

RICHES OF THE MEKONG

VIETNAM + CAMBODIA

HANOI – HA LONG BAY – HO CHI MINH CITY – MEKONG RIVER CRUISE:
(CAI BE – SA DEC – TAN CHAU – PHNOM PENH – KOH CHEN – OUDONG
KAMPONG TRALACH – KAMPONG CHHNANG – TONLE SAP) – SIEM REAP
ANGKOR THOM – BANTEAY SREI – ANGKOR WAT – TA PROHM

October 24 – November 9, 2017 (17 days)

Day 1 Tue, October 24

CANADA – HANOI

Departure for Hanoi.

Day 2 Wed, October 25

ARRIVE HANOI

Upon arrival, we will be greeted by our local guide and transfer to the hotel. (D)

Day 3 Thu, October 26

HANOI

Vietnam's capital city is known for its graceful colonial architecture, frenetic streets, temples and verdant parks. Inhabited since 3,000 BCE, this ancient capital served as the capital of French Indochina for the first half of the 20th century. A morning sightseeing tour will take you to some of Hanoi's most famous historical and cultural sites, including the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Ba Dinh Square, One-pillar Pagoda and The Temple of Literature. You will also visit the infamous prison that American POWs sarcastically dubbed the "Hanoi Hilton" during the Vietnam War. In the afternoon, experience an authentic rickshaw ride (known as "cyclo") in the Old Quarter, followed by a traditional water puppet show. (B)

Day 4 Fri, October 27

HANOI – HA LONG BAY

After breakfast, we take a scenic journey to one of Vietnam's most renowned locations, Ha Long Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here we board a contemporary junk with traditional accents for a spectacular **overnight sailing excursion**. We'll enjoy dinner on board, set against the bay's magnificent scenery and dramatic limestone cliffs and rock formations. (B,L,D)

Day 5 Sat, October 28

HA LONG BAY – HO CHI MINH CITY

We disembark and take to the skies for our flight to Ho Chi Minh city. Still affectionately referred to by locals as Saigon, this former capital of Indochina was once known as the *Paris of the Orient*. Today, Vietnam's largest city is an industrial, cultural and educational hub, but still retains vestiges of its colonial past. After checking in to our hotel, the rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L,D)

Day 6 Sun, October 29

HO CHI MINH CITY

Today we will enjoy a city tour that explores such famous landmarks as the former Presidential Palace, a photo stop at the Central Post Office and Notre Dame Cathedral. We will also visit the

city's popular War Remnants Museum, known for its vast collection of artifacts from the Vietnam War. We will finish with a visit to the Ben Thanh Market, one of the oldest and most iconic structures in Ho Chi Minh City. There we can find local handicrafts, colorful textiles, as well as other unique souvenirs and gifts. (B,L)

Day 7 Mon, October 30

HO CHI MINH CITY - EMBARKATION

We board our ship at My Tho Port. Tonight we have a chance to meet our fellow travelers at a Welcome Dinner as the ship cruises to Cai Be. (B,L,D)

Day 8 Tue, October 31

CAI BE - SA DEC

In the morning board a local boat to visit Cai Be's spectacular floating market. We will have some interesting visits to local candy and rice paper workshops also. An afternoon excursion will take us to Sa Dec, a sprawling town on the Mekong Delta, where French writer Marguerite Duras spent part of her childhood. You will visit the local market, Cao Dai Temple and the house of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, Duras' Chinese paramour. The ship sails overnight to Tan Chau. (B,L,D)

Day 9 Wed, November 1

TAN CHAU

This morning, we visit Tan Chau, a small Mekong River town unspoiled by tourism. You will have the opportunity to take one of two tours this morning. Your first option is to take a traditional "xe-loi" (trishaw) ride around the town, with stops at silk-making, slipper and rattan mat workshops. Alternatively, you will take a boat ride through the narrow channels of the Mekong River to several scenic locations, including a small village known as "Evergreen Island." Return to Tan Chau, where you will visit workshops that make silk and rattan mats in the village. We will cruise to the Cambodian border after lunch, stopping for border formalities. The ship continues sailing overnight to Phnom Penh. (B,L,D)

Day 10 Thu, November 2

PHNOM PENH

In early morning the ship cruises into spectacular Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia. We begin with an excursion to Cambodia's infamous Killing Fields and also visit the Khmer Rouge's grim Tuol Sleng S21 detention center, now the Genocide Museum, just outside the city. After lunch on board, our afternoon tour explores the

lighter highlights of the city, famous for its French colonial architecture, busy cafés and colorful nightlife. Visit the Royal Palace, the spectacular Silver Pagoda and the National Museum, which has an outstanding collection of Khmer crafts. After returning to the ship, enjoy Khmer folk dancing performed by local children in the Saigon Lounge. The ship will moor overnight along the waterfront, close to restaurants and Phnom Penh's vibrant nightlife scene. (B,L,D)

Day 11 **Fri, November 3**

PHNOM PENH - KOH CHEN

The morning is free to explore Phnom Penh on your own, perhaps venturing to nearby shops and markets for some souvenir hunting or an opportunity to take a Tuk Tuk tour through the city. In the late morning, the ship continues to Koh Chen, where we will take a leisurely walk through the village and visit home workshops specializing in silver- and coppersmithing. (B,L,D)

Day 12 **Sat, November 4**

LOUDONG - KAMPONG TRALACH

We will have a truly memorable day today, starting with a short motor coach ride to Loudong, the former capital of Cambodia. We will visit a monastery where you will receive a special Buddhist blessing. In Kampong Tralach we will take a delightful oxcart ride through the rice paddies surrounding a small village. (B,L,D)

Day 13 **Sun, November 5**

KAMPONG CHHNANG - TONLE SAP LAKE

This morning we will take a local motorboat to explore the lakeside wetlands that form around Tonle Sap, the great lake that dominates Cambodia. Enjoy the tranquil floating villages and breathtaking variety of bird life here. This evening, enjoy a festive Farewell Dinner on board. (B,L,D)

Day 14 **Mon, November 6**

PREK KDAM - SIEM REAP

Our cruise comes to an end as we disembark at Prek Kdam, a small village on the Tonle River. We then transfer by motor coach to Siem Reap, the gateway to Angkor and the former capital of the Khmer empire. After checking in to our hotel, the rest of the day is yours to spend at your leisure. Tonight, we will enjoy a special **Apsara Dancing Show** at our hotel, featuring local Cambodian/Khmer folk dancers. (B,D)

Day 15 **Tue, November 7**

SIEM REAP

After breakfast, we will have a guided sightseeing tour of the Angkor Archaeological Park UNESCO World Heritage Site. Highlights include Angkor Thom, the newly restored Baphuon Temple, Terrace of the Elephants, and the Terrace of the Leper King. You will also see the Bayon Temple, best known for its gigantic smiling stone faces. This afternoon, travel through the rural countryside to visit the pink sandstone temple of Banteay Srei, an exquisitely carved jewel of red sandstone considered the *Jewel of Khmer Art*. Afterwards, we have an opportunity to visit a local English-language school. (B,D)

Day 16 **Wed, November 8**

SIEM REAP

Angkor Wat, a breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage Site, is the largest religious structure in the world. Originally constructed by Khmer King Suryavarman II in the early 12th century as a Hindu temple to Vishnu, it epitomizes the high classical style of Khmer architecture. Later dedicated as a Buddhist temple, it is admired for its grandeur and elegance, with walls adorned with intricate bas-reliefs.

Following that we visit nearby Ta Prohm, known as the *Kingdom of Trees* for the forest vegetation that has become evocatively intertwined with the temple stones. (B,L,D)

Day 17 **Thu, November 9**

SIEM REAP - CANADA

We transfer to the airport for our flight home and arrive the same day. (B)

INCLUDED

- Flight Hanoi – Ho Chi Minh City.
- 2 nights hotel accommodation in Hanoi at the Sofitel Legend Metropole (or similar).
- Overnight stay on board a traditional wooden Junk in Ha Long Bay.
- 2 nights hotel accommodation in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) at the Sofitel Plaza Saigon (or similar).
- 7 nights deluxe cruise accommodation in an outside stateroom with balcony.
- 3 nights hotel accommodation in Siem Reap at the Sofitel Royal Angkor (or similar).
- Unlimited wine with every lunch and dinner and complimentary house-brand spirits, beer and soft drinks during Cruise.
- Bottled water in every stateroom replenished daily during Cruise.
- All special performances & excursions including applicable entrance fees during cruise and land programs, as per itinerary.
- Buffet breakfasts during land portion of tour.
- Breakfast (B), Lunch (L) and Dinner (D) as per itinerary.
- Port charges (\$201).
- Local taxes and service charges.

NOT INCLUDED

- Air fare Canada - Hanoi; Siem Reap - Canada (see Air Options on next page).
- Most airlines now apply Seat Assignment charges. We will advise you if this is the case, and how much, at time of booking.
- Single entry Visa for Vietnam & Cambodia.
- Insurance.
- Gratuities for ship's crew and excursion drivers & guides.
- Items of a personal nature.



COST 17 day Tour with Cruise in Canadian funds per person based on double occupancy

Cabin	Deck	CDN
C	Tonle	Sold Out
B	Sadec, Saigon, Tonle	\$7847
A	Saigon	\$8222
Suite	Sadec	\$8847
Luxury Suite	Sadec	\$10472
Single Supplement /B		+ \$4100
Single Supplement /A		+ \$4300
Single Supplement /Suite		+ \$5990
Single Supplement /Luxury Suite		+ \$8900

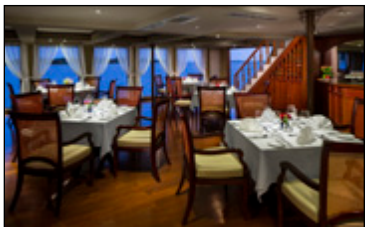
AIR OPTIONS

Final flights are not available at time of printing, but we will offer a special group air fare to travelers joining our program at the best possible rate (see below).

You may also purchase your own flights and meet us at the hotel, if you wish to arrange your own stopovers, book on points, fly Business Class, etc.

As soon as the final flight costs are available, we will send a note to everyone booked on the program, so you have all the information you need to select the best option for you.

Approximate flight cost (departing various Canadian gateways, including taxes, in Canadian funds): \$1,500 - \$1,800



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Save \$800 on the published rate if booked before March 1, 2017

THE SHIP: MS AMADARA

The brand-new 124-passenger AmaDara (2015) features spacious standard staterooms, Suites, and Luxury Suites, all of which have private Twin Balconies (French Balcony plus a full size step-out balcony). The ship's elegant public areas include two stylish restaurants serving delicious cuisine, the inviting Saigon lounge, a fitness room, hair salon, three spas and a refreshing Sun Deck swimming pool.

STATEROOMS

The ship's exquisitely decorated 251 sq. ft. Staterooms feature all the amenities of a fine hotel, a cozy sitting area, air-conditioning, a writing desk, mini-bar, complimentary bottled water replenished daily, safe, in-house telephone, bathroom with shower, bathrobes and slippers, hairdryer and a flat-screen monitor.

DINING AND CUISINE

The AmaDara features the main Mekong Restaurant as well as alternate dining option which serves Asian and Western specialties. Meals consist of Western cuisine as well as Vietnamese and Cambodian cuisine. Breakfast is served buffet style each morning. For lunch, selections include salads, soups, hot entrées and desserts. Dinner is a multi-course meal with a selection of entrées. Free-flowing wine and beer are included with every lunch and dinner on board. Complimentary house brand spirits and soft drinks are also included throughout your cruise.

SHIPBOARD SERVICES

- Hair stylist, masseuse and esthetician.
- Smoke-free environment. (smoking permitted only on the Sun Deck).

- CAT. C, Tonle Deck French & Outside Balcony, 251 sq. ft.
- CAT. B, Sadec, Saigon & Tonle Deck French & Outside Balcony, 251 sq. ft.
- CAT. A, Saigon Deck French & Outside Balcony, 251 sq. ft.
- The AmaDara has twelve Suites that are extra spacious at In addition to all the amenities of the Staterooms, Suites feature a larger sitting area, plus a bathroom equipped with both a shower and a separate tub. Sadec Deck French & Outside Balcony, 366 sq. ft.
- Two Luxury Suites offer all the amenities of the staterooms plus the additional comfort of a king-sized bed, larger sitting area with a full size sofa, spacious bathroom with both a shower and a separate tub and an extra-spacious private balcony. Sadec Deck French & Outside Balcony, 502 sq. ft.



RESERVATION FORM

please indicate your tour selections below

GLORIOUS MEKONG RIVER CRUISE: VIETNAM + CAMBODIA October 24 - November 9, 2017 (17 days)

Please fill out this form in full and mail it with your deposit of \$800.⁰⁰ and insurance payment for each passenger.
Insurance is optional but strongly recommended. Please write name **exactly** as listed in passport (e.g.: William, not "Bill")

PASSENGER NO. 1: NAME		PASSENGER NO. 2: NAME	
Mr/Mrs/Ms	First Name	Mr/Mrs/Ms	First Name
	Middle Name		Middle Name
	Last Name		Last Name
Passport #:		Passport #:	
Passport Issuing Country:		Passport Issuing Country:	
Date of Birth:	dd/mm/yy	Date of Birth:	dd/mm/yy
City + Country of Birth:		City + Country of Birth:	

ADDRESS:	Street:	
	City:	Province/State:
	Postal Code:	Country:
	Phone: home	work
	email:	

Next of Kin (to be contacted in case of emergency): _____ ph: _____

Accommodation: Single Double Sharing with: _____

Category of stateroom selected: B A Suite Luxury Suite Deck _____

Seating Preference on Aircraft: Window Aisle

Special Dietary Meal Request: _____ (where available for flights/cruises)

First Name (as you would like it to appear on your name tag): _____

INSURANCE: Please see insurance page then indicate your choice below
All-Inclusive or Trip Cancellation insurance should be purchased at time of deposit Accepted Declined
specify All Inclusive or Trip Cancellation _____
specify amount of premium (see next page) \$ _____

Please make cheques payable to: **SPECIAL TRAVEL INTERNATIONAL**
 4603 Main Street, Vancouver, BC V5V 3R6 Canada
BC Reg # 23625 phone: (604) 291-1332 or 1 (800) 665-0998

VISA/MASTERCARD PAYMENTS: *A 2% service fee applies to payments made by credit card

Card Number _____ Expiry date _____

Name on card _____

Amount to be charged _____

I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the terms and conditions outlined in the brochure.

SIGNATURE: _____



FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT:

A deposit of \$800 per person is required at the time of reservation on this Special Travel International (hereafter called STI) tour. A second payment of \$800 per person is due by March 1, 2017. The final payment is due by July 15, 2017. Travel documents will be sent to you approximately 14 days prior to your trip departure, provided full payment has been received.

TOUR PRICES:

All tour prices for land arrangements are based on rates effective at the time of printing and are expected to be in effect at the time of departure. Should these rates change, it may be necessary to surcharge the price of your vacation. Should the tour price increase by more than 10%, the passenger shall have the right to cancel within seven days of notification without penalty.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS:

Notice of cancellation must be made in writing. The effective cancellation date is the date when written notification is received by STI. **The deposit of \$600 is non-refundable.** The following scale of charges will apply when cancellation is received prior to departure:

until March 1, 2017	deposit of \$800
March 1 – July 15, 2017	\$1600
July 16 – September 24, 2017	75%
After September 24, 2017	100%

P.S.: Different payment/cancellation policies apply to airline tickets; you will be advised at time of booking

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:

STI acts only as an agent in securing all services related to the tours described in this brochure, including transportation, sightseeing and accommodation. STI shall not be responsible or liable for any loss, cost, damage, injury, delay or expense arising from the use of any conveyance, accommodation or service or from acts of God, strikes, weather, quarantine, accidents, sickness, government regulations, insufficient documents and any loss/expense resulting from the above contingencies shall be borne by the tour member. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable for the comfort of the passenger, or for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made without penalty to the operators. Additional expense, if any, shall be borne by the passenger. The right is reserved to withdraw any or all tours should conditions warrant, and also to decline to accept or retain any passenger as a member of the tour. In such instances, full or equitable amounts will be refunded.

INSURANCE:

STI recommends that each tour participant has health, cancellation, interruption, accident and baggage insurance for the duration of his/her travel (in situations where insurance is not included in the tour price).

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:

It is entirely the passenger's responsibility to possess whatever documents and visas required by the law of the countries visited on the tour.

AIRLINE RESPONSIBILITY:

Any airliner carrier providing transportation in connection with these tours is not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passenger is not on board its planes or conveyances. The passenger contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchase of these tours and/or passenger. Similar responsibility as noted applies to all types of carriers, including car rental companies.

INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Following are the main areas of coverage with **Allianz Global Assistance** and the two packages we offer for this particular trip. Please carefully read the brochure you will receive after booking for full details. For insurance purposes the key point is that you are in GOOD health.

Please note that PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS are not covered. Please contact us if you have any questions or would like further information.

Please Note: Travellers need to have current Provincial Health Plan coverage in order to qualify for the ALL-INCLUSIVE insurance package.

THE ALL-INCLUSIVE PACKAGE consists of:

- Cancellation & Interruption
- Emergency Medical (\$5 Million limit)
- Flight Accident
- Travel Accident
- Baggage & Personal Effects

THE ALL INCLUSIVE PACKAGE (rate per person)

AGES ↓	0-60	61-65	66-70	71-76	77 +
17 Day Trip	\$410 - \$572	\$527 - \$733	\$639 - \$891	\$769 - \$1049	\$1659 - \$2219

If you wish you may also choose the Cancellation & Interruption insurance alone; this plan is suitable if you have sufficient medical coverage already and these rates apply to any trip length.

Please Note: To cover Land cost and Air fare, add the flights purchased through STI to total insurable amount (in case of Package not including Air).

CANCELLATION & INTERRUPTION INSURANCE

AGES ↓	0-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80+
17 Day Trip	\$358 - \$502	\$424 - 604.50	\$488 - \$704	\$561.50 - \$807.20	\$711 - \$999	\$835.50 - \$1159.50

Note: The above premiums are guidelines. The exact premium will depend on the cabin category chosen, whether you are traveling as a single, and the final airfare cost. At time of booking we will provide the applicable premium for your situation.

Insurance rates are valid at time of printing and are subject to change. Insurance premiums are subject to Provincial Sales Tax: 8% Ontario, 9% Quebec, 7% Manitoba



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