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PEARL OF THE ORIENT (UPSTREAM)

3 nights Saigon – Phnom Penh (or vice versa). A four-day cruise for cruise aficionados with less time on their hands connecting the Pearl of the Orient with the Paris of the East. Vietnam and Cambodia play the role of muse to any artist. There is so much to inspire. Whether it's the steam and aroma wafting from a street stall in Vietnam, being tenderly stirred by an elderly woman in a conical hat, who has done so for decades on the same corner. Or, the breathtaking, slightly intimidating presence of Angkor Wat and the unbelievable feats of men and incredible stories of an ancient time; this region is rich in interest. The food, scenery, architecture and culture of this region inspire at every turn, and looks back at you through the smiles of its people. Upstream and Downstream itineraries available - this indicates the direction the ship will travel. Downstream means from Siem Reap to Saigon. Upstream is the opposite direction from Saigon to Siem Reap. A \$120 surcharge applies for New Year's Eve & Christmas departures.



ITINERARY

Day 1: Ho Chi Minh City – My Tho – Cai Be

Bid farewell to the hustle and bustle of Saigon as we travel 70 kilometers south by land to My Tho to embark your boutique Ship. We will be served refreshing drinks and light lunch as the Ship steadily glides along the Mekong. We will bathe in the fading sunset on the balcony followed by a briefing at the lounge. Later, a welcome dinner awaits us. When approaching Cai Be, the Ship drops anchor midstream. Light lunch, afternoon tea and dinner are included. Overnight in Cai Be.

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Day 2: Cai Be – Sa Dec – Tan Chau

Everyday, our journey starts with an invigorating Tai Chi lesson on the Sundeck just as the sun begins its gentle glow. Coffee and tea awaits the early bird. The day-tour starts with a visit to Cai Be's boisterous and colorful floating market on a traditional sampan (a flat bottomed traditional Vietnamese wooden boat). During the ride, discover breathtaking landscapes along the river and quaff the rustic life on the Mekong Delta. The cruise will halt intermittently to allow us to observe how rice paste, rice paper, rice cookies, rice pop, rice wine and coconut candies are made, enjoy local life along the canals on the way back to the Ship for lunch. In the afternoon, we cruise to Sa Dec. Upon arrival, we embark a traditional sampan to tour Binh Thanh Island to visit an untouchable village. Here, every villager is involved in the process of making rattan mat and this give us the chance to interact with the old local people. We then board the Ship for a tranquil evening cruise towards Tan Chau. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included. The Ship will moor midstream overnight near Tan Chau.

Day 3: Tan Chau – Border crossing – Phnom Penh

Welcome to the fish sanctuary of Vietnam. Begin your day with a hearty breakfast at the Dining Hall of your balcony. Brace yourself for a short excursion in Tan Chau, a pleasant town near the Cambodian border with sizeable Chinese, Kinh and Khmer community. Firstly, the journey takes you to the "evergreen" islands where you will be thrilled to learn the life of the locals. The inhabitants of these islands live on houses poised on high stilts – a centuries-old tradition in this part of the Mekong Delta. We stop to visit a fish farm located in the Tan Chau canal – this farm consists of floating houses and the villagers make their living by cultivating fish. You continue by boat to Tan Chau pier, disembark here and stroll around this colorful local market with

lots of regional products. You return to the cruise Ship after your market visit. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included. Overnight we anchor midstream near Phnom Penh.

Day 4: Phnom Penh

Your journey with the floating sanctuary has come to an end, but will not be forgotten. Disembark after breakfast and head into the city of Phnom Penh to further discover its culture and history. Breakfast is included.

*High water season

The Ship could cruise along in Tonle Sap and dock near Siem Reap pier. It just takes 45 minutes for our coaches to transfer to the meeting point (Victoria Angkor Resort & Spa). The embarkation and disembarkation of the Ship will take place near Siem Reap pier. For downstream (REP-SGN) we will meet at noon (12:00pm) at the meeting point for check in formality. For upstream (SGN-REP) the coaches will drop you off around 10:00am at Victoria Angkor Resort & Spa. High water season is approximate from middle of September to the end of December. High water and low water season just make itinerary timing schedule changeable in Siem Reap, there will be no changes at other destinations.

*Low water season

The water level goes down and very low in Tonle Sap, so the Ships have to dock in Kampong Cham, where the embarkation and disembarkation will take place. It takes 4.5 hours for our coaches to transfer to the meeting point in Siem Reap (Victoria Angkor Resort & Spa). For downstream (REP-SGN) we will meet at 08:00am for the check-in formality. For upstream (SGN-REP) the coaches will drop you off around 13:30pm at Victoria Angkor Resort & Spa. Low water season is approximate from

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January to middle of September.

Please Note:

This itinerary is based on High Water Season. Although it is our intention to operate the itinerary as detailed proposal, we cannot be held responsible for any last minute changes that might occur. It may be necessary to make some changes as a result of climatic conditions, alterations to cruise schedules or other operational factors.

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YOUR SHIP: JAYAVARMAN

YOUR SHIP:	Jayavarman
VESSEL TYPE:	River Boat
LENGTH:	60 metres
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	54 (in 27 cabins)
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	2009

The Jayavarman is the father of the Heritage Line Collection. A grandiose and majestic ship, but not too large that it becomes impersonal. The Jayavarman's interior design is inspired by King Jayavarman's legacy. Aptly named after the revered monarch of the Khmer empire, the god-king is regal but warm. He cuts a majestic figure and pays apt tribute to the golden age of cruise liners. But he is not too large. A nice, intimate size. Expectations are high for the god-king. He does not disappoint. Life on the Jayavarman is one luxurious experience after another. You step out on to your private balcony, sipping your cocktail made with fruit from the land that envelops you. The sun sets gently and the charming countryside becomes a silhouette shining on the river. You soon realize that you've never been in a place so peaceful and so serene, occasionally punctuated by a child's raucous laughter ringing from a nearby village. Darkness descends, signaling the time for a traditional feast. Food from the region is served by waiters who, by now, have become your friends. They are proud to put on display their traditional attire and share their culture with you. At every corner, every river bend aboard this luxurious and majestic ship, new sights and new experiences are ready and waiting to be found.



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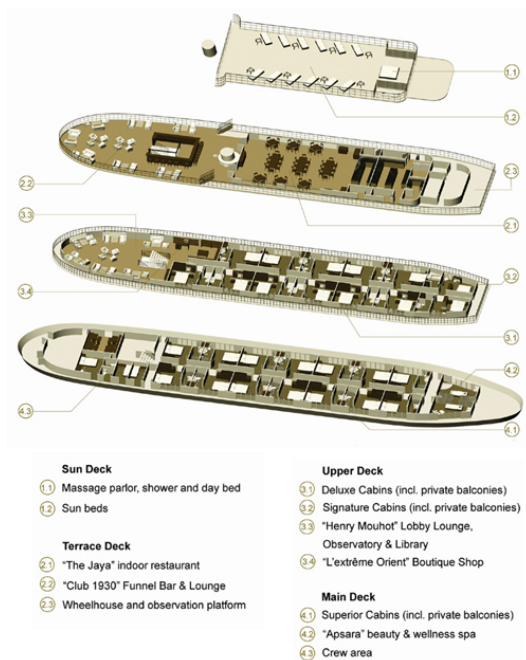
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