along picturesque alleys.

Arrives On: 31 Jan 25

#### Day 3: My Tho (Vietnam)

Today's featured excursion provides a fascinating glimpse of the Viet Cong's vast network of incredibly narrow tunnels dating back to the Vietnam War. Following lunch, you'll be taken to the Mekong Jewel.

Arrives On: 01 Feb 25

#### Day 4: Sa Déc (Vietnam)

Today, you'll witness the hustle and bustle of delta river life on a unique excursion created exclusively for Uniworld guests, where you can see how local farmers weave sedge hats, decorate bonsais, and more. Back onboard, savor an authentic Vietnamese meal this evening.

Arrives On: 02 Feb 25

#### Day 5: Sa Déc (Vietnam)

Following breakfast, continue your journey via sampan, where you'll observe the daily routines of the villagers in Sa Dec. Visit a colorful temple, the home of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, and then venture to Gieng Island, where you'll experience how a local family makes incense sticks and the conical hat.

Arrives On: 03 Feb 25

### Day 6: Phnom Penh (Cambodia)

Visit the local island village of Hong Ngu, a major producer of the traditional Khmer scarves located not far from the Vietnam-Cambodia border. Since they're woven in many homes around the village, you'll have the opportunity to see the process first-hand. You'll also stop at a local temple dedicated to a unique religion founded in this area of Vietnam, Hoa Hoa. This afternoon, you'll cross the Vietnamese border, and tomorrow you'll awake in Phnom Penh, Cambodia's capital city, for the next leg of your exciting journey.

Arrives On: 04 Feb 25

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

Today, you'll discover the thriving capital of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Phnom Penh. It stands at the juncture of three captivating rivers and represents a dizzying blend of architectural styles—French colonial, Khmer, modern, and everything in between. Here, you'll find an alluring riverside esplanade amid numerous bewitching Buddhist temples, palaces, and artifacts.

Arrives On: 05 Feb 25

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

Today's featured excursion may be the most profound and memorable experience of your entire journey. You'll learn about the infamous Killing Fields of the Khmer Rouge and visit a former school-turned-prison that is now a genocide museum.

Arrives On: 06 Feb 25

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

If yesterday was an exploration of Cambodia's dark past, today is a celebration of the country's bright future. You'll meet young children at a local school and friendly villagers in their homes, and have a rare opportunity to receive an unforgettable water blessing from local Buddhist monks.

Arrives On: 07 Feb 25

#### Day 10: Siem Reap (Cambodia)

You'll disembark in the morning and transfer via executive motorcoach to Siem Reap, the gateway to Angkor, the legendary archaeological site. You will enjoy three nights at the Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf & Spa Resort, minutes away from the famed temple complex of Angkor Wat.

Arrives On: 08 Feb 25

#### Day 11: Siem Reap (Cambodia)

Today is a bucket list kind of day as you explore the ancient temples of Angkor Wat, a gigantic religious complex that is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Arrives On: 09 Feb 25

#### Day 12: Siem Reap (Cambodia)

Today you will enter the spectacular remnants of Angkor Thom, the royal city. Built during the heyday of the Khmer dynasty in the 12th century, this extraordinary complex of Hindu and Buddhist monuments was once lost to the world for many years, hidden under dense jungle vines.

Arrives On: 10 Feb 25

#### Day 13: Hanoi (Vietnam)

Enjoy free time in Siem Reap before your flight to Hanoi. Then, check in to your luxury accommodations, the Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi Hotel.

Arrives On: 11 Feb 25

#### Day 14: Hanoi (Vietnam)

Hanoi's elegant boulevards are lined with trees and handsome buildings, as you'll see on today's fascinating tour of the city. At the same time, this lively cultural center—Vietnam's capital city—is replete with bustling streets, food vendors, museums, and historic sites, making for an intriguing study in contrasts that rivals any other metropolitan destination.

Arrives On: 12 Feb 25

## Day 15: Hanoi (Vietnam)

Check out of your luxury hotel and head to the airport for your flight home.

Arrives On: 13 Feb 25

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