

INTERLUDE TOURS

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Vietnam, Cambodia & the Riches of the Mekong

AMAWATERWAYS River Cruises

15 Day Cruise and Tour *ms La Marguerite* Various departures available for 2010-2011

Your journey begins with Vietnam's bustling capital, Hanoi, followed by an excursion to fabled Ha Long Bay. Said to be the lair of dragons, the Bay's limestone outcroppings provide a breathtaking setting for an overnight sojourn aboard a traditional wooden junk. The next day, a short flight to Siem Reap, Cambodia, brings you to the gateway of the largest ancient city in the world. Explore Angkor Archeological Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site laden with magnificent temples that once heralded the grandeur of the Khmer empire.

Nearby, Tonle Sap Lake provides the launching point for your graceful Mekong River adventure. Cruise from Siem Reap to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), with calls at Kampong Chhnang, Kampong Cham, Phnom Penh, Tan Chau, Sa Dec and Cai Be.

Experience life on the river from small rural villages to booming capitals, visiting temples floating markets and much more along the way during your unforgettable Mekong River odyssey.



ms La Marguerite

The brand-new 92-passenger MS La Marguerite was specifically built in 2009 to provide the most luxurious and immersive experience on South East Asia's legendary Mekong River. With a design that combines colonial elegance with local artifacts and regional Mekong touches, MS La Marguerite is the perfect setting for an unforgettable river odyssey.

The luxurious "AMA" ships feature the most spacious staterooms on South East Asia's rivers, with 82 percent boasting private Balconies. Guests enjoy premium, hotel-style bedding with plush, down duvets; luxurious terry bathrobes and slippers, as well as bottled water replenished daily. Baths feature luxurious, spa-quality toiletries and a sleek, multi-jet shower system. Flat panel stateroom TVs offer a unique Infotainment system featuring Internet access, an array of satellite channels and movies. The vessels also feature a fitness center, beauty salon, whirlpool, walking track on the Sun Deck.

The “AMAWATERWAYS Difference” extends to a myriad of complimentary amenities that passengers enjoy on a daily basis. All-inclusive features distinguishing the line from its competition include: complimentary Wi-Fi in the public lounges; complimentary, free-flowing local wines at dinner, and a specialty coffee and tea station. Each cruise is accompanied by a professional cruise director. And, accomplished tour guides lead complimentary shore excursions in every destination

- Operated by AMAWATERWAYS
- Round trip commercial air from Indianapolis to LAX or SFO
- Round trip transpacific air & intra Asia air
- Home pick-up/return
- Airport transfers
- Prices are per person, double occupancy, and are subject to availability.
- Call for pre/post-trip hotel
- 2 Nights Hotel Accommodation in Hanoi, with daily Buffet Breakfast
- Overnight stay onboard Traditional Wooden Junk in Ha Long Bay
- 3 Nights Hotel Accommodation in Siem Reap with daily Buffet Breakfast
- 7-night Deluxe Cruise Accommodation in an Outside Stateroom - 82% of the Staterooms with Balconies
- Superb Dining with all Meals included during your Cruise
- Unlimited Local Beer and House Brand Spirits with Meals onboard Ship
- Bottled Water in every cabin replenished daily
- Welcome Dinner and Farewell Cocktail Party & Dinner
- 1-night Hotel Accommodation in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) including Buffet Breakfast.
- Daily Sightseeing Program as outlined in the Itinerary
- Onboard Special Highlights including Folklore Dances and Music Performances, Culture Discussion Forums, Theme Dinners and Piano entertainment
- Non-smoking Environment (smoking permitted only on the Sun Deck)
- All Transfers with the Purchase of Cruise, Land & Air package
- Services of Professional Cruise Director
- All local taxes for inclusions

CRUISE/TOUR PRICING 2010-2011 including air from Indianapolis* Based on double occupancy ** Call for cabin choices	
C Mekong Deck, Porthole - 226 sq. ft. from	\$5,499
B Tonle Deck, Bal. & lg. Win. - 226 sq. ft. from	\$5,758
A Saigon Deck, Bal. & Lg. Win. - 226 sq. ft. from	\$5,998
Jr. Suite Sadec Deck, Bal. & Lg. Win. - 290 sq. ft. from	\$6,298
Suite Sadec Deck, Bal. & Lg. Win. - 452 sq. ft. from	\$6,798
Single Supplement Category A, B & C cruise price	50%
Single Supplement Jr. Suite & Suite cruise price	75%
Single Supplement for Land	\$799
Deposit	\$400
* Cruise price and airfare depends on departure date selected. Travel Insurance recommended, call for quote.	
**Air from Indianapolis to LAX or SFO, transpacific air and intra Asia air are based on current estimates. Actual airfare will be advised at the time of booking. Air taxes & fuel surcharges are additional; determined at the time of ticketing. Call for quote from other departure cities, or for price without air if you wish to purchase your own air.	

Valid Passport Required
U.S. Citizens require a Visa for Vietnam and Cambodia.

TRAVEL ITINERARY

DAY 0: Transpacific airline departure from LAX or SFO

Note: travel to LA or SF day prior

DAY 1: Arrive in Hanoi, Vietnam

Welcome to Hanoi, Vietnam's vibrant capital city, known for its graceful colonial architecture, frenetic streets, verdant parks and ancient temples. After your airport greeting, transfer to the hotel. The remainder of the day is yours to explore the city on your own, or perhaps, visit the fabled Old Quarter.

DAY 2: Hanoi

A morning sightseeing tour will take you to Hanoi's most famous historical and cultural sites: Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Ba Dinh Square, One-pillar Pagoda (Buddhist temple) and The Temple of Literature (Confucius temple). In the afternoon, experience an authentic rickshaw ride (known as "cyclo") in the Old Quarter, followed by a traditional water puppet show. (B)

DAY 3: Hanoi / Ha Long Bay Overnight Junk

After breakfast, depart Hanoi for a scenic motorcoach ride to one of Vietnam's most renowned locations: Ha Long Bay. Board a traditional wooden Junk that combines classic beauty with modern conveniences, plus luxurious overnight accommodations. Set sail to discover the Bay's magnificent scenery set amidst stunning limestone cliffs. That evening, you'll enjoy dinner onboard, and overnight on the Junk. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: Ha Long Bay / Hanoi / Siem Reap, Cambodia

This morning, your Ha Long Bay Junk continues its scenic cruising while a delightful breakfast is served in the dining lounge. Late morning, disembark for a motorcoach transfer to Hanoi Airport. After a short flight, arrive in Siem Reap, Cambodia, gateway to Angkor, the former capital of the Khmer empire and one of the most renowned archeological sites in all of South East Asia. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: Siem Reap / Angkor

After breakfast, begin a guided sightseeing tour of the Angkor Archaeological Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Highlights include Angkor Thom, the Terrace of the Elephants and Terrace of the Leper King, Bayon. This afternoon, visit the most iconic of all Angkorian temples - Angkor Wat. (B,D)

DAY 6: Siem Reap / Angkor

This morning, travel through rural countryside to the pink sandstone temple of Banteay Srei. Then visit Ta Prohm, the temple famous for its intertwined trees (showcased in the film Tomb Raider). (B,D)

DAY 7: Siem Reap / Tonle Sap Lake - Embarkation / Kampong Chhnang

Travel to Tonle Sap Lake to embark the luxurious MS La Marguerite. Enjoy your Welcome Dinner onboard as you cruise to Kampong Chhnang. The ship moors overnight. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: Kampong Chhnang / Kampong Cham

After breakfast, enjoy a motor boat excursion into the lakeside wetlands that form the mouth of the Tonle Sap River. Enjoy a stunning variety of birdlife, and observe numerous great fish traps, some over a half-mile long. Later, the ship enters the jungle as the river narrows. Temples abound along the riverbanks offer a unique opportunity to observe the rich tapestry of Cambodian rural life. Arrive in the capital city of Phnom Penh in the afternoon and enter the Upper Mekong bound for Kampong Cham. The ship makes an afternoon stop, in time for a walk through the quaint silk-weaving village of Chong Kho. Overnight, the ship moors mid-stream in Kampong Cham. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: Kampong Cham / Phnom Penh

This morning, journey upriver to the hilltop pre-Angkorian temple of Wat Hanchey. Over lunch, sail back downstream to explore the Kampong Cham area. Travel by motorcoach to the 12th-century Angkorian temple of Wat Nokor, which has been "fused" with a modern Wat. Continue by motorcoach to the Eco-village of Cheung Kok. The ship departs late in the afternoon from Kampong Cham, arriving at Phnom Penh for an overnight mid-stream mooring. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: Phnom Penh

Early morning, the ship cruises into spectacular Phnom Penh and docks at the passenger port terminal. A morning tour explores the highlights of Cambodia's capital city, famous for its French colonial architecture, busy cafes, vibrant nightlife and renovated river "corniche." Visit the Royal Palace and the spectacular Silver Pagoda. The National Museum is another highlight, with outstanding displays of Khmer crafts. After lunch onboard, another excursion leads to the infamous Killing Fields and the Khmer Rouge's grim Tuol Sleng or S21 detention center (Genocide Museum) situated in the suburbs of the city. An overnight on the waterfront provides an opportunity to dine in one of many nearby restaurants, and experience Phnom Penh's vibrant nightlife, should passengers so choose. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: Phnom Penh / Border Crossing / Tan Chau, Vietnam

Spend the day cruising the Mekong River, stopping at the jungle village of Preaek Dach to visit fruit orchards before continuing to the Cambodian/Vietnamese border. The ship moors overnight mid-stream in Tan Chau, Vietnam. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: Tan Chau / Sa Dec

After breakfast, transfer via small boats to the pier, where a Trishaw awaits to transport you around Tan Chau. Visit a mat-making workshop and silk coloring workshop. Back at the pier, embark on a local boat for a channel cruise and visit to a fish farm before returning to the ship. Overnight mid-stream on the Mekong near Sa Dec. (B,L,D))

DAY 13: Sa Dec / Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

After breakfast, board small local boats for the village of Sa Dec, where you will enjoy a morning stroll. Noteworthy as the town where the French writer (and our ship's namesake) Marguerite Duras spent some of her childhood, Sa Dec is a sprawling town on the Mekong Delta. Visit the house of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, Duras' Chinese paramour, which is now a small museum. After lunch onboard, the ship continues cruising to Cai Be. A local Junk trip in the afternoon will take you to Cai Be's spectacular floating market; then go ashore to see the French Gothic Cathedral and visit delightful flower gardens, ancient Kiet House and local rice paper manufacturers. In the evening, cruise to Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, while enjoying a gourmet Farewell Dinner onboard. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) - Disembark

In the early morning, the ship docks at the Saigon River Frontage. As the capital of the French colony of Cochinchina, Saigon was known as "Paris of the Orient." Today, Vietnam's educational hub, but still retains vestiges of its colonial past. After breakfast, disembark for a city tour that explores famous landmarks, such as the former Presidential Palace, Central Post Office and Notre Dame Cathedral; Cho Lon (China Town) and its famous Binh Tay market and Thien Hau pagoda. Overnight at a luxurious hotel in Ho Chi Minh City. (B,L)

DAY 15: Depart Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

Transfer to the airport for your transpacific flight to LAX or SFO. (B)
Overnight in LA or SF recommended before travel to home city.

PLEASE NOTE: U.S. Citizens require a visa for Vietnam and Cambodia. Interlude will assist with this process.

EMBARKATION DAY: During low water season, transfer to ship via motorcoach to Preaek Kdam, a small village on the Tonle Sap River.

PHNOM PENH: No bare shoulders or shorts for ladies during the Royal Palace visit.

OPTIONAL PRE/POST TOUR EXTENSIONS:

Central Vietnam Extension: 8 days pre-extension, Ho Chi Minh City, Da Nang, Hoi An and Hue, from \$1299 per person***

DAY 1: Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City and transfer to the hotel. (D)

DAY 2: Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

Enjoy a morning drive through typical southern Vietnamese countryside to Tay Ninh province. Visit the Cao Dai Temple, a fusion of different religions that combines the mixture of elements from other world religions, and observe the noon service. This afternoon, visit famous Cu Chi Tunnels, an incredible underground tunnel network constructed by Vietnamese resistance fighters during the long struggle for independence. (B,L)

DAY 3: Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) / Da Nang / Hoi An

Transfer to airport for a morning flight to Da Nang, Vietnam's fourth largest city. A motorcoach awaits to transfer you to the ancient trading town of Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B,D)

DAY 4: Hoi An

Hoi An today, looks very much the same as in its heyday centuries ago. A walking tour takes you to the town's most famous landmarks, such as the Hoi An Museum, the old Chinese Merchants' houses, Assembly Hall and the Japanese Covered Bridge. This afternoon, travel by sampan on the Thu Bon River or spend leisure time on the beautiful sandy beach of Cua Dai. (B,L)

DAY 5: Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

This morning, enjoy a Red Bridge Cooking tour in Hoi An. Highlights include a visit to the colorful local village market and the herb garden. Learn how to prepare some of Vietnam's best-known dishes in this hands-on experience, and enjoy the lunch you have prepared. Observe the local life along the river, as you take a boat ride on the Hoi An River before returning to the hotel. (B,L)

DAY 6: Hoi An / Da Nang / Hue

Leaving behind the peaceful atmosphere of Hoi An, travel north to Da Nang and Hue. En route, visit Marble Mountains and enjoy a scenic view from the pagoda located inside the mountain. You will also visit a stone-cutting craft village nearby before continuing to Da Nang for a tour and visit to the Cham Museum. Continue heading north with a stop at scenic Lang Co Beach. Cross the beautiful Hai Van Pass, before arriving in Hue, the ancient capital of Vietnam, whose monuments have earned it a UNESCO World Heritage Site designation. (B,L)

DAY 7: Hue

This morning, enjoy a boat trip along the serene Perfume River to visit Thien Mu Pagoda, the best known pagoda in central Vietnam. Then, drive to the Tomb of former Emperor Minh Mang, visit the elaborate tomb of Emperors Tu Duc and Khai Dinh, and the Royal Citadel with its Imperial Purple City. (B,L)

DAY 8: Hue / Hanoi

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Hanoi, where you will meet fellow travelers beginning their Mekong river cruise journey. (B,D)

****Rate based on double occupancy; Single Supplement \$699. Intra-Vietnam air is not included; please add: Intra Vietnam Air Ho Chi Minh City-Da Nang: \$99 per person; Intra Vietnam Air Hue-Hanoi: \$99 per person; Air taxes and fuel surcharges are additional.*

Hong Kong Extension: 4 days post extension from \$799 per person**DAY 1: Hong Kong**

Upon arrival, you will be met and assisted with your transfer to the hotel. (B)

DAY 2: Hong Kong

After breakfast at the hotel, your half-day sightseeing tour includes the world-famous Stanley Market, filled with shops selling silk items, jewelry, sportswear and every possible type of souvenir. Continue on to one of the most beautiful beaches in town, Repulse Bay, with its lifeguard clubhouse built in traditional Chinese style. Aberdeen fishing village is another tour highlight, home to hundreds of people living on fishing junks, practicing a way of life unchanged for more than a century. The tour ends with a coach ride to Victoria Peak for a panoramic view of Hong Kong and its spectacular harbor. (B)

DAY 3: Hong Kong

Enjoy a free day to explore the wonders of Hong Kong on your own. Some suggestions include a short ride to the world's tallest, outdoor, seated bronze Buddha, sitting serenely atop Ngong Ping plateau overlooking Lantau Island. If you prefer to shop, bargains abound throughout Hong Kong's famous streets. And, the evening provides ample opportunity to sample authentic Chinese cuisine. (B)

DAY 4: Hong Kong

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

Cancellation policy: if insurance is not purchased, cancellation charges will be assessed as follows: for cancellation received more than 122 days prior to departure: \$200 penalty; 121-91 days prior to departure: \$400; 90-61 days prior to departure: 35% land and cruise price; 60-31 days prior to departure: 50% of the land and cruise price; 30-8 days prior to departure: 80% of the land and cruise price; 7 days or less days prior to departure: no refund. Name changes and departure date changes are considered reservation cancellations and are subject to cancellation fees. Above charges do not include cancellation or change fees which may be applied by air carriers, hotel and/or other land service suppliers, which will be assessed in accordance with such supplier's policies. Air deviations may not be possible and if so may cost more. The cruise line can change the taxes, fuel surcharge and air cost at any time before final payment. In addition, a \$100 administration fee will be charged for changes to booking after cruise documents have been issued. **A valid passport and visas are required.**

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