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Magnificent Mekong **2013 At-A-Glance**



Explore the stunningly scenic and culturally distinctive lands that lie along the remarkable Mekong River. On this 15-day cruisetour, discover two countries, two cultures and two ways of life linked by Indochina's most important river—from Vietnam's bustling cities to the tranquility of Cambodia. Encounter ancient Khmer monuments and the elegant French colonial capital of Phnom Penh in Cambodia; and in Vietnam, visit the floating markets of the Mekong delta, experience the intimate charm of Hanoi's old city and tour dynamic Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon. Here you will find gracious hosts and some of the finest cuisine in the world, while enjoying the natural beauty and rich history just beyond the banks of the magnificent Mekong.

Sail dates available January to March and June to December 2013

Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City *or* Ho Chi Minh City to Hanoi

Ships sailing this itinerary: RV Indochina

Magnificent Mekong **Journey Highlights**

Included Features

- 8-day cruise with river-view stateroom
- 2 nights in Hanoi's deluxe Sofitel Metropole*
- 3 nights in Siem Reap's superior first class Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra*
- 2 nights in Ho Chi Minh City's superior first class Sofitel Saigon Plaza*
- 14 guided tours with audio headset
- Most meals: 14 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 13 dinners, featuring regional specialties
- 1 intra-itinerary flight
- Cultural Highlights: Siem Reap arts & crafts school, floating market, Apsara show

See where old and new converge in Hanoi

Old and new combine in this unique Asian capital, set among lush parks and lakes. Visit the traditional Temple of Literature, then see the vast Ho Chi Minh Memorial. Pass beautiful Hoan Kiem Lake on your way to Hanoi's old town, where you explore the "36 Streets" by cyclo, the area's ubiquitous bicycle taxis.

Visit the ruins of ancient Angkor

Explore the remnants of the world's most extensive pre-industrial city. Begin with Angkor Wat, a UNESCO World Heritage Site so iconic that it appears on Cambodia's national flag. See the fortified city of Angkor Thom with Bayon Temple set in its center like a jewel; contemplate the mysterious smile on the massive stone faces of the bodhisattva Avalokitesvara, keeping an eternal watch on the four compass points, and study the bas-relief scenes of legendary and historic events. Walk through the ruins of Ta Prohm Temple, festooned with massive tree roots. By way of contrast, spend an afternoon in the nearby provincial capital of Siem Reap.

Explore Phenomenal Phnom Penh

Walk off your ship, docked along the picturesque waterfront of Cambodia's capital city, and climb aboard a cyclo for your city tour. See the magnificent Royal Palace with its Silver Pagoda, built by 19th-century French colonialists but inspired by traditional Khmer architecture. Tour the infamous Killing Fields and the National Museum of Cambodia, which houses traditional Khmer treasures and art depicting the ancient empire.

Included Tours:

Hanoi city tour	Phnom Penh cyclo tour
Hanoi old city cyclo tour	Tân Châu city visit
Angkor Wat & Bayon Temple	Vinh Hoa island tour
Phnom Kulen & Banteay Srey Temple	Sampan boat excursion
Ta Prohm Temple	Floating market visit
Kampong Thom	Ho Chi Minh City tour
Wat Hanchey & Twin Holy Mountains	
National Museum	
Choeungkok village visit	

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Magnificent Mekong Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City Itinerary

Day 1 Hanoi, Vietnam

- Hanoi airport transfer*
- Hotel check-in

Day 2 Hanoi, Vietnam

- City tour including “Hanoi Hilton” prison and Temple of Literature

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 3 Hanoi, Vietnam and Siem Reap, Cambodia

- Ride through Hanoi’s Old Quarter by “green” electric car
- Afternoon at leisure
- Fly to Siem Reap

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4 Angkor Wat & Siem Reap, Cambodia

- Visit Angkor Wat, a UNESCO Site, and Bayon Temple
- Market visit

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 5 Angkor & Siem Reap, Cambodia

- Visit Banteay Srey Temple
- Ta Prohm Temple
- Arts & crafts training center
- Free time

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 6 Siem Reap and Kampong Thom, Cambodia

- Visit local village supported by Viking River Cruises
- Transfer to ship
- Kampong Thom excursion

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 Kampong Cham, Cambodia

- Wat Hanchey & Twin Holy Mountains of Phnom Pros & Phnom Srey
- Orphanage visit in Kampong Cham

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 Phnom Penh, Cambodia

- Tour of Cambodian village
- Udon Monastery visit

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 Phnom Penh, Cambodia

- Cyclo tour including Royal Palace
- Afternoon at leisure or optional Killing Fields excursion
- National Museum tour

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10 Mekong River

- Scenic cruising

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11 Tân Châu, Vietnam

- Tân Châu city visit with rickshaw ride
- Vinh Hoa island tour

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12 Sa Đéc and Cái Bè, Vietnam

- Visit to house of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le
- Sampan boat excursion
- Floating market visit

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 13 Mỹ Tho and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

- Disembark ship
- Transfer to hotel
- Free time to explore Ho Chi Minh City

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 14 Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

- Ho Chi Minh City tour including Dong Khoi Street and China town
- Market visit
- Traditional wedding ceremony

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 15 Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

- Ho Chi Minh City airport transfer*

Included Meals: Breakfast

* Airport transfers included when air is purchased from Viking River Cruises. Transfers must be with flights that arrive/depart on ship or included hotel check-in or check-out day only.

Magnificent Mekong Ho Chi Minh to Hanoi Itinerary

Day 1 Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

- Ho Chi Minh City airport transfer*

Day 2 Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

- Ho Chi Minh City tour
- Market visit
- Dinner at a local restaurant

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 3 Mỹ Tho and Cái Bè, Vietnam

- Transfer to Mỹ Tho; embark ship
- Scenic cruising along Mekong
- Floating market visit in Cái Bè

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4 Sa Đéc & Cu Lao Gien, Vietnam

- Sampan boat excursion
- Visit home of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le
- Scenic Cruising along the Mekong

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

**Day 5 Tân Châu, Vietnam
& Mekong River**

- Tân Châu city visit with rickshaw ride
- Boat ride to Vinh Hoa island and tour
- Scenic cruising along the Mekong

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 6 Phnom Penh, Cambodia

- Cyclo tour including Royal Palace
- Afternoon at leisure or optional Killing Fields excursion

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 Phnom Penh, Cambodia

- Tour of Cambodian village
- Udon Monastery visit

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 Mekong River

- Scenic cruising
- Visit typical Khmer River community known for its silk

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 Kampong Cham, Cambodia

- Wat Hanchey & Twin Holy Mountains of Phnom Pros & Phnom Srey
- Orphanage visit

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Day 10 Kampong Thom &
Siem Reap, Cambodia**

- Disembark ship
- Scenic transfer to Siem Reap
- Apsara dance show and dinner

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 11 Angkor Wat, Cambodia

- Visit Angkor Wat, a UNESCO Site, and Bayon Temple
- Market visit

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 12 Angkor Wat, Cambodia

- Visit Banteay Srey Temple
- Ta Prohm Temple

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

**Day 13 Siem Reap, Cambodia &
Hanoi, Vietnam**

- Fly to Hanoi; hotel check-in
- Museum of Ethnology

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 14 Hanoi, Vietnam

- City tour including “Hanoi Hilton” prison and Temple of Literature
- Ride through Hanoi’s Old Quarter by “green” electric car

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 15 Hanoi, Vietnam

- Hanoi airport transfer*

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Explore More

More days means more to discover. We offer exciting ways to see even more of the region with extension packages you can add before or after your Viking journey.

Ha Long Bay Extension

2-night extension—\$499 per person

Extend your journey in Southeast Asia with a stunning experience. Ride through the verdant farmlands of the Red River Delta from Hanoi to Ha Long Bay, then board a traditional wooden junk for an afternoon cruise. Learn about the bay's features, history and ecosystem over lunch, and encounter various rock formations, islets, caves and grottoes. Included on this fully escorted extension are one night in Hanoi, one night at Ha Long Bay, daily breakfasts and lunch aboard your scenic cruise.

The **Sofitel Metropole** in Hanoi blends Vietnamese hospitality with European luxury and is located in the heart of Hanoi, adjacent to many popular sights and attractions. Hotel amenities include three restaurants, three bars, wireless internet, concierge, dry cleaning, currency exchange, gift shop, delicatessen, and English-speaking staff. Rooms include satellite television, air conditioning, safe deposit box and a hair dryer.

The **Novotel Ha Long Bay** is set amidst the mystical landscape overlooking the stunning bay. With panoramic views of the seascapes, the hotel offers all-day dining at its restaurant, delicious cocktails at the lounge and the pool bar. Hotel amenities include 24-hour room service, concierge, currency exchange, and laundry service. Rooms include air conditioning, television, radio, mini bar, tea and coffee maker, hair dryer

Bangkok Extension

3-night extension—\$899 per person

Extend your Southeast Asia adventure with a visit to Bangkok, capital of Thailand and one of Asia's most dynamic cities. Three nights at the superior first class **Millennium Hilton Bangkok**, daily breakfasts, a longtail boat tour of the city's canals and Chao Phraya River and a tour of the Grand Palace are included. There will be free time to explore multicultural Bangkok's many sights and attractions—ancient palaces and temples, parks and museums, traditional dance and theater and world-class shopping. Hotel transfers and the services of a Viking host are also included.

The **Millennium Hilton Bangkok** hotel is situated adjacent to the Chao Praya River, towering majestically above it and offering some of the most impressive views of the city. Hotel amenities include concierge, fitness room, pool, spa and sauna, foreign currency exchange, gift shop, laundry service, a multi-lingual staff and room service. Rooms include internet access, television, air conditioning, bathroom amenities, hair dryer, coffee maker, telephone and mini bar.

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The Viking Experience

Quietvox Tour Earphones

With our Quietvox tour earphones, there are no worries about missing any interesting details during your shore excursions. Each guest will receive a lightweight, portable receiver that can be worn around the neck or slipped into a pocket. The comfortable earpiece with individual volume control allows you to hear your guide's comments no matter where you are standing and makes every place on your tour the "best seat in the house."

Cultural Enrichment

Culture CurriculumSM. To help you further appreciate the countries that you will visit, we complement your shore excursion with a broad range of immersive activities, on board and ashore. Your cruisetour includes a visit to the Siem Reap arts & crafts school, floating market and a traditional Apsara show. Times and locations will be announced.

Expert Program Directors. Viking River Cruises Program Directors are selected for their comprehensive knowledge of the regions you will be visiting. They have a fine appreciation of each destination's nuances and a genuine passion for travel and are there to help from the first moment to the end of your journey. If you have any questions, would like recommendations or have any concerns during your itinerary, do not hesitate to contact your Program Director.

General Physical Fitness

Our tours and cruises are not physically demanding, however, *because of the nature of many of the sites you will be visiting, this tour may not be appropriate for guests with certain medical conditions and physical restrictions*. Walking tours are often on uneven ground or cobblestones and may include stairs and steep inclines. If you have concerns or questions, please discuss the nature of your itinerary with your Viking River Cruises Travel Consultant.

Complimentary Wine with Dinner and Lunch service

Enjoy complimentary bottled wine with onboard dinner and lunch service. We feature two varietals—one white and one red—that pair beautifully with our onboard menu of contemporary and regional specialties.

Before You Go

Visit our website at vikingrivercruises.com (or vrc.com) where you can not only learn more about all the places you might go with Viking, but you can also immerse yourself in the experience from the comfort of your own home. There is information abound and you can watch videos of destinations, take a virtual tour of a cruise ship or get a list of recommended readings.

Passports & Visas

Passports and visas are necessary and required for U.S. citizens for this itinerary. Non-U.S. citizens, please check your consulate for visa information.

Viking's All-Inclusive Airfare & Transfers

For your convenience, you can purchase roundtrip transoceanic air travel directly from Viking in conjunction with your river cruise or cruisetour. Viking's air packages are a great value because they include your transfers between airport and ship or hotel. And, when you reserve your air with Viking and purchase Viking's all-inclusive travel protection policy, your air travel is covered by the policy as part of your Viking itinerary. Select from more than 165 different gateways (additional gateways available) in economy or the upgraded service of Business Class (transoceanic portion); once your reservation has been made, we will confirm your flight schedules 75 days before departure.

E-Check Program

Viking offers special incentives when you pay via e-check (electronic debit to your checking account)—a quick and convenient way to pay for your vacation. Ask for details when making your reservation.

Viking Travel Protection

Viking Travel Protection allows you to cancel your trip for any reason. Enjoy peace of mind knowing that whatever may arise—even a pre-existing medical condition—you retain 100% of your travel value. Premiums are based on trip cost and start at only \$249 per person!

Climate – Average High/Low Temperature (°F)

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>
Hanoi	66/58	67/60	72/65	90/80	90/80	88/78	82/73	76/66	71/60
Ho Chi Minh City	88/72	90/73	92/76	89/77	89/77	88/76	87/76	87/74	87/72
Phnom Penh	88/71	91/72	93/74	90/81	90/76	88/76	87/76	85/74	84/72

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