

RIVER CRUISE & TOUR

CAMBODIA | CHINA | EGYPT | INDIA | VIETNAM

2025 - 2026



Australia's Leading Specialist Touring Operator

Fully Inclusive Touring | Group, Solo & Private Touring | Authentic Experiences



THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE

REPUTATION AND EXPERTISE

Wendy Wu Tours was established in 1998 and we have been operating tours to Asia and Beyond ever since. Our success and longevity speaks for itself.

We are passionate about delivering exceptional experiences to our customers that encompass a range of 'must sees' and 'off the beaten track' adventures. We have pioneered access to untapped regions of our world and showcased the amazing spirit in each local community. Our staff have travelled extensively throughout these regions and their knowledge is evident in every detail of your holiday.

We are proud of our awards and achievements but there is still so much to discover and develop!

We are forever inspired by our customers and the life-changing experiences we enable them to discover, so much so that we continue to welcome back customers.

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE

We aim to include as much as possible so you can enjoy every moment! Value for money has been our ethos from the very beginning; your flights, your accommodation, all or most meals, touring, visas, transport, and expert guides are all included and deliver exceptional value.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES

We've been blazing trails into Asia and Beyond for over a quarter of a century, building our local expertise and pioneering the roads less travelled so you can enjoy customs and authentic experiences, packed with local flavours.

Welcome to our brand new 2025-2026 River Cruise Collection.

Packed with an excellent selection of carefully crafted tours across a range of wonderful destinations and featuring a magical river cruise, each is designed to take you on a memorable and authentic adventure.

Cruising the waters of famous and historic rivers, you'll get to see a side of a destination that is usually missed. From the heart of bustling cities to an authentic glimpse of rural life in exquisite countryside, and excursions to hidden gems nestled far from the tourist trail, you'll explore aboard a comfortable, convivial vessel. Each river cruise is enconced in one of our signature tours, a holiday that is bursting with activities, experiences, and inclusions, making them not only an exciting in-depth exploration of a country's culture, history, and sights, but excellent value as well.

Please read on to discover more about our tours, destinations, and river cruise experiences. We hope you enjoy finding your perfect river cruise adventure in the pages of this brochure and look forward to welcoming you aboard a Wendy Wu tour soon!



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Wendy Wu – Founder, Wendy Wu Tours

OUTSTANDING GUIDES

Our much-loved National Escorts, whose knowledge, passion, story and dedication to our customers have won us one of the best reputations in the industry, will make your holiday with us truly extraordinary. You will fall in love with them just as much as their homeland.

SAFE AND SECURE

We are ATAS accredited members of the Australian Travel Industry Association (ATIA), the International Air Transport Association (IATA), as well as foundation members of the Council of Australian Tour Operators (CATO). We have a wide network of travel agents working with us nationally, so you benefit from local knowledge combined with Australian understanding and support.

VISAS

One of our differentiating qualities is that each of our group tours include the cost of the visa for Australian passport holders for each destination (where required), creating a hassle-free process throughout. Our expert team will provide advice, coordinate your processing, and safely return your passports, leaving you to simply enjoy your holiday preparation.

TIPPING MADE EASY

We have perfected our tipping process to make it as simple as possible! Leave any concerns behind as we advise you how much and when to tip, and our National Escort will take care of the rest. Easy!



Cultural Encounters, every step of the way

To make sure you truly immerse yourself in your chosen destination we pack every single one of our tours with authentic cultural experiences. We've highlighted our favourite ones on each tour page in the 'Experiences You'll Love' box; but for now, here are just a few examples of what you can look forward to...



MEET A VIETNAM WAR VETERAN

Gain a personal and authentic perspective on history as you meet a Vietnamese war veteran at the Cu Chi Tunnels. Their stories will offer a unique insight into the past.



AARTI CEREMONY, INDIA

Get swept up in ringing bells, candlelight and chanting as you witness the puja ceremony of Ganga Aarti, a nightly ritual dedicated to the River Ganges, celebrated on Varanasi's famous ghats.



HUTONGS TOUR, CHINA

Explore Beijing's atmospheric hutongs on foot venturing down old alleyways to reach one of the traditional houses where you will be welcomed by a family into their home.



RIDE THE TOY TRAIN, INDIA

The Darjeeling Himalayan Railway takes you on a scenic journey through the foothills of the mighty Himalaya between Darjeeling and Ghoom, home to India's highest train station.



MEET VIETNAMESE ARTISANS

Visit a riverside village famous for its handmade 'non la' conical hats and watch local artisans stitch together the leaves to make them watertight and add colourful embellishments.



EXPERIENCE A CAMBODIAN CIRCUS

A rip-roaring combination of theatre, music, dance and circus, Phare tells tales woven from local folklore, history and modern life in a unique, magical and authentically-Cambodian way.



TRADITIONAL TIE-DYING, CHINA

Learn the time-honoured art of tie-dying, a cherished handicraft of the Bai ethnic group in Dali, through a demonstration showcasing the traditional techniques.

THE MEKONG CAMBODIA & VIETNAM

Experience authentic Vietnam and Cambodia in real style. Discover carefully chosen ports along one of the most enchanting stretches of the Mekong, from fascinating Cambodian villages to the lush, green landscapes of Vietnam. Depending on your chosen itinerary, here are just a few of the included shore excursions you'll encounter on your voyage of discovery.



HIGHLIGHTS

1 ANGKOR BAN & SILK ISLAND

Explore Cambodian village life in Angkor Ban with its wooden stilt houses. Travel by tuk tuk to Silk Island, where you will learn about the process of silk weaving from worm to loom.



2 KOH CHEN & OUDONG

Enjoy a walking tour of the village of Koh Chen and meet a local copper and silversmith. Discover the former royal capital Oudong, with its beautiful stupas and temples.



3 PHNOM PENH

Sip on a signature cocktail at the elegant Raffles Hotel, explore the majestic Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda complex, and discover the Khmer treasures of the National Museum.



4 TAN CHAU

Discover Vietnamese village life with a visit to a local temple, fish farms and stilt houses amidst the rice paddies, coconut groves and canals of Tan Chau.



5 PHU TAN

Visit a village famed for handmaking Ca Rang clay stoves. Used for centuries, these stoves have a unique wind-blocking design that retains heat and prevents ashes escaping.



6 TIGER ISLAND

Explore Tiger Island by three-wheeled xe loi (a motorised cart), learning about cottage industries such as plant pot making and incense making before hearing how the island won its name at 'Mr Tiger's Temple'.



7 LONG XUYEN

Travel by tender to witness the mesmerising Long Xuyen floating market and tour the An Giang Museum, with fascinating exhibits on Kinh Chinese, Khmer and Cham cultures in the region.





All aboard: Victoria Mekong

The four-star Victoria Mekong is a fresh, contemporary river vessel with four spacious passenger decks, offering a peaceful, premium small-ship experience between Vietnam and Cambodia.



YOUR STATEROOM

The Victoria Mekong boasts some of the most spacious cabins on the Mekong Delta, all outward-facing with private balconies. Her 33 en suite staterooms, each 25m², are spread across the Main and Upper decks along with two aft-facing VIP suites (45m²) at the rear of the Upper deck. All cabins can be booked as twin or double beds, and feature rain showers, hair dryers, individually controlled AC and French windows onto the balcony.

FACILITIES ON BOARD

The Victoria Mekong was designed with relaxation in mind. Guests are invited to soak up the sun in the outdoor infinity pool, try their hand on the mini-golf green, watch films or documentaries in the on-board cinema, indulge in a treatment at the Green Lotus Spa, or enjoy the daily activities held in the Lounge Bar. For those who simply wish to relax, sun loungers and parasols are available on the Sky Deck, while books and games are available to borrow from the library. Where possible, the Captain is pleased to invite guests to visit the bridge.

WINE & DINE

The Claypot Restaurant, located on the Upper deck, is an airy, spacious venue with large bay windows offering 180-degree river views, along with a terrace for al fresco dining. All meals are included; cuisine varies each night, with set menus available at dinner.

Asian hospitality is widely regarded as some of the best in the world, and the Victoria Mekong is no exception. House wine is complimentary with dinner, along with a daily sunset cocktail and free-flow soft drinks and beer. Additional snacks and spirits are available from the Lounge Bar.





YOUR JOURNEY

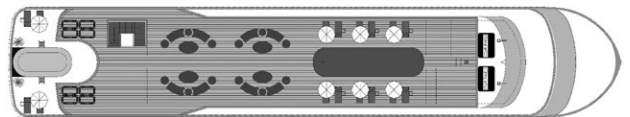
The Mekong is the seventh longest river in all of Asia, and the twelfth longest in the world. Stretching 4,345 kilometres from China across the Tibetan Plateau and through Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam, it empties into the South China Sea south of Saigon. It is the lifeblood of Southeast Asia, and many centuries of cultural, economic and political history have played out on its banks.

The Victoria Mekong cruises from Kampong Cham in Cambodia to the Vietnamese town of Can Tho in the Mekong Delta. Guests can join the full 7-night cruise, or opt for a shorter 4 night option beginning or ending at Sisowath Quay in Phnom Penh. Alternatively, guests can opt for the 3-night sailing from Kampong Cham to Phnom Penh.

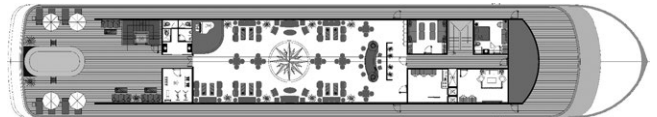
Along Victoria Mekong’s route, she calls at ports such as Tan Chau, Long Xuyen and Tan Loc Island, with excursions to historic temples, silk villages, the Royal Palace, the Killing Fields and a floating market. See page 6 & 7 for more information about her ports of call.

Guests on all itineraries will enjoy nightly evening entertainment on board, ranging from Cambodian Apsara performances to traditional Mekong folk music and even a mischievous lion dance on the sun deck. Onboard activities range from mini-golf to cocktail-making competitions, destination presentations and film nights.

SKY DECK



SUN DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



NEW

CAMBODIA & MEKONG UNCOVERED

17 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$8,580



FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM
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ADELAIDE & PERTH



ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Soak up Phnom Penh's charms
- ✓ Discover historic Battambang
- ✓ Explore Cambodia's countryside
- ✓ Marvel at the Temples of Angkor
- ✓ Enjoy a three night cruise on the 4-star Victoria Mekong
- ✓ Visit coastal Kampot



Explore the magnificent temples of Angkor

PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts, 14 lunches, 15 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Experience the Cambodian Circus, Phare

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ A rip-roaring combination of theatre, music, dance and acrobatics, Phare: the Cambodian Circus, tells tales woven from local folklore, history and modern life in a unique and authentically Cambodian way.
- ▶ Cruise the Mekong in style aboard the contemporary Victoria Mekong. With state-of-the-art facilities and an itinerary packed with culturally-immersive shore excursions and onboard activities, there's no better way to experience life on the Mekong.
- ▶ Learn all about the cultivation and production of Kampot pepper, considered by many to be the world's best, as you tour a peaceful pepper farm in southern Cambodia's lush countryside.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO PHNOM PENH

Fly to Phnom Penh, Cambodia's capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH

Explore Phnom Penh, a European-feeling city of airy boulevards and colonial villas. Though it is still scarred by the events of the 1970s, the city has been renewed with energy and optimism. Enjoy a guided tour of the city, stopping to visit the magnificent Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and National Museum. Visit the city's chief landmark, the temple of Wat Phnom, before an afternoon at leisure.

DAY 3: PHNOM PENH

This morning, learn about Cambodia's tragic past under the Khmer Rouge regime with visits to the Tuol Sleng Museum and the Killing Fields. Return to Phnom Penh in the afternoon, with time to explore further.

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO BATTAMBANG

Journey to Battambang, Cambodia's lesser-known city. With a population of less than 120,000, Battambang is a laid-back city nestled on a bend of the Sangkae River. Set in some of the country's most beautiful landscapes, Battambang is also home to Cambodia's grandest colonial architecture.

DAY 5: HISTORIC BATTAMBANG

This morning, explore a traditional local house for a glimpse of rural life. Head out of town to the 12th-century Banan Temple and admire the breathtaking hilltop views. Pause to witness a local phenomenon – hundreds of thousands of bats erupting from the hillside as dusk falls over the countryside.

DAY 6: SIEM REAP & CIRCUS

Travel west to Siem Reap, arriving in the afternoon. Enjoy time at leisure before dinner. This evening, enjoy a rollicking performance by the graduates of the Phare Cambodian Circus. This NGO organisation transforms the lives of disadvantaged local youths, providing them with a formal education and vocational training in the performing arts.

DAY 7: EXPLORE ANGKOR

The Angkor Archaeological Park encompasses over 1,000 temples, all the remains of different capitals of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries. Our tuk-tuk tour begins from the old city of Angkor Thom as we pass through the magnificent South Gate flanked by 54 gods and demons. At Angkor Thom's centre is the enigmatic Bayon, a breathtaking temple of innumerable sculptural decorations. Also admire the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. Continue to Ta Prohm before the rest of the day is dedicated to Angkor Wat, the most magnificent and best preserved of all of Angkor's treasures. Later, take a leisurely boat ride on the moat of Angkor Thom and view hidden elements of the old Khmer water systems.

DAY 8: COOKING CLASS

Join a traditional Cambodian cooking class at an organic farm, learning about the flavours that go into Khmer cuisine. This afternoon, enjoy a tour of some of Cambodia's social enterprises dedicated to fostering positive change, learning about the impact of their remarkable work on local communities.



CLASSIC
 CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Uncover the many charms of Cambodia on this in-depth exploration that covers its history, culture and history. This tour includes three nights on the Victoria Mekong, cruising between the Temples of Angkor and capital Phnom Penh.



Visit an NGO-run silk farm



Relax on deck, watching the sun set over the Mekong

DAY 9: COUNTRYSIDE EXPERIENCE

Head out of Siem Reap to enjoy an immersive countryside experience. Visit a number of farms and local villages part of the Trei Nhoar Community and discover the true essence of Cambodia, witnessing a more traditional way of life, untouched by modernity, as you gain insights into daily life of the rural Khmer population. Enjoy a home-cooked meal with the locals and return to Siem Reap in the late afternoon.

DAY 10: VICTORIA MEKONG

This morning, transfer to Kampong Cham to embark on your next adventure – a three-night cruise on our premium small ship, the Victoria Mekong. Begin your cruise with a complimentary cocktail on deck, watching the sun set.

DAY 11: ANGKOR BAN

Explore the laid-back village of Angkor Ban with its wooden stilt houses. This afternoon take a tuk-tuk to Silk Island to learn about the process of silk weaving from worm to loom.

DAY 12: OUDONG

Enjoy a walking tour of Koh Chen village, where you'll meet a local copper and silversmith, before continuing to the country's former capital, Oudong. Arrive in Phnom Penh and end the afternoon in style with a signature cocktail at Raffles Hotel Le Royal before returning to the ship.

DAY 13: KAMPOT

Disembark the Victoria Mekong and depart Phnom Penh, heading for the coastal town of Kampot, stopping en route at a pepper farm to learn about the famous Kampot pepper.

Enjoy a walking tour of Kampot, a charming town characterised by its colonial architecture.

DAY 14: KAMPONG TRACH CAVE

Visit Kampong Trach Cave, with its breathtaking limestone formations. Continue to Trapeang Sangke, a community-based initiative dedicated to preserving mangroves in the area, and enjoy a boat trip through the vast mangrove forests.

DAY 15: RETURN TO PHNOM PENH

Return by road to Cambodia's capital. This evening, admire modern Phnom Penh as you sip a cocktail at a local sky bar, and consider how this reinvigorated capital is moving forward.

DAYS 16-17: FLY PHNOM PENH TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or the following day.



Visit a Kampot pepper farm

PRICES & DEPARTURES
 Prices are per person, twin share

2025 DATES			
27 Oct - 12 Nov	\$8,580	24 Nov - 10 Dec	\$8,580
10 Nov - 26 Nov	\$8,580		
2026 DATES			
05 Jan - 21 Jan	\$9,180	07 Sep - 23 Sep	\$9,180
19 Jan - 04 Feb	\$9,180	19 Oct - 04 Nov	\$9,180
23 Feb - 11 Mar	\$9,180	02 Nov - 18 Nov	\$9,180
09 Mar - 25 Mar	\$9,180		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Phnom Penh – Phnom Penh) 16 days from \$7,480 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$2,500

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 October 2024, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$95pp (AU\$142pp) is paid locally in Cambodia.

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A MEKONG EXPERIENCE

13 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$7,080



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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

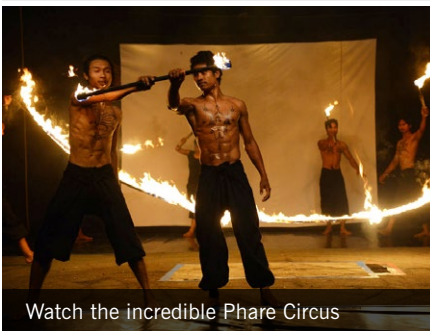
- ✓ Immerse yourself in atmospheric Saigon
- ✓ Discover the Cu Chi Tunnels
- ✓ Spend four nights on the four- star Victoria Mekong cruise ship
- ✓ Explore Phnom Penh by cyclo
- ✓ Learn Khmer history at the Killing Fields
- ✓ Visit the glorious temples of Angkor



See life on the Mekong River

PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches & 11 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Watch the incredible Phare Circus

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ A rip-roaring combination of theatre, music, dance and circus, Phare: the Cambodian Circus, tells tales woven from local folklore, history and modern life in a unique, magical and authentically-Cambodian way.
- ▶ Cruise the Mekong in style aboard the contemporary Victoria Mekong. With state-of-the-art facilities and an itinerary packed with culturally-immersive shore excursions and onboard activities, there's no better way to experience life on the Mekong.
- ▶ Place your trust in your other senses on a fun 'dining in the dark' experience at Noir, a Saigon restaurant that works with local people who are blind or visually-impaired.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO SAIGON

Fly to Saigon, Vietnam's largest and most evocative city. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: DISCOVER SAIGON

This morning, visit the fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels to learn the history of the Viet Cong and their guerrilla tactics during the Vietnam War. Return to Saigon, a vibrant, modern city with a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. See the colonial Notre Dame Cathedral, visit the magnificent Central Post Office, and the emotive War Remnants Museum. There'll also be a coffee break at one of Saigon's best coffee workshops. Dinner this evening will be at Noir, a restaurant employing visually impaired waiters, for a sensory 'dining in the dark' experience!

DAY 3: TO THE MEKONG DELTA

Drive southwest to Can Tho, stopping en route for a delicious local lunch. Board the four-star Victoria Mekong cruise ship which, after a welcome briefing, will cast off into the waters of the Mekong Delta. Begin your cruise experience with a complimentary cocktail on deck, watching the sun set as the ship makes its way upriver. Tonight, drop anchor at Tiger Island.

DAY 4: TIGER ISLAND AND FLOATING MARKET

Cruise upstream to Long Xuyen and disembark to visit a floating market and a local museum. After lunch, enjoy an excursion on Tiger Island, exploring by sampan and visiting local industries. Sit down to dinner and evening entertainment before retiring to your cabin. Drop anchor at Vam Nao.

DAY 5: PHU TAN & TAN CHAU

Start the day at Phu Tan, visiting a craft village famous for its handmade clay stoves. Used in the delta for centuries, these stoves have a unique design to protect them from the wind. Return to the ship and cruise to Tan Chau during lunch. On arrival, head to shore to visit a colourful Cao Dai temple and a local market. This evening features a thrilling lion dance performance!

DAY 6: INTO CAMBODIA

Today, the Victoria Mekong will pass over the border into Cambodia and sail towards Phnom Penh. Spend a leisurely day enjoying the passing scenery and a wealth of onboard activities, such as lectures and cocktail making. In the late afternoon, dock at Phnom Penh's Sisowath Quay where, this evening, you will be entertained with a traditional Cambodian apsara performance. Sip a farewell cocktail before a final dinner on board.



Take a city tour in Phnom Penh



CLASSIC
VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?
With four nights onboard the Victoria Mekong, soaking up the sights and sounds of the river, this two-week tour also showcases the beauty of southern Vietnam and Cambodia's magnificent temples of Angkor.



Explore the temples of Angkor



Enjoy a four-night cruise on the four-star small ship Victoria Mekong

DAY 7: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH

Enjoy breakfast on the ship before disembarking and bidding farewell to the Victoria Mekong. Board a cyclo and head from the pier into the heart of the city to see the magnificent Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda before perusing the treasures of the National Museum. After a final stop at Wat Phnom, check in at your city centre hotel before dinner.

DAY 8: PHNOM PENH'S HISTORY

Spend the morning confronting Phnom Penh's tragic past with visits to Tuol Sleng Museum and the Killing Fields to learn about the Khmer Rouge regime. Later, fly to Siem Reap, the gateway to the Temples of Angkor.

DAY 9: THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

Journey into the old city of Angkor Thom. At its heart is the enigmatic Bayon, a breathtaking temple of innumerable sculptural decorations. Admire the Elephant Terrace and Terrace of the Leper King before continuing to the atmospheric Ta Prohm. The rest of the day is dedicated to Angkor Wat, the most magnificent and best preserved of all of Angkor's treasures. As the sun sets, float peacefully on the moat that surrounds Angkor Thom, soaking up the atmosphere.

DAY 10: TONLE SAP

Take a cruise on Tonle Sap, learning about the lives of these floating lake communities. Back on land, stop at a local village for a glimpse into rural life. This evening, enjoy an acrobatic show by the Phare Circus, a social enterprise providing vocational training to disadvantaged local youths.

DAY 11: LOCAL COOKING CLASS

This morning, take a tuk tuk to join fellow chefs in a cooking class held in a traditional-style Cambodian house. Visit a fresh produce market to shop for your ingredients, before learning to prepare authentic Khmer food. Enjoy your creations for lunch before an afternoon at leisure to explore Siem Reap, or perhaps return to Angkor before tonight's farewell dinner.

DAYS 12-13: DEPART SIEM REAP

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or the following day.

EXTEND YOUR STAY...

HANOI & HALONG BAY
5 days from \$1,460 pp twin share

BANGKOK STOPOVER
4 days from \$970 pp twin share

SINGAPORE STOPOVER
3 days from \$510 pp twin share

PRICES & DEPARTURES
Prices are per person, twin share

2025 DATES			
14 Apr - 26 Apr	\$7,080	24 Nov - 06 Dec	\$8,180
15 Sep - 27 Sep	\$7,080		
2026 DATES			
05 Jan - 17 Jan	\$8,680	05 Oct - 17 Oct	\$8,680
21 Sep - 03 Oct	\$7,480		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
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- Land only (Saigon – Siem Reap) 12 days from \$5,980 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,900

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CLASSIC MEKONG

19 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$9,550



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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Drift along Angkor's moat at sunset
- ✓ See local life on Tonle Sap
- ✓ Cruise the Mekong for 4 nights
- ✓ Discover vibrant Saigon
- ✓ Wander charming Hoi An
- ✓ Explore Hanoi's Old Quarter by cyclo
- ✓ Enjoy spectacular views of Halong Bay



Explore Hoi An's ancient town

PRICE INCLUDES

- 16 breakfasts, 15 lunches & 16 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Visit an organic Vietnamese farm

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Try your hand at traditional cultivation techniques with members of the local farming community in Tra Que village and enjoy a cooking demonstration of a regional speciality.
- ▶ Cruise the Mekong in style aboard the four-star ship, Victoria Mekong. With state-of-the-art facilities and an itinerary packed with culturally-immersive shore excursions and onboard activities, there's no better way to experience life on the Mekong.
- ▶ Visit NOIR, a 'dining in the dark' social enterprise restaurant in Saigon. Guided by blind waiters, you'll experience an array of delicious dishes in total darkness – a surefire way to amplify your other senses!

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SIEM REAP

Fly overnight to bustling Siem Reap, the gateway to the temples of Angkor. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to soak up the local culture.

DAY 3: THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

Journey into the old city of Angkor Thom. At its heart is the enigmatic Bayon, an iconic temple of innumerable sculptural decorations. Admire the Elephant Terrace and Terrace of the Leper King before continuing to the atmospheric Ta Prohm. The rest of the afternoon is dedicated to Angkor Wat, the most magnificent and best preserved of all of Angkor's treasures. As the sun sets, float peacefully on the moat that surrounds Angkor Thom, soaking up the atmosphere. Sit down to a welcome dinner with the group this evening.

DAY 4: TONLE SAP

Travel to the shores of Tonle Sap and visit the floating village of Kampong Phluk (Oct to Feb) or Chong Kneas (Mar to Sep). Stop at Chansar village for a glimpse at rural life before visiting the home of a local Khmer family.

DAY 5: PHNOM PENH

Travel to Cambodia's charming capital, Phnom Penh. Board a cyclo and head into the heart of the city to visit the magnificent Royal Palace – official residence of the King – along with the Silver Pagoda in its grounds.

DAY 6: THE VICTORIA MEKONG

Spend the morning reflecting on Phnom Penh's tragic past with visits to Tuol Sleng Museum and the Killing Fields.

After lunch, embark on your next adventure – a four night cruise on our premium small ship, Victoria Mekong, with her 35 outward-facing cabins. Enjoy a welcome cocktail and Apsara dance performance before dinner.

DAY 7: INTO VIETNAM

The ship departs this morning, with plenty of onboard activities available; alternatively, spend the morning relaxing in the pool. Sail into Vietnam around lunchtime, anchoring near Tan Chau. Tender ashore to visit a Taoist temple and see the intriguing stilt houses. Return to the ship in time for an exciting lion dance performance on the Sky Deck as the sun sets.

DAY 8: PHU TAN & TIGER ISLAND

After breakfast, tender ashore in Phu Tan to visit a craft village famed for its handmade clay stoves. After lunch, anchor at Tiger Island and head ashore to explore, learning about local industries such as ceramics and incense making. Return to the ship in time for a cocktail competition and the evening's entertainment.

DAY 9: LONG XUYEN & DINH YEN

Arrive in Long Xuyen and hop on a tender to visit the bustling floating market. Stop in town to visit a museum with exhibits on ancient cultures on the region before returning to the Victoria Mekong. Enjoy a refreshing lunch as the ship continues downstream to Dinh Yen, where you'll see the villagers weaving colourful straw mats, and meet a family who specialise in making beancurd. This evening, the ship continues to Can Tho, the beating heart of the Mekong Delta.

CLASSIC

CAMBODIA & VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Starting on a high at the Temples of Angkor, spend four nights on board the Victoria Mekong cruising downstream into Vietnam, where you'll discover the top sights – Saigon, Hoi An, Hanoi and Halong Bay.



Relax on the Victoria Mekong



Discover the many faces of the Bayon

DAY 10: DISEMBARK IN CAN THO

Enjoy breakfast onboard and visit a local floating market by boat. Disembark and bid farewell to the Victoria Mekong, boarding the ship's shuttle bus from Can Tho to Saigon, stopping en route in Cai Be for a delicious local lunch. Dinner this evening will be at Noir, a restaurant that supports Saigon's visually impaired, for a sensory 'dining in the dark' experience.

DAY 11: CU CHI & SAIGON

This morning, visit the fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels to learn the history of the Viet Cong and their guerrilla tactics during the Vietnam War. Return to Saigon, a vibrant, modern city with a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. See the colonial Notre Dame Cathedral, visit the Central Post Office, and the fascinating War Remnants Museum. Relax with a coffee break at one of Saigon's popular coffee houses.

DAY 12: DISCOVER HOI AN

Fly from Saigon to Danang and transfer to the enchanting town of Hoi An. Head out on a walking tour, with visits including Chua Ong Pagoda, a historic merchant house, and the spectacular Japanese Covered Bridge. With its charming yellow buildings and vivid silk lanterns, a stroll through this traditional town feels like stepping back in time.

DAY 13: TRA QUE VILLAGE

Head out into Hoi An's peaceful countryside to visit an organic farming community. This cooperative project is a first-choice supplier for most local restaurants, growing delicious herbs and vegetables using traditional techniques.

Their secret is in the fertiliser: natural seaweed from a local lagoon. Here you can enjoy the lush, green landscapes and stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work. This afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 14: HISTORIC HANOI

Fly to Vietnam's capital city, Hanoi. A fast-paced yet graceful city, it is packed full of ancient and modern sights to discover. Begin exploring at the serene Temple of Literature before taking a cyclo tour through the Old Quarter's atmospheric tangle of streets with a stop for local delicacy 'ca phe trung' (egg coffee) en route.

DAY 15: HO CHI MINH QUARTER

Today, head to the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, where you'll pass 'Uncle Ho's' monumental mausoleum and Stilt House, before seeing the One Pillar Pagoda. Tonight, attend one of Hanoi's famously breathtaking artistic performances.

DAYS 16-17: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Travel to Halong City, board a cruise boat and set sail on the tranquil blue-green waters of Halong Bay. With its 1,600 islands and islets, the bay was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994. As you explore you'll make excursions to mysterious caves and enjoy delicious seafood onboard. After a night anchored out on the water, rise early to see the sun come up before cruising back to port. Return to Hanoi for an afternoon at leisure ahead of this evening's farewell dinner.

DAYS 18-19: FLY HANOI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or the following day.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2025 DATES

27 Jan - 14 Feb	\$9,550	05 May - 23 May	\$9,550
10 Feb - 28 Feb	\$9,550	22 Sep - 10 Oct	\$9,550
24 Feb - 14 Mar	\$9,550	06 Oct - 24 Oct	\$9,550
10 Mar - 28 Mar	\$9,550	20 Oct - 07 Nov	\$9,550
24 Mar - 11 Apr	\$9,550	03 Nov - 21 Nov	\$9,550
07 Apr - 25 Apr	\$9,550	17 Nov - 05 Dec	\$9,550
21 Apr - 09 May	\$9,550	01 Dec - 19 Dec	\$9,550

2026 DATES

12 Jan - 30 Jan	\$10,380	13 Apr - 01 May	\$10,380
26 Jan - 13 Feb	\$10,380	28 Sep - 16 Oct	\$10,380
16 Feb - 06 Mar	\$10,380	12 Oct - 30 Oct	\$10,380
02 Mar - 20 Mar	\$10,380	26 Oct - 13 Nov	\$10,380
16 Mar - 03 Apr	\$10,380	09 Nov - 27 Nov	\$10,380
30 Mar - 17 Apr	\$10,380	23 Nov - 11 Dec	\$10,380

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Siem Reap – Hanoi) 17 days from \$8,450 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$2,600

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 June 2024, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$85pp (AU\$127pp) is paid locally in Cambodia.

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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore Hanoi's Old Quarter by cyclo
- ✓ Cruise majestic Halong Bay
- ✓ Explore imperial architecture in Hue
- ✓ Learn ancient farming techniques in Hoi An
- ✓ Enjoy a 4-night cruise aboard the contemporary Victoria Mekong
- ✓ Drift along Angkor's moat at sunset



Admire the spectacular Golden Bridge

PRICE INCLUDES

- 19 breakfasts, 18 lunches & 19 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Float on the moat of Angkor Thom

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Enjoy an atmospheric gondola cruise on the moat of Angkor Thom. Glide along the waters as the sun sets, bathing the temples in a rich, warming glow.
- ▶ Stroll across Danang's striking 'Golden Bridge' – a hilltop structure held aloft by a pair of huge, stone hands – and admire the beautiful views over the Ba Na Hills.
- ▶ Cruise the Mekong in style aboard the four-star ship, Victoria Mekong. With state-of-the-art facilities and an itinerary packed with culturally-immersive shore excursions and onboard activities, there's no better way to experience life on the Mekong.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO HANOI

Fly to Vietnam's vibrant capital city, Hanoi. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner.

DAY 2: HANOI CYCLO TOUR

Visit the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, stopping at the One Pillar Pagoda and exploring the Temple of Literature. Later, take a cyclo tour through the Old Quarter's atmospheric streets with a stop for local delicacy 'ca phe trung' (egg coffee). Tonight, attend a breathtaking performance celebrating Vietnam's rich culture.

DAYS 3-4: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Board your four-star ship and cruise out into the tranquil waters of Halong Bay – a UNESCO World Heritage Site that has long enthralled visitors with its beauty. Enjoy an afternoon of activities such as kayaking, swimming or cave tours, or simply relax on the sundeck. After a night anchored out on the water, enjoy the sunrise before cruising back to port. Fly to Hue.

DAY 5: EXPLORE HUE

The capital of imperial-era Vietnam, Hue is a sophisticated and scholarly city. Start your tour at the Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City and visit the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, before a cruise on the Perfume River. This afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 6: ADMIRE THE GOLDEN BRIDGE

Depart Hue, taking the scenic route over the Hai Van Pass to charming Hoi An. En route, take a cable car to admire the views from the spectacular Golden Bridge in Ba Na Hills.

DAY 7: TRA QUE VILLAGE

Head out into the countryside to visit a small farming community and stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work. In the afternoon, discover Hoi An itself, grabbing some refreshment at the Reaching Out Tea House, a wonderful social project in the heart of town, as you explore.

DAY 8: FREE TIME IN HOI AN

This morning is free, before an afternoon flight to Saigon.

DAY 9: DISCOVER SAIGON

Explore Saigon, a vibrant, modern city with a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. Stroll through fascinating Chinatown and visit the emotional War Remnants Museum. Look around the Reunification Palace before admiring the beautiful colonial architecture of Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office.

DAY 10: CU CHI TUNNELS

Spend the morning exploring the fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels. Stop at an organic farm for a freshly-made lunch before a free afternoon back in Saigon, before a unique dining experience at NOIR this evening.

DAY 11: TO THE MEKONG DELTA

Drive southwest to Can Tho, stopping en route for a delicious local lunch. Board the four-star Victoria Mekong cruise ship which, after a welcome briefing, will cast off into the waters of the Mekong Delta. Begin your cruise experience with a complimentary cocktail on deck, watching the sun set as the ship makes its way upriver. Tonight, drop anchor at Tiger Island.

CLASSIC

VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

See Halong Bay and the wonders of Vietnam as you explore the country from tip to toe. Embark the Victoria Mekong for a four-night river cruise into Cambodia, where you'll discover the majestic Temples of Angkor.



Relax on the Victoria Mekong



Take a local cooking class

DAY 12: TIGER ISLAND AND FLOATING MARKET

Cruise upstream to Long Xuyen and disembark to visit a floating market and local museum. After lunch, enjoy an excursion to Tiger Island to explore by sampan, visiting local cottage industries. Sit down to dinner and evening entertainment before retiring to your cabin.

DAY 13: TAN CHAU

Start the day at Phu Tan, visiting a craft village famous for its handmade clay stoves. Used in the delta for centuries, these stoves have a unique design to protect them from the wind. Return to the ship and cruise to Tan Chau during lunch. On arrival, head to shore to visit a colourful Cao Dai temple and a local market. This evening features a thrilling lion dance performance!

DAY 14: INTO CAMBODIA

Today, the Victoria Mekong will cross into Cambodia and sail towards Phnom Penh. Spend a leisurely day enjoying a wealth of onboard activities, such as lectures and cocktail making, docking in Phnom Penh in the late afternoon. Sip a farewell cocktail during the evening entertainment and enjoy a final dinner on board. Later, why not head ashore to explore the buzzing city?

DAY 15: DISEMBARK IN PHNOM PENH

Enjoy breakfast on the ship before disembarking. Board a cyclo and head from the pier into the heart of the city to see the magnificent Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and National Museum. After lunch check in to your hotel and enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

DAY 16: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH

Spend the morning confronting Phnom Penh's tragic past with visits to Tuol Sleng Museum and the Killing Fields, learning about the regime of Pol Pot. Later, fly to Siem Reap, the gateway to Angkor.

DAY 17: THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

Journey into Angkor Thom and visit the enigmatic Bayon, the Elephant Terrace, Terrace of the Leper King and atmospheric Ta Prohm. Continue on to Angkor Wat, the most magnificent and best preserved of all of Angkor's treasures. As the sun sets, take a boat ride on Angkor Thom's moat.

DAY 18: TONLE SAP

Travel to Tonle Sap and visit one of the lake's intriguing floating villages. Back on land, stop at a rural village and visit the home of a local family. This evening, enjoy an acrobatic show by the Phare Cambodian Circus, a social enterprise providing vocational training to disadvantaged local youths.

DAY 19: LOCAL COOKING CLASS

This morning, take a tuk tuk to a cooking class held in a traditional Cambodian house. Visit a fresh produce market to shop for ingredients, before learning to prepare authentic Khmer food. Enjoy your creations for lunch before an afternoon at leisure to explore Siem Reap, or perhaps return to Angkor before tonight's farewell dinner.

DAYS 20-21: FLY SIEM REAP TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or the following day.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2025 DATES

12 Jan - 01 Feb	\$10,060	20 Apr - 10 May	\$10,060
23 Feb - 15 Mar	\$10,060	05 Oct - 25 Oct	\$10,060
09 Mar - 29 Mar	\$10,060	19 Oct - 08 Nov	\$10,060
23 Mar - 12 Apr	\$9,980	02 Nov - 22 Nov	\$10,060
06 Apr - 26 Apr	\$9,980	16 Nov - 06 Dec	\$10,060

2026 DATES

01 Feb - 21 Feb	\$10,680	27 Sep - 17 Oct	\$10,680
01 Mar - 21 Mar	\$10,680	08 Nov - 28 Nov	\$10,680
15 Mar - 04 Apr	\$10,680	22 Nov - 12 Dec	\$10,680
29 Mar - 18 Apr	\$10,580		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Hanoi – Siem Reap) 20 days from \$8,960 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$2,950

Important note

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Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$95pp (AU\$142pp) is paid locally in Vietnam.

Call for our 2027 pricing and departures

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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Spend 7 nights cruising the Mekong
- ✓ Experience one of the world's most scenic train rides
- ✓ Meet a Vietnamese war veteran
- ✓ Two nights cruising Halong Bay
- ✓ Soak up Ninh Binh's rural beauty
- ✓ Visit Buddhist monks at a meditation centre

PRICE INCLUDES

- 23 breakfasts, 22 lunches & 23 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Relax on board the Victoria Mekong

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Board the sleek Victoria Mekong for a seven-night cruise on the majestic Mekong Delta. Visit Vietnamese villages and Cambodian townships, with stops at silk farms, floating markets, rural temples and the fascinating city of Phnom Penh en route.
- ▶ Listen to incredible wartime history and get a first-hand account of life in the Vietnam War from a local war veteran at the Cu Chi Tunnels near Saigon.
- ▶ Explore Ninh Binh province, nicknamed 'Halong Bay on Land'. Admire the dramatic mountain scenery as you enjoy a boat trip through its paddy fields and prehistoric caves, and take a stroll in Cuc Phuong National Park.



Enjoy one of the world's most scenic rail journeys

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO HANOI

Fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's leafy capital. The afternoon is yours to start soaking up the local culture before a welcome dinner.

DAY 2: HANOI THROUGH THE AGES

Today, enjoy an introduction to Vietnamese history at the Ethnology Museum; a fascinating window into Vietnam's indigenous groups. See tribal antiques and full-scale replicas of ancient longhouses. Continue to the Confucian Temple of Literature before lunch. This afternoon, take a cyclo tour of the Old Quarter's historic streets before exploring the colonial architecture of the French Quarter.

DAY 3: WARTIME HANOI

Visit the Ho Chi Minh Quarter for an insight into the Vietnam War. Visit the Humble House on Stilts, where Ho Chi Minh lived in the grounds of the Presidential Palace, and see his Mausoleum in Ba Dinh Square. Stop to view the wreckage of an American bomber plane, still visible in the lake where it was shot down in 1972. Later, immerse yourself in a bygone era with a visit to a 1980s apartment-turned-teahouse, where you'll hear about life in the difficult post-war subsidy period.

DAY 4: NINH BINH COUNTRYSIDE

Drive two hours into the countryside to Ninh Binh, famously known as 'Halong Bay on land' thanks to its dramatic karst mountains. Enjoy a boat trip through the paddy fields, stopping en route to explore prehistoric caves. This afternoon visit Dinh and Le temples and Bich Dong pagoda before checking in to your hotel.

DAY 5: CUC PHUONG NATIONAL PARK

Begin the day at Four Paws Sun Bear Sanctuary. Learn the stories of these bears, rescued from the illegal pet and bile industries, and hear how they have been given a second chance in life. Enjoy a fresh lunch at the sanctuary, made from ingredients grown on site. This afternoon, head into Cuc Phuong National Park and hear all about the local wildlife on a short stroll through the rainforest. Return to the hotel.

DAY 6: NINH BINH TO HALONG BAY

Drive to Halong Bay and embark on a two-night scenic cruise through this famous UNESCO-listed bay, known for its emerald waters and towering limestone islands. Head to a hidden spot and try your hand at kayaking through these mesmerising seascapes.

DAY 7: HALONG BAY

See the bay through a local's eyes! The local fishermen will row you through their floating village, where many families have lived for generations. Later, head to one of the bay's beaches for a chance to sunbathe on the sands.

DAY 8: SUNRISE TAI CHI

Enjoy Tai Chi on deck as the sun rises over Halong Bay. Visit a hidden cave before cruising back to port. Fly to Hue, a charming city and once the seat of the Nguyen emperors.

DAY 9: IMPERIAL HUE

Discover Hue's imperial history, beginning at the Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City. Continue to Thien Mu Pagoda before lunch. This afternoon enjoy a visit to Minh Mang tomb and a leisurely cruise along the Perfume River.

CLASSIC

VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

With two cruises, a breathtaking coastal rail journey and even a meeting with a war veteran, this itinerary showcases Vietnam and Cambodia at their most personal and authentic.



Enjoy a boat ride in Ninh Binh

DAY 10: SCENIC TRAIN

The 102-km railway journey from Hue to Danang is considered one of the best in the world. Three hours of scenic coastline await, with beautiful tropical beaches on one side and dramatic mountain scenery on the other. On arrival in Da Nang, transfer to Hoi An.

DAY 11: HOI AN WALKING TOUR

Take a walking tour of Hoi An's lantern-lined streets. See the picturesque Japanese bridge, visit a Chinese temple, and tour an ancient merchant house before sampling a local delicacy – white rose dumplings.

DAY 12: EXPLORE SAIGON

Fly to Saigon and explore its historic centre, taking in colonial landmarks such as the Notre-Dame Cathedral and Central Post Office before visiting the emotive War Remnants Museum.

DAY 13: CU CHI TUNNELS & VETERAN

Discover the reality of guerilla warfare at the Cu Chi Tunnels, which were central to the Viet Cong's military operations, including the Tet Offensive. For a truly authentic insight into the war, meet a Vietnamese veteran and hear his war stories. Stop for lunch at an organic farm before returning to Saigon.

DAY 14: VICTORIA MEKONG

Transfer to Can Tho and board the Victoria Mekong for your seven-night cruise. Enjoy a welcome cocktail on deck as the ship sets sail.

DAY 15: LONG XUYEN & TIGER ISLAND

Take a tender boat through a fascinating floating market to reach Long Xuyen. Visit the local museum, with its displays of ancient crafts.

Later, head to Tiger Island. Visit a temple and observe local industries, such as incense-making, in action.

DAY 16: PHU TAN & TAN CHAU

Head ashore in Phu Tan and visit a craft village famous for its handmade clay stoves. Later explore Tan Chau colourful temple and market by rickshaw. This evening, experience a lion dance.

DAY 17: INTO CAMBODIA

Enjoy onboard activities as the ship crosses the border into Cambodia. Arrive into Phnom Penh late this afternoon.

DAY 18: PHNOM PENH

Hop on a cyclo and head to the elaborate Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and National Museum. Later, pay your respects at the Killing Fields, a memorial site for peaceful reflection. End the afternoon in style with a signature cocktail at Raffles Hotel Le Royal. Tonight enjoy a lively Apsara dance performance onboard the ship.

DAY 19: OUDONG & SILK ISLAND

Enjoy a walking tour of Koh Chen village, meet a local copper and silversmith, then continue to former capital, Oudong. Visit Buddhist monks at a meditation centre before taking a tuk-tuk to Silk Island to learn about the process of silk weaving.

DAY 20: ANGKOR BAN

Explore the laid-back village of Angkor Ban with its wooden stilt houses. Sail to Kampong Cham, where charming colonial architecture meets vibrant local life, and enjoy a guided tour as you stroll along the serene banks of the Mekong.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2025 DATES

09 Jan - 02 Feb	\$12,580	04 Sep - 28 Sep	\$11,980
20 Feb - 16 Mar	\$12,580	02 Oct - 26 Oct	\$12,580
20 Mar - 13 Apr	\$11,980	16 Oct - 09 Nov	\$12,580
17 Apr - 11 May	\$11,980	30 Oct - 23 Nov	\$12,580

2026 DATES

29 Jan - 22 Feb	\$13,580	10 Sep - 04 Oct	\$12,680
26 Feb - 22 Mar	\$13,580	05 Nov - 29 Nov	\$13,580
12 Mar - 05 Apr	\$13,580	19 Nov - 13 Dec	\$13,580
26 Mar - 19 Apr	\$12,680		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Hanoi – Siem Reap) 24 days from \$10,880 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$4,000

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 June 2024, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$105pp (AU\$157pp) is paid locally in Vietnam.

DAY 21: DRIVE TO SIEM REAP

Disembark and drive through lush Cambodian countryside to reach Siem Reap, the gateway to Angkor. The afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 22: EXPLORE ANGKOR

Journey to Angkor Thom and visit the Bayon, Elephant and Leper King Terraces and Ta Prohm. Continue to Angkor Wat and explore its many halls and towers. This evening, return to Angkor Thom and enjoy a cruise on its moat as the sun sets.

DAY 23: ORGANIC COOKING CLASS

Join a morning cooking class. Pick up supplies at a local market, then to the farm for some organic ingredients. Create a traditional Khmer lunch before an afternoon at leisure.

DAYS 24-25: FLY SIEM REAP TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or the following day.

THE RED RIVER VIETNAM

Explore the delights of Northern Vietnam traversing the Red River delta and its main tributaries. Connecting the wonders of Halong Bay with the excitement of downtown Hanoi you'll discover awe-inspiring scenery and discover traditional villages and cultures little changed in centuries.



HIGHLIGHTS

1 HALONG BAY

Sail deep into Halong Bay and beyond, with its 1,500 dramatic limestone islands and extraordinary rock formations, admiring the jaw-dropping scenery and visiting remote island communities.



2 KINH THAY RIVER

Visit Thanh Ha Commune, considered the birthplace of water puppetry in Vietnam. After a stroll through the quaint village, enjoy a private water puppet show beside a beautiful pond of lotus and lilies.



3 CO CHAT VILLAGE

Explore the charming village of Co Chat. Visit local craftspeople making silk by hand and wander in the local markets filled with exotic produce.



4 PHAT DIEM

Discover the 'Catholic capital of Vietnam' with a visit to Phat Diem Cathedral, a 19th-century Roman Catholic church built in an eclectic blend of Vietnamese and European architectural style.



5 NINH BINH

Marvel at 'Halong Bay on Land' as you take small bamboo rowing boats through the magnificent network of waterways that weave through limestone caves, towering rock peaks and lush paddy fields.



6 HANOI

Enjoy a walking tour of Hanoi lively old quarter, a bustling maze of Vietnamese architecture, historic shops, and delicious street food. Learn about Vietnam's famous coffee making industry and try an authentic egg coffee.



7 UPPER RED RIVER

Wander amongst the alleys and brick lanes of Duong Lam Ancient Village, renowned for its centuries old houses, grand halls and pagodas, original fishbone brick roads and ancient banyan trees.





All aboard: RV Angkor Pandaw

Modelled on a traditional river steamer, the beautifully crafted colonial-style RV Angkor Pandaw was first launched on the Mekong in 2013 before being transferred to the Red River in 2015.



YOUR STATEROOM

With only ten main deck and six upper deck staterooms in total, life aboard the RV Angkor Pandaw is a laid-back delight. With double and twin configurations available, each air-conditioned stateroom is finished in teak and brass with panoramic French windows. Kimonos, slippers, an espresso machine and spa-branded toiletries provide the finishing touches to truly make this your home away from home.

FACILITIES ON BOARD

After a day of exploring, this elegant ship offers excellent options for unwinding and enrichment. Catch up on your reading with a selection of books available for all interests or shop for souvenirs in the onboard fairtrade store. Watch the world pass by with a drink in the open air lounge or head to the observation deck for the best views in the house.



WINE & DINE

Offering a variety of expertly crafted meals prepared with local ingredients, dining in the RV Angkor Pandaw's open air dining room is a pleasant and informal affair. Diners can enjoy a breakfast buffet, lunch buffet and a seated theme dinner. Free flow drinks are included at lunch and dinner whilst on board the cruise (excluding wine). The onboard chefs are more than happy to accommodate dietary requirements and requests. There'll be a delicious welcome cocktail waiting for you on arrival, after that the Lounge Bar staff will be ready to serve you your favourite drink.



YOUR JOURNEY

The Red River in North Vietnam (locally known as Song Hong) flows from deep in the mountains of China’s Yunnan province through North Vietnam. It travels over 1,100 kilometres into the Gulf of Tonkin, marks an ancient trade route and is steeped in local folklore. The river runs through Vietnam’s capital city Hanoi, with the dramatic scenery of Halong Bay in close proximity to the river mouth.

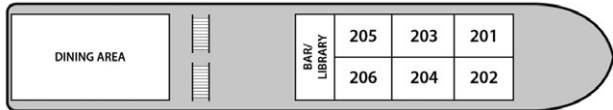
Get to know this legendary river on a ten-night sailing, cruising up or down stream (date dependent) between Halong Bay and Viet Tri in Phu Tho Province. Experience everything the river has to offer, from scenic beauty and local life to the industry that dominates the riverbanks, giving you a chance to explore not just Vietnam’s scenic spots, but also witness real life on a ‘working’ river which is contributing to Vietnam’s economic growth with its industrial development.

Sail deep into Vietnam’s highlands and discover mountain villages and tribal areas. Voyage as far upstream as your ship will allow before sailing down the rarely explored Black River. Along the way you’ll observe and experience many aspects of river life including the birthplace of Vietnam’s famous water puppetry, silk making, water hyacinth weaving, limestone caves, Bat Trang Ceramic Village and much more. Returning to your ship after a day of explorations, you may wish to relax in your stateroom or in one of the public areas or take part in a range of onboard activities including cooking demonstrations, fruit carving, napkin tying or a ship tour. In the evenings you can sit back and enjoy a cultural performance, a movie night or unwind in the lounge with your favourite tippie.

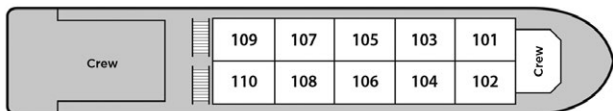
SIDE DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



NEW

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20 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$13,980

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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Relax on a 10-night river cruise
- ✓ Float through the Mekong Delta
- ✓ Wander charming Hoi An
- ✓ Explore the sights of Hanoi
- ✓ Spend three days cruising Halong Bay
- ✓ Discover the culture and contrasts of the Red River



Soak up the beautiful seascapes of Halong Bay

PRICE INCLUDES

- 18 breakfasts, 17 lunches & 18 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- 10 night Halong Bay & Red River cruise on board RV Angkor Pandaw
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Visit a cocoa farm and chocolate factory

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Follow the journey of the humble cocoa bean from pod to bar. See the trees growing in the rich soil of the Mekong Delta and watch chocolate being crafted as you nibble on a few delicious samples.
- ▶ In the beautiful 17th-century Phuoc Kien Assembly Hall, sit down with a temple representative, who will craft you a personalised blessing, presenting it to you in a traditional red envelope, symbolising prosperity, in a beautiful cultural exchange.
- ▶ There is no more quintessential image of Vietnam than farmers tending rice paddies in their conical hats. Visit a riverside village famous for its handmade 'non la' hats and watch local artisans stitch together the leaves to make them watertight and add colourful embellishments.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO SAIGON

Fly to Saigon, Vietnam's largest and most evocative city. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: EXPLORE SAIGON

See the sights of the city this morning, admiring the colonial architecture of the Central Post Office and Notre Dame Cathedral, visiting the fascinating Reunification Palace, and viewing the exhibits of the War Remnants Museum. Later, discover the reality of guerrilla warfare at the Cu Chi Tunnels, which were central to the Viet Cong's military operations, including the Tet Offensive. For a truly authentic insight into the war, meet a Vietnamese veteran and hear his story.

DAY 3: DISCOVER THE MEKONG DELTA

Travel to the Mekong Delta, taking to the canals and palm-lined waterways by boat, to admire its verdant and bountiful beauty and catch a glimpse of daily life. Return to Saigon, stopping en route at a chocolate factory, where you'll learn about the bean to bar production process.

DAY 4: FLY TO DANANG

Fly to Danang and transfer to Hoi An, a UNESCO listed town renowned for high-quality tailors. The afternoon is free to explore.

DAY 5: HOI AN ON FOOT

Start the day on a walking tour of Hoi An, a wonderfully atmospheric, laidback and traditional city, wandering the cobbled streets of the old town to spot hidden temples, historic merchant houses and to visit the famous Japanese Bridge. At Phuoc Kien Assembly Hall, a special experience awaits in

the form of personalised blessings presented in symbolic red envelopes.

DAY 6: FLY TO HANOI

Fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's capital city. On arrival, visit the fascinating Museum of Ethnology before hopping into cyclos for a ride through the streets of the city's vibrant Old Quarter.

DAY 7: EXPLORE HANOI

Head out on foot to explore Hanoi's rich history and culture. Starting at the 11th-century northern gate, the entry point of the imperial citadel of Thang Long, continue to Cua Bac Church and along Phan Dinh Phung, considered Hanoi's most beautiful street. Pause to discover Quan Thang Temple, walk along the West Lake and browse the stalls of Chau Long market. Later, meet with a local master for a workshop with traditional zo paper, using brush pens and ink stones to learn the art of calligraphy. Pay a visit to a Yen Thai community.

DAY 8: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

Travel to Halong Bay and board your river cruise vessel, home for the next 10-nights, before enjoying lunch and setting sail into the beauty of this UNESCO-listed bay. This evening, enjoy a welcome cocktail on deck surrounded by spectacular scenery, anchoring in a sheltered bay.

DAY 9: EXPLORE HALONG BAY

Spend the morning sailing on turquoise waters among limestone islands and rock formations. Stop at Viet Hai Village, boarding an electric buggy to explore the vegetable gardens and typical rural houses. Back on the water, cruise towards Lan Ha Bay to visit a floating fishing house then, if the weather is good, sip a cocktail on a beautiful beach.

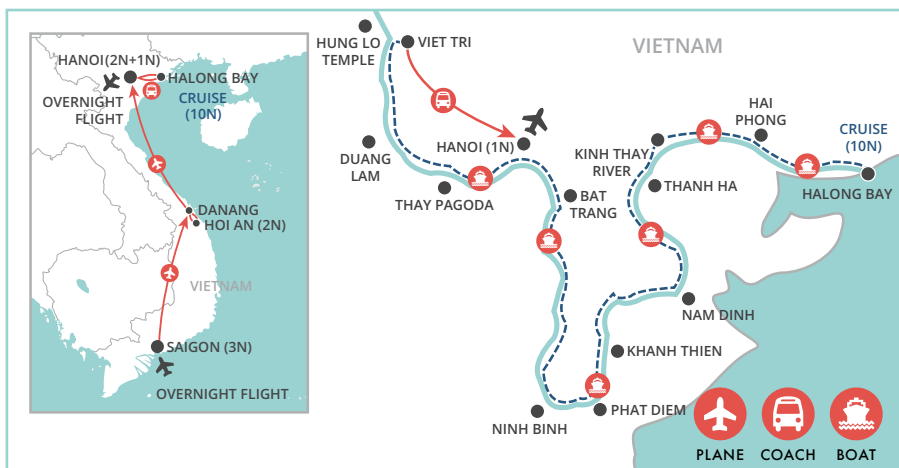
CLASSIC VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

See the highlights of Vietnam before delving into the long history and rich culture that has long flourished along the Red River. Getting on and off of the boat and walking on steep inclines will feature on the cruise section of the itinerary as part of fascinating shore excursions.



Cruise through Halong Bay



Paddle the lush canals of the Mekong Delta

DAY 10: MORE HALONG BAY

Take to the waters yourself in a kayak or board a local basket boat rowed by a fisherman to visit 'Dark and Bright Cave', entering it by water to admire the massive stalagmites hanging for the ceiling. This afternoon, bid farewell to Halong Bay and enter the Kinh Thay River, dropping anchor near Hai Phong.

DAY 11: KINH THAY RIVER

Observe life on the Kinh Thay River. A key commercial waterway, its banks are dominated by industry that is essential to Vietnam's economy. This afternoon, visit the Thanh Ha Commune, the place considered to be the birthplace of Vietnam's famous water puppets. Take a stroll through the village before settling under a shady tree by a pond full of lotus and lilies to enjoy a private water puppet show.

DAY 12: DAY RIVER

Sail along the Lower Red and Day rivers this morning. Get better acquainted with your cruise vessel with a ship tour before lunch onboard. Head ashore to explore Co Chat silk village, where you can meet local craftspeople and watch them make silk by hand and visit the local markets to browse the wares.

DAY 13: RED RIVER DELTA

Sail towards Ninh Binh, mooring at Khanh Thien Village. Disembark to visit Phat Diem and its cathedral which blends Vietnamese and European architectural styles. Explore Khanh Thien Village and discover some lovely local handicrafts, like water hyacinth weaving, rice paper and cakes. This evening, enjoy a performance of 'Chau Van' singing by the locals, an ancient artform of the area.

DAY 14: NINH BINH

Experience 'Halong Bay on Land' at Ninh Binh, boarding small bamboo rowing boats to pass through a river landscape of lush paddy fields, limestone peaks and caves. Return to the ship and sail upstream on the Red River, towards Hanoi.

DAY 15: HISTORIC HANOI

Arrive back in Hanoi and experience the city from a different angle. Tour what remains of the notorious 'Hanoi Hilton' prison before soaking up the tranquility of the Temple of Literature and learning at the life of revolutionary leader and president Ho Chi Minh at his mausoleum. Then walk through the bustling streets of Hanoi's Old Quarter, stopping to enjoy the delights of a Vietnamese delicacy, egg coffee, seeing how it is made and how good it tastes. Return to the ship for a relaxed evening and delicious dinner.

DAY 16: BAT TRANG VILLAGE

Visit Bat Trang ceramic village which has produced ceramics famous throughout Vietnam for generations. Returning to the ship, a local dance troupe will perform a lion dance on the pier. Set sail for the upper reaches of the Red River, a less explored area, stopping at a village dedicated to the production of 'non la', Vietnam's famous conical hat. Then, stop at the lakeside 11th-century Thay Pagoda to explore its exquisite temples and the surrounding village.

DAY 17: UPPER RED RIVER

Among the industrial architecture of the Upper Red River, there are still wonderful pockets of a Vietnam of the past, including the UNESCO-recognised Duang Lam.

PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2025 DATES

23 Sep - 12 Oct **\$13,980** 28 Dec - 16 Jan* **\$14,980**
15 Oct - 03 Nov **\$13,980**

2026 DATES

08 Jan - 27 Jan **\$14,580** 06 Apr - 25 Apr **\$14,580**
04 Mar - 23 Mar* **\$14,580**

* Cruise departs downstream and will sail in reverse.

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available on request
- Land only (Saigon – Hanoi) 19 days from \$12,880 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$2,480

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 June 2024, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$115pp (AU\$177pp) is paid locally in Vietnam.

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At this beautifully preserved example of a traditional village you can admire intricate architecture and fascinating culture. This afternoon, visit the smithing village of Ly Nhan to see traditional production methods. Sail upstream while enjoying a farewell dinner this evening.

DAY 18: VIET TRI

Bid farewell to your river cruise vessel and begin the journey back to Hanoi. En route, visit Hung Lo Temple where you can enjoy a performance of traditional folk music and a stroll through this traditional town. Sit down for lunch at a local restaurant. This evening in Hanoi is at leisure.

DAYS 19 - 20: FLY HANOI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or the following day.

THE BRAHMAPUTRA INDIA

The broad and mighty Brahmaputra sweeps tranquilly across the plains of the Indian state of Assam. To cruise it is to navigate shifting sands and shoals of a sometimes kilometres wide river, the shores the place to find a wealth of wildlife, traditional villages and temples where age old heritage still resides, and the vast tea plantations for which the state is known.



HIGHLIGHTS

1 KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy thrilling jeep safaris in this vast national park, home to the world's largest population of the Indian one-horned rhinoceros as well as water buffalo, Bengal tigers, elephants and a host of other wildlife.



2 DIPHLU RIVER LODGE

Enjoy a delightful river-side lunch at this luxury lodge on the edge of Kaziranga National Park, patronised by celebrities including the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.



3 BISWANATH

At the confluence of the Brahmaputra and Bridhaganga rivers, enjoy a relaxing walk through the quaint Assamese riverside town of Biswanath, known for its Ahom-period Shiva temples.



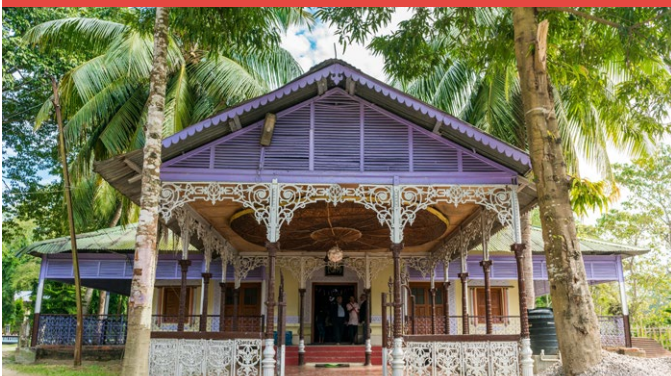
4 MAJULI ISLAND

One of the world's largest river islands and a microcosm of Assamese culture, Majuli is the cultural heartland of neo-Vaishnavism, whose devotees offer worship through songs, dance and recitation of scriptures at wonderful 15th-century temples.



5 AUNIATI

Visit this 16th-century monastery with its eclectic museum. Enjoy the serenity of the tranquil grounds, observe the devotion of the resident monks and attend a dance performance at Kamalabari Monastery.



6 SIBSAGAR

Explore the former royal capital of the Ahom Kingdom that ruled Assam for over 600 years. The lush landscape here is dotted with elegant stupas and grand palaces and the impressive temple tank, believed to be the world's largest hand-excavated reservoir.





ABN Charaidew II

All aboard:

ABN Sukapha

With a maximum capacity of just 24 guests, the delightful ABN Sukapha exudes an inviting, easy-going atmosphere. The perfect place for relaxing and watching river life go by after a day of exploring.



YOUR STATEROOM

All 12 en suite cabins are bamboo panelled and feature locally crafted cane furniture. With sliding floor to ceiling windows, panoramic views of the Brahmaputra River are never far away.

FACILITIES ON BOARD

Spend your time aboard enjoying the ship's comforts and crew hospitality. Take in sweeping views of your surroundings from the open-air top deck, catch up on your reading in the library or indulge in some pampering at the spa.

WINE & DINE

Enjoy a wonderful culinary experience in the dedicated dining room, where the talented chefs prepare a daily selection of Western and Indian delights for the buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner. Unlimited drinks are available during lunch and dinner service.

ABN Charaidew II

This boutique river ship entered service in 2019 – a modern vessel adorned with touches of colonial elegance, brought to life by traditional Assamese designs on hand-woven fabrics.



YOUR STATEROOM

Wendy Wu Tours customers will be able to relax in one of the eight upper deck cabins or two main deck cabins on board – all en suite with sliding glass doors leading to beautiful French balconies.

FACILITIES ON BOARD

Spread over three decks, and with only 36 guests on board the ABN Charaidew II is very spacious and comfortable. Facilities include a main dining room, gym, large open sundeck, saloon and bar, and a spa offering a wide range of treatments.

WINE & DINE

Enjoy relaxed dining with a daily buffet breakfast, and lunches and dinners that feature Indian and Western cuisine along with a range of unlimited drinks. The ship's saloon and bar, on the sundeck, serve refreshments through the day into the evening.



ABN Charaidew II Sundeck



ABN Charaidew II



ABN Sukapha



ABN Sukapha Top Deck

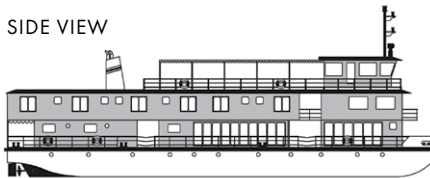
YOUR JOURNEY

The Brahmaputra River is one of India's best-kept secrets – and often overlooked by tourists. It's along the banks of this mighty river that you'll witness and experience the real India. This fascinating river spans around 2,900km and flows through Tibet, India and Bangladesh. The Brahmaputra is among the few major rivers in the world that flows both eastward and westward.

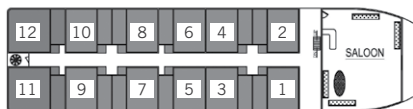
On this seven-night cruise you'll be sailing upstream from Kaziranga to Jorhat, either aboard the ABN Sukapha or the ABN Charaidew II, depending on your departure date. Both ships offer the opportunity to really get to know the river and its people as you observe wildlife on an intrepid safari, visit temples, local villages, tea estates and more. You'll also visit Majuli – one of the world's largest river islands and learn about the unique way of life in this fascinating and rarely visited place.

ABN SUKAPHA

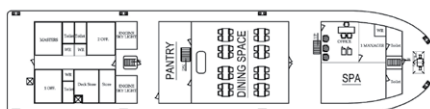
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UPPER DECK

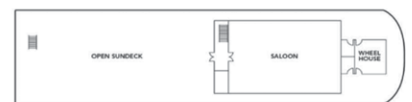


MAIN DECK



ABN CHARAIDEW II

SUN DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore the sights of Kolkata
- ✓ Discover beautiful Darjeeling
- ✓ Enjoy a Kanchendzonga sunrise
- ✓ Relax on a seven-night Brahmaputra cruise
- ✓ Safari in Kaziranga National Park



Cruise the Brahmaputra on board ABN Charaidew II

PRICE INCLUDES

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- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- 7 night ABN cruise on board either ABN Charaidew II or ABN Sukapha
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Discover the origins of Assam tea

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Visit a tea estate to learn all about the world-famous Assam tea. Cultivated in nutrient rich soil of the Brahmaputra's floodplain, see the production process and savour a cup of this rich, malty tea.
- ▶ The Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, known as the 'Toy Train', takes you on a scenic journey through the foothills of the Himalaya between Darjeeling and Ghoom, home to India's highest train station at 2,200 metres above sea level.
- ▶ Sail over Gangtok on a cableway, getting a bird's eye view of the city and the snowy peaks of Kanchenjunga beyond. The ride may only be one kilometre long, but the views it offers are extraordinary.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO KOLKATA

Fly to Kolkata, a vibrant city in the far east of India. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: EXPLORE KOLKATA

The capital of West Bengal and widely considered India's cultural capital, Kolkata is a place of fascinating contrasts, something that you will explore on today's tour of the city. See landmark sights like Birla Planetarium, Belur Math, Dakineshwar Kali Temple and the spectacular white marble edifice of the Victoria Memorial before, this evening, taking a walking tour to Park Street, the famous thoroughfare in Kolkata's downtown area.

DAY 3: BRITISH KOLKATA

The capital of the British Raj between 1858 and 1911, Kolkata is home to a series of colonial sights which you will visit on this morning walking tour, including the stately Dalhousie Square. This afternoon, you'll pay a visit to Mother House, a quiet convent that was home to Mother Teresa and still houses her missionary sisters today. Visit her tomb and a small museum dedicated to her life and work.

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO GANGTOK

Transfer to the airport and fly to Bagdogra. On arrival, drive to Gangtok, winding through the incredible landscapes of Sikkim, with towering Himalayan peaks as your backdrop.

DAY 5: EXPLORE GANGTOK

Sikkim's bustling state capital, Gangtok sits on the side of a hill overlooking the valleys and peaks of the Himalayan foothills.

Today you will explore it, visiting the 18th-century Rumtek, the region's most spiritually significant monastery, Enchey Monastery with its colourful prayer hall, the Tashi Viewpoint, where you'll get spectacular views of Mount Khangchendzonga and more. You'll also fly your way up the cable ropeway for panoramic views of the city and its surroundings.

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO DARJEELING

Soak up the incredible scenery as you travel through the Himalayan foothills, passing through vast expanses of tea plantations as you approach the hill station of Darjeeling. En route, you'll stop at the Ravangla Buddha Park to admire a 40-metre-tall copper Buddha set against a mountainous backdrop.

DAY 7: KANCHENDZONGA SUNRISE

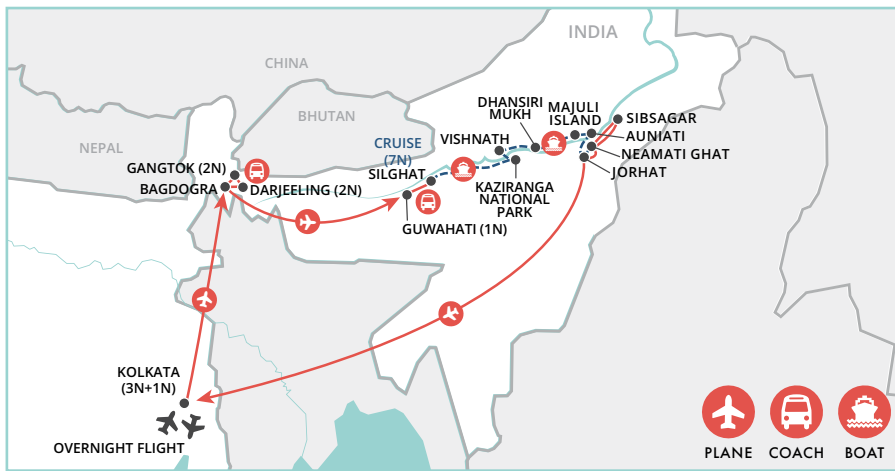
Rise before dawn and travel up Tiger Hill to watch the sun rising (weather dependent) over Kanchendzonga which, at 8,586 metres, is the world's third highest mountain. The rest of the morning is at leisure before an afternoon ride on the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway's Toy Train from Darjeeling to Ghoom. Visit Ghoom Monastery before returning to Darjeeling to tour the Padmaja Naidu Zoological Park, the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute and Tibetan Refugee Center. This evening, enjoy a stroll through the market.

DAY 8: FLY TO GUWAHATI

Transfer back to Bagdogra airport and fly to Guwahati. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 9: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

Transfer to Silghat, a port on the Brahmaputra River, where you'll board your river cruise vessel.



Wander the colourful Rumtek Monastery



See endangered one-horned rhinoceroses in Kaziranga National Park

With a spa, saloon, and spacious sun deck along with cool and roomy cabins with floor-to-ceiling sliding windows for optimum views, there is no better to explore the rich riverbanks of the mighty Brahmaputra. Cast off and begin your upstream cruise, enjoying lunch and dinner onboard.

DAY 10: KAZIRANGA SAFARI

This morning, disembark from the ship and take a jeep safari into the central range of the Kaziranga National Park. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Kaziranga is best known for its population of Indian one-horned rhinoceros and is a designated tiger reserve. Alongside these two magnificent creatures, Kaziranga is also home to elephants, sloth bears, pangolin, water buffalo, swamp deer and a number of species of primate, among much more, and is an important habitat for birds. Enjoy a riverside lunch at Diphlu River Lodge before hopping back into jeeps to explore the park's western reaches, where there is even more wonderful wildlife to spot.

DAY 11: TEA ESTATE

Spend the morning on a tea experience on a picturesque Assam tea estate. Here you'll learn all about the production process, from plucking the leaves to brewing a cup. Back on the boat, cruise upstream, passing through more of Kaziranga National Park's spectacular wilderness, spotting wildlife on the banks of the river as you go. Drop anchor near Biswanath village.

DAY 12: BISWANATH VILLAGE

Head into the village, where there is a rich, cultural heritage to explore. Biswanath's ghat is home to a cluster of temples dedicated

to different gods, including an Ahom-era Shiva temple – discover these and have a wander through the town, soaking up the beautiful riverside and rural surroundings. Continue cruising through Kaziranga National Park, keeping a look out for wild elephants. Then, spend the afternoon up on the ship's sun deck where you may be lucky enough to spot a member of a small population of the endangered Ganges River dolphins.

DAY 13: DAY OF CRUISING

Today you'll be able to sit back, relax and watch the river landscapes drift by as you cruise upstream. There will be one stop at a rural riverside village where a walking tour is a great way to stretch your legs.

DAY 14: MAJULI ISLAND

Explore one of the world's largest river islands, Majuli, which is a fascinating microcosm of local culture. Visit two of the island's tranquil satras (monasteries) that have been essential in preserving Assamese art and culture and enjoy a traditional dance performance. Cruise farther upstream to Salmara Ghat, visiting a nearby village that is known for its traditional handicrafts, to see the artisans at work.

DAY 15: VISIT SIBSAGAR

Transfer by car to Sibsagar. Once the capital of the Ahom kings, explore the remnants of a fascinating culture with visits to old temples and examples of innovative engineering. Return to the ship and cruise back to Neamati Ghat for your final night onboard the ship and a farewell dinner.

CLASSIC

INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

From the Himalayan foothills to the languid waters of the Brahmaputra, this tour is a magical exploration of northeastern India. With time spent at altitude, sightseeing on foot, stairs without handrails, and steep inclines, this tour is best suited to those with a moderate fitness level.

PRICES & DEPARTURES		
Prices are per person, twin share		
2025 DATES	ABN Charaidew II	ABN Sukapha
24 Oct - 10 Nov	14,680	
30 Nov - 17 Dec		\$14,680
19 Dec - 05 Jan	\$12,980	
2026 DATES	ABN Charaidew II	ABN Sukapha
05 Apr - 22 Apr		\$12,880
06 Apr - 23 Apr	\$12,880	

* Based on lead-in cabins (upgrade to upper deck on Charaidew II available on request)

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth.
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Kolkata – Kolkata) 17 days from \$11,480 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,200

Important note

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Customary tipping amount of approximately **US\$176pp (AUD270)** is paid locally in India.

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DAY 16: RETURN TO KOLKATA

Bid farewell to your river cruise ship and transfer to Jorhat airport for your flight back to Kolkata. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAYS 17-18: FLY KOLKATA TO AUSTRALIA

Fly home to Australia, arriving the same or the following day.



Experience rural life on the island of Majuli

THE LOWER GANGES INDIA

Upstream from the former capital of the British Raj, a voyage along the lower Ganges explores the unique religious heritage of Bengal, offers a fascinating glimpse into former European colonies and uncovers thriving indigenous local crafts and artisans.



HIGHLIGHTS

1 KOLKATA

Kolkata is an intoxicating mix of grand Victorian architecture, wide boulevards and vibrant markets. Departing the city by river, you'll spy marigold bedecked temples, historic warehouses and bustling ghats.



2 SERAMPORE

Enjoy a walk in the old quarter of this former Danish colony. Explore heritage monuments including the Danish Tavern and St Olav's Church, one of over a hundred buildings constructed in the 19th century when the town was called Fredriksnagore.



3 CHANDERNAGORE

Wander along the promenade of this former French colony established in 1673. Explore the colonial era buildings including the former French governor's residence, now converted to a museum, and the beautiful Sacred Heart Church, designed by French architect Jacques Duchatz.



4 FULIA

Visit the weaving village famous throughout India for its sarees. Watch the skilled locals engaged in handloom weaving using a mixture of cotton and gold thread, one of the most time and labour intensive forms of weaving.



5 GUPTIPARA

A rural town, Guptipara is renowned for its paddy fields and the Himsagar mango. Visit the Vaishnav temples that contain some delightful terracotta works and visit a potter's home to see and interact with the artisans at work.



6 KALNA

Ride electric rickshaws to the enchanting Rajbari Temple Complex, which has the highest concentration of temples in the region. Discover the enchanting architecture and artwork depicting historical epics and return to the ship walking through the local vegetable market.



7 MAYAPUR

Experience fascinating Krishna culture at the headquarters of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, where the new temple has been compared in scale and grandeur to the Vatican. You'll also have the opportunity to meet Krishna followers and walk through the pilgrim's bazaar.





All aboard: MV Ganges Voyager

A pioneer on the Ganges, MV Ganges Voyager was one of the first cruise vessels on this iconic river. This elegant ship is adorned with a colonial style interior, reminiscent of a bygone era.



YOUR STATEROOM

The spacious en suite staterooms aboard MV Ganges Voyager offer the perfect sanctuary for relaxing after a day of exploring. Each with a window facing bed, the tastefully decorated rooms bring the past to life with hand-painted murals, Persian rugs, Burmese teak floors, fine silver and china. Private French balconies with floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors offer an expansive view of the river. Guests can also enjoy a daily turndown service, complimentary spa-quality toiletries, minibar and flatscreen TV.

FACILITIES ON BOARD

Carrying just 56 guests, the Ganges Voyager offers a relaxed onboard experience. The partly shaded sundeck provides the perfect opportunity to take in river life on the Ganges, and the spacious indoor lounge, with ample seating and colonial-inspired charm, is a wonderful space to unwind. You can also get in a workout in the fitness centre or indulge in a pampering session in the spa.

WINE & DINE

Enjoy expertly prepared European and Indian dishes in the spacious, open plan East India restaurant on the main deck. The chef here is happy to accommodate any dietary requirements or requests. A buffet breakfast, lunch and seated dinner are provided whilst onboard. The Lounge Bar is situated at the heart of the boat with the friendly bartender always ready to serve you with cocktails, fine Indian and imported wines, tea and coffee. Included are house brands of wine & local beer during lunch & dinner in the dining hall.

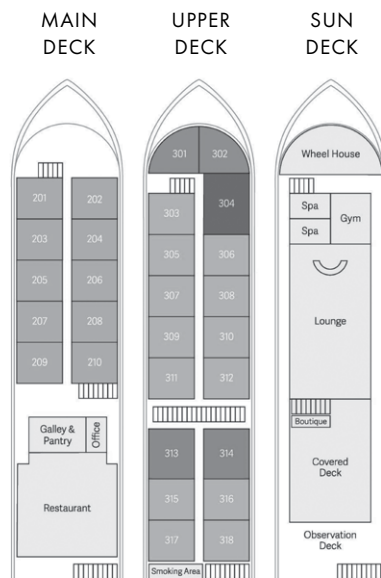




YOUR JOURNEY

Originating from the Gangotri Glacier in the Himalayas, the mighty Ganges River (also known as the Ganga) is over 2,500km long. It's a waterway of profound cultural and spiritual importance and an integral part of the shaping of modern India. The ashes of thousands of people are scattered on it every day, and those who bathe in it believe their sins to be washed away. Many of India's oldest cities began life along its banks, and today over 400 million people live by the river – many also earning their livelihood from it.

Explore these sacred waters on a six-night roundtrip from Kolkata – a characterful modern city and former East India Company trading port. On this voyage of discovery, expect an immersive cultural insight into Bengali traditions and history along the Ganges. Call in at charming and historic ports including Bandel, Nabadwip, Chandernagore and Serampore. Discover former French, Dutch and Portuguese colonial towns and cities, visit temples, take an electric rickshaw ride, learn about riverside traditions including textile weaving and meet local artisans. Each evening return to your boutique ship and enjoy delicious food, cultural performances and beautiful Ganges sunsets. Onboard you'll also be able to take part in cooking classes, film nights, educational talks and ship tours.



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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Tour the highlights of Delhi
- ✓ Witness a Taj Mahal sun rise
- ✓ See Varanasi's ghats at dawn
- ✓ Explore traditional local villages
- ✓ Visit French and Danish towns



Stand in awe before the magical Taj Mahal

PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts, 14 lunches, 15 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
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- 6 night Antara cruise on board MV Ganges Voyager
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Cruise on the Ganges Voyager

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Cruise the Ganges on the five-star Antara Ganges Voyager. This all-suite ship with Arts & Crafts inspired décor features a spa, gym and sun-filled viewing decks, while luxurious, bright and airy rooms have floor-to-ceiling windows to provide perfect views of the river.
- ▶ Get swept up in ringing bells, flickering candlelight and rhythmic chanting as you witness the puja ceremony of Ganga Aarti, a nightly ritual dedicated to the sacred River Ganges, celebrated on Varanasi's famous ghats.
- ▶ Wander through a riverside village for an authentic glimpse of life in rural Bengal. The locals here are well known for their handloomed cotton fabrics that are used for scarves and saris – pay these artisans a visit for a fascinating look at how these brightly coloured textiles are created.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

Fly to Delhi, India's rumbunctious capital city. On arrival, transfer to your hotel where the rest of the day is yours to refresh, relax or begin exploring your surroundings.

DAY 2: DISCOVER DELHI

Embark on a city tour, starting in atmospheric Old Delhi with a rickshaw ride through the bustling streets. You'll dive straight into the narrow, fragrant lands of Khari Baoli Spice Market to marvel at the array of colourful herbs and spices before visiting the immense Jama Masjid, a Mughal masterpiece of a mosque. Then, cross over into New Delhi to pass through the colonial grandeur of the Rajpath, seeing India Gate and President House. Finally, find peace among the bustle at Humayun's Tomb and admire the UNESCO-listed Qutab Minar, a towering 12th-century minaret.

DAY 3: TRAVEL TO AGRA

Journey to Agra by road. On arrival, tour the magnificent Agra Fort, a mass of red sandstone set on the bank of the Yamuna River. Wander its hallways and gardens, climbing to the ramparts from where you may catch a first glimpse of the magical Taj Mahal, just two kilometres downstream.

DAY 4: TAJ MAHAL SUNRISE

Rise early for an unforgettable experience, sunrise at one of the world's most beautiful buildings! As the sun creeps over the horizon, the Taj's white marble facade shifts through shades of pinks and reds as it emerges from the dawn mist in an ethereal display of beauty.

After breakfast back at the hotel, visit a marble inlay workshop to see skilled artisans crafting intricate designs. Depart Agra for the city of Gwalior. Take a tour of the city, learning about its fascinating history with visits to its magnificent fortress, the Gujari Mahal Archaeological Museum, Tansen's Tomb, and the Jai Vilas Palace, which house the Scindia Museum.

DAY 5: TRAVEL TO KHAJURAHO

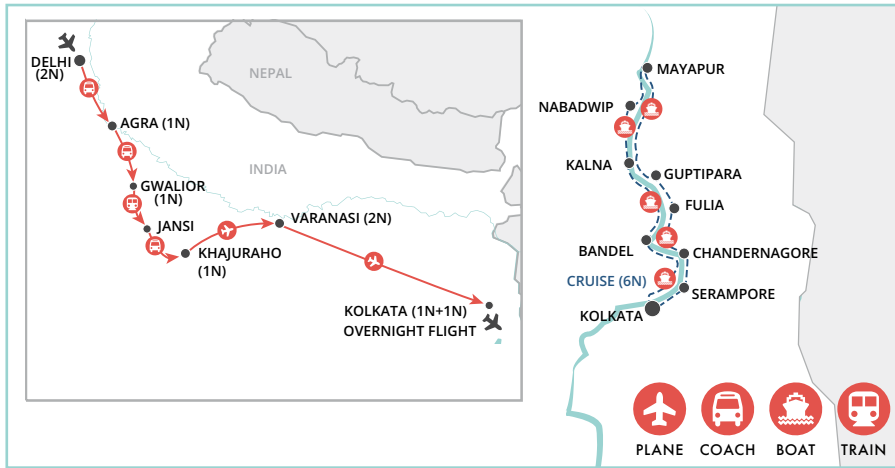
Board a train to Jhansi then drive to Khajuraho, stopping en route at Orchha to visit its beautiful temples. There are even more temples to explore in Khajuraho, a city famous for its group of 10th-century Hindu and Jain structures. A fascinating balance of architecture and sculpture the temples, which are a UNESCO World Heritage Site, are decorated with intricate erotic carvings and are considered one of the great masterpieces of Indian art. Today you'll view the eastern and western groups of temples.

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO VARANASI

Transfer to the airport and fly to Varanasi. This afternoon is at leisure before you embark on a rickshaw ride through the city's life-filled streets. Later, witness the mesmerising Ganga Aarti ceremony, with its rhythmic chants, flickering oil lamps and prayers dedicated to the river.

DAY 7: DISCOVER VARANASI

Sacred Varanasi, one of the world's oldest living cities, sits on the banks of the River Ganges. This morning, arise at dawn for an atmospheric boat ride, taking in the famous ghats as the spiritual come down to the river to bathe in its holy waters.



CLASSIC

INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Discover the highlights of northern India before embarking on a river cruise on the Ganges Delta, exploring the cultural heritage of Bengal that thrives on its shores. Offshore excursions will involve regularly getting on and off the boat and walking up and down steep inclines.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

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* Based on Main deck cabins (upgrades to Upper Deck available)

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth.
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Delhi – Kolkata) 16 days from \$12,080 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$4,180

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 June 2024, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$172pp (AUD265) is paid locally in India.

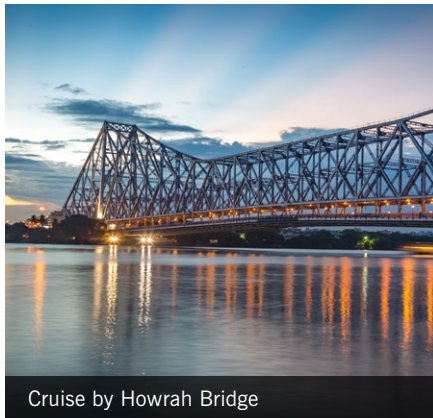
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DAY 15: BACK IN KOLKATA

Disembark your river cruise vessel this morning. The rest of the day is free to spend as you wish.

DAYS 16-17: FLY KOLKATA TO AUSTRALIA

Transfer to the airport and fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.



Cruise by Howrah Bridge



MV Ganges Voyager

Then, explore the city farther venturing down atmospheric alleyways to temples filled with pilgrims and the faithful. This afternoon, venture to Sarnath to explore ancient Buddhist sites.

DAY 8: FLY TO KOLKATA

Travel to the airport and board a flight over to India's eastern reaches, to the city of Kolkata.

DAY 9: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

Transfer to the jetty and board your river cruise vessel, settling into your spacious cabin as the boat casts off to sail upstream on the Hooghly River, a distributary of the Ganges. Head to the sun deck as you pass under the Howrah Bridge, one of Kolkata's most iconic sights before mooring near Bally Bridge on the outskirts of the city.

DAY 10: CRUISE TO BANDEL

Sit back and enjoy the river landscapes drift by as you cruise upstream. Stop to visit the Hooghly Imambara, a mosque and congregation hall built in 1841 on the bank of the river. As well as being a beautiful and attractively crumbling, storied structure in the Indo-Saracenic style, the Imambara is famous for its giant mechanical clock.

DAY 11: RAJBARI TEMPLE COMPLEX

Continue upstream to Kalna, where a shore excursion will include a ride in electric rickshaws, which will whisk you off to the Rajbari temples. Here you can explore a range of different architectural styles and carvings depicting Hindu epics. Returning to the ship, pass through a local market to see the produce on sale.

DAY 12: LOCAL VILLAGE WALK

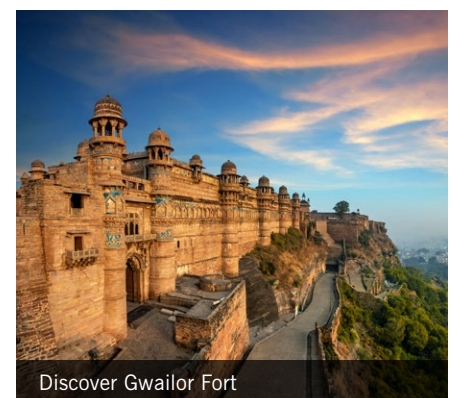
This morning as you sail towards Nabadwip, enjoy the facilities onboard your boat or relax and enjoy watching the world go by. Later, walk through a riverside village for a glimpse at rural life and pay a visit to the artisans who handloom cotton fabric for saris and scarves. Cross to the other side of the river to Mayapur and the headquarters of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. Stroll through the pilgrim's bazaar and meet Krishna followers and visit the temple itself.

DAY 13: VISIT ARTISANS

Sail to Guptipara and venture out of the town to see rice paddies and plantations where mangos are being harvested. Then see the town's Vaishnav temples to admire the terracotta works before visiting the home of potter to see artisans at work with clay. Cross the river to the weaving village of Fulia to meet this time, artisans who specialise in the production of jacquard and jamdani sarees.

DAY 14: CHANDERNAGORE

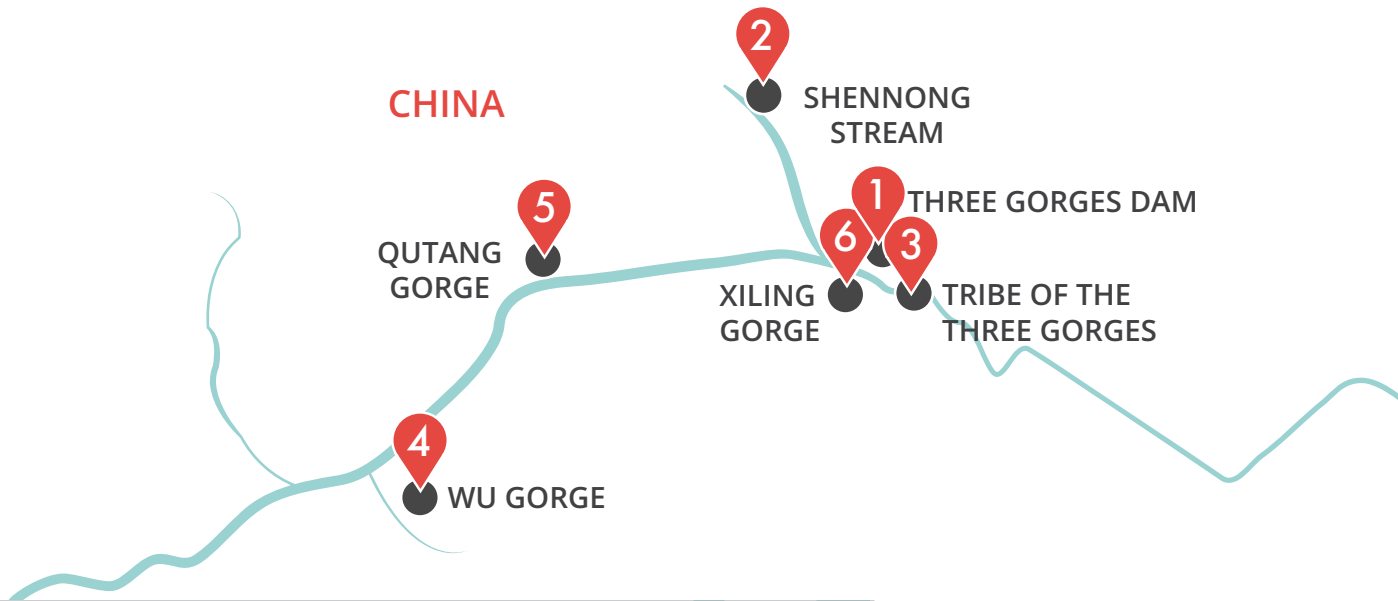
Turn downstream and cruise to Chandernagore, a former French colony. Here you'll stroll along the promenade and admire the French colonial architecture and pay a visit to the grand French governor's residence, now a museum, and the Sacred Heart church. Continue the journey downstream to Kolkata, pausing at Serampore, a town that was part of Danish India from 1755 to 1845. Enjoy a walk through the old quarters and see the Danish tavern and St Olav's Church. Sit down to a farewell meal back onboard your ship.



Discover Gwalior Fort

THE YANGTZE CHINA

Stretching over 6,000 kilometres from the glaciers of the Tibetan plateau to the East China Sea, the Yangtze River is Asia's longest river and has played a pivotal role in the history of China. Cruising the river through the iconic Three Gorges you'll see modern cities, incredible natural splendour, historic temples and farmland still tended by conical hatted farmers with teams of buffalo.



HIGHLIGHTS

1 THREE GORGES DAM

A massive feat of engineering, the dam, at over two kilometres in length, is the world's largest hydroelectric power station. Visiting the viewing area above the ship locks you will be able to truly appreciate the scale of this impressive project.



2 SHENNONG STREAM

Take a small boat excursion to discover the tranquil Shennong Stream as it flows south through heavily forested gorges, past cascading waterfalls and coloured springs before merging with the Yangtze.



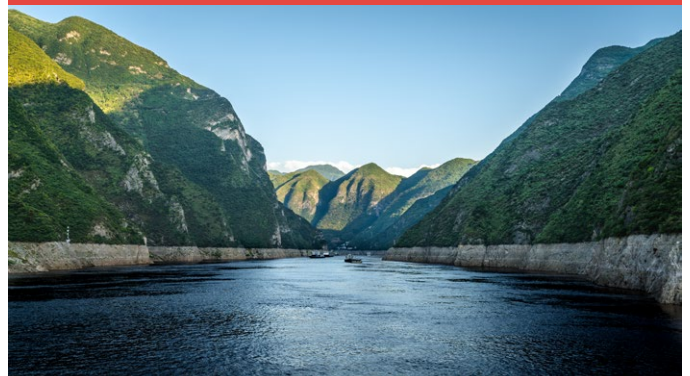
3 TRIBE OF THE THREE GORGES

The Tribe of the Three Gorges is a scenic cultural site along China's Yangtze River, showcasing traditional minority customs, stilted houses, and captivating natural landscapes.



4 WU GORGE

Wu Gorge is known for its ethereal beauty, featuring steep mountains often shrouded in mist. The famous 'Twelve Peaks' add to the enchanting atmosphere - Goddess Peak is the most spectacular of them all, said to be an incarnation of the Goddess Yaoji.



5 QUTANG GORGE

The shortest and narrowest of the Three Gorges is renowned for its dramatic scenery with towering limestone cliffs, sheer rock faces, and ancient inscriptions along the river creating breathtaking views.



6 XILING GORGE

The longest of the Three Gorges has been renowned for its spectacular scenery for centuries. Before the construction of the dam this was also one of the most feared sections of the river with raging rapids and dangerous shoals.





All aboard:

Victoria Jenna

One of the Yangtze's largest river cruise ships, the Victoria Jenna sets the standard for high-end river cruising. A modern and stylish river vessel, the Victoria Jenner offers the perfect setting for exploring the beautiful Yangtze River.



YOUR STATEROOM

Your main deck superior cabin features your own private balcony for superb views of the river, and is adorned with marble top bathroom counters, a flatscreen TV and an in room fridge. You'll also have a bathtub in your en suite – ideal for relaxing after a day of exploring!

FACILITIES ON BOARD

Time spent on the ship is time well spent! From onboard activities, including Tai Chi lessons, talks on the river's history and Mandarin classes to the well-stocked library, spa and cocktail lounge – there's always something happening onboard.

WINE & DINE

When it comes to mealtimes, enjoy buffet meals in the main Dynasty Dining Room offering expertly crafted international and Chinese dishes, or upgrade with an amenities package for exclusive access to the à la carte restaurant.

Victoria Anna

Sister ship to the Victoria Jenna, the beautiful Victoria Anna first set sail in 2006, and was refurbished in 2019. This modern and stylish ship offers the perfect home away from home as you sail the magical Yangtze.



YOUR STATEROOM

Your main deck superior cabin features a private balcony for panoramic river views. Unwind in your en suite bathroom with a bathtub, and enjoy thoughtful touches like marble countertops and a flatscreen TV.

FACILITIES ON BOARD

From a grand atrium with sweeping views to a sun deck, fitness centre, and spa, the Victoria Anna has everything for a comfortable journey. Explore the library, attend cultural lectures, or simply unwind in the observation lounge.

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YOUR JOURNEY

The Yangtze River has been the lifeline of China for millennia. It was on these river banks that some of the earliest Chinese cultures existed, and ever since it has been essential for China's agriculture, transportation and the development of the country's economy.

Cruising the mighty Yangtze slows down the pace of your tour of China and helps you to see China from a new perspective. All you have to do is sit back and admire the steady flow of history and heritage that survives along the Yangtze's banks as you wind your way through impressive gorges and cliffs. Sailing through the magnificent Three Gorges is a real highlight, with cliffs rising dramatically from the steadily flowing waters, each bend in the river offers a new breathtaking panorama.

VICTORIA JENNA

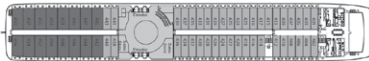
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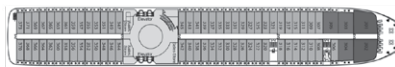
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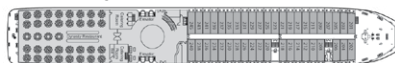
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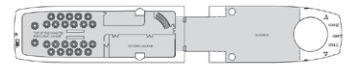


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- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Discover ancient Ciqikou



Enjoy the beauty of the Yangtze River

PRICE INCLUDES

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- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Explore the old town of Ciqikou

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Explore the narrow cobble lanes of Ciqikou's old town, a district known for its porcelain production during the Ming and Qing dynasties as well as its traditional architecture.
- ▶ Cruise through Qutang, Wu and Xiling gorges, otherwise known as the Three Gorges, admiring the magnificent scenery from the comfort of your Yangtze River cruise vessel and learning about its epic history from your onboard expert.
- ▶ Experience thrilling Chinese Acrobatics, showcasing gravity-defying acts, intricate balancing, contortion, and daring stunts. A captivating fusion of athleticism and artistry that embodies China's rich cultural heritage.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Fly to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Today's explorations include the classical Yu Garden, a stop in the old town and learning about the age-old silk production process at a silk factory. Later admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund and view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. The skyscrapers and glimmering lights are a sight to behold, Shanghai is unlike any other city in the world. Tonight, savour some traditional Shanghaiese cuisine.

DAY 3: MODERN PUDONG

Spend the morning seeing the sights of the ultramodern Pudong area, also known as the financial district of the city with its skyscraper buildings. Later, fly to Yichang where you will board the Yangtze River cruise vessel.

DAYS 4-6: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

A man-made marvel, the Three Gorges Dam showcases a massive feat of engineering. But as you cruise upstream nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next three days, take a side trip to the attractive Shennong or Goddess Stream and enjoy various shore excursions.

DAY 7: HISTORIC CIQIKOU

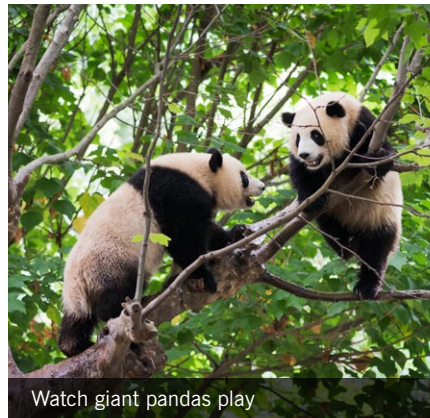
Disembarking the cruise vessel in Chongqing, explore old Ciqikou, a district known for its porcelain production during the Ming and Qing dynasties. Ciqikou's narrow streets are perfect for a morning stroll to admire the historical, traditional architecture. Transfer to Chengdu and enjoy a delicious Sichuanese meal for dinner with the option of a performance of Sichuan Opera, famous for its 'face-changing'.

DAY 8: PANDAS

Start your day with a visit to Chengdu's renowned Panda Conservation Base, where you can see and learn about China's cherished pandas in a habitat mirroring their natural surroundings. Explore the museum to gain insights into the reserve's breeding efforts. Later, take a bullet train to the former imperial capital of Xian. This evening a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and a captivating performance of Tang Dynasty dancing awaits.

DAY 9: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses. Also visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Watch the skilled production process and even buy a souvenir warrior to take home. Later, take a leisurely stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town, then walk through the lively atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter.



DAY 10: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING

Board the bullet train to Beijing. China's capital, a treasure trove of sights, beneath layers of modernity this fast-paced mega city hides three millennia worth of tumultuous but glorious history.

DAY 11: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Head to Tiananmen Square, Beijing's symbolic heart, and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Also soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, and end the day watching a Chinese acrobatic show.

DAY 12: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Next, visit a jade factory then enjoy the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese gardens. This evening, savour Beijing's best-known delicacy-Peking duck.

DAYS 13-14: FLY BEIJING TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.



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IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

One of our most popular tours covers the enthralling cities of Shanghai, Xian, Beijing as well as the unforgettable giant pandas of Chengdu. The highlight, though, is a relaxing four-night cruise on the majestic Yangtze River.

PRICES & DEPARTURES
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Discover Beijing's hutongs

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Venture into Beijing's atmospheric old neighbourhoods, the hutongs, exploring the narrow alleyways, passing traditional courtyard houses and getting a glimpse of the residents' day to day life.
- ▶ The Li River is the perfect vantage point from which to soak up the dramatic beauty of the surrounding karst landscapes, as you'll discover on a peaceful cruise on its gentle waters.
- ▶ Savour traditional Shui Jiao (a Xian speciality), delicious, boiled dumplings with a range of savoury fillings served with a dipping sauce of vinegar and soy sauce. As you eat, you'll be immersed in the opulence of the Tang Dynasty through a exuberant dance show.



Explore the amazing landscapes of Yangshuo

ITINERARY

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DAY 4: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

Board the bullet train to Xian, the ancient former capital. Take a walking tour of the narrow and winding streets of the lively Muslim Quarter and gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. In the evening, enjoy a dumpling feast and Tang Dynasty dancing show.

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DAY 10: CHONGQING PANDA HOUSE

Disembark from the cruise vessel and visit the Panda House in Chongqing. Later, board the bullet train to Guilin.



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DAY 11: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen.

DAY 12: YANGSHUO

Yangshuo sits in an exquisite rural location, surrounded by landscapes of emerald-green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. Spend the morning exploring the countryside before returning to Guilin by road. Explore the impressive Reed Flute Cave and visit the South China Pearl Factory before stopping for a photo opportunity on the banks of the Li River to meet a cormorant fisherman.

DAY 13: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

Take a walk around the picturesque Ronghu and Shanhu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon pagodas. Fly to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.

DAY 14: DISCOVER SHANGHAI

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Stay in rural Yangshuo
- ✓ Cruise the Yangtze River
- ✓ Discover old China in Dali
- ✓ Stroll the gardens in Suzhou



Explore charming Suzhou

PRICE INCLUDES

- 24 breakfasts, 23 lunches & 24 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Cruise the mighty Huangpu River

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Cruise on the waters of the Huangpu, the river that bisects Shanghai, the perfect way to appreciate the contrast of the west bank, where you'll find the colonial architecture of the Bund, and the east bank, home to the ultramodern skyscrapers of Pudong.
- ▶ Venture into Beijing's atmospheric old neighbourhoods, the hutongs, exploring the narrow alleyways and visiting the traditional courtyard house of a family, who will give you a glimpse into their daily life.
- ▶ Learn the time-honoured art of tie-dyeing, a cherished handicraft of the Bai ethnic group in Dali, through a demonstration showcasing the traditional techniques.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

Fly to Beijing, China's historical capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAYS 2-3: THE GREAT WALL

Visit Tiananmen Square and discover the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City before soaking up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven. This evening, eat traditional Peking duck. The next day, head to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Stretching thousands of kilometers, a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate its sheer magnificence. This afternoon, enjoy a stroll through the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace.

DAY 4: BEIJING'S HUTONGS

Exploring Beijing's old hutongs where you can meet a local family and visit their home. Later, take the bullet train to Xian, the starting point of the fabled Silk Road.

DAYS 5-6: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda before wandering around the narrow alleys of the Muslim Quarter. Tonight, feast on traditional Shui Jiao dumplings before a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing. The next day, view the enigmatic ranks of warriors that make up the Terracotta Army of Emperor Qin Shi Huang. Later, stroll on Xian's beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls.

DAY 7: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

Fly to Yichang where you will board your Yangtze River cruise vessel.

DAYS 8-10: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

The Three Gorges Dam may be an impressive feat of engineering but as you cruise upstream nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy various shore excursions.

DAY 11: OLD CIQIKOU

Disembark in Chongqing then explore old Ciqikou, whose narrow streets are perfect for a stroll to admire the traditional architecture. Transfer to Chengdu where tonight you will be served a traditional Sichuanese dinner with the option to watch a Sichuan Opera performance.

DAY 12: GIANT PANDAS

Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre to see and learn about these celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Later, fly to the charming city of Dali.

DAYS 13-14: ENCHANTING DALI

Dali offers a peek of the China of times-goneby. Over the next two days, explore Xizhou village and the local market, see the Yan Family House, cruise on Erhai Lake, discover Dali's ancient quarter and Three Pagodas, then take a bullet train to Kunming.

DAY 15: STONE FOREST

Explore the fascinating limestone formations of the picturesque Stone Forest and tuck in to local delicacy, Across the Bridge Noodles, for dinner tonight.

CLASSIC
CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This wide-ranging tour has China's top destinations covered. Whether you are looking for history, character and culture, the modern and marvellous, or a straight-up combination of the two, then this is the itinerary for you.



Discover rural Yangshuo



See the Three Pagodas in Dali

DAY 16: JOURNEY TO GUILIN

Bullet train to the beautiful city of Guilin.

DAY 17: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to charming Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery and grazing buffalo.

DAY 18: YANGSHUO COUNTRYSIDE

Begin with a relaxing and invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. Explore the countryside and stop on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman. Enjoy time at leisure or choose one of the many optional activities available.

DAY 19: EXPLORE GUILIN

Return to Guilin and visit a pearl factory and Reed Flute Cave. Also stroll around Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese-Buddhist architecture.

DAYS 20-21: DISCOVER HANGZHOU

Fly to Hangzhou. The next day, visit the Temple of Inspired Seclusion and Xihu Tiandi, then enjoy a cruise on West Lake before continuing to Suzhou.

DAY 22: HISTORIC SUZHOU

Suzhou's centre has managed to retain a sense of quaint charm. Renowned for its elegant gardens, visit one of the finest, the Humble Administrator's Garden – typical of the Chinese appreciation of balance and harmony. Also cruise on the Grand Canal.

DAY 23: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

Travel to the exuberant and cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. Visit Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for worthy suitors for their children, Nanjing Road and People's Square. Later, enjoy a view of the glittering city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. This evening, dine on a delicious meal of Shanghainese cuisine.

DAY 24: COSMOPOLITAN SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Visit Yu Garden, the old town, a silk factory and stroll along the Bund. End the evening with the ERA acrobatic show.

DAYS 25-26: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2025 DATES

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2026 DATES

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Flight and supplement information

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- Land only (Beijing – Shanghai) 25 days from \$7,680 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$2,030

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Stroll along the Bund in Shanghai

THE NILE EGYPT

A cruise along the Nile is a journey through Egypt's timeless history and landscapes. Floating along one of the world's longest rivers through lush farmland and serene desert stretches, travellers are afforded the chance to explore ancient temples and tombs, and a vibrant local culture that stretches back over 4,000 years.



HIGHLIGHTS

1 LUXOR'S EAST BANK

Called the 'world's greatest open-air museum', the ancient Egyptian capital of Thebes occupies the eastern bank of the Nile at Luxor. An archaeological treasure trove, its sights include the atmospheric Luxor Temple and the huge Karnak Temple where you'll find the grand Hypostyle Hall with its towering columns, a true wonder of the ancient world.



2 LUXOR'S WEST BANK

Discover the starkly beautiful landscape that is home to the grand Temple of Hatshepsut, the mortuary complex of one of Egypt's earliest female pharaohs. Visit the world-famous Valley of the Kings, the Theban Necropolis where the mighty Pharaohs of the New Kingdom were laid to rest.



3 EDFU

Built over 2,000 years ago and lost for centuries, Edfu is one of the best-preserved sites in Egypt. Dedicated to the falcon god Horus, whose colossal figure flanks the entrance, its intact walls contain a wealth of legible inscriptions and artwork.



4 KOM OMBO

Kom Ombo is renowned for its unique double temple dedicated to the crocodile-headed god Sobek and falcon-headed Horus. Occupying a dramatic position overlooking the Nile, the temple features intricate carvings, mummified crocodiles, and even insights into ancient Egyptian medical practices.



5 ASWAN

Aswan's location, gazing out over the sparkling Nile and soaring sand dunes, is undeniably romantic and the easy pace of life here is supremely relaxing. Cruise out to the island temple of Philae, relax in the gardens of Elephantine Island and drift on white sailed feluccas through this timeless landscape.



6 ABU SIMBEL

Journey south to the great temple dedicated to Ramesses II, with its immense 66-foot-high statues. Once gazing out over the southern reaches of the Nile, the entire temple was moved block by block 200 metres from its original location to avoid the encroaching waters of the Aswan Dam.





All aboard: MS Tamr

Newly renovated in 2023, take in the unforgettable sites of the legendary River Nile in comfort and style aboard this contemporary five-star river ship.



YOUR STATEROOM

After a day exploring this fascinating river, retreat to your beautifully appointed cabin and relax in elegant surroundings. Take in breathtaking river views from your floor-to-ceiling windows that open to a Juliet balcony whilst enjoying a refreshment from the minibar. When it's time to turn in for the night, you can look forward to a restorative sleep in your comfortable king-sized bed – ensuring that you're raring to go for the adventures ahead.

FACILITIES ON BOARD

With its new five-star interior, the MS Tamr offers a luxurious base from which to explore the mysteries of the Nile. Time onboard can be spent relaxing on the spacious sundeck and enjoying the views of the river or unwinding in the sophisticated lounge. The inviting outdoor pool is available for a swim or a cool down, and you'll also find a fitness centre onboard. There is also an onboard spa and sauna for any pampering needs.

WINE & DINE

Enjoy diverse international and local dishes, buffet style, at the main restaurant, where dedicated chefs ensure that every palette is catered for. For an intimate experience, the a la carte restaurant offers fine dining crafted with fresh, regional ingredients. Savour your favourite tipples in the stylish Lounge Bar, where cocktails and refreshing drinks pair perfectly with panoramic river scenes.



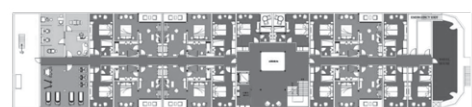
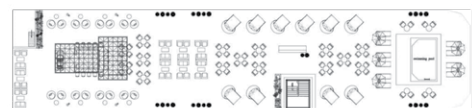
Note: MS Tamr will be used for departures in 2025; MS Tulip will then be used for 2026 departures (currently being refurbished).



YOUR JOURNEY

There are few rivers as famous as the River Nile – not just for being one of the world’s longest rivers at 6,650km, but for its historical significance and its present-day importance as a source of irrigation, drinking water and transportation for the 95% of Egypt’s population that live within a few kilometres of its banks. The ancient Egyptians considered the Nile as a sacred place and aligned many of their pyramids and monuments alongside the river, believing it was a pathway to the afterlife.

Trace the Nile’s incredible past as you sail along this ancient and fabled waterway. Board your river cruise in Luxor and continue for five days to Aswan. On your cruise, you’ll visit some of Egypt and the Nile’s most celebrated and revered sites, including Luxor’s East Bank, home to the Avenue of the Sphinxes and the Temples of Luxor and West Bank, one of the most stunning landscapes in Egypt. Stop in at the Valley of Kings, the Temple of Horus, the Temples of Edfu, the Temple of Kom Ombo, the Aswan Dam and so much more.



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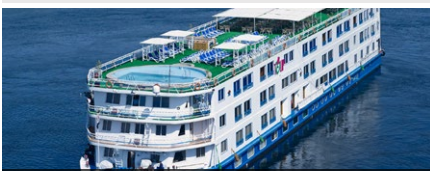
ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore Egypt's ancient pyramids
- ✓ Cruise the world's longest river
- ✓ Visit Karnak and Luxor
- ✓ Discover the Valley of the Kings
- ✓ Experience the Khan el Khalili Bazaar
- ✓ Visit the war cemeteries at El Alamein

PRICE INCLUDES

- 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 10 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Cruise from Luxor to Aswan

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Explore the Nile in style on a five-star cruise for four nights. The recently renovated cruise ships offer air conditioned staterooms, all outward-facing. Between excursions, why not enjoy the spacious sun deck, or take advantage of the onboard pool?
- ▶ Experience the colossal majesty of the temples at Abu Simbel, built for Ramesses II and his wife Nefertari in the 13th century BC. The Ramesses temple entrance, guarded by four 20-metre-high statues, leads into the vast, beautiful underground halls, whose detailed artworks and imposing Osiris statues are humbling to behold.
- ▶ The richly-decorated pharaonic tombs of the Valley of the Dead never fail to impress. Follow in the footsteps of Howard Carter and visit the atmospheric tomb of Tutankhamun, the boy king, followed by additional tombs of your choice.



Enjoy a felucca ride in Aswan

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO CAIRO

Fly overnight to Cairo, the 'city of a thousand minarets', and transfer to your hotel.

DAY 3: PYRAMIDS OF GIZA

Visit two of Egypt's most iconic sites: the Pyramids of Giza and the unblinking Sphinx. Continue to the fascinating Egyptian Museum with its collections of statues, mummies and pharaonic treasures. Later, visit the famous Khan el Khalili Bazaar, a souk known for its jewellery, leather goods and traditional coffeehouses.

DAY 4: OLD CAIRO & SAKKARA

Spend the morning exploring Cairo's oldest district, the Coptic Quarter. Explore its Coptic churches and the Coptic Museum, with its extensive Christian artefact collection.

Later, continue to Sakkara, an ancient necropolis famed for its painted catacombs and the famous Step Pyramid of Djoser. Built for the Pharaoh by his architect, the high priest Imhotep, this 27th century structure was Egypt's first ever pyramid. Inside, you'll see wonderful carvings on the alabaster stone walls.

DAY 5: EXPLORE ALEXANDRIA

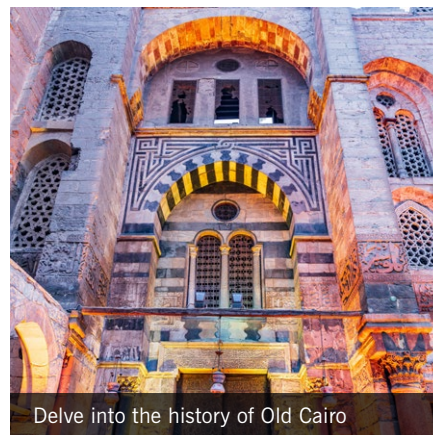
Take the desert road to Alexandria on Egypt's northern coast. This afternoon, you'll discover Alexandria's breathtaking highlights, from the Roman theatre to the beautifully-carved Catacombs of Kom el Shoqafa, dating back to the 2nd century. Pause for a photo stop at the renovated 15th-century Qaitbay Citadel, once one of the most important defensive strongholds of Africa's Mediterranean coastline. Spend the night in Alexandria.

DAY 6: EL ALAMEIN

This morning, we visit El Alamein, the site of two key battles in WWII. The Allied victory in the second battle was instrumental in ending the Axis threat to Egypt. Visit the military museum and war cemeteries before travelling southeast back to Cairo. Stop en route to visit the historic Monastery of St Macarius, continuously inhabited by Coptic Orthodox monks since the 4th century AD. Tonight, stay in a hotel close to Cairo Airport.

DAY 7: LUXOR'S EAST BANK

Take a short one-hour flight from Cairo to Luxor, where we transfer to the port and board your five-star Nile cruise ship for our four-night cruise. Refresh yourself before this afternoon's visit to Luxor's East Bank. Begin at the Temple Complex of Karnak, famed for the majestic Hypostyle Hall with its 134 gigantic stone columns, along with the Avenue of the Sphinxes and the Sacred Lake.



Delve into the history of Old Cairo



CLASSIC
EGYPT

PHYSICAL RATING

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?
Host to two of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, Egypt is a country steeped in history and legend, all waiting to be explored by you. This tour offers famous monuments and temples, a cruise along the world's longest river and many bazaars to perfect your bargaining skills!



DAY 8: LUXOR'S WEST BANK

Explore the West Bank at Luxor, one of Egypt's most stunning landscapes. Visit the mysterious Colossi of Memnon, a pair of 64-foot high statues, en route to the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, the gigantic funerary complex of Egypt's second-ever female pharaoh. This afternoon, visit the Valley of the Kings, resting place of dozens of pharaohs of the New Kingdom (c.1550–1069 BC). Here, visit the wonderfully-decorated Tomb of Tutankhamun along with other richly-painted tombs of your choice. Return to the ship and sail south toward Esna.

DAY 9: TEMPLES OF EDFU & KOM OMBO

Enjoy a morning visit to the Temple of Horus at Edfu, one of Egypt's most beautiful and well-preserved temples, dating back to the 3rd century BC. Return to the ship for lunch as you cruise on to the town of Kom Ombo, where we visit the unusual double temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to the eagle-headed god Horus and the crocodile-headed god Sobek. Sail on to Aswan, where we dock for the next two nights.

DAY 10: ABU SIMBEL

Visit the iconic and unforgettable Abu Simbel, at Egypt's furthest edge. This dramatic temple complex, perhaps the greatest in Egypt, is dedicated to Ramesses II, often considered the greatest pharaoh of the New Kingdom. Admire the many halls and imposing statues. Afterwards, enjoy lunch at a traditional Nubian restaurant in a beautiful setting beside Lake Nasser before returning to the ship in Aswan.



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DAYS 12-13: FLY CAIRO TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

PRICES & DEPARTURES
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- ✓ Tour the catacombs of Alexandria
- ✓ Cruise from Luxor to Aswan
- ✓ Wander the Roman ruins of Jerash
- ✓ Float in the buoyant Dead Sea
- ✓ Experience Petra by candlelight
- ✓ Stay at a Bedouin camp in Wadi Rum



Admire the magnificent Qaitbay Citadel in Alexandria

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Visit the tomb of Tutankhamun

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Venture inside the tomb of Tutankhamun at one of Egypt's most prolific archaeological sites, the Valley of the Kings. Marvel at the perfectly preserved hieroglyphics surrounding his sarcophagus and see the mummy of The Boy King himself.
- ▶ Pay a visit to El Alamein, the site of one of the most important battles in the Western Desert campaign of WWII. Explore the fascinating war museum and pay your respects at the military cemetery here.
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CLASSIC
EGYPT & JORDAN

PHYSICAL RATING

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Stay at a Bedouin camp in Wadi Rum



Step back in time at Roman Jerash



Relax in the Dead Sea

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DAY 12: FLY CAIRO TO AMMAN

Depart Egypt and take a short flight to Amman, Jordan. Transfer to your hotel before this evening's Jordan briefing.

DAYS 13: JERASH AND AJLOUN

Begin your Jordan adventure with a visit to Jerash, an ancient Roman city, known as the 'Pompeii of the East'. Wander its well-preserved streets and admire the restored hippodrome. Continue to Ajloun, where we visit the 12th-century castle overlooking the Jordan Valley.

DAY 14: AMMAN

This morning, visit some of Jordan's desert castles, which are beautiful examples of early Islamic art and architecture. Return to Amman this afternoon and enjoy a tour of the old city, exploring the Citadel and Roman theatre.

DAY 15: MOUNT NEBO

A visit to Mount Nebo, considered a possible site of Moses' Tomb, will leave you in awe of the ruined 4th- and 5th-century churches here, with their floors still richly decorated with mosaics.

Continue to Madaba to visit the Orthodox Church of St George, famed for its mosaic map. Your evening ends in the town of Petra, where you'll enjoy an authentic Levantine cooking class with a local chef.

DAY 16: PETRA

Explore beautiful Petra, the Lost City of the Nabateans, carved directly from the pink sandstone cliffs. Surrounded by imposing mountains and approached through a deep, narrow gorge known as the Siq, Petra is a poignant remnant of the ancient world. Spend an afternoon at leisure. After sunset, you'll return to Petra and see the Treasury lit by the glow of over 1,500 candles.

DAY 17: WADI RUM DESERT CAMP

Start with a visit to Little Petra before transferring to Wadi Rum, the Valley of the Moon. This wondrous desert is filled with ancient valleys, towered over by sandstone mountains. A comfortable 4x4 will whisk you into the heart of the wadi, where you'll follow in the footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia and hear the desert's long history. This evening, stay in a unique Bedouin camp with en suite private tents.

DAY 18: THE DEAD SEA

Head north for our final stop – the Dead Sea, the lowest point on Earth. Your afternoon is at leisure to float in its super-buoyant waters, famous for their spa-like minerals, before our farewell dinner.

DAYS 19-20: FLY AMMAN TO AUSTRALIA

Transfer one hour from your dead sea hotel to Amman airport. Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

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