

12 DAY HIGHLIGHTS PACKAGE

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THE OFFER

The Mekong requires little introduction. One of the world's great rivers, it brings life to bustling cities and remote villages as it flows through six countries from the hills to the sea. On this 12 day tour and cruise package of Vietnam and Cambodia, the wonders that exist along this legendary waterway are yours to uncover.

Enjoy a free day in the bustling tourist hub of Siem Reap, gateway to Angkor Wat, followed by a 'pinch me' experience viewing the sun rise over this majestic monument. Then, embark on an eight-night cruise aboard either the 4-star Indochine or Lan Diep river ships - depending on your departure date. Discover Kampong Chhnang, one of the largest fishing ports on the Tonle Sap lake; visit the Vihara of the Wat Kampong Tralach Leu Pagoda, set among beautiful rice fields; and enjoy free time and a guided tour of Phnom Penh, Cambodia's impressive capital. Cross the border into Vietnam and experience the river port of Sa Dec, known for its stunning flower farms; travel by small boat among the orchards of Cai Bei, enjoy a guided tour of Ho Chi Minh City and more! Package includes return international flights, a relaxing eight-night Mekong cruise, English-speaking guides and more.

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18 DAY PACKAGE

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Want to explore even further? Choose the Vietnam post-tour extension package to experience vibrant Hanoi and Hoi An, together with the UNESCO listed waters of Halong Bay.

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THE ITINERARY

Itinerary - 1: Itinerary 1 – 12 Day Majestic Mekong

Day 1 New Zealand - Siem Reap, Cambodia

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Meals included: In-Flight

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Day 3 Sunrise and Morning Angkor Wat Tour - Koh Chen - Begin 8 Night Mekong River Cruise

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Baray and Angkor Wat. Afterwards return to the hotel for breakfast. After breakfast and checkout you will drive back to the Angkor complex to visit the most famous of all the temples on the plain of Angkor: Angkor Wat. The temple complex covers 81 hectares and is comparable in size to the Imperial Palace in Beijing. Its distinctive five towers are emblazoned on the Cambodian flag and the 12th century masterpiece is considered by art historians to be the prime example of classical Khmer art and architecture.

Afterwards transfer onwards to the town of Koh Chen by air conditioned bus (approx. 5 hours) and upon arrival embark the 4 star 'Lan Diep' or 'Indochine' ship, your home for the next 8 nights. Once on the ship, enjoy a welcome cocktail and an introduction to the crew. This evening enjoy dinner as the ship drops anchor.

Overnight: Fluviale du Mekong - 'Indochine' or 'Lan Diep' ship

Meals included: Breakfast;Dinner

Day 4 Koh Chen - Kampong Chhnang - Kampong Tralach

Today enjoy breakfast and lunch onboard. Early this afternoon, the ship will cruise into Kampong Chhnang. Located some 90km from Phnom Penh, the town of Kampong Chhnang is one of the largest fishing ports on the Tonle Sap. The region is best known for its fine traditional pottery which is a major source of revenue for the entire country, and the region's very name Kampong Chhnang means "the port of the pottery" in Khmer. Taste some palm sugar from the Thnot sugar palm (a real national symbol) before enjoying a little cruise around the village on small local boats. Afterwards return to the ship and continue cruising to Kampong Tralach where you will enjoy dinner onboard. Drop anchor and moor for the night near

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Day 6 Phnom Penh City Tour

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its French colonial charm, thanks to the rehabilitation of part of its architectural heritage. Today visit the Silver Pagoda, paved with over 5000 silver tiles to which it owes its name. Constructed in wood in 1892 it was then rebuilt in 1962. Also visit the Royal palace, symbolic heart of the nation and one of the finest examples of Cambodian architecture in classical Khmer style. Next, visit the National Museum housing the Fine Arts Museum, built in 1917 by the French in traditional Khmer architectural style. Also visit a beautiful Lapidary Museum, where the sublime statue of Javayarman VII sits with the head slightly tilted in a meditative posture.

Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant and this afternoon you will have the option to visit Tuol Svay Prey School S21 a former centre used by the Khmer Rouge during the War. Enjoy some free time in the "Central Market" which is crammed full with all types of businesses before you return to the ship and enjoy dinner.

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Day 7 Phnom Penh, Cambodia - Chau Doc, Vietnam - Sa Dec

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Transfer by small boat to visit a Cham Village, a village of silk weavers and fish farms. Then set off by minibus and visit the top of Sam Hill, an important place of pilgrimage for the Vietnamese where it overlooks the vastness of the Delta and its rice fields. Return onboard and continue cruising towards Sa Dec. This evening enjoy dinner and the overnight stop on the river bank.

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Day 11 Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - New Zealand

After breakfast disembark and transfer to the airport for your return flight back to New Zealand.

Please note:

- - Some flights will be departing in the late afternoon/evening, and a complimentary tour of the Cholon district with lunch included, along with day use of the common areas of a nearby hotel (pool, bar, restaurant, luggage storage facilities etc) will be provided so you may wait in comfort prior to being transferred to the airport.

Meals included: Breakfast;In-Flight

Day 12 Arrive in New Zealand

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Day 11 Ho Chi Minh City - Da Nang - Hoi An

After breakfast disembark and be transferred to the airport for the flight to Da Nang (approx. 1.5 hour flight). Upon arrival you will be transferred to the hotel in Hoi An. Graceful, historic Hoi An is Vietnam's most atmospheric and delightful town. Once a major port, it boasts the grand architecture and beguiling riverside setting that befits its heritage, and the 21st-century curses of traffic and pollution are almost entirely absent.

Please note: if flights depart in the afternoon or evening, a visit to the area of Cholon will be provided prior to your transfer to the airport. Cholon is the major centre of Chinese trade in the capital city and located not too far from Ho Chi Minh City Airport.

Overnight: Silk Luxury Hotel or similar, Hoi An

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12 Hoi An Free Day

Today enjoy a day at leisure to discover Hoi An or take the opportunity to join an optional activity (not included).

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Optional Activity: My Son Holy Land Tour - \$70 per person

Depart early this morning and travel to My Son (approx. 1 hour), a UNESCO World Heritage site located 40km southwest of Hoi An. My Son was once the capital and religious centre of the Cham people, and is believed to be the longest inhabited archaeological site in Indochina. The ruins of My Son were built between the 7th to 13th century BC and are located in a valley surrounded by mountains, the sides of which are covered in thick jungle. Hon Quap (Cat's Tooth Mountain) overlooks the site, its crooked peak mimicked by the architecture of some temples' roofs. These mountains are the source of the Thu Bon River, a holy river which flows through the site. Lunch will be included at a local restaurant and after the day's tour, be transferred back to the hotel in Hoi An. Inclusions: Transfers to and from the hotel to My Son Holy Land, English speaking tour guide.

Overnight: Silk Luxury Hotel or similar, Hoi An

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 13 Hoi An Free Day

Today enjoy another day at leisure in historic Hoi An or take the opportunity to join an optional activity (not included).

Optional Activity: Ba Na Hills, Golden Bridge & Da Nang Full Day Tour - \$155 per person

Early this morning you will be picked up from the hotel and travel to Ba Na Hill Station on the outskirts of Da Nang. Here you will take a cable car to Ba Na Hills where you will enjoy amazing views. Whilst here you will visit an old French cellar (Debay Ancient Wine Cellar), a flower garden - Le Jardin D'amour, Linh Ung Pagoda, a wax statue museum and the

iconic Golden Bridge. Afterwards enjoy free time to explore this resort park then travel onwards to Da Nang where lunch will be provided. In the afternoon, return to Hoi An where you may enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Inclusions: Transportation, English speaking guide, lunch, entrance fees, cable car ticket, and drinking water.

Overnight: Silk Luxury Hotel or similar, Hoi An

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 14 Hoi An - Hanoi

After breakfast, you will be transferred back to Da Nang airport for your onward flight to Hanoi, the capital city of Vietnam in the northern part of the country (approx. 1.5 hour flight). Upon arrival you will be transferred to the hotel and you may enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Flower Garden Hotel or similar, Hanoi

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 15 Hanoi - Halong Bay Cruise (approx. 180km day)

This morning after breakfast drive through beautiful green rice paddy fields on the way to the coast (approx. 4 hours) where you will board a Junk boat for an overnight cruise through the thousands of towering limestone islands and emerald waters of Halong Bay. Enjoy a seafood lunch before taking part in some afternoon activities such as swimming, relaxing on a remote beach, climbing to the top of a lookout for an amazing panoramic view or take a ride on a rowing boat into a secluded bay. Also cruise further into the bay to visit a Pearl Farm. Drop anchor in the late evening for an overnight stay among the dramatic limestone peaks.

Overnight: Traditional Junk Boat, Majestic Cruise,

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Halong Bay

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 16 Halong Bay - Hanoi (approx. 180km day)

Early risers can take part in an optional Tai Chi class on deck this morning. After breakfast, climb aboard the tender for a visit to Sung Sot (Surprise) Cave, a colourful grotto of giant stalactites and stalagmites. Return to the boat and enjoy a short cooking class where you will learn to prepare local delicacies such as spring rolls. Enjoy lunch on board, followed by a relaxing trip back into port, where you will disembark and return to Hanoi by bus (approx. 4 hours). Upon arrival back into Hanoi check into the hotel for an evening at leisure. Alternatively, you can take part in an optional evening activity (not included).

Optional Tour: Traditional Vietnamese Dinner with Water Puppet show - \$40 USD per person arranged on tour

This evening you will be picked up from the hotel and transferred to one of the best restaurants in the Hanoi's famous Old Quarter - Duong's Restaurant. Here you will enjoy many Vietnamese traditional dishes such as Goi Cuon tom thit (fresh roll with prawn and pork), Pho bo (noodle soup with beef), Bun Cha (BBQ pork in "nuoc mam" dressing eaten with noodles), Goi Ga hoa chuoi (banana blossom salad with chicken) and Che nep dua (sticky rice in coconut cream). After the dinner you will transfer to a water puppet theatre for a spectacular water puppet show. Vietnamese water puppetry is a traditional and unique art of Vietnam. Each show lasts 45 minutes and includes lively illustrative Vietnamese pastoral scenes, rural daily life as well as fairy legends. (The itinerary may be adjusted if the water puppet show at 8:00pm

is not available, in which case the water puppet show will be arranged at 6:30pm and the dinner at the restaurant after the show).

Overnight: Flower Garden Hotel or similar, Hanoi

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch

Day 17 Hanoi, Vietnam - New Zealand

Today transfer from the hotel to the airport for your return flight back to New Zealand.

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Day 18 Arrive in New Zealand

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

Discover the centuries-old culture of Cambodia and Vietnam via the Mekong

Enjoy a free day at leisure in the magnificent city of Siem Reap

Witness the sunrise over the Angkor complex from Phnom Bakheng Hill

Discover the ancient Angkor Wat, one of the largest religious monuments in the world

Explore Kampong Chhnang, one of the largest fishing ports on the Tonle Sap

Visit the Vihara of the Wat Kampong Tralach Leu Pagoda, set among the rice fields

See Koh Chen, where the inhabitants are experts in silver and copper work

Enjoy free time and a guided tour in Phnom Penh, Cambodia's capital

Take in the Silver Pagoda, the Central Market and more

Visit the border town of Chau Doc, along the banks of the Hau Giang River

Explore a local Cham village of silk weavers and fish farms

Witness the vast Mekong Delta from the top of Sam Hill

Experience the river port of Sa Dec, famous for its fading colonial villas

Marvel at the stilted houses of Vinh Long

Travel by small boats through beautiful orchards to the town of Cai Be

Learn about local rice popcorn, spring rolls, rice alcohol and coconut sweets on the Mekong

See the fruit trees nursery on the island of Binh Hoa Phuoc

Explore the My Tho area, renowned for its pretty villages and fruit orchards

Visit a beekeeping farm where you may taste local honey and enjoy exotic fruits

Enjoy a city tour of Ho Chi Minh City

Visit the Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral, National History Museum and more

Learn about the Viet Cong at the Cú Chi Tunnels

FLIGHTS

Return international flights (economy class) ex AKL/*CHC/*WLG

CRUISE

8 night Fluviale du Mekong 'Mekong River Cruise'

Sail aboard the 4-star boutique 'Lan Diep' or 'Indochine' ship

All cabins will enjoy large panoramic windows and in-room air-conditioning

Complimentary tea, coffee and drinking water onboard

Enjoy all day snacks at the bar onboard

Enjoy all shore excursions with a guide

Enjoy an Apsara Dance Show onboard

Delight in a farewell Gala dinner onboard

Enjoy 1 local beer or 1 glass of house wine at each lunch and dinner while cruising

Onboard cultural performances, educational talks and cooking classes

ACCOMMODATION

2 nights 4 star pre-cruise hotel accommodation in Siem Reap

DINING

Enjoy 25 meals including all meals whilst cruising

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TOUR ESSENTIALS

English speaking local tour guides

Airline and cruise taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

Transportation by private A/C coach

TRANSFERS

Return airport and port transfers

18 DAY WITH VIETNAM EXTENSION

All of the above, plus the following:

2 x internal flights (economy class): Ho Chi Minh City to Da Nang, Da Nang to Hanoi

5 nights 4 star post-cruise hotel accommodation in Vietnam

1 night cruising Halong Bay aboard a traditional Vietnamese junk boat

Enjoy 9 additional meals

Enjoy free time in the historic river city of Hoi An

Discover Vietnam's ancient capital of Hanoi

Sail among the limestone islands of Halong Bay

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Visit a floating pearl farm village

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

***Please note: all information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.**

BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in NZD (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 21st November 2020.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement applies:

12 Day Package

Main Deck Cabin: \$1900

Upper Deck Cabin: \$2100

18 Day Package with Vietnam Extension

Main Deck Cabin: \$2375

Upper Deck Cabin: \$2575

Departure Dates (2020)

Please see TripADeal website for current departure dates.

Surcharges

Please note: dates/months with a ^ incur a high season surcharge of \$200 per person.

Departure Cities

Auckland, *Christchurch or *Wellington

Departure City Surcharges

*Christchurch, *Wellington: \$100 per person

FLIGHTS

Full Service Airline(s) Used

Singapore Airlines, Malaysia Airlines, China Southern Airlines, Thai Airways, Vietnam Airlines, Cathay Pacific, Qantas Airways, Emirates, Virgin Australia, Malindo Air, Korean Airlines, Japan Airlines, China Airlines, Bangkok Airways and codeshare partners (subject to availability)

Domestic Airline(s) Used 18 Day Packages Only

Vietnam Airlines or Vietjet Air (subject to availability).

Please note: One way flights can not be accommodated. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Arrive early in Siem Reap, Cambodia

\$220 per person, subject to availability.

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Blackout dates apply between the below date ranges:

* 28th March – 27th April 2020

* 20th June – 19th July 2020

* 17th September – 11th October

Stay behind in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (12 Day Package only)

\$220 per person, subject to availability.

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Blackout dates apply between the below date ranges:

* 28th March – 27th April 2020

* 20th June – 19th July 2020

* 17th September – 11th October

Stay behind in Hanoi, Vietnam (18 Day Package only)

\$220 per person, subject to availability.

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Blackout dates apply between the below date ranges:

* 28th March – 27th April 2020

* 20th June – 19th July 2020

* 17th September – 11th October 2020

Stopover Packages

Twin share: \$600 per person/one way

Solo Traveller: \$950 one way

Locations:

* Singapore

Includes:

2 Nights in 4 star accommodation

Daily breakfast

Return airport transfers

Please note:



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- Only available pre-tour
- Stopover packages are subject to availability.

Flight Class Upgrades

- Business Class (International Sectors only): BUY NOW for \$3999 per person

Please note:

- upgrades are subject to availability (if we are not able to fulfill your business class request the upgrade cost will be refunded).
- On any upgrade purchase, short haul flights, Trans-Tasman, and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed in a Premium or Business cabin; subject to aircraft configuration.

CRUISES

Lan Diep River Ship

The Lan Diep is a 22 cabin river vessel, inspired by the Mekong's ancient tradition of riverboat building. The vessel is spacious, elegant and luxurious. Lan Diep's strong metallic hull is gently embedded in an exquisite wood, period-style finishing.

Indochine River Ship

The 24-cabin vessel measures 51 x 11 metres and boasts fine wood finishes. Onboard, passengers can enjoy movies, fine dining, conferences and numerous cultural activities in Indochine's air-conditioned lounge bar. The ship also has a spacious restaurant at the rear of the upper deck where guests are able to indulge in Continental and Asian cuisine.

Cabins Onboard

The spacious cabins (16m²) are exquisitely fitted-out with Cambodian tropical hardwoods and palm wood for a decorative finish and an authentic feel and a large panoramic window will give you a clear view of the river and over the beautiful Cambodian & Vietnam countryside. All cabins include en suites furnished with brass fittings and exotic natural wood, in-room air conditioning, quality linens, duvets & premium mattresses, complimentary tea, coffee & drinking water along with a turndown service in the evening.

Shore Excursions & Meals Onboard

During your cruise all shore excursions mentioned in the itinerary are included and will be led by English speaking guides. All meals are also included and a local executive chef heads an experienced culinary team will provide high quality meals with buffet breakfasts and lunches and a set menu for dinner.

Please note: during the high water season (approximately September to December), if water levels permit, you may be able to board the cruise in Siem Reap, and cross the Tonle Sap Lake the following day instead of boarding in Koh Chen.

Currency onboard

The currency aboard the ships is the US dollar (preferably in small denominations). During embarkation, you can leave your credit card imprint so as to account for and pay all your onboard expenses at the end of the cruise. You will be able to pay by US Dollars or credit card (Visa or MasterCard).

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

12 Day Package

4 Star (self-rated):

- Siem Reap: Regency Angkor Hotel or similar
- Mekong River Cruise: Fluviale du Mekong 'Lan Diep or Indochine' Ship (Departure date dependent)

Please note: rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

18 Day Package

4 Star (self-rated):

- Hoi An: Rosemary Hotel, Silk Luxury Hotel, Le Pavillon Luxury Resort, Phu Thinh Resort or similar
- Hanoi: Flower Garden Hotel, Chalcedony Hotel, Thien Thai Hotel or similar

No Star Rating:

- Halong Bay: Majestic Cruise

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are

based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

Extra Nights

- Siem Reap, Cambodia (Pre Tour): \$115 per room including breakfast.

Please note: extra nights are subject to availability until the time of booking. Airport transfers are not included if you wish to arrive early or stay behind

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children 12 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple Share

Not Available.

Bedding Configuration

Double or twin bedding(subject to availability).

Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 20, maximum group size 44 per vehicle.

Optional Tours / Activities Available for purchase upon checkout:

Mekong Cruise:

- Unlimited Local Beer Package: \$90 per person (*Please note: Alcohol will not be available onboard the ship until after 12:00pm.*)
- House Wine (French Red or White) Package Max 2 bottles per day \$235 per person

18 Day Package only:

- Day 12: My Son Holy Land Tour: \$70 per person
- Day 13: Ba Na Hills, Golden Bridge & Da



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Nang Full Day Tour \$155 per person

Please note:

- prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions.
- The optional tours listed above must be purchased on checkout or over the phone prior to submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability).
- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

Optional Tours / Activities Available for purchase on tour:

18 Day Package only:

- Day 16: Traditional Vietnamese Dinner with Water Puppet Show: \$40 USD per person

Please note:

- prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable direct to the tour operator in the currency specified.
- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate

EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A visa for Vietnam & Cambodia are strict requirements if travelling on a New Zealand passport).
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary (including any specialty restaurants onboard cruise).
- Recommended gratuities/tipping: \$10 USD per traveller per day, which will be collected whilst on tour for cruise component. \$7 USD per traveller per day, which will be collected on tour for post tour extension land services.
- Optional activities/tours (including any 'onshore' excursions as part of cruise).
- Personal expenses.
- Travel insurance (Mandatory).

Please note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of

an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Vietnam & Cambodia:

The dry season lasts from December to April, but the atmosphere remains humid (25°C to 30°C). During the rainy season which runs from May to October, there are frequent violent but short rain storms which usually occur towards the end of the afternoon but regardless river cruising on the Mekong is a year round operation with great experiences to be had any month of the year.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

At TripADeal we do not arrange seat selection. It is important to highlight that some Airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the Airline directly with seating allocation requirements and or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the Airline once you have your flight information.

Passport Validity:

Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase, or no later than 45 days prior to departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

CRUISE

Disembarkation:

- Begins approximately 2 hours after docking.
- Due to security reasons, all guests must be on board 2 hours before sailing.
- Itineraries are subject to change at any time without notice.
- Check your specific sailing for exact departure and arrival times. All times are local to the port.

Cruise Loyalty Discounts:

Please note: Travellers booked via TripADeal will not be entitled to receive any cruise line customer loyalty discounts. Similar to airline frequent flyer programs, this is outside of the TripADeal booking process. However, customers may contact the cruise line direct upon receiving their TripADeal travel documents to request any membership benefits they are entitled to.

COACH TOUR

Meals:

25 meals are included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions



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and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

OTHER

Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: a basic level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Yellow Fever:

A valid international certificate of vaccination against Yellow Fever is required in many countries. You may need to present this on arrival at the airport or border crossing. Some countries will refuse entry if you are unable to present your certificate. It's also quite common for your home country to request a Yellow Fever certificate on your arrival back home.

It is your responsibility to check with your doctor well in advance of leaving home about the Yellow Fever requirements for the countries you'll be visiting.

Gratuities / Tipping:

Land

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is \$7USD

per person per day for all the cruise staff onboard the ship, and an additional \$3 USD per person per day for tour services (eg guides & drivers) throughout the tour. For customers purchasing the post tour-extension, the recommended tip is \$7USD per person per day when services are provided and this covers the guides/drivers. Please note tipping is only recommended and is not mandatory.

Tipping for all services provided on tour is always a matter of personal discretion, however please be aware that tipping is considered by many locals to be a part of their normal remuneration and they may approach you for payment and there is no need to be intimidated by the request.

Sightseeing:

Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary will be adjusted to ensure you do not miss out on the experience.

Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information.

VISAS

Vietnam

New Zealand passport holders are eligible to apply online for a single entry electronic visa (e-visa), valid for up to a maximum of 30 days. Lodge your application online (for a non-refundable fee) with the Vietnamese National

Web Portal of Immigration <https://www.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn/>. You will be given a unique code to track your visa application status. Once your visa is granted, you must print it out and present it at check-in. Keep this e-visa print out with you at all times during your travel in Vietnam.

Some private online visa services and travel agents have scammed travellers or been involved in the public disclosure of the personal information of applicants for visas and 'visa issued on arrival' approval letters. To avoid such scams, only use official Government of Vietnam services to arrange your visa. Visa and other entry and exit conditions (such as currency, customs and quarantine regulations) change regularly. Contact the nearest Embassy or Consulate of Vietnam for up-to-date information.

Cambodia

A tourist visa for Cambodia is a strict requirement if travelling on a New Zealand passport:

- Cambodia will be completely arranged on arrival at the border for \$35 USD per person.
- Visas must be arranged in USD currency at the border with 2 passport size photos.

Please note: Passengers who are not New Zealand citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.

INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Post-Purchase Change



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This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- \$50 NZD per change request post-purchase + any additional charges applied by the travel partners associated with the order.

