



## Siem Reap to Saigon Discovery Program (#18220)

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### Overview

We are thrilled to present our latest program, designed to combine exploration, cultural immersion, and light activities for a memorable cruising experience on-board the Tourn Tiou 2.

Our charming vessel offers personalized service in an intimate environment, perfect for small groups who seek an authentic and dynamic Mekong River journey.

Our itinerary includes a range of activities like biking, kayaking, sampan rides and walking tours that provide opportunities to discover the hidden treasures of the Mekong River, including traditional village visits and climbing the stunning Udong Hill. Moreover, we'll take you on a motor & rowing boat tour of the magnificent Tra Su Forest, where you'll witness incredible flora and fauna of this beautiful natural environment.

Experience the perfect balance of cultural immersion and light adventure, while enjoying the authentic Mekong River charm.

With an emphasis on personalized service, cultural exploration, and a touch of adventure, our program promises to deliver an unforgettable cruising experience and makes a perfect match for the Tourn Tiou 2.



## Trip Highlights

Siem Reap - Koh Chen - Kampong Chhnang - Kampong Tralach - Oudong - Phnom Penh - Chau Doc - Sa Dec - Cai Be - Ho Chi Minh City

## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 01

### Day 01: Siem Reap

Please arrive at 1 p.m. at the designated meeting point. Transfer by bus to Koh Chen (5-6 hours). After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail and have dinner on board. We'll spend the night on board.

**Meal:** Dinner

### Day 02

### Day 02: Koh Chen - Kampong Chhnang

Sail to Kampong Chhnang and lunch on board. Visit Kampong Chhnang, one of the largest fishing ports on the Tonle Sap Lake. Here they also have many fish farms. The region is also known for its traditional pottery combining ancient knowledge with modern techniques — Chhnang itself means "pot." We'll enjoy a tasting of regional products before returning on board and beginning to cruise to Kampong Tralach.

Option: For those seeking more activity, there will be an option at Kampong Chhnang to cycle alongside the riverside and then to the pottery village to explore this area.

We'll have dinner and spend the night on board.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 03

### Day 03: Kampong Tralach - Phnom Penh

Breakfast on board



We will set out to visit the beautiful Vihara at the Wat Kampong Tralach Leu pagoda. To access the pagoda, we need to cross the village of Kampong Tralach in ox carts, moving along a small road that runs perpendicular to the river in the middle of magnificent rice fields. We then offer clients the choice to either return to the ship by oxcart or enjoy a mountain biking experience through the stunning countryside to witness the beauty of the rice fields surrounding the area before returning to the ship. Lunch on board.

The ship then departs to Udong, Cambodia's former capital. On arrival, first we visit the colorful Vipassana Dhura Buddhist Meditation Center where you will hear about the school of Vipassana or Insight Meditation. After that walk up the steps to the various temples and the three large stupas where the ashes of three former kings are preserved. You will be rewarded by wonderful views of the plains below.

After returning on board, start cruising towards Phnom Penh. Enjoy a performance of classical Khmer dancing and music then dinner. Night on board.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 04

### Day 04: Phnom Penh

Breakfast on board

We'll enjoy a tour of the fabulous Royal Palace, one of the most impressive examples of Cambodian architecture, and its Silver Pagoda. Onward to visit the National Museum.

Enjoy an afternoon tour of the area by "tuk-tuk," for an authentic and immersive experience like no other. Visit the beautifully renovated Art Deco Central Market and experience the local shopping scene firsthand. Known as 'Phsar Thmei' locally the market is a bustling hub for clothing, food and souvenir shopping.

After exploring the market, we will stroll through the city's off-the-beaten-path alleyways, where you'll have a chance to engage with the locals and see how they live their daily lives in the city. Observe and experience the locals enjoying their coffee while playing Cambodian-style chess and see the local food in its most authentic form, learning about the way of life in this vibrant city.

Continue your visit to the city's namesake, Wat Phnom. Founded in 1373, the pagoda was built to house Buddhist relics washed ashore by the river. From there, we will enjoy a short walk to the French Quarter, where you'll get a glimpse of the city's colonial era while admiring the beautiful architecture. The area boasts a number of Belle Époque and Art Deco houses and public buildings dating from the French Protectorate (1863-1953).

We'll return on board for dinner in the evening and start sailing towards Vietnam. Night on board.



**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 05

### Day 05: Chau Doc

Breakfast on board

Arrive at Vinh Xuong Border – Clearance of the entry formalities then depart for Chau Doc. Located on the border between Cambodia and Vietnam, the prosperous city of Chau Doc has developed around fish and fish farming.

We'll then transfer to Tra Su Forest. We'll experience this beautiful forest with a motorboat and rowing boat tour, where you can witness this incredible and diverse flora and fauna of this stunning natural environment.

Back to the ship for lunch.

After lunch we will board a cable car and embark on an unforgettable journey to Sam mountain with our exclusive addition to the excursion program in Chau Doc – the Nui Sam Cable Car. Passengers will enjoy breathtaking panoramic views as the ride unfolds. Upon the summit of Sam Mountain, we will embrace spectacular views towards the border of Cambodia and Vietnam. After soaking in the views, we will pay a visit to the Ba Chua Xu Temple on the way back down the mountain before heading back to the ship.

We'll begin to cruise toward Sa Dec. We'll have dinner and spend the night on board.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 06

### Day 06: Sa Dec - Cai Be

Breakfast on board

Local boat picks up for a short panoramic tour of Sa Dec, including a visit to the Trung Vuong primary school (will close on Saturday, Sunday, holiday and New Year) where you'll get a chance to learn more about the local education system.

Afterward, we will enjoy a promenade at Sa Dec market on the riverbank. (Local market will be closed on Lunar New Year) where you can experience local commerce. This is a perfect opportunity to immerse yourself in the local culture and enjoy the charming river surroundings.

Ship leaves Sa Dec for Cai Be. Cai Be offers many exciting attractions, activities, and excursions. Nature lovers will enjoy the lush natural landscape and those interested in local culture will love meeting the very hospitable local people and



discovering the way of the life in this region.

Arrive Cai Be, take a local boat trip to cruise along the Mekong River. Disembark to visit the craft village where you can witness how the local products are made.

Continue cruising on the boat. Get off at the fruit orchards comprising of many kinds of fruits such as: jack-fruit, durian, guava, rambutan, longan etc... drink hot tea, eat fresh fruits and enjoy a live local music performance.

Head to the local restaurant by boat, attend a cooking class with local chef, then enjoy your lunch.

After lunch, take a rest, then enjoy a kayaking adventure. Don't worry if you are a first-time paddler, it is not difficult. This is a unique experience in the Mekong Delta providing a unique aquatic perspective of the surrounding natural beauty. Then there is the opportunity to explore the countryside by mountain bike providing another view of the local scenery. Whichever of the activities you do, you will get a distinctive glimpse into the beauty and authenticity of the Mekong River.

Ship leaves Cai Be for My Tho. Dinner during cruising and night on board.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 07

### Day 07: My Tho - Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

Breakfast on board

In My Tho we will kick off our day with a local boat pick-up that will take us on a boat cruise to Thoi Son island where we will have the opportunity to explore the daily lives of the local people and enjoy seasonal fruits. We will also take a Sampan ride along the scenic canals for a closer look at the Mekong Delta and its unique features. Later we'll go biking on our own and explore the village to see firsthand how the local people live and to admire the magnificent fruit orchards in the area. This is the perfect chance to connect with the locals and witness their way of life.

Lunch on board and cruise the magnificent Chao Gao canal, the entrance to Saigon where you will experience the lively and vibrant canal full of ships and activity, yet still feel close to the life on shore. A must-see part of the cruise and that we're the only cruise line offering this unique passage.

Arrive in Saigon, dinner on board. Night on board.

Optional tour below:

Optional vespa tour





Program: Saigon After Dark

Saigon After Dark is a part night excursion, part street/local food adventure. Guests experience the nightlife of Saigon the way locals do, all from the back of a vintage Vespa scooter.

Tour itinerary:

Stop for a cocktail and appetizer at a rooftop lounge before adventuring into your favorite local eating spot.

Enjoy Street seafood with cold drinks at a local restaurant

Stop at a Vietnamese pancake restaurant - Banh Xeo, a specialty of Saigon and southern food with the locals.

After this the tour will bring you to a live music venue to enjoy the drinks with live music.

Moving from stop to stop, you will enjoy the nightlife of this hustle and bustle city as well as see the iconic sights along the way.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

### Day 08

### Day 08: Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

Breakfast onboard.

Start your day with breakfast onboard. Enjoy a tasty breakfast onboard before our Ho Chi Minh tour. Take a short downtown drive to the city. Walking tour commences and stop for some photographs at notable sites like Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral, Municipal Post Office, City Square and the Opera house all of which were heavily influenced by French colonialism in the 19th century. Enjoy the vibrancy of this city by foot and explore the city's green space enjoying the beauty of nature in the middle of this dynamic city. Experience the local coffee scene – Vietnam is famous for producing high-quality coffee and coffee shops are a common sight in the downtown.

Transfer back to ship for lunch

After lunch, we'll explore the local Chinatown and experience the daily life of the people. We'll also visit the Giac Lam Pagoda, which is over 300 years old and is the oldest pagoda in Ho Chi Minh City. Lastly, we'll visit the Flower Market and Binh Tay market for a 15-minute walking tour to explore how locals buy and sell local food and products.

Transfer to the ship to enjoy our farewell cocktail and dinner onboard. We'll remain in port overnight.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner



**Day 09****Day 09: Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)**

Enjoy a tasty breakfast onboard before disembarking. After breakfast, we'll then proceed to the War Museum to learn more about the history of Vietnam.

Then, we'll transfer to a local restaurant for lunch before bidding you farewell at approximately 2:00 pm. Please note that you should not book your flight before 5:00 pm.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

- Full board accommodation, including meals mentioned in the program, coffee, tea & drinking water.
- French or English speaking guide.
- Visits mentioned in the program.
- Entrance fees.
- Transportation from departure port to arrival port.
- Port fees.
- Wifi.

## Exclusions

- Personal Travel Insurance.
- Visas if needed.
- Tours & meals other than those mentioned in the program.
- Transfers from/to airport and hotels.
- Personal expenses.
- Gratuities for the crew/guides.

## Note

**EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:**



- Crossing through the splendid Cho Gao canal
- Discover historical cities: Ho Chi Minh City and Phnom Penh
- Meet the locals and learn about their daily lives in Koh Chen, My Tho...

### Trip Highlights

- All meals included
- Refined local cuisine
- Headsets are included for excursions
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Onboard activities and/or lectures
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

Ship available for this cruise is Toum Tiou II.

Accommodation available for Pre and Post Cruise on request.

**\* Prices are based on Double/Twin cabins located on the lower deck.**

**Disclaimer: Please email us for a precise itinerary as programs differ from ship to ship. (Several ships available for this cruise).**

## Fixed Departure

<p><b>19 Jan, 2025</b> Cruise AUD 3,537 P P twin share AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>04 Feb, 2025</b> Cruise AUD 3,537 P P twin share AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>20 Feb, 2025</b> Cruise AUD 3,537 P P twin share AVAILABLE</p>
<p><b>08 Mar, 2025</b> Cruise AUD 3,537 P P twin share AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>24 Mar, 2025</b> Cruise AUD 3,537 P P twin share AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>09 Apr, 2025</b> Cruise AUD 3,184 P P twin share AVAILABLE</p>

