## RIVER CRUISE & TOUR

CAMBODIA | CHINA | EGYPT | INDIA | JORDAN | VIETNAM

2026 - 2027



## WELCOME

Welcome to our 2026–2027 River Cruise & Tour Collection. Explore some of the world's most remarkable destinations as you cruise along iconic rivers, from the Yangtze and Nile to the Mekong and Brahmaputra. These curated journeys combine the highlights of a Wendy Wu tours classic land adventure with the added bonus of river travel, offering fresh perspectives and authentic encounters with local life along the way.

More than just incredible scenery, our river cruises provide a relaxing, immersive way to reach hidden gems often missed by road. Each voyage is seamlessly paired with a fully inclusive tour, packed with activities, expert-guided sightseeing, and extraordinary experiences offering true immersion into local culture.

Among our bestselling tours, explore brand-new adventures such as Angkor & Mekong Uncovered (page 14) and take in the breathtaking views of the mighty Mekong aboard our state-of-the-art Victoria Mekong ship.

In Beyond the Brahmaputra (page 28), step off the ship and embark on a thrilling jeep safari through the central range of Kaziranga National Park, discovering its wild side up close.

We are also delighted to introduce our new Christmas tours, Christmas Beyond the Brahmaputra (page 30) and Christmas on the Mekong (page 22), where you can celebrate the festive season and experience new traditions in some of the world's most sought-after destinations.

Alongside the comfort of your river vessel, you'll enjoy all the benefits of a Wendy Wu tour – flights, accommodation, meals, visas, and exceptional value for money.

Wherever your journey takes you, we hope it inspires your next adventure. We look forward to welcoming you aboard.

Warmest regards,

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Wendy Wu Founder, Wendy Wu Tours





#### We Take Care of Everything

We offer lots of inclusions on each and every tour, including your international flights, hotels, meals, guided touring, transportation, transfers – and even your visa. All you need to do is get to the airport!



## Trusted for over 25 years

Since Wendy herself led our very first tour, we have grown into Australia's leading tour specialist with an unrivalled expertise in immersive, inclusive touring. Once you've experienced a country with Wendy Wu Tours, you'll never want to travel another way!



## Award-winning Service

Voted for by the public, our partners and respected travel experts, Wendy Wu Tours has been the recipient of over 40 major awards in our history, including 'Best Long Haul Specialist Operator' 15 years running at the prestigious Globe Travel Awards.





## Outstanding Tour Guides

Our National Escorts are the stars of the show. Born and raised in the country you are travelling in and accompanying you every step of the way, it is their unrivalled knowledge, passion and expertise that takes a Wendy Wu tour from excellent to extraordinary.



Our meticulously planned itineraries are fully escorted every step of the way and include everything you need for an unforgettable holiday.

## Authentic Experiences

All of our tours have fascinating cultural experiences included in the price. Be it learning a local craft, practising an old tradition or dining with locals, you'll get under the skin of our destinations and their cultures and have great fun at the same time.



## Your Loyalty Matters

Entry into Wendy's Club, our generous loyalty scheme, opens the door to significant savings every time you book, plus exclusive offers and news updates before anyone else. Please refer to our website for more details.



## We Take Care of Everything

#### **FULLY INCLUSIVE TOURING WITH WENDY WU TOURS**

At Wendy Wu Tours we believe that everything you need to enjoy the holiday of a lifetime should be included in the price of your tour.

Take a look at what's included in all of our Classic Tours.

#### **All Your Flights**

All our tour prices include return international economy class flights from major Australian cities and any domestic flights you may need whilst on tour.

We only work with reputable scheduled airlines and of course all your pre-paid taxes and luggage is included in the price. We believe that your flights are an essential part of your holiday experience, and so our carefully selected airlines offer the utmost comfort, allowing you to arrive relaxed, refreshed and raring to go.

#### All Your Meals

Breakfast, lunch and dinner is included every day.

Whilst breakfasts tend to be a mixture of local eats and familiar dishes from home, when it comes to lunch and dinner, most of the time you'll be enjoying regional cuisine, often eating where the locals do.

We also include a select number of 'feature meals', so you get to taste the signature dishes of the region, whilst the rest of the time you'll eat a delicious range of your destination's best food.

#### All Your Accommodation

You can be safe in the knowledge that your accommodation has been selected to best suit the locations you'll visit.

Our Classic tours feature hand-picked four-star properties selected for their comfort, modern amenities and convenient location for sightseeing. We occasionally include a stay in three-star plus hotels or lodges where we feel the character of the property will enhance your tour.

Aboard your river cruise, you'll enjoy spacious, outward-facing cabins with private balconies, designed to provide comfort and stunning views throughout your journey.

#### All Your Guided Touring

On all of our group tours, you'll be accompanied throughout by one of our expert guides, known as a National Escort. Their dedication, personality, and sense of fun will immediately put you at ease and make you feel part of the family.

Depending on your journey, the National Escort may not always be on board the river cruise itself, but you'll be well looked after by the friendly and attentive crew and onboard guides throughout your time on the water, ensuring your comfort and enjoyment every step of the way.

#### All Your Immersive Experiences

We not only take you to lesser visited places, but offer authentic experiences throughout.

Be it learning a local craft, practicing an old tradition or dining with locals, you'll get under the skin of our destinations and their cultures. Check out the Authentic Experiences box on each tour page for details.

#### All Your Local Transport

When you're not sailing in comfort on your river cruise, you'll enjoy a variety of local transport styles that help you explore each destination with ease. Most touring is by air-conditioned coach, with extra space to stretch out

You'll also experience authentic local travel – from cyclos and rickshaw rides to relaxing rail journeys and convenient domestic flights, all designed to enhance your adventure on land.

#### **Even Your Visas**

Organising your visa yourself can be a time-consuming and costly addition to your holiday. Not with Wendy Wu Tours' hassle-free visa process.

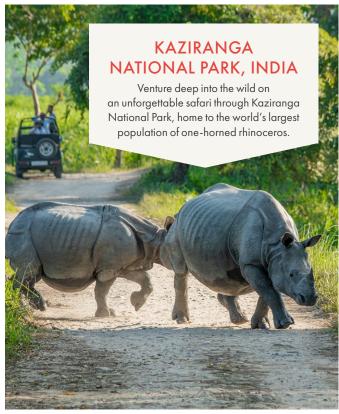
The cost of your visa is included in the tour price for all Australian passport holders. What's more, our expert team will provide advice, coordinate your processing and safely return your passports, leaving you to simply enjoy your holiday preparation.

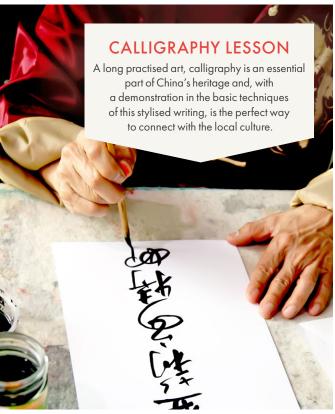


# Cultural encounters, every step of the way

To make sure you truly immerse yourself in your chosen destination, we pack every single one of our tours with authentic cultural experiences. We've highlighted our favourite ones in the 'Authentic Experiences' box on each tour page, but for now, here are just a few examples of what you can look forward to...

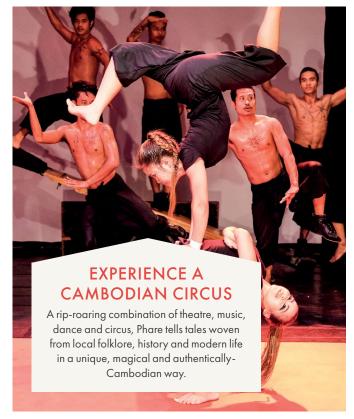














# THE MEKONG CAMBODIA & VIETNAM

Experience authentic Vietnam and Cambodia in real style. Discover carefully chosen ports along one of the most enchanting stretches of the Mekong, from fascinating Cambodian villages to the lush, green landscapes of Vietnam. Depending on your chosen itinerary, here are just a few of the included shore excursions you'll encounter on your voyage of discovery.



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**



#### ANGKOR BAN & SILK ISLAND

Explore Cambodian village life in Angkor Ban with its wooden stilt houses. Travel by tuk tuk to Silk Island, where you will learn about the process of silk weaving from worm to loom.





Enjoy a walking tour of the village of Koh Chen and meet a local copper and silversmith. Discover the former royal capital Oudong, with its beautiful stupas and temples.





#### PHNOM PENH

Sip on a signature cocktail at the elegant Raffles Hotel, explore the majestic Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda complex, and discover the Khmer treasures of the National Museum.



## 4 TAN CHAU

Discover Vietnamese village life with a visit to a local temple, fish farms and stilt houses amidst the rice paddies, coconut groves and canals of Tan Chau.





#### PHU TAN

Visit a village famed for handmaking Ca Rang clay stoves. Used for centuries, these stoves have a unique wind-blocking design that retains heat and prevents ashes escaping.





#### TIGER ISLAND

Enjoy a walking tour of Tiger Island through lush rice fields and vegetable gardens. Discover the local craftsmanship of making plant pots and visit "Mr. Tiger's Temple" to hear the intriguing story behind the island's name.





#### LONG XUYEN

Travel by tender boat for an extended visit to Long Xuyen's captivating floating market. Gain a deeper insight into daily life along the river as farmers converge here selling fruit and vegetables.





## All aboard: Victoria Mekong

Launched in December 2019, the 4 star Victoria Mekong is a fresh, contemporary river vessel with four spacious passenger decks, offering a peaceful, premium small-ship experience between Vietnam and Cambodia.





#### YOUR STATEROOM

The Victoria Mekong boasts some of the most spacious cabins on the Mekong Delta, all outward-facing with private balconies. Her 33 en suite staterooms, each  $25\text{m}^2$ , are spread across the main and upper decks, along with two aft-facing VIP suites  $(45\text{m}^2)$  at the rear of the upper deck. All cabins can be booked as twin or double beds, and feature rain showers, hair dryers, individually controlled AC and French windows onto the balcony.

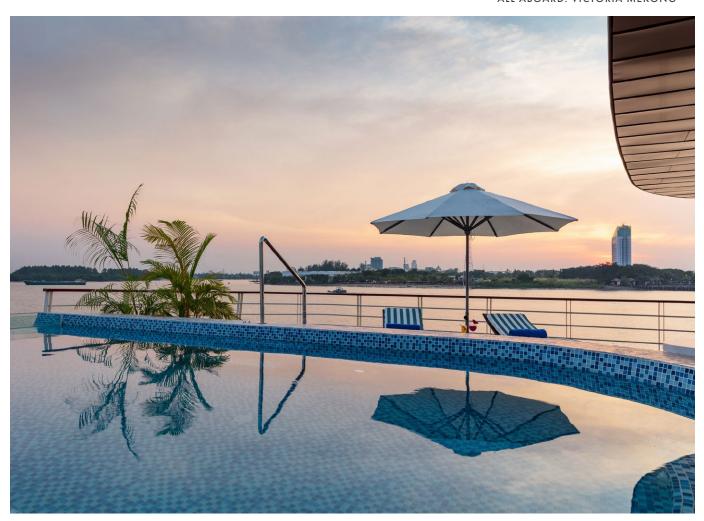
#### FACILITIES ON BOARD

The Victoria Mekong was designed with relaxation in mind. Guests are invited to soak up the sun in the outdoor infinity pool, try their hand on the mini-golf green, watch films or documentaries in the on-board cinema, indulge in a treatment at the Green Lotus Spa, or enjoy the daily activities held in the Lounge Bar. For those who simply wish to relax, sun loungers and parasols are available on the Sky Deck, while books and games are available to borrow from the library. Where possible, the Captain is pleased to invite guests to visit the bridge.

#### WINE & DINE

The Claypot Restaurant, located on the upper deck, is an airy, spacious venue with large bay windows offering 180-degree river views, along with a terrace for al fresco dining. All meals are included; cuisine varies each night, with set menus available at dinner, along with two BBQ nights.

Asian hospitality is widely regarded as some of the best in the world, and the Victoria Mekong is no exception. House wine is complimentary with dinner, along with a daily sunset cocktail and free-flow soft drinks and beer. Additional snacks and spirits are available from the Lounge Bar.









#### YOUR JOURNEY

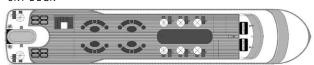
The Mekong is the seventh longest river in all of Asia, and the twelfth longest in the world. Stretching 4,345 kms from China across the Tibetan Plateau and through Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam, it empties into the South China Sea south of Saigon. It is the lifeblood of Southeast Asia, and many centuries of cultural, economic and political history have played out on its banks.

The Victoria Mekong cruises from Kampong Cham in Cambodia to the Vietnamese town of Can Tho in the Mekong Delta. Guests can join the full 7-night cruise, opt for a 4-night option beginning or ending at Sisowath Quay in Phnom Penh, or a shorter 3-night sailing from Kampong Cham to Phnom Penh.

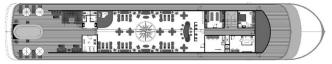
Along Victoria Mekong's route, she makes stops at destinations such as Tan Chau, Long Xuyen, and Tan Loc Island, with excursions to historic temples, silk villages, the Royal Palace, the Killing Fields and a floating market. See overleaf for more information about her ports of call.

Guests on all itineraries will enjoy nightly evening entertainment on board, ranging from Cambodian Apsara performances to traditional Mekong folk music and even a mischievous lion dance on the sun deck. Onboard activities range from mini-golf to cocktail-making competitions, destination presentations and film nights.

#### SKY DECK



#### SUN DECK



#### UPPER DECK



#### MAIN DECK



### A MEKONG **EXPERIENCE**

DAYS FROM



\$7,480



**FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM** SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH



**ALL MEALS** 

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Immerse yourself in atmospheric Saigon
- Discover the Cu Chi Tunnels
- Spend 4 nights on the 4 star Victoria Mekong cruise ship
- Explore Phnom Penh by cyclo
- Learn Khmer history at the Killing
- Visit the glorious temples of Angkor

# Experience life on the Mekong River

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches & 11 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Savour the flavours of Khmer cuisine

#### ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ▶ Join a local chef in a traditional Cambodian house for an authentic cooking class. Discover the rich flavours and techniques of Khmer cuisine as you prepare a delicious meal, then enjoy the fruits of your labour in a warm, inviting setting.
- ► Cruise the Mekong in style aboard the contemporary Victoria Mekong. With state-of-the-art facilities and an itinerary packed with culturally-immersive shore excursions and onboard activities, there's no better way to experience life on the Mekong.
- ▶ Place your trust in your other senses on a fun 'dining in the dark' experience at Noir, a Saigon restaurant that works with local people who are blind or visually-impaired.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO SAIGON

Fly to Saigon, Vietnam's largest and most evocative city. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

#### **DAY 2: DISCOVER SAIGON**

This morning, visit the fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels to learn the history of the Viet Cong and their guerrilla tactics during the Vietnam War. Return to Saigon, a vibrant, modern city with a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. See the colonial Notre Dame Cathedral, visit the magnificent Central Post Office, and the emotive War Remnants Museum. There'll also be a coffee break at one of Saigon's best coffee workshops. Dinner this evening will be at Noir, a restaurant employing visually impaired waiters, for a sensory 'dining in the dark' experience!

#### DAY 3: THE VICTORIA MEKONG

Drive southwest to Can Tho, stopping en route for a delicious local lunch. Board the 4 star Victoria Mekong cruise ship which, after a welcome briefing, will cast off into the waters of the Mekong Delta. Begin your cruise experience with a complimentary cocktail on deck, watching the sun set as the ship makes its way upriver, followed by a welcome dinner and entertainment.

#### DAY 4: FLOATING MARKET AND TIGER ISLAND

Cruise upstream to Long Xuyen and disembark to visit a floating market and gain a deeper insight into daily life. This afternoon, tender to Tiger Island for a scenic walk through rice fields and gardens, visit local plant pot makers, and hear the story behind 'Mr. Tiger's Temple'.

#### DAY 5: PHU TAN & TAN CHAU

Start the day at Phu Tan, visiting a craft village famous for its handmade clay stoves. Used in the delta for centuries, these stoves have a unique design to protect them from the wind. Enjoy lunch on board while cruising towards Tan Chau, then take a tender to explore a floating village and see the special way locals farm freshwater fish. This evening features a thrilling lion dance performance!

#### DAY 6: INTO CAMBODIA

Today, the Victoria Mekong will pass over the border into Cambodia and sail towards Phnom Penh. Spend a leisurely day enjoying the passing scenery and a wealth of onboard activities, such as yoga and cocktail making.In the late afternoon, dock at Phnom Penh's Sisowath Quay where, this evening, you will be entertained with a traditional Cambodian Apsara performance. Sip a farewell cocktail before a final dinner on board.

#### **DAY 7: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH**

Enjoy breakfast on the ship before disembarking and bidding farewell to the Victoria Mekong. Board a cyclo and head from the pier into the heart of the city to see the magnificent Royal Palace and





#### CLASSIC VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

With four nights onboard the Victoria Mekong, soaking up the sights and sounds of the river, this two-week tour also showcases the beauty of southern Vietnam and Cambodia's magnificent temples of Angkor.





Silver Pagoda before perusing the treasures of the National Museum. After a final stop at Wat Phnom, check in at your city centre hotel before dinner.

#### DAY 8: PHNOM PENH'S HISTORY

Spend the morning confronting Phnom Penh's tragic past with visits to Tuol Sleng Museum and the Killing Fields to learn about the Khmer Rouge regime. Later, fly to Siem Reap, the gateway to the Temples of Angkor.

#### DAY 9: THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

Journey into the old city of Angkor Thom.
At its heart is the enigmatic Bayon, a breathtaking temple of innumerable sculptural decorations. Admire the Elephant Terrace and Terrace of the Leper King before continuing to the atmospheric Ta Prohm. The rest of the day is dedicated to Angkor Wat, the most magnificent and best preserved of all of Angkor's treasures. As the sun sets, float peacefully on the moat that surrounds Angkor Thom, soaking up the atmosphere.

#### DAY 10: TONLE SAP LAKE

Take a cruise on Tonle Sap, learning about the lives of these floating lake communities. Back on land, stop at a local village for a glimpse into rural life. This evening, enjoy an acrobatic show by the Phare Circus, a social enterprise providing vocational training to disadvantaged local youths.

#### DAY 11: CAMBODIAN COOKING CLASS

This morning, take a tuk tuk to join fellow chefs in a cooking class held in a traditional-style Cambodian house. Visit a fresh produce market to shop for your ingredients, before learning to prepare authentic Khmer food.

Enjoy your creations for lunch before an afternoon at leisure to explore Siem Reap, or perhaps return to Angkor before tonight's farewell dinner.

#### DAYS 12-13: DEPART SIEM REAP

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.

#### EXTEND YOUR STAY...



#### HANOI & HALONG BAY

5 days from \$1,680pp twin share

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4 days from \$1,130pp twin share

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3 days from \$695pp twin share

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#### PRICES AND DEPARTURES Prices are per person, twin share

#### **2026 DATES**

#### 2027 DATES

11 Jan - 23 Jan **\$8,980** 04 Oct - 16 Oct **\$8,980** 20 Sep - 02 Oct **\$7,980** 

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Saigon Siem Reap) 12 days from \$6,380 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,900

#### Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 June 2025, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$55pp (AU\$85pp) is paid locally in Vietnam.



#### LATEST OFFERS

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# ANGKOR & MEKONG UNCOVERED









#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Soak up Phnom Penh's charms
- ✓ Discover historic Battambang
- ✓ Explore Cambodia's countryside
- ✓ Marvel at the Temples of Angkor
- ✓ Enjoy a 3-night cruise on the 4 star Victoria Mekong



- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 13 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Experience the Cambodian Circus, Phare

#### ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ➤ A rip-roaring combination of theatre, music, dance and acrobatics, Phare: the Cambodian Circus, tells tales woven from local folklore, history and modern life in a unique and authentically Cambodian way.
- Cruise the Mekong in style aboard the contemporary Victoria Mekong. With stateof-the-art facilities and an itinerary packed with culturally-immersive shore excursions and onboard activities, there's no better way to experience life on the Mekong.
- ➤ Experience authentic Cambodian village life on an immersive tour near Siem Reap. Discover the warm hospitality and close-knit traditions of the Khmer people, witness skilled craftsmanship and farming life, and savour a homemade Khmer lunch with your hosts.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO PHNOM PENH

Fly to Phnom Penh, Cambodia's capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

Visit the breathtaking temples of Angkor

#### DAY 2: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH

Explore Phnom Penh, a European-feeling city of airy boulevards and colonial villas. Though it is still scarred by the events of the 1970s, the city has been renewed with energy and optimism. Enjoy a guided tour of the city, stopping to visit the magnificent Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and National Museum. Visit the city's chief landmark, the temple of Wat Phnom, before an afternoon at leisure.

#### DAY 3: TUOL SLENG MUSEUM

This morning, learn about Cambodia's tragic past under the Khmer Rouge regime with visits to the Tuol Sleng Museum and the Killing Fields. Return to Phnom Penh in the afternoon, with time to explore further.

#### **DAY 4: TRAVEL TO BATTAMBANG**

Journey to Battambang, Cambodia's lesser-known city. With a population of less than 120,000, Battambang is a laid-back city nestled on a bend of the Sangkae River. Set in some of the country's most beautiful landscapes, Battambang is also home to Cambodia's grandest colonial architecture.

#### DAY 5: HISTORIC BATTAMBANG

This morning, explore a traditional local house for a glimpse of rural life. Head out of town to the 12th-century Banan Temple and admire the breathtaking hilltop views. Pause to witness a local phenomenon – hundreds of thousands of bats erupting from the hillside as dusk falls over the countryside.

#### DAY 6: SIEM REAP & CIRCUS

Travel west to Siem Reap, arriving in the afternoon. Enjoy time at leisure before dinner. This evening, enjoy a rollicking performance by the graduates of the Phare Cambodian Circus. This NGO organisation transforms the lives of disadvantaged local youths, providing them with a formal education and vocational training in the performing arts.

#### **DAY 7: EXPLORE ANGKOR**

The Angkor Archaeological Park encompasses over 1,000 temples, all the remains of different capitals of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries. Our tuk-tuk tour begins from the old city of Angkor Thom as we pass through the magnificent South Gate flanked by 54 gods and demons. At Angkor Thom's centre is the enigmatic Bayon, a breathtaking temple of innumerable sculptural decorations. Also admire the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. Continue to Ta Prohm before the rest of the day is dedicated to Angkor Wat, the most magnificent and best preserved of all of Angkor's treasures. Later, take a leisurely boat ride on the moat of Angkor Thom and view hidden elements of the old Khmer water systems.

#### DAY 8: CAMBODIAN COOKING CLASS

Join a traditional Cambodian cooking class at an organic farm, learning about the flavours that go into Khmer cuisine. This afternoon, enjoy a tour of some of Cambodia's social enterprises dedicated to fostering positive change, learning about the impact of their remarkable work on local communities.



# Cruise the mighty Mekong enjoying the Victoria Mekong's facilities

#### **DAY 9: COUNTRYSIDE EXPERIENCE**

Head out of Siem Reap to enjoy an immersive countryside experience. Visit a number of farms and local villages that form part of the Trei Nhoar Community and discover the true essence of Cambodia, witnessing a more traditional way of life, untouched by modernity, as you gain insights into daily life of the rural Khmer population. Enjoy a home-cooked meal at one of the villages and return to Siem Reap in the late afternoon.

#### DAY 10: VICTORIA MEKONG

This morning, transfer to Kampong Cham to embark on your next adventure – a three-night cruise on our premium small ship, the Victoria Mekong. Begin your cruise with a complimentary cocktail on deck, watching the sun set.

#### DAY 11: ANGKOR BAN

Explore the laid-back village of Angkor Ban with its wooden stilt houses. This afternoon, take a tuk-tuk on Silk Island to learn about the process of silk weaving from worm to loom.



#### DAY 12: OUDONG & SILK ISLAND

Enjoy a walking tour of Koh Chen village, where you'll meet a local copper and silversmith, before continuing to the country's former capital, Oudong. Arrive in Phnom Penh and end the afternoon in style with a signature cocktail at Raffles Hotel Le Royal before returning to the ship.

#### DAY 13: PHNOM PENH

Disembark the Victoria Mekong and enjoy time at leisure in Phnom Penh. This evening, admire modern Phnom Penh as you sip a refreshing drink at a local sky bar, and consider how this reinvigorated capital is moving forward.

#### DAYS 14-15: FLY PHNOM PENH TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or the following day.



### CLASSIC CAMBODIA

#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Uncover the many charms of Cambodia on this in-depth exploration of its rich heritage and culture. This tour includes three nights on the Victoria Mekong, cruising between the Temples of Angkor and capital Phnom Penh.

#### PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2026 DATES

05 Jan - 19 Jan	\$8,580	07 Sep - 21 Sep	\$7,580
19 Jan - 02 Feb	\$8,580	21 Sep - 05 Oct	\$7,580
23 Feb - 09 Mar	\$8,580	19 Oct - 02 Nov	\$8,580
09 Mar - 23 Mar	\$8,580	02 Nov - 16 Nov	\$8,580
04 May - 18 May	\$7,580		

#### 2027 DATES

11 Jan - 25 Jan	\$8,980	06 Sep - 20 Sep	\$8,280
08 Feb - 22 Feb	\$8,980	18 Oct - 01 Nov	\$8,980
22 Feb - 08 Mar	\$8,980	01 Nov - 15 Nov	\$8,980
08 Mar - 22 Mar	\$8,980		

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Phnom Penh Phnom Penh) 14 days from \$6,480 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$2,200

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#### GARDENS BY THE BAY

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## CLASSIC MEKONG



DAYS FROM



\$9,980



FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH



**ALL MEALS** 



- Drift along Angkor's moat at sunset
- ✓ See local life on Tonle Sap Lake
- ✓ Cruise the Mekong for 4 nights
- ✓ Discover vibrant Saigon
- ✓ Wander charming Hoi An
- ✓ Explore Hanoi's Old Quarter by cyclo
- Enjoy spectacular views of Halong Bay



#### Experience historic Hanoi

#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 16 breakfasts, 15 lunches & 16 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



#### ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ➤ Embrace the charm of rural Vietnam in Tra Que village, where you'll join local farmers to experience time-honoured cultivation techniques, then delight in a hands-on cooking demonstration featuring regional delicacies
- ➤ Cruise the Mekong in style aboard the four-star ship, Victoria Mekong. With state-of-the-art facilities and an itinerary packed with culturally-immersive shore excursions and onboard activities, there's no better way to experience life on the Mekong.
- Visit NOIR, a 'dining in the dark' social enterprise restaurant in Saigon. Guided by blind waiters, you'll experience an array of delicious dishes in total darkness – a surefire way to amplify your other senses!

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SIEM REAP

Fly overnight to bustling Siem Reap, the gateway to the temples of Angkor. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to soak up the local culture.

#### DAY 3: THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

Journey into the old city of Angkor Thom. At its heart is the enigmatic Bayon, an iconic temple of innumerable sculptural decorations. Admire the Elephant Terrace and Terrace of the Leper King before continuing to the atmospheric Ta Prohm. The rest of the afternoon is dedicated to Angkor Wat, the most magnificent and best preserved of all of Angkor's treasures. As the sun sets, float peacefully on the moat that surrounds Angkor Thom, soaking up the atmosphere. Sit down to a welcome dinner with the group this evening.

#### DAY 4: TONLE SAP LAKE

Travel to the shores of Tonle Sap and visit the floating village of Kampong Phluk (Oct to Feb) or Chong Kneas (Mar to Sep). Stop at Chansar village for a glimpse at rural life before visiting the home of a local Khmer family.

#### DAY 5: PHNOM PENH

Travel to Cambodia's charming capital, Phnom Penh. Board a cyclo and head into the heart of the city to visit the magnificent Royal Palace – official residence of the King – along with the Silver Pagoda in its grounds.

#### DAY 6: THE VICTORIA MEKONG

Spend the morning reflecting on Phnom Penh's tragic past with visits to Tuol Sleng Museum and the Killing Fields. After lunch, embark on your next adventure – a 4-night cruise on our premium small ship, Victoria Mekong, with her 35 outward-facing cabins. Enjoy a welcome cocktail and Apsara dance performance before dinner.

#### DAY 7: INTO VIETNAM

The ship departs this morning, with plenty of onboard activities available; alternatively, spend the morning relaxing in the pool. Sail into Vietnam around lunchtime, anchoring near Tan Chau. Take a sampan through a floating village to see how locals raise fish beneath their stilt houses, a unique Mekong Delta tradition. Return to the ship in time for an exciting lion dance performance on the Sky Deck as the sun sets.

#### DAY 8: PHU TAN & TIGER ISLAND

After breakfast, reach Phu Tan via tender and visit a craft village famed for its handmade clay stoves. After lunch, tender to Tiger Island. Take a scenic walk through rice fields, gardens and visit local plant pot makers. Hear the story behind 'Mr. Tiger's Temple'. Return to the ship in time for a cocktail competition and the evening's entertainment.

#### DAY 9: LONG XUYEN & DINH YEN

Hop on a tender boat for an extended visit to Long Xuyen's captivating floating market and gain a deeper insight into daily life along the river. Enjoy a lunch onboard as the ship continues downstream to Dinh Yen, where you'll see villagers weaving colourful straw mats. This evening, watch a traditional Southern Vietnamese folk music performance as the ship continues on to Can Tho, the beating heart of the Mekong Delta.



# Discover the many faces of the Bayon

#### DAY 10: DISEMBARK IN CAN THO

Enjoy breakfast onboard and visit a local floating market by boat. Disembark and bid farewell to the Victoria Mekong, boarding the ship's shuttle bus from Can Tho to Saigon, stopping en route for a delicious local lunch. Dinner this evening will be at Noir, a restaurant that supports Saigon's visually impaired, for a sensory 'dining in the dark' experience.

#### DAY 11: CU CHI & SAIGON

This morning, visit the fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels to learn the history of the Viet Cong and their guerrilla tactics during the Vietnam War. Return to Saigon, a vibrant, modern city with a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. See the colonial Notre Dame Cathedral, visit the Central Post Office, and the fascinating War Remnants Museum. Relax with a coffee break at one of Saigon's popular coffee houses.

#### DAY 12: DISCOVER HOI AN

Fly from Saigon to Danang and transfer to the enchanting town of Hoi An. Head out on a walking tour, with visits including Chua Ong Pagoda, a historic merchant house, and the spectacular Japanese Covered Bridge. With its charming yellow buildings and vivid silk lanterns, a stroll through this traditional town feels like stepping back in time.

#### **DAY 13: TRA QUE VILLAGE**

Venture into the countryside to Tra Que. Soak up the lush landscape as you stroll through vibrant vegetable gardens, watch local farmers at work, and try your hand at traditional cultivation techniques.

Then, take part in a hands-on cooking demonstration and savour the flavours of authentic local specialties before returning to Hoi An.

#### DAY 14: HISTORIC HANOI

Fly to Vietnam's capital city, Hanoi. A fastpaced yet graceful city, it is packed full of ancient and modern sights to discover. Begin exploring at the serene Temple of Literature before taking a cyclo tour through the Old Quarter's atmospheric tangle of streets with a stop for local delicacy 'ca phe trung' (egg coffee) en route.

#### DAY 15: HO CHI MINH QUARTER

Today, head to the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, where you'll pass 'Uncle Ho's' monumental mausoleum and Stilt House, before seeing the One Pillar Pagoda. Tonight, attend one of Hanoi's famously breathtaking artistic performances.

#### DAYS 16-17: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Travel to Halong City, board a cruise boat and set sail on the tranquil blue-green waters of Halong Bay. With its 1,600 islands and islets, the bay was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994. As you explore you'll make excursions to mysterious caves and enjoy delicious seafood onboard. After a night anchored out on the water, rise early to see the sun come up before cruising back to port. Return to Hanoi for an afternoon at leisure ahead of this evening's farewell dinner.

#### DAYS 18-19: FLY HANOI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

#### CLASSIC

CAMBODIA & VIETNAM

#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Starting on a high at the Temples of Angkor, spend four nights on board the Victoria Mekong cruising downstream into Vietnam, where you'll discover the top sights – Saigon, Hoi An, Hanoi and Halong Bay.

#### PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2026 DATES

12 Jan - 30 Jan	\$9,980	11 May - 29 May	\$9,980
26 Jan - 13 Feb	\$9,980	28 Sep - 16 Oct	\$9,980
16 Feb - 06 Mar	\$9,980	12 Oct - 30 Oct	\$9,980
02 Mar - 20 Mar	\$9,980	26 Oct - 13 Nov	\$9,980
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#### 27 DATES

2027 DATES			
04 Jan - 22 Jan	\$10,480	13 Sep - 01 Oct	\$10,480
18 Jan - 05 Feb	\$10,480	27 Sep - 15 Oct	\$10,480
15 Feb - 05 Mar	\$10,480	11 Oct - 29 Oct	\$10,480
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29 Mar - 16 Apr	\$10,480	22 Nov - 10 Dec	\$10,480
12 Apr - 30 Apr	\$10,480	06 Dec - 24 Dec	\$10,480

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Siem Reap Hanoi) 17 days from \$8,880 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$2,600

#### Important note

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Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$90pp (AU\$138pp) is paid locally in Cambodia.

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#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore Hanoi's Old Quarter by cyclo
- Cruise majestic Halong Bay
- Explore imperial architecture in Hue
- ✓ Learn ancient farming techniques in Hoi An
- Enjoy a 4-night cruise aboard the Victoria Mekong
- ✓ Drift along Angkor's moat at sunset



#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 19 breakfasts, 18 lunches & 19 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



#### ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ➤ Enjoy an atmospheric gondola cruise on the moat of Angkor Thom. Glide along the waters as the sun sets, bathing the temples in a rich, warming glow.
- Stroll across Danang's striking 'Golden Bridge' – a hilltop structure held aloft by a pair of huge, stone hands – and admire the beautiful views over the Ba Na Hills.
- Cruise the Mekong in style aboard the four-star ship, Victoria Mekong. With stateof-the-art facilities and an itinerary packed with culturally-immersive shore excursions and onboard activities, there's no better way to experience life on the Mekong.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO HANOI

Fly to Vietnam's vibrant capital city, Hanoi. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner.

#### **DAY 2: HANOI CYCLO TOUR**

Visit the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, stopping at the One Pillar Pagoda before exploring the Temple of Literature. Later, take a cyclo tour through the Old Quarter's atmospheric streets with a stop for local delicacy 'ca phe trung' (egg coffee).

#### DAYS 3-4: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Board your 4-star ship and cruise out into the tranquil waters of Halong Bay – a UNESCO World Heritage Site that has long enthralled visitors with its beauty. Enjoy an afternoon of activities such as kayaking, swimming or cave tours, or simply relax on the sundeck. After a night anchored out on the water, enjoy the sunrise before cruising back to port. Fly to Hue.

#### DAY 5: EXPLORE HUE

The capital of imperial-era Vietnam, Hue is a sophisticated and scholarly city. Start your tour at the Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City and visit the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, before a cruise on the Perfume River. Finally, visit Tha Om Garden House and its owner, Mr Vinh. Explore his 19th century Hue residence and listen to stories of his royal heritage.

#### DAY 6: ADMIRE THE GOLDEN BRIDGE

Depart Hue, taking the scenic route over the Hai Van Pass to charming Hoi An. En route, take a cable car to admire the views from the spectacular Golden Bridge in Ba Na Hills.

#### DAY 7: TRA QUE VILLAGE

Head out into the countryside to visit a small farming community and stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work. Then, join a cooking demonstration and savour authentic local specialties. In the afternoon, discover Hoi An itself, grabbing some refreshment at the Reaching Out Tea House, a wonderful social project in the heart of town, as you explore.

#### DAY 8: FREE TIME IN HOI AN

This morning is free, before an afternoon flight to Saigon.

#### **DAY 9: DISCOVER SAIGON**

Explore Saigon, a vibrant, modern city with a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. Stroll through fascinating Chinatown and visit the emotional War Remnants Museum. Look around the Reunification Palace before admiring the beautiful colonial architecture of Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office.

#### DAY 10: CU CHI TUNNELS

Spend the morning exploring the fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels. Stop at an organic farm for a freshly-made lunch before a free afternoon back in Saigon. Enjoy a unique dining experience at NOIR this evening.

#### DAY 11: THE VICTORIA MEKONG

Drive southwest to Can Tho, stopping en route for a delicious local lunch. Board the 4-star Victoria Mekong cruise ship which, after a welcome briefing, will cast off into the waters of the Mekong Delta. Begin your cruise experience with a complimentary cocktail on deck, watching the sun set as the ship makes its way upriver, followed by a welcome dinner and entertainment.



# Admire the spectacular Golden Bridge

#### DAY 12: FLOATING MARKET & TIGER ISLAND

Cruise upstream to Long Xuyen and disembark to visit a floating market and gain a deeper insight into daily life. This afternoon, tender to Tiger Island for a scenic walk through rice fields and gardens, visit local plant pot makers, and hear the story behind 'Mr. Tiger's Temple'.

#### **DAY 13: TAN CHAU**

Start the day at Phu Tan, visiting a craft village famous for its handmade clay stoves. Used in the delta for centuries, these stoves have a unique design to protect them from the wind. Enjoy lunch on board while cruising towards Tan Chau, then take a tender to explore a floating village and see the special way locals farm freshwater fish. This evening features a thrilling lion dance performance!

#### DAY 14: INTO CAMBODIA

Today, the Victoria Mekong will cross into Cambodia and sail towards Phnom Penh. Spend a leisurely day enjoying a wealth of onboard activities, such as yoga and cocktail making, docking in Phnom Penh in the late afternoon. Tonight, watch a lively Apsara dance performance onboard and feast on a farewell dinner.

#### DAY 15: DISEMBARK IN PHNOM PENH

Enjoy breakfast on the ship before disembarking. Board a cyclo and head into the heart of the city to see the magnificent Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and National Museum. After lunch check in to your hotel and enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

#### DAY 16: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH

Spend the morning confronting Phnom Penh's tragic past with visits to Tuol Sleng Museum and the Killing Fields, learning about the regime of Pol Pot. Later, fly to Siem Reap, the gateway to Angkor.

#### DAY 17: THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

Journey into Angkor Thom and visit the enigmatic Bayon, the Elephant Terrace, Terrace of the Leper King and atmospheric Ta Prohm. Continue on to Angkor Wat, the most magnificent and best preserved of all of Angkor's treasures. As the sun sets, take a boat ride on Angkor Thom's moat.

#### DAY 18: TONLE SAP LAKE

Travel to Tonle Sap and visit one of the lake's intriguing floating villages. Back on land, stop at a rural village and visit the home of a local family. This evening, enjoy an acrobatic show by the Phare Cambodian Circus, a social enterprise providing vocational training to disadvantaged local youths.

#### DAY 19: CAMBODIAN COOKING CLASS

This morning, take a tuk tuk to a cooking class held in a traditional Cambodian house. Visit a fresh produce market to shop for ingredients, before learning to prepare authentic Khmer food. Enjoy your creations for lunch before an afternoon at leisure to explore Siem Reap, or perhaps return to Angkor before tonight's farewell dinner.

#### DAYS 20-21: FLY SIEM REAP TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following

#### CLASSIC

VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

See Halong Bay and the wonders of Vietnam as you explore the country from top to toe. Embark the Victoria Mekong for a four-night river cruise into Cambodia, where you'll discover the majestic Temples of Angkor.

#### PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

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- Single supplement from \$2,580

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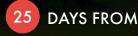
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Take a Cambodian cooking class

## GRAND MEKONG ODYSSEY









#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ Spend 7 nights cruising the Mekong
  ✓ Experience one of the world's most
- Experience one of the world's most scenic train rides
- ✓ Meet a Vietnamese war veteran
- Enjoy a 2-night Halong Bay cruise
- ✓ Soak up Ninh Binh's rural beauty
- ✓ Visit Buddhist monks at a meditation centre

#### ITINERARY

#### DAY 1: FLY TO HANOI

Fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's leafy capital. The afternoon is yours to start soaking up the local culture before a welcome dinner.

#### DAY 2: HANOI THROUGH THE AGES

Drift along Ninh Binh's rice fields

Today, enjoy an introduction to Vietnamese history at the Ethnology Museum. See tribal antiques and full-scale replicas of ancient longhouses. Continue to the Confucian Temple of Literature before lunch. This afternoon, explore the French Quarter and take a cyclo tour of the Old Quarter's.

#### DAY 3: WARTIME HANOI

Visit the Ho Chi Minh Quarter for an insight into the Vietnam War. Visit the Humble House on Stilts, where Ho Chi Minh lived in the grounds of the Presidential Palace, and see his Mausoleum in Ba Dinh Square. Stop to view the wreckage of an American bomber plane, still visible in the lake where it was shot down in 1972. Later, immerse yourself in a bygone era with a visit to a 1980s apartment-turned-teahouse, where you'll hear about life in the difficult post-war subsidy period.

#### DAY 4: NINH BINH COUNTRYSIDE

Drive two hours into the countryside to Ninh Binh, famously known as 'Halong Bay on land' thanks to its dramatic karst mountains. En route, stop to visit Hoa Lu Ancient Citadel, the tenth century capital of Dai Viet. This afternoon, enjoy a boat trip through the paddy fields, stopping to explore prehistoric caves before checking in to your hotel.

#### DAY 5: CUC PHUONG NATIONAL PARK

Begin the day at Four Paws Sun Bear Sanctuary. Learn the stories of these bears, rescued from the illegal pet and bile industries, and hear how they have been given a second chance in life. Enjoy a fresh lunch at the sanctuary, made from ingredients grown on site. This afternoon, head into Cuc Phuong National Park and hear all about the local wildlife on a short stroll through the rainforest. Return to the hotel.

#### DAY 6: NINH BINH TO HALONG BAY

Drive to Halong Bay and embark on a two-night scenic cruise through this famous UNESCO-listed bay, known for its emerald waters and towering limestone islands. Try your hand at kayaking through these mesmerising seascapes.

#### DAY 7: HALONG BAY

See the bay through a local's eyes! The local fishermen will row you through their floating village, where many families have lived for generations. Later, head to one of the bay's beaches for a chance to sunbathe on the sands.

#### DAY 8: SUNRISE TAI CHI

Enjoy Tai Chi on deck as the sun rises over Halong Bay. Visit a hidden cave before cruising back to port. Fly to Hue.

#### DAY 9: IMPERIAL HUE

Discover Hue's imperial history, beginning at the Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City. Continue to Thien Mu Pagoda before lunch. This afternoon enjoy a visit to Minh Mang tomb and a leisurely cruise along the Perfume River.

#### DAY 10: SCENIC TRAIN JOURNEY

Take a 3-hour scenic railway journey from Hue to Danang, see beautiful beaches and mountain scenery. On arrival in Da Nang, transfer to Hoi An.

#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 23 breakfasts, 22 lunches & 23 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Relax on board the Victoria Mekong

#### ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Board the sleek Victoria Mekong for a 7-night cruise on the majestic Mekong Delta. Visit Vietnamese villages and Cambodian townships, with stops at silk farms, floating markets, rural temples and the fascinating city of Phnom Penh en route.
- ➤ Listen to incredible wartime history and get a first-hand account of life in the Vietnam War from a local war veteran at the Cu Chi Tunnels near Saigon.
- ➤ Explore Ninh Binh province, nicknamed 'Halong Bay on Land'. Admire the dramatic mountain scenery as you enjoy a boat trip through its paddy fields and prehistoric caves, and take a stroll in Cuc Phuong National Park.



### CLASSIC VIETNAM & CAMBODIA PHYSICAL RATING

#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

With two cruises, a breathtaking coastal rail journey and a rare opportunity to meet with a war veteran, this itinerary showcases Vietnam and Cambodia at their most personal and authentic.



#### DAY 11: HOI AN WALKING TOUR

Head out on a walking tour of Hoi An's old town, with visits including the Chua Ong Pagoda, a 200-year-old merchant house, and the spectacular Japanese Covered Bridge. Lunch today will be with a local family at Tra Que Village, an organic farming community.

#### **DAY 12: EXPLORE SAIGON**

Fly to Saigon and explore its historic centre, taking in colonial landmarks such as the Notre-Dame Cathedral and Central Post Office before visiting the emotive War Remnants Museum

#### DAY 13: CU CHI TUNNELS & VETERAN

Discover the reality of guerilla warfare at the Cu Chi Tunnels, which were central to the Viet Cong's military operations, including the Tet Offensive. For a truly authentic insight into the war, meet a Vietnamese veteran. Stop for lunch at an organic farm before returning to Saigon.

#### DAY 14: THE VICTORIA MEKONG

Transfer to Can Tho and board the Victoria Mekong for your seven-night cruise. Enjoy a welcome cocktail on deck as the ship sets sail.

#### DAY 15: LONG XUYEN & TIGER ISLAND

Take a tender boat through a fascinating floating market to reach Long Xuyen and learn about life on the Mekong. Later, head to Tiger Island, meet local artisans, and learn about Mr Tiger's Temple.

#### DAY 16: PHU TAN & TAN CHAU

Head ashore in Phu Tan and visit a craft village famous for its handmade clay stoves. Enjoy lunch on board as you cruise toward Tan Chau, and see how locals farm freshwater fish

beneath their stilt houses. This evening, enjoy a riotous Vietnamese lion dance on the sky deck!

#### DAY 17: INTO CAMBODIA

Enjoy onboard activities as the ship crosses the border into Cambodia. Arrive into Phnom Penh late this afternoon. Tonight, watch a Apsara dance onboard.

#### DAY 18: PHNOM PENH

Hop on a cyclo and head to the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and National Museum, Later. pay your respects at the Killing Fields, where the Khmer Rouge executed over one million victims. Today, it is a memorial site for reflection. Return to the city and end the afternoon with a signature cocktail at Raffles Hotel Le Royal before returning to the ship for dinner.

#### DAY 19: OUDONG & SILK ISLAND

Enjoy a walking tour of Koh Chen village, before continuing to the country's former capital, Oudong. Visit Buddhist monks at a meditation centre before taking a tuk-tuk to Silk Island to learn about the process of silk weaving.

#### DAY 20: ANGKOR BAN

Explore the laid-back village of Angkor Ban with its wooden stilt houses. Sail to Kampong Cham, where charming colonial architecture meets vibrant local life, for a stroll along the serene banks of the Mekong.

#### DAY 21: DRIVE TO SIEM REAP

Disembark and drive through lush Cambodian countryside to reach Siem Reap, the gateway to Angkor. The afternoon is at leisure.

#### PRICES AND DEPARTURES

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#### **2026 DATES**

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- Single supplement from \$4,000

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#### LATEST OFFERS

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#### **DAY 22: EXPLORE ANGKOR**

Explore Angkor Thom and visit its many treasures, including the Bayon, Elephant and Leper King Terraces, and the atmospheric Ta Prohm. Continue to Angkor Wat and wander its many halls and towers. This evening, return to Angkor Thom and enjoy a cruise on its moat as the sun sets.

#### **DAY 23: CAMBODIAN COOKING CLASS**

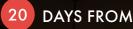
Join a morning cooking class at an organic local farm. Pick up supplies at a local market, then head to the farm for some organic ingredients. Your chef will guide you in creating a traditional Khmer lunch before an afternoon at leisure.

#### DAYS 24-25: FLY SIEM REAP TO AUSTRALIA

Fly home, arriving the following day.

## CHRISTMAS ON THE MEKONG

NEW









#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Celebrate Christmas on a 7-night Mekong Cruise
- Admire the temples of Angkor
- ✓ Marvel at lantern-lit Hoi An
- ✓ Discover the Cu Chi Tunnels
- ✓ Explore bustling Saigon & Hanoi
- Cruise spectacular Halong Bay



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- International flights and current taxes
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#### ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Celebrate Christmas in style aboard the Victoria Mekong with a magical seven-night cruise along the Mekong River. Enjoy a festive feast and drinks reception with a local twist as you sail past lush landscapes and floating villages.
- Discover the delights of Hoi An, even more magical at this time of year, with its charming lantern-lit streets and beautifully preserved architecture. This captivating town embraces a slower pace and proud traditions, making every stroll through its lanes a true joy.
- Embrace the charm of rural Vietnam in Tra Que village, where you'll join local farmers to experience time-honoured cultivation techniques, then delight in a hands-on cooking demonstration featuring regional delicacies.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SIEM REAP

Fly overnight to bustling Siem Reap. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to soak up the local culture.

Experience the magnificent temples of Angkor

#### **DAY 3: EXPLORE ANGKOR**

Journey into the old city of Angkor Thom. At its heart is the enigmatic Bayon, an iconic temple of innumerable sculptural decorations. Admire the Elephant Terrace and Terrace of the Leper King before continuing to the atmospheric Ta Prohm. The rest of the afternoon is dedicated to Angkor Wat, the most magnificent and best preserved of all of Angkor's treasures. As the sun sets, float peacefully on the moat that surrounds Angkor Thom, soaking up the atmosphere.

#### DAY 4: THE VICTORIA MEKONG

This morning, transfer to Kampong Cham to embark on your next adventure – a seven-night cruise on our premium small ship, the Victoria Mekong. Begin your cruise with a complimentary cocktail on deck, watching the sun set.

#### DAY 5: ANGKOR BAN & SILK ISLAND

Explore the laid-back village of Angkor Ban with its wooden stilt houses. This afternoon, take a tuk-tuk to Silk Island to learn about the process of silk weaving from worm to loom. Return to the ship, where you'll enjoy a Christmas feast with a Cambodian twist\*.

#### DAY 6: CHRISTMAS DAY ON THE MEKONG

Begin your day with a walking tour of Koh Chen village, where you'll meet a local copper and silversmith, before continuing to the country's former capital, Oudong. Arrive in Phnom Penh and end your Christmas day\* celebrations in style with a signature cocktail at Raffles Hotel Le Royal before returning to the ship.

#### **DAY 7: DISCOVER PHNOM PENH**

Begin the day exploring Phnom Penh's Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda, before visiting the National Museum to admire Khmer treasures. After lunch, learn about Cambodia's tragic past under the Khmer Rouge regime with a visit to the Killing Fields, then return to the ship for a captivating Apsara dance performance.

#### **DAY 8: TAN CHAU**

Enjoy onboard activities such as a ship's tour or a minigolf tournament as the ship crosses the border into Vietnam. Enjoy lunch on board as you cruise toward Tan Chau, then take a tender to explore a floating village and see how locals farm freshwater fish beneath their stilt houses. This evening, experience a lion dance on the sky deck!

#### DAY 9: PHU TAN & TIGER ISLAND

Head ashore in Phu Tan and visit a craft village famous for its handmade clay stoves. Return to the ship for lunch then visit Tiger Island for a scenic walk through rice fields, meet local artisans, and learn about Mr. Tiger's Temple.

#### DAY 10: LONG XUYEN

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast as you cruise to Long Xuyen. Take a tender to explore the floating market and meet locals living in floating houses. After lunch, visit Dinh Yen village to see traditional straw mat weaving. Continue cruising to Can Tho and enjoy a Southern Vietnamese folk music performance.

#### DAY 11: DRIVE TO SAIGON

After breakfast, disembark and drive to Saigon - a vibrant, modern city with a treasure trove of fascinating heritage - and see the colonial Notre Dame Cathedral and Central Post Office.





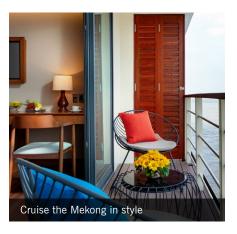
#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

What better way to spend Christmas than waking to a sunrise over the Mekong? Explore the majestic temples of Angkor, then embark on a seven-night Mekong cruise. Discover Vietnam's highlights, from Saigon to Hanoi, including a serene Halong Bay cruise.





#### DAY 12: CU CHI TUNNELS & NYE IN SAIGON

This morning, visit the fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels to learn the history of the Viet Cong and their guerrilla tactics during the Vietnam War. Return to Saigon and visit the fascinating War Remnants Museum. This evening, celebrate New Year's Eve in vibrant Saigon\* with a Vietnamese feast and ring in the new year in style.

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Fly from Saigon to Danang and transfer to the enchanting town of Hoi An. Head out on a walking tour, with visits including Chua Ong Pagoda, a historic merchant house, and the spectacular Japanese Covered Bridge. With its charming yellow buildings and vivid silk lanterns, a stroll through this traditional town feels like stepping back in time.

#### DAY 14: TRA QUE VILLAGE

Venture into the countryside to Tra Que. Soak up the lush landscape as you stroll through vibrant vegetable gardens, watch local farmers at work, and try your hand at traditional cultivation techniques. Then, take part in a hands-on cooking demonstration and savour the flavours of authentic local specialties before returning to Hoi An.

#### **DAY 15: HISTORIC HANOI**

Fly to Vietnam's capital city, Hanoi. A fast paced yet graceful city, it is packed full of ancient and modern sights to discover. Begin exploring at the serene Temple of Literature before taking a cyclo tour through the Old Quarter's atmospheric tangle of streets with a stop for local delicacy 'ca phe trung' (egg coffee) en route.

#### DAY 16: EXPLORE HANOI

Today, head to the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, where you'll pass 'Uncle Ho's' monumental mausoleum and Stilt House, before seeing the One Pillar Pagoda. Tonight, attend one of Hanoi's famously breathtaking artistic performances.

#### DAYS 17-18: HALONG BAY CRUISE

Travel to Halong City, board a cruise boat and set sail on the tranquil blue-green waters of Halong Bay. With its 1,600 islands and islets, the bay was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994. As you explore you'll make excursions to mysterious caves and enjoy delicious seafood onboard. After a night anchored out on the water, rise early to see the sun come up before cruising back to port. Return to Hanoi for an afternoon at leisure ahead of this evening's farewell dinner.

#### DAYS 19-20: FLY HANOI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home either the same day or the following day.

\*2026 departure. Please refer to our website for a detailed 2027 itinerary.



PRICES AND DEPARTURES
Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2026 DATES

20 Dec - 8 Jan **\$12,980** 

#### 2027 DATES

19 Dec - 7 Jan **\$13,480** 

#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Siem Reap Hanoi) 18 days from \$11,480 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$3,980

#### Important note

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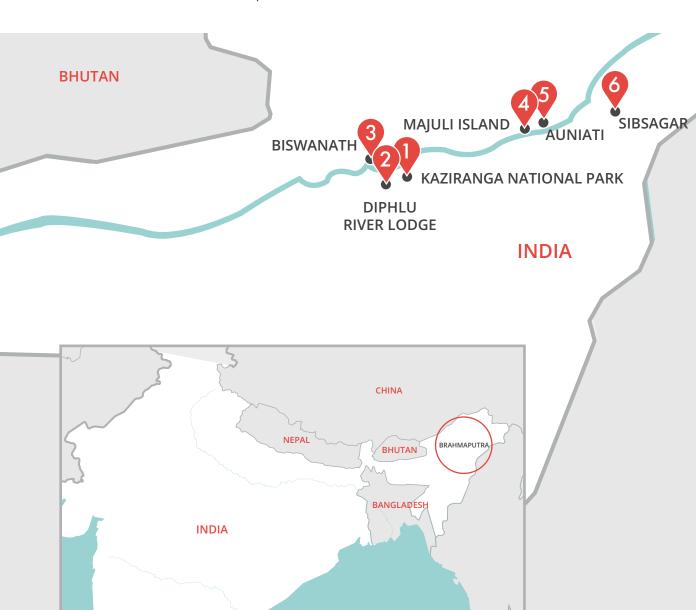
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## THE BRAHMAPUTRA INDIA

The broad and mighty Brahmaputra sweeps tranquilly across the plains of the Indian state of Assam. To cruise here is to navigate the shifting sands and shoals of a river that can span miles in width, with its shores revealing a wealth of wildlife, traditional villages, ancient temples where age-old heritage still thrives, and the vast tea plantations for which the state is renowned.



**SRI LANKA** 

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

## NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy thrilling jeep safaris in this vast national park, home to the world's largest population of the Indian one-horned rhinoceros as well as water buffalo, Bengal tigers, elephants and a host of other wildlife.



## 2 DIPHLU RIVER LODGE

Enjoy a delightful river-side lunch at this luxury lodge on the edge of Kaziranga National Park, patronised by celebrities including the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.



## 3 BISWANATH

At the confluence of the Brahmaputra and Bridhaganga rivers, enjoy a relaxing walk through the quaint Assamese riverside town of Biswanath, known for its Ahom-period Shiva temples.



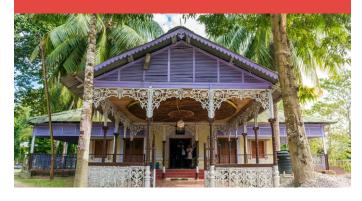
## 4 MAJULI ISLAND

One of the world's largest river islands and a microcosm of Assamese culture, Majuli is the cultural heartland of neo-Vaishnavism, whose devotees offer worship through songs, dance and recitation of scriptures at wonderful 15th-century temples.



## (5) AUNIATI

Visit this 16th-century monastery with its eclectic museum. Enjoy the serenity of the tranquil grounds, observe the devotion of the resident monks and attend a dance performance at Kamalabari Monastery.



## 6 SI

#### SIBSAGAR

Explore the former royal capital of the Ahom Kingdom that ruled Assam for over 600 years. The lush landscape here is dotted with elegant stupas and grand palaces and the impressive temple tank, believed to be the world's largest hand-excavated reservoir.





## All aboard:

## **ABN Sukapha**

With a maximum capacity of just 24 guests, the delightful ABN Sukapha exudes an inviting, easy-going atmosphere. The perfect place for relaxing and watching river life go by after a day of exploring.

## **ABN Charaidew II**

This boutique river ship entered service in 2019 – a modern vessel adorned with touches of colonial elegance, brought to life by traditional Assamese designs on hand-woven fabrics.



#### YOUR STATEROOM

All 12 en suite cabins are bamboo panelled and feature locally crafted cane furniture. With sliding floor to ceiling windows, panoramic views of the Brahmaputra River are never far away.

#### FACILITIES ON BOARD

Spend your time aboard enjoying the ship's comforts and crew hospitality. Take in sweeping views of your surroundings from the openair top deck, catch up on your reading in the library or indulge in some pampering at the spa. You will be exploring with a group of a maximum of 20 travellers.

#### **WINE & DINE**

Enjoy a wonderful culinary experience in the dedicated dining room, where the talented chefs prepare a daily selection of Western and Indian delights for the buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner. Unlimited drinks are available during lunch and dinner service.



#### YOUR STATEROOM

Wendy Wu Tours customers will be able to relax in one of the eight upper deck cabins or two main deck cabins on board – all en suite with sliding glass doors leading to beautiful French balconies.

#### FACILITIES ON BOARD

Spread over three decks, and with only 36 guests on board the ABN Charaidew II is very spacious and comfortable. Facilities include a main dining room, gym, large open sundeck, saloon and bar, and a spa offering a wide range of treatments. You will be exploring with a group of a maximum of 20 travellers.

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Enjoy relaxed dining with a daily buffet breakfast, and lunches and dinners that feature Indian and Western cuisine along with a range of unlimited drinks. The ship's saloon and bar, on the sundeck, serve refreshments through the day into the evening.







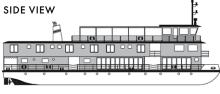


#### YOUR JOURNEY

The Brahmaputra River is one of India's best-kept secrets – and often overlooked by tourists. It's along the banks of this mighty river that you'll witness and experience the real India. This fascinating river spans around 2,900km and flows through Tibet, India and Bangladesh. The Brahmaputra is among the few major rivers in the world that flows both eastward and westward.

On this seven-night cruise you'll be sailing upstream from Kaziranga to Jorhat, either aboard the ABN Sukapha or the ABN Charaidew II, depending on your departure date. Both ships offer the opportunity to really get to know the river and its people as you observe wildlife on an intrepid safari, visit temples, local villages, tea estates and more. You'll also visit Majuili – one of the world's largest river islands and learn about the unique way of life in this fascinating and rarely visited place.

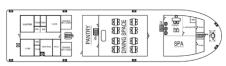
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#### MAIN DECK



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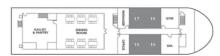
#### SUN DECK



#### UPPER DECK



#### MAIN DECK



## BEYOND THE BRAHMAPUTRA



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**ALL MEALS** 

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the sights of Kolkata
- Discover beautiful Darjeeling
- Enjoy a Kanchenjunga sunrise
- Relax on a seven-night boutique Brahmaputra cruise
- ✓ Safari in Kaziranga National Park



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- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Ride the 'Toy Train' from Darjeeling

#### ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ➤ The Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, known as the 'Toy Train', takes you on a scenic journey through the foothills of the Himalaya between Darjeeling and Ghoom, home to India's highest train station at 2,200 metres above sea level.
- Visit a tea estate to learn all about the world-famous Assam tea. Cultivated in nutrient rich soil of the Brahmaputra's floodplain, see the production process and savour a cup of this rich, malty tea.
- Sail over Gangtok on a cableway, getting a bird's eye view of the city and the snowy peaks of Kanchenjunga beyond. The ride may only be one kilometre long, but the views it offers are extraordinary.

#### **ITINERARY**

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The capital of West Bengal and widely considered India's cultural capital, Kolkata is a place of fascinating contrasts, something that you will explore on today's tour of the city. See landmark sights like Birla Planetarium, Belur Math, Dakineshwar Kali Temple and the spectacular white marble edifice of the Victoria Memorial before, this evening, taking a walking tour to Park Street, the famous thoroughfare in Kolkata's downtown area.

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Transfer to the airport and fly to Bagdogra. On arrival, drive to Gangtok, winding through the incredible landscapes of Sikkim, with towering Himalayan peaks as your backdrop.

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#### DAY 6: TRAVEL TO DARJEELING

Soak up the incredible scenery as you travel through the Himalayan foothills, passing through vast expanses of tea plantations as you approach the hill station of Darjeeling. En route, you'll stop at the Ravangla Buddha Park to admire a 40-metre-tall copper Buddha set against a mountainous backdrop.

#### **DAY 7: KANCHENJUNGA SUNRISE**

Rise before dawn and travel up Tiger Hill to watch the sun rising (weather dependent) over Kanchenjunga which, at 8,586 metres, is the world's third highest mountain. The rest of the morning is at leisure before an afternoon ride on the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway's Toy Train from Darjeeling to Ghoom. Visit Ghoom Monastery before returning to Darjeeling to tour the Padmaja Naidu Zoological Park, the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute and Tibetan Refugee Center. This evening, enjoy a stroll through the market.

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Transfer back to Bagdogra airport and fly to Guwahati. The rest of the day is at leisure.

#### **DAY 9: BOARD YOUR CRUISE**

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Head into the village, where there is a rich, cultural heritage to explore. Biswanath's ghat is home to a cluster of temples dedicated to different gods, including an Ahom-era Shiva temple — discover these and have a wander through the town, soaking up the beautiful riverside and rural surroundings. Continue cruising through

Kaziranga National Park, keeping a look out for wild elephants. Then, spend the afternoon up on the ship's sun deck where you may be lucky enough to spot a member of a small population of the endangered Ganges River dolphins.

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#### DAYS 17-18: FLY KOLKATA TO AUSTRALIA

Fly home to Australia, arriving the same or the following day.

### CLASSIC

#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

From the Himalayan foothills to the languid waters of the Brahmaputra, this tour is a magical exploration of northeastern India. With time spent at altitude, sightseeing on foot, stairs without handrails, and steep inclines, this tour is best suited to those with a moderate fitness level.

## PRICES AND DEPARTURES Prices are per person, twin share 2026 DATES Vessel 05 Apr - 22 Apr ABN Sukapha

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10 Jan - 27 Jan	ABN Sukapha	\$15,880
12 Feb - 01 Mar	ABN Charaidew II	\$15,480
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## CHRISTMAS BEYOND THE BRAHMAPUTRA



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**ALL MEALS** 

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Stay at the The Elgin Nor-Khill, Gangtok
- ✓ Explore the sights of Kolkata
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#### PRICE INCLUDES

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#### ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ➤ Wander among the stalls of Darjeeling's vibrant Christmas markets, browsing stalls selling a range of handicrafts, winter clothes and local products, searching out unique souvenirs under the twinkling lights of the hill station's colourful Christmas decorations.
- Enjoy a unique and spectacular Boxing Day, rising before the dawn to watch the first rays of the sun appear over the Himalayas and turn the snowcapped peak of the world's third tallest mountain, Kanchenjunga, flaming red.
- ➤ See in the new year floating on the tranquil waters of the Brahmaputra, enjoying a special celebratory dinner in the convivial atmosphere of your ship's dining room before raising a toast as the clock strikes midnight.

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Christmas lights of a charming Christmas market.

#### DAY 5: CHRISTMAS EVE - EXPLORE GANGTOK

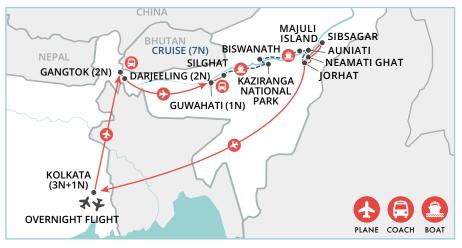
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#### DAY 6: CHRISTMAS DAY - DARJEELING

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#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Celebrate Christmas in the spectacular mountain-backed landscapes of Darjeeling and Gangtok before setting sail on the sacred Brahmaputra River. Explore the nature, culture and unique heritage that lives on its river banks, seeing in the New Year onboard, in style.

#### PRICES AND DEPARTURES

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#### 2026 DATES

ABN Sukapha

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# THE YANGTZE CHINA

Stretching nearly 6,000 kilometres from the glaciers of the Tibetan plateau to the East China Sea, the Yangtze River is Asia's longest river and has played a pivotal role in the history of China. Cruising the river through the iconic Three Gorges you'll see modern cities, incredible natural splendour, historic temples and farmland still tended by conical hatted farmers with teams of buffalo.



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

## 1 THREE GORGES DAM

A massive feat of engineering, the dam, at over two kilometres in length, is the world's largest hydroelectric power station. Visiting the viewing area above the ship locks you will be able to truly appreciate the scale of this impressive project.



## 2 SHENNONG STREAM

Take a small boat excursion to discover the tranquil Shennong Stream as it flows south through heavily forested gorges, past cascading waterfalls and coloured springs before merging with the Yangtze.



## TRIBE OF THE THREE GORGES

The Tribe of the Three Gorges is a scenic cultural site along China's Yangtze River, showcasing traditional minority customs, stilted houses, and captivating natural landscapes.



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#### MT SHUANGGUI

Known for its lush forested slopes, ancient temples, and cultural significance, Mt Shuanggui is home to the historic Shuanggui Temple, a Buddhist site dating back to the Tang Dynasty.



## (5) QUTANG GORGE

The shortest and narrowest of the Three Gorges is renowned for its dramatic scenery with towering limestone cliffs, sheer rock faces, and ancient inscriptions along the river creating breathtaking views.



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#### WU GORGE

Wu Gorge is known for its ethereal beauty, featuring steep mountains often shrouded in mist. The famous 'Twelve Peaks' add to the enchanting atmosphere - Goddess Peak is the most spectacular of them all, said to be a incarnation of the Goddess Yaoji.



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#### XILING GORGE

The longest of the Three Gorges has been renowned for its spectacular scenery for centuries. Before the construction of the dam this was also one of the most feared sections of the river with raging rapids and dangerous shoals.





## All aboard: Victoria Anna

One of five ships in Victoria Cruise's fleet, the beautiful Victoria Anna first set sail in 2006, and was refurbished in 2019. This modern and elegant vessel offers the perfect home away from home as you sail the magical Yangtze.







#### YOUR JOURNEY

The Yangtze River has been the lifeline of China for millennia. It was on these river banks that some of the earliest Chinese cultures existed, and ever since it has been essential for China's agriculture, transportation and the development of the country's economy.

Cruising the mighty Yangtze slows down the pace of your tour of China and helps you to see this incredible country from a new perspective. All you have to do is sit back and admire the steady flow of history and heritage that survives along the Yangtze's banks as you wind your way through impressive gorges and cliffs. Sailing through the magnificent Three Gorges is a real highlight, with cliffs rising dramatically from the steadily flowing waters, each bend in the river offering a new breath-taking panorama.

#### **ABOUT VICTORIA CRUISES**

Sail through the heart of China in comfort and style with our trusted partner Victoria Cruises, the longest-running American-managed cruise line on the Yangtze River.

Blending comfort with cultural depth, Victoria Cruises offers expert-led shore excursions to the mighty Three Gorges Dam, centuries-old cliffside temples, and vibrant riverside towns.

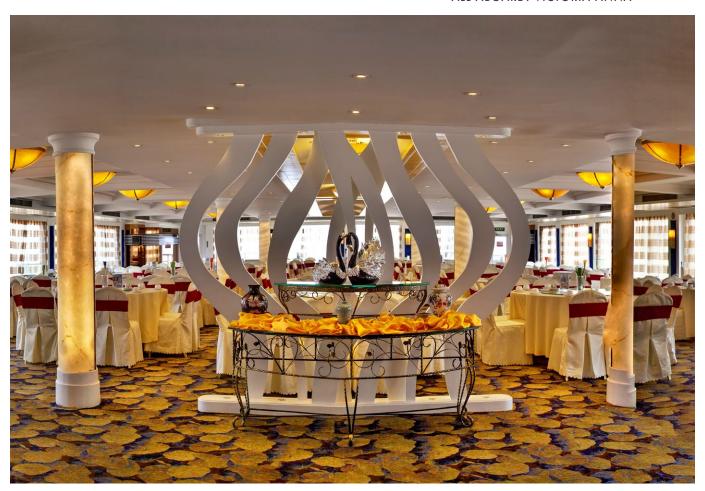
We use all five of the ships in the Victoria Cruises' fleet – Anna, Jenna, Katarina, Sabrina and Isabella. We've chosen the Victoria Anna to showcase your experience onboard on the opposite page, but all five ships share similar features. You can expect stylish, outward-facing cabins with private balconies located on the main deck, plenty of onboard entertainment, delicious regional cuisine, and English-speaking staff throughout.

#### **AMENITIES PACKAGE**

With an amenities package upgrade, you can further enhance your Yangtze experience with a few special extras, including:

- ► Upgrade to a higher deck
- ► Access to exclusive à la carte dining
- ➤ Private afternoon tea in the Executive Lounge
- ➤ Welcome fruit basket in your cabin
- ➤ Nightly turn-down service
- ➤ Daily refreshments and pre-dinner Happy Hour
- ► House wine and beer served with dinner

Please enquire with our Reservations team for full inclusions and pricing details. Cabin and deck upgrades are available on request.







#### YOUR STATEROOM

Relax in a spacious Superior cabin on the Main Deck, featuring a private outward-facing balcony with panoramic views of the stunning Yangtze River. Enjoy the convenience of complimentary Wi-Fi and an en suite bathroom with both a shower and bathtub, providing ultimate comfort throughout your journey.

#### FACILITIES ON BOARD

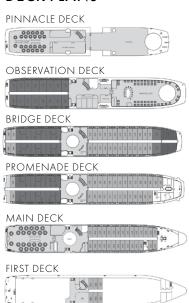
From a grand atrium with sweeping views to a sun deck, fitness centre, and spa, the Victoria Anna has everything you need for a comfortable journey. Explore the library, attend cultural lectures, or simply unwind in the observation lounge.

A daily shore excursion is also included, taking you off the ship to explore the sights along the river. Alternatively, stay onboard to relax, admiring the views from deck or your private balcony.

#### WINE & DINE

When it comes to mealtimes, enjoy buffet meals in the elegant Dynasty Dining Room offering expertly crafted international and Chinese dishes, or upgrade with an amenities package for exclusive access to the à la carte restaurant.

#### **DECK PLANS**



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**ALL MEALS** 

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ Admire Shanghai's bright lights
- Cruise the Yangtze River
- ✓ Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Discover ancient Ciqikou



#### DAY 1: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Fly to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

Discover the Yangtze River on your four-night cruise

#### DAY 2: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Today explore the classical Yu Garden, stroll through the charming old town, visit a silk mill and take in sweeping views of Shanghai's stunning skyline from Jinmao Tower. Later, admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund and view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise. The skyscrapers and glimmering lights are a sight to behold. Tonight, savour some traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

#### **DAY 3: TRAIN TO YICHANG**

Take the bullet train to Yichang and board your home for the next four nights – a relaxing cruise along the majestic Yangtze River.

#### DAYS 4-6: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

A man-made marvel, the Three Gorges Dam showcases a massive feat of engineering. But as you cruise upstream nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next three days, enjoy a range of shore excursions and onboard entertainment. Take a scenic side trip to either the tranquil Shennong or Goddess Stream, where smaller boats allow for deeper exploration of lush gorges and hidden valleys.

#### DAY 7: HISTORIC CIQIKOU

Disembarking the cruise vessel in Chongqing, explore old Ciqikou, a district known for its porcelain production during the Ming and Qing

dynasties. Ciqikou's narrow streets are perfect for a morning stroll to admire the historical, traditional architecture. Transfer to Chengdu and enjoy a delicious Sichuanese meal for dinner with the option of a performance of Sichuan Opera, famous for its 'face-changing'.

#### **DAY 8: PANDAS**

Start your day with a visit to Chengdu's renowned Panda Conservation Base, where you can see and learn about China's cherished pandas in a habitat mirroring their natural surroundings. Explore the museum to gain insights into the reserve's breeding efforts. Later, take a bullet train to the former imperial capital of Xian. This evening a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings and a captivating performance of Tang Dynasty dancing awaits.

#### **DAY 9: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses, and visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate terracotta warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Later, enjoy a leisurely stroll along the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that encircle Xian's old town, stop at a local brewery for a refreshing beer tasting, then walk through the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter.

#### DAY 10: BULLET TRAIN TO BEIJING

Board the bullet train to Beijing, a fast-paced capital where modern life meets 3,000 years of rich, tumultuous history.

#### PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa and processing service fees for Australian passport holders (if required)



#### ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ➤ Soaring above Shanghai's Pudong skyline, Jin Mao Tower blends modern engineering with traditional Chinese design. Head to the top for sweeping views over the Huangpu River and historic Bund.
- ➤ Explore the narrow cobbled lanes of Ciqikou's old town, a district known for its porcelain production during the Ming and Qing dynasties as well as its traditional architecture.
- ➤ Cruise through Qutang, Wu and Xiling gorges, otherwise known as the Three Gorges, admiring the magnificent scenery from the comfort of your Yangtze River cruise vessel and learning about its epic history from your onboard expert.



#### CLASSIC CHINA

#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

One of our most popular tours covers the enthralling cities of Shanghai, Xian, Beijing as well as the unforgettable giant pandas of Chengdu. The highlight, though, is a relaxing four-night cruise on the majestic Yangtze River.





#### DAY 11: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Head to Tiananmen Square, Beijing's symbolic heart, and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Later, stroll through the peaceful grounds of the Temple of Heaven, where emperors once prayed for good harvests. As evening falls, enjoy a dazzling Chinese acrobatic show — a thrilling display of skill, strength, and tradition.

#### DAY 12: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Next, visit a jade factory then enjoy the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese gardens. This evening, savour Beijing's best-known delicacy – Peking duck.

#### DAYS 13-14: FLY BEIJING TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

#### PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### **2026 DATES** 19 Mar - 01 Apr **\$6,980** 21 Jul - 03 Aug 24 Mar - 06 Apr \$6,980 04 Aug - 17 Aug \$6,980 31 Mar - 13 Apr \$7,280 11 Aug - 24 Aug \$6,980 07 Apr - 20 Apr **\$7,280** 01 Sep - 14 Sep **\$7,280** 09 Apr - 22 Apr **\$8,380** 03 Sep - 16 Sep **\$7,280** 14 Apr - 27 Apr \$7,280 08 Sep - 21 Sep \$7,280 18 Apr - 01 May **\$7,280** 10 Sep - 23 Sep **\$8,380** 28 Apr - 11 May **\$6,980** 15 Sep - 28 Sep **\$7,180** 05 May - 18 May **\$6,980** 17 Sep - 30 Sep **\$7,180** 07 May - 20 May **\$8,380** 06 Oct - 19 Oct **\$7,180** 12 May - 25 May **\$6,980** 08 Oct - 21 Oct \$8,380 19 May - 01 Jun **\$7,280** 13 Oct - 26 Oct \$6.980 26 May - 08 Jun **\$7,280** 20 Oct - 02 Nov **\$6,980** 02 Jun - 15 Jun \$7,280 27 Oct - 09 Nov \$6,980 09 Jun - 22 Jun \$7,280 05 Nov - 18 Nov \$6,980 14 Jul - 27 Jul \$6,980 10 Nov - 23 Nov \$6,980

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#### Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available on request
- Land only (Shanghai Beijing) 13 days from \$5,780 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,500

#### Important note

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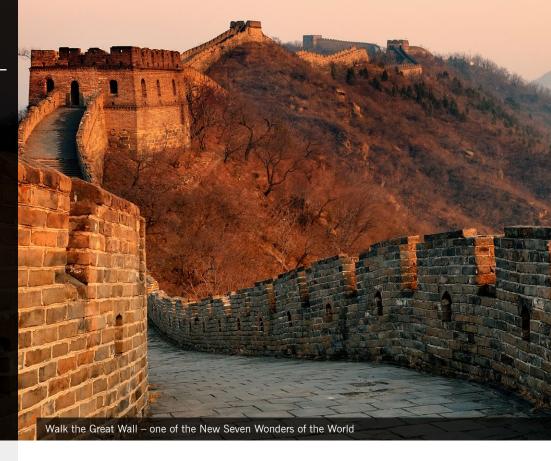
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#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Stay in rural Yangshuo
- Cruise the Yangtze River
- Admire Shanghai's bright lights



#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches & 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa and processing service fees for Australian passport holders (if required)



#### ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- Swap tea for hops with a visit to one of Xian's local breweries. Take a behind-thescenes look at how the beers are brewed, then sample a glass or two fresh from the source.
- Venture into Beijing's atmospheric old neighbourhoods, the hutongs, exploring the narrow alleyways, passing traditional courtyard houses and getting a glimpse of the residents' day to day life.
- Cruise the Huangpu River, the perfect way to take in Shanghai's contrasts – the colonial architecture of the Bund and the modern skyscrapers of Pudong.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

Fly to Beijing, China's historical capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

#### DAY 2: IMPERIAL BEIJING

This morning, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. A monument to dynasties past, enter through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, into a complex of a thousand rooms and many imperial treasures. Later, unwind in the peaceful surrounds of the Temple of Heaven, a masterpiece of Ming architecture. Wander through Beijing's ancient hutongs - narrow alleyways steeped in centuries of history - and meet a local family to get a glimpse of old Beijing's rich culture, then dine on a traditional dinner of Peking duck.

#### DAY 3: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight, the Great Wall, which stretches over 6000 kilometres from the Shanhaiguan Pass on the east coast to the Gobi Desert in the west. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Next, visit a jade factory to learn about this treasured stone, long revered in Chinese culture as a symbol of good fortune and prosperity. Enjoy the afternoon strolling through the idyllic gardens of the Summer Palace and admire the traditional Chinese landscapes and exquisite architecture.

#### DAY 4: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

Board the bullet train to Xian, the ancient former capital. Take a walking tour of the narrow and winding streets of the lively Muslim Quarter and gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. In the evening, enjoy a dumpling feast and Tang Dynasty dancing show.

#### **DAY 5: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS**

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#### DAY 6: BOARD YOUR CRUISE

Fly to Yichang where you will board your Yangtze River cruise vessel.

#### **DAYS 7-9: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE**

A man-made marvel, the Three Gorges Dam showcases a massive feat of engineering. But as you cruise upstream nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery. Over the next three days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another, take a side trip to the attractive Shennong or Goddess Stream and enjoy various shore excursions.

#### DAY 10: CHONGQING PANDA HOUSE

Disembark from the cruise vessel and visit the Panda House in Chongqing. Later, board the bullet train to Guilin.



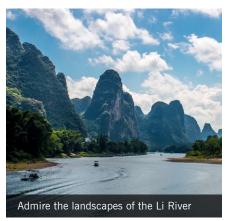
#### CLASSIC CHINA

#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This hugely popular tour journeys through some of China's most iconic sights from Beijing's Great Wall, Xian's warriors, and picturesque Guilin to the mighty Yangtze River. Expect a busy but fun-filled tour.





#### **DAY 11: LI RIVER CRUISE**

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming town of Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen.

#### **DAY 12: YANGSHUO**

Yangshuo sits in an exquisite rural location, surrounded by landscapes of emerald-green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. Spend the morning exploring the countryside before returning to Guilin by road, stopping en route to discover the colourful stalagmites and stalactites of Reed Flute Cave. Later, enjoy a leisurely stroll around Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon Pagodas.

#### DAY 13: HUANGPU RIVER CRUISE

Fly to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.

#### DAY 14: DISCOVER SHANGHAI

Today explore the classical Yu Garden, stroll through the charming old town, visit a silk mill and take in sweeping views of Shanghai's stunning skyline from the iconic Jinmao Tower. Walk along the iconic Bund before a dinner of authentic Shanghainese cuisine.

#### DAYS 15-16: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

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**ALL MEALS** 

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Walk on the Great Wall
- Gaze at the Terracotta Warriors
- Visit the Stone Forest
- Explore spectacular Zhangjiajie
- Stay in mystical Lhasa
- Cruise the Yangtze River



#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- 25 breakfasts, 24 lunches & 25 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa and processing service fees for Australian passport holders (if required)



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- ▶ Venture to a Tibetan village in the highlands of Yunnan province to meet the local community, visit a traditional family home and experience the intriguing blend of the Tibetan and Chinese way of life.
- ► Take a deep breath and step out on Tianmen Mountain's famed glass skywalk, aptly named the 'Walk of Faith'. Hugging a cliff face, follow it around the mountain for unparalleled views of Zhangjiajie.
- ➤ Cruise on the crystal-clear, tranquil waters of Erhai Lake, admiring the views over the Cang Mountains and sailing past its multiple islands, many replete with colourful temples.

#### **ITINERARY**

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#### DAY 4: BULLET TRAIN TO XIAN

Take the bullet train to Xian and in the evening, enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

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#### **DAY 6: REED FLUTE CAVE**

Fly to Guilin and visit Reed Flute Cave to see the colourful stalagmites and stalactites.

#### **DAY 7: LI RIVER CRUISE**

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to charming Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. This afternoon you can spend some time browsing Yangshuo's vibrant markets.

#### **DAY 8: YANGSHUO**

Start the day with a calming Tai Chi session led by a local master, learning the flowing movements of this ancient practice. Explore the picturesque countryside then enjoy free time or opt for activities such as cycling or bamboo rafting.

#### DAY 9: TRAVEL TO KUNMING

Take a bullet train to Kunming, capital of Yunnan Province.

#### **DAY 10: THE STONE FOREST**

Meander through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest, where towering limestone pillars stand tree-like in a fascinating illusion of woodland. This evening, dine on the local dish, 'Across the Bridge' noodles.

#### DAY 11: BULLET TRAIN TO LIJIANG

Board the bullet train to Lijiang, set in the foothills of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain.

#### DAY 12: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN

The magnificent Jade Dragon Snow Mountain comprises several peaks, the tallest of which







soars to 5,500 metres. Taking a cable car, explore one of the gorgeous high meadows and enjoy the amazing vistas. On the way back to Lijiang, visit Baisha old town to view its spectacular Ming Dynasty frescoes and Baisha village, a settlement of the Naxi minority people.

#### DAY 13: TIGER LEAPING GORGE

Journey to the 3,000-metre-deep Tiger Leaping Gorge. With its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, it is one of China's most extraordinary sights. Next, continue to the monastery town of Zhongdian, also known as Shangri-La. This afternoon is at leisure to acclimatise to the altitude.

#### DAY 14: TIBETAN ZHONGDIAN

Begin the day with a visit to a Tibetan style village where you will learn about the villagers' way of life. Also visit Dafo Temple, explore the spectacular Songzanlin Monastery and end the day with a tour of the old town.

#### DAY 15: MYSTICAL LHASA

Fly to the city of Lhasa, the heart and soul of Tibet. This afternoon is at leisure to help acclimatise to the altitude.

#### DAY 16: THE BARKHOR CIRCUIT

Lhasa is a modern, fast-growing city, but among the narrow, old, atmospheric streets you will feel a million miles from the modern world. Wander around the Barkhor Circuit with traditionally dressed locals and explore the Jokhang Temple, the sacred centre of Tibetan Buddhism. There will also be a visit to Sera Monastery, a renowned seat of Buddhist learning, and a local Tibetan arts and crafts shop.

#### DAY 17: POTALA PALACE

The Potala Palace is an architectural wonder towering over the city from its seat on Marpo Ri (Red Mountain). The Potala, the former winter palace of the Dalai Lama, houses thousands of rooms filled with old treasures from intricate shrines to beautiful frescoes. This afternoon, explore Norbulingka, the former summer residence of the Dalai Lama.

#### DAY 18: FLY TO CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province. Take a stroll through People's Park to see Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for suitable partners for their children.

#### DAY 19: PANDAS

Begin the day with a visit to Chengdu's famous conservation centre. Later, transfer to Chongqing and board your Yangtze River cruise vessel.

#### DAYS 20-22: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Over the next three days, enjoy various side trips and shore excursions including the Three Gorges Dam. Disembark and drive to Zhangjiajie, a scenic area of over 3,000 sandstone pillars.

#### DAY 23: DISCOVER ZHANGJIAJIE

Zhangjiajie's forest of towering sandstone pillars is nature at its most surreal. Ride the Bailong glass elevator skyward, soak up the incredible views before a scenic train through the Ten-Mile Natural Gallery.

#### DAY 24: TIANMEN MOUNTAIN

Soar up Tianmen Mountain on China's longest cable car. At the summit, climb 999 steps to the dramatic Tianmen Cave, 'Heaven's Door', and brave the thrilling glass 'Walk of Faith'. Later, fly to Shanghai.

# CLASSIC CHINA, TIBET

#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This really is the ultimate tour for those who want to experience China and Tibet in depth! From modern cities and ancient history to rural villages and spectacular landscapes, this is the tour to discover all of China's highlights in just one visit.

#### PRICES AND DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

#### 2026 DATES

07 May - 02 Jun	\$12,580	03 Sep - 29 Sep	\$12,580
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#### Important note

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#### DAY 25: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shangai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Visit the classical Yu Garden, stop in the old town, take in panoramic views from the Jinmao Tower, and admire colonial architecture on the Bund. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and enjoy a meal of traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

#### DAYS 26-27: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

# THE NILE EGYPT

A cruise along the Nile is a journey through Egypt's timeless history and landscapes. Floating along one of the world's longest rivers through lush farmland and serene desert stretches, travellers are afforded the chance to explore ancient temples and tombs, and a vibrant local culture that stretches back over 4,000 years.



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**



#### LUXOR'S EAST BANK

Called the 'world's greatest open-air museum', the ancient Egyptian capital of Thebes occupies the eastern bank of the Nile at Luxor. An archaeological treasure trove, its sights include the atmospheric Luxor Temple and the huge Karnak Temple where you'll find the grand Hypostyle Hall with its towering columns, a true wonder of the ancient world.





#### LUXOR'S WEST BANK

Discover the starkly beautiful landscape that is home to the grand Temple of Hatshepsut, the mortuary complex of one of Egypt's earliest female pharaohs. Visit the world-famous Valley of the Kings, the Theban Necropolis where the mighty Pharaohs of the New Kingdom were laid to rest.





#### **EDFU**

Built over 2,000 years ago and lost for centuries, Edfu is one of the best-preserved sites in Egypt. Dedicated to the falcon god Horus, whose colossal figure flanks the entrance, its intact walls contain a wealth of legible inscriptions and artwork.





#### ком омво

Kom Ombo is renowned for its unique double temple dedicated to the crocodile-headed god Sobek and falcon-headed Horus. Occupying a dramatic position overlooking the Nile, the temple features intricate carvings, mummified crocodiles, and even insights into ancient Egyptian medical practices.





### ASWAN

Aswan's location, gazing out over the sparkling Nile and soaring sand dunes, is undeniably romantic and the easy pace of life here is supremely relaxing. Cruise out to the island temple of Philae, relax in the gardens of Elephantine Island and drift on white sailed feluccas through this timeless landscape.





#### **ABU SIMBEL**

Journey south to the great temple dedicated to Ramesses II, with its immense 66-foot-high statues. Once gazing out over the southern reaches of the Nile, the entire temple was moved block by block 200 meters from its original location to avoid the encroaching waters of the Aswan Dam.





# All aboard: MS Tamr

Newly renovated in 2023, take in the unforgettable sites of the legendary River Nile in comfort and style aboard this contemporary river ship.





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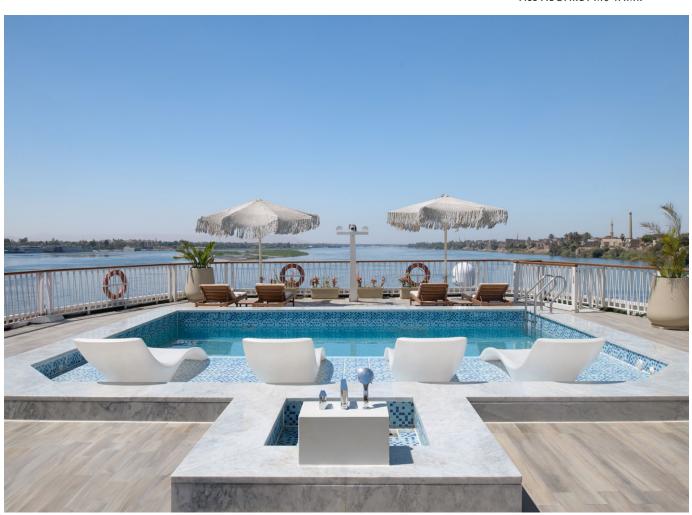
After a day exploring this fascinating river, retreat to your beautifully appointed cabin and relax in elegant surroundings. Take in breathtaking river views from your floor-to-ceiling windows that open to a Juliet balcony whilst enjoying a refreshment from the minibar. When it's time to turn in for the night, you can look forward to a restorative sleep in your comfortable king-sized bed — ensuring that you're raring to go for the adventures ahead.

#### FACILITIES ON BOARD

The MS Tamr offers a luxurious base from which to explore the mysteries of the Nile. Time onboard can be spent relaxing on the spacious sundeck and enjoying the views of the river or unwinding in the sophisticated lounge. The inviting outdoor pool is available for a swim or a cool down, and you'll also find a fitness centre onboard. There is also an onboard spa and sauna for any pampering needs.

#### **WINE & DINE**

Enjoy diverse international and local dishes, buffet style, at the main restaurant, where dedicated chefs ensure that every palate is catered for. For an intimate experience, the a la carte restaurant offers fine dining crafted with fresh, regional ingredients. Savour your favourite tipple in the stylish Lounge Bar, where cocktails and refreshing drinks pair perfectly with panoramic river scenes.





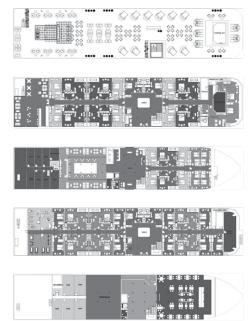




#### YOUR JOURNEY

There are few rivers as famous as the River Nile – not just for being one of the world's longest rivers at  $6,650\,\mathrm{km}$ , but for its historical significance and its present-day importance as a source of irrigation, drinking water and transportation for the 95% of Egypt's population that live within a few kilometres of its banks. The ancient Egyptians considered the Nile as a sacred place and aligned many of their pyramids and monuments alongside the river, believing it was a pathway to the afterlife.

Trace the Nile's incredible past as you sail along this ancient and fabled waterway. Board your river cruise in Luxor and continue for five days to Aswan. On your cruise, you'll visit some of Egypt and the Nile's most celebrated and revered sites, including Luxor's East Bank, home to the Avenue of the Sphinxes and the Temples of Luxor and West Bank, one of the most stunning landscapes in Egypt. Stop in at the Valley of Kings, the Temple of Horus, the Temples of Edfu, the Temple of Kom Ombo, the Aswan Dam and so much more.



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#### ► AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

- ► Explore the Nile in style on a five-star cruise for four nights. The recently renovated cruise ships offer air conditioned staterooms, all outward-facing. Between excursions, why not enjoy the spacious sun deck, or take advantage of the onboard pool?
- ➤ Experience the colossal majesty of the temples at Abu Simbel, built for Ramesses II and his wife Nefertari in the 13th century BC. The Ramesses temple entrance, guarded by four 20-metre-high statues, leads into the vast, beautiful underground halls, whose detailed artworks and imposing Osiris statues are humbling to behold.
- ➤ The richly-decorated pharaonic tombs of the Valley of the Dead never fail to impress. Follow in the footsteps of Howard Carter and visit the atmospheric tomb of Tutankhamun, the boy king, followed by additional tombs of your choice.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### DAYS 1-2: FLY TO CAIRO

Fly overnight to Cairo, the 'city of a thousand minarets', and transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 3: PYRAMIDS OF GIZA

Visit two of Egypt's most iconic sites: the Pyramids of Giza and the unblinking Sphinx. Continue to the Grand Egyptian Museum, home to an extraordinary collection of statues, mummies and pharaonic treasures. Later, visit the famous Khan el Khalili Bazaar, a souk known for its jewellery, leather goods and traditional coffeehouses.

#### **DAY 4: OLD CAIRO & SAKKARA**

Spend the morning exploring Cairo's oldest district, the Coptic Quarter. Explore its Coptic churches and the Coptic Museum, with its extensive Christian artefact collection. Later, continue to Sakkara, an ancient necropolis famed for its painted catacombs and the famous Step Pyramid of Djoser. Built for the Pharaoh by his architect, the high priest Imhotep, this 27th century structure was Egypt's first ever pyramid. Inside, you'll see wonderful carvings on the alabaster stone walls.

#### **DAY 5: EXPLORE ALEXANDRIA**

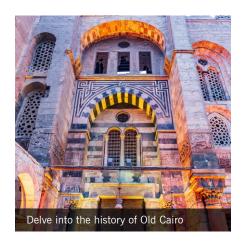
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#### DAY 6: EL ALAMEIN

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# Admire the pyramids and Sphinx of Giza

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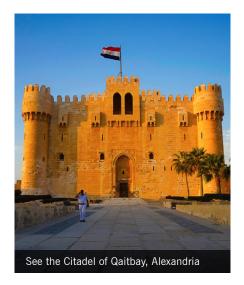
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#### DAYS 12-13: FLY CAIRO TO AUSTRALIA

After breakfast, transfer to the nearby airport for your onward flight, arriving home the following day.

#### CLASSIC EGYPT

#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Host to two of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, Egypt is a country steeped in history and legend, all waiting to be explored. This tour offers iconic monuments and temples, a cruise along the world's longest river, and lively bazaars to perfect your bargaining skills!

#### PRICES AND DEPARTURES

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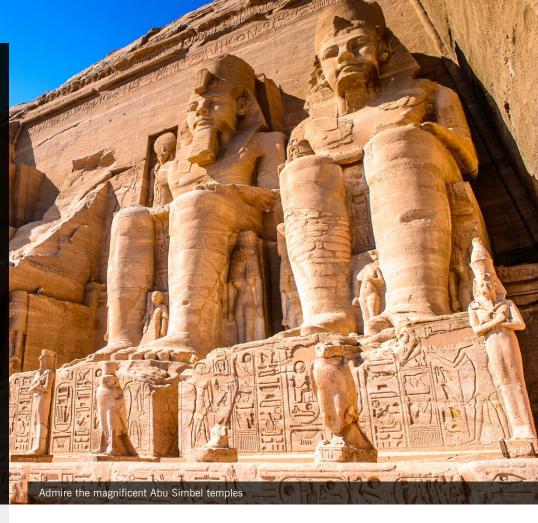






#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore the Pyramids of Giza
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Visit the tomb of Tutankhamun

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- ➤ Venture inside the tomb of Tutankhamun at one of Egypt's most prolific archaeological sites, the Valley of the Kings. Marvel at the perfectly preserved hieroglyphics surrounding his sarcophagus and see the mummy of The Boy King himself.
- Pay a visit to El Alamein, the site of one of the most important battles in the Western Desert campaign of WWII. Explore the fascinating war museum and pay your respects at the military cemetery here.
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#### DAY 12: FLY CAIRO TO AMMAN

Depart Egypt and take a short flight to Amman, Jordan. Transfer to your hotel before this evening's Jordan briefing.

#### DAYS 13: DISCOVER JERASH

Begin your Jordan adventure with a visit to the Roman city of Jerash, known as the 'Pompeii of the East'. Wander its well-preserved streets and admire the restored hippodrome. Continue to Ajloun, where we visit the 12th-century castle overlooking the Jordan Valley.

#### DAY 14: EXPLORE AMMAN

Explore the desert castles outside Amman before returning to the old city for a tour, including its impressive Citadel and historic Roman theatre.

#### DAY 15: MOUNT NEBO

Visit Mount Nebo, considered a possible site of Moses' Tomb, with its awe-inspiring views and the chance to explore the ruins of 4th-and 5th-century churches, still adorned with richly detailed mosaic floors.

Continue to Madaba to visit the Orthodox Church of St George, famed for its mosaic map. Your evening ends in the town of Petra, where you'll enjoy an authentic Levantine cooking class with a local chef.

#### DAY 16: PETRA

Explore beautiful Petra, the Lost City of the Nabateans, carved directly from the pink sandstone cliffs. Surrounded by imposing mountains and approached through a deep, narrow gorge known as the Siq, Petra is a poignant remnant of the ancient world. Spend an afternoon at leisure. After sunset, you'll return to Petra and see the Treasury lit by the glow of over 1.500 candles.

#### DAY 17: WADI RUM DESERT CAMP

Start with a visit to Little Petra before transferring to Wadi Rum, the Valley of the Moon. This wondrous desert is filled with ancient valleys, towered over by sandstone mountains. A comfortable 4x4 will whisk you into the heart of the wadi, where you'll follow in the footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia and hear the desert's long history. This evening, stay in a unique Bedouin camp with en suite private tents.

#### DAY 18: THE DEAD SEA

Head north for our final stop – the Dead Sea, the lowest point on Earth. Your afternoon is at leisure to float in its super-buoyant waters, famous for their spa-like minerals, before our farewell dinner.

#### DAYS 19-20: FLY AMMAN TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.

#### **CLASSIC**

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#### PHYSICAL RATING



#### IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

From the mighty Pyramids of Giza to the starlit sands of Wadi Rum and the buoyant waters of the Dead Sea, this grand adventure showcases the very best of Egypt and Jordan. You'll cruise the ancient waters of the Nile, head underground to explore the tombs of Pharaohs, and discover the legacy of Lawrence of Arabia.

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#### SAMPLE TOUR HOTELS















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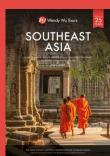


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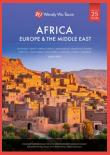
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