

## **LUXURY VIETNAM CRUISE TOUR**

### **Hanoi – Halong Bay – Ho Chi Minh City – Mekong Delta Cruise – Sa Dec – Chau Doc – Phnom Penh – Angkor Wat.**

### **15 Days 14 Nights**

#### **Day 1 Arrive Hanoi**

Welcomed at Noi Bai International airport by Viet Prestige travel's guide and transferred to your hotel for relaxation after a long journey before we present you Vietnam daily life with one hour cyclo ride or walking around the Hoan Kiem lake, visit Ngoc Son temple and Old quarter streets. Stop at Thang Long theatre for one hour Water Puppets shows. Overnight in Hanoi.

#### **Day 2 Hanoi – Halong (B,L,D)**

From Hanoi we depart for Halong Bay. Our journey takes us through the lush green fields of the Red River Delta to the coast and beautiful Halong Bay whose name means “an Ascending Dragon”. We will arrive in time for a delicious, fresh, seafood lunch on our junk which will cruise this secluded bay so we can marvel at some of the 2-3000 limestone peaks that emerge from the emerald water. We have the opportunity to view a spectacular cave crammed with stalactites and stalagmites, and, weather permitting, to swim in the clear waters surrounding our boat. We can also kayak to explore some of the hidden charms in part of the bay before spending the night on board.



#### **Day 3 Halong Bay – Hanoi (B,L)**

Rising early to the sound of the ocean coming to life for another lovely day. We will have breakfast as the sunrise before further exploration of Halong bay by junk and to the lagoons by row boat. We will visit Luon caves, floating villages, sail to explore the bay and have another fresh seafood lunch on board before approaching Halong wharf. Return to Hanoi the late afternoon. Overnight in hotel in Hanoi.

#### **Day 4 Hanoi – Danang – Hoian (B)**

After breakfast, we will go to Noi Bai airport for flight to Danang. On arrival at Da Nang Airport, you are welcome by our local guide then visit to Cham Museum (rich collection of Cham sculptures from in 14-15 century back with Indian influences) before transferring to Hoi An town, which was originally one of major trading centers of Southeast Asia in the 16th century. Visit of Hoi An Town with mixed the culture of Vietnam/Chinese/Japanese with Chinese tiled houses, Chinese temples, Japanese covered bridge. Overnight in Hoi An town.

### **Day 5 Hoian – Danang – Hochiminh – Cuchi Tunnels (B)**

Leave your hotel early for morning flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Upon arrival, heading to Cu Chi tunnels, the “Iron Triangle”, our Viet Cong basement in the American war. Back to Ho Chi Minh city for a quick view of the busiest city of Vietnam by visiting the Independence Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral and Post office, last stop at China Town. Check in hotel and overnight in Hochiminh city.

### **Day 6 Saigon – Mytho – Embarkation (B,L,D)**

Bid farewell to the hustle and bustle of Saigon you will go to My Tho for embarkation. My Tho is 70km South of Saigon and located on the upper Mekong river in Vietnam. Enjoy a cocktail reception at the Funnel Bar and Lounge followed by a Welcome Dinner on the Sun Deck. Drop anchor just outside of My Tho for the night. Overnight on the RV Jayavarman Cruise.

### **Day 7 Caibe – Chaudoc (B,L,D)**



Starts with the Jayavarman Cruise among local sampans coming from all provinces of the delta full of fruits and vegetables. Proceed to Dong Hoa Hiep island located between Vinh Long and Cai Be. During a 40-minute cruise, discover beautiful landscapes along the river and observe the typical Mekong Delta rural life. These evergreen islands among the Mekong River remain unknown to many people. Further stops will allow you to see traditional brick and tile factories

and how locals use palm leaves for houses. After touring the canals, head to the Ba Duc ancient house to have know the descendants of the former imperial residents. Then you will observe the Cai Be’s colorful floating market from Cai Be Princess boat. Back on the sampans, cruise 20 minutes further to Phu An hamlet passing by Cai Be’s beautiful cathedral. Then, group 1 can stay on boat to go straight to the restaurant while group 2 explores the edges of the canals on bicycle. Lunch will await you at Le Longanier, a superb Indochinese villa located in a lush tropical garden by the river, surrounded by fruit orchards. After lunch the cruise will continue with the visit some interesting home factories to see how rice paste, rice cookies and coconut candies, are made, along with

the Long An fruit drying process. Board The Jayavarman for a relaxing evening cruise towards Chau Doc. Moor midstream overnight. Overnight on the Jayavarman Cruise

### **Day 8 Chaudoc – Border crossing (B,L,D)**

Welcome to the circus of fish. The early birds will be treated to Thai Chi lessons on the Sun Deck. Brace yourself for a short excursion by tricycle in about 30 minutes. After that you will have a short walk to visit the local market then go by coach to visit Lady Temple. She is the most famous Lady who brings strong spirit to the local in their daily life. Go back to the quay, you will start a boat excursion to the exciting floating villages and catfish farms witnessing masses of basa fish being fed, hand in hand with a shore excursion to the village of the local Muslim Cham community. By mid-afternoon, The Jayavarman casts off for the border towards Phnom Penh. Overnight on the Jayavarman Cruise

### **Day 9 Phnompenh (B,L,D)**

Wake up early in the morning to witness a truly indescribable scene while approaching Phnom Penh's river promenade. After breakfast, embark on a city tour in this dynamic, historical capital of Cambodia which has retained its French colonial charm. Sightseeing in the morning will include the dazzling white and gold architecture of the Royal Palace, outstanding displays of Khmer crafts at the National Museum and the temple on a hill – Wat Phnom. After lunch in a local restaurant, examine the painful, heart wrenching reminders of Cambodia's ugly past under the Khmer Rouge regime with an excursion to the Genocide museum to learn more about the Cambodian civil war. Introduction and onsite lecture by a local history professor. Thereafter, to ease the nerves a variety of cocktails will be at your disposal, followed by Cambodia's traditional Apsara dance performance. Experience the brilliance and richness of the culture, the soothing sounds of traditional music, the calming scent of incense sticks and a delicious Khmer food buffet on the Jayavarman Cruise. Overnight on the Jayavarman Cruise.



### **Day 10 Phnompenh – Kampongcham (B,L,D)**

Depart before the break of dawn from Phnom Penh with a stop at the little known Chong Koh silk weaving village for a leisure walk. We cruise past the Mekong's tranquil villages and mind blowing river life with scores of fishermen on duty. Visit Wat Nokor, a wat built within the ruins of an ancient temple that holds a timeless story. Then, travel to the Cheung Kok Ecotourism Village, a small village developed with support from Assistance Médiation Internationale (AMICA). Travelers can visit the village and take part in activities to experience village life. Profits from tourism go towards re-investment into long-term projects. Overnight on the Jayavarman Cruise.

### **Day 11 Kampongcham – Wathanchey (B,L,D)**

Wake up in the wee hours of the morning, truly energized to embark on a journey upriver to the pre-Angkorian temple of Wat Hanchey. Located at the top of a hill overlooking the river, it offers some of the best views in Cambodia. Dating from the 8th century, these ancient structures do justice to the architecture of the Chenla Empire which predated the glories of the mighty Angkor. Enjoy spectacular views of the surrounding well organized rice paddy plains, as well as a travelers blessing performed by the local monks. Overnight on the Jayavarman Cruise

### **Day 12 Kampongcham – Kampongchhang – Tonlesap (B,L,D)**

Before the sun rises, the cruise sets sail to Kampong Chhnang via Prek K'dam along the meandering Tonle Sap River, which narrows through leafy swaths of the South East Asian jungle. Take a walk through Kampong Louang, one of the last silversmith villages, to see the entire community involved in making various silver items to sell. Get back aboard cruise for lunch while cruising towards Kampong Chhnang. After



lunch, take a motorboat excursion from Kampong Chhnang to see the wetlands, floating houses and fish farms in the region. Make a stop at a Heritage Line sponsored floating school to interact with the children and teach them some English! This is the day to truly experience rural Khmer life. In the evening, a mouth-watering Farewell Dinner will be served on the Jayavarman Cruise's Sun Deck. Overnight on the Jayavarman Cruise

### **Day 13 Tonlesap – Siemreap (B,L)**

This great lake dominates Cambodia and is over 150 km in length. The birdlife is profuse and from the middle of the lake one cannot even see the shores. Witness stillness and tranquility on the way to Siem Reap. The water level varies a great deal according to the time of the year and the amount of rainfall recorded. Thus, changes may occur for the different seasons. Transfer to the hotel in Siem Reap.

### **Day 14 Siemreap (B,L)**

The tour begins with Angkor Thom, the ancient capital city. After lunch you will be taken to Angkor Wat, the main temple area. The early afternoon is free. In the late afternoon you will meet the directors of the Cambodian Cultural Show and have the opportunity to see their costumes. Overnight in Siem Reap.

### **Day 15 Siemreap (B)**

Free at your leisure until transfer to airport for your departure flights.