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WHEN BOOKED  
BY 12/20/23



# Vietnam & Cambodia with Mekong River Cruise

Dates: October 29 – November 13, 2024

16 Days



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Receive a traditional Buddhist blessing at the Oudong Monastery



Golden paths guide you in Phnom Penh, Cambodia

**DAY 1 Depart the USA:** Depart the USA on your transpacific flight to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

**DAYS 2 – 3 Ho Chi Minh City:** Xin Chao and welcome to Ho Chi Minh City! On arrival, you will be met by your Emerald Cruises representative and transferred to your hotel, situated in downtown District 1, for a two-night stay. After checking in, you will be free to explore the city before meeting your tour director for your welcome briefing and dinner at a local restaurant. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 4 Ho Chi Minh City:** Drive away from Ho Chi Minh City to Cu Chi Tunnels, watching the city skyline fade into the distance as the road winds through rice paddies, villages and scenes typical to southern Vietnam. Spend a couple of hours walking around Cu Chi's rugged grounds with a local guide. Upon your return to Ho Chi Minh City, enjoy a Pho lunch with remainder of the afternoon and evening yours to enjoy at leisure or venture out on one of our DiscoverMORE excursions. **Meals: B, L**

**DiscoverMORE:** An evening Saigon Street Food walking tour (extra expense)

**DiscoverMORE:** One Night in Saigon (extra expense)

**DAY 5 Ho Chi Minh City – Embarkation:** After checkout, enjoy a tour of the city, visiting the Notre Dame Cathedral, Opera House and Town Hall. Then, visit the Reunification Palace before transferring to the port where you will board your Emerald Cruises Star-Ship, Emerald Harmony. You'll be welcomed on board by your captain and crew before setting sail after lunch down the Saigon River to Cho Gao canal where you will anchor for the night. This evening, enjoy your first dinner on board with your fellow travellers. Your Cruise Director will conduct a port talk to review the activities and itinerary for the days ahead. **Meals: B, L, D**

**DAY 6 Ben Tre:** This morning travel through the bustling Cho Gao. The Cho Gao canal is one of the major arterial canals of Vietnam connecting Tien Giang Province in the Mekong Delta with Ho Chi Minh City. Today is a fascinating morning watching the heavy commercial traffic navigate this important waterway which can see upwards of 1,800 vessels transit each day. This afternoon once on the Mekong River, you'll visit the Tan My Floating community followed by a ride through the local plantations to visit a mushroom farm, a fruit farm with sampling and a honey farm with local sweet before returning to Emerald Harmony to sail onwards to Sa Dec, a hidden gem on the Mekong Delta. **Meals: B, L, D**

**DAY 7 Sa Dec – My An Hung:** After a short ride on a sampan to Sa Dec enjoy a walking tour around town with stops at the Chinese Congregational House in Kien An Cung, the home of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le (currently under

renovation), who inspired Marguerite Duras' novel *L'Amant*, and enjoy a walk through the central market to peruse its varied produce. Return to Emerald Harmony by sampan and sail to My An Hung Island. Recognised as a cultural and historical destination, this small village in rural Vietnam specialises in red-hot chilli and peppers. As part of our EmeraldPLUS programme, enjoy some local folk singing during the visit. **Meals: B, L, D**  
**EmeraldPLUS:** Listen to some local folk singing in My An Hung

**DAY 8 Gieng Island - An Long:** On Gieng Island you can travel through the island's villages to visit families who work in a variety of local industries including boat building of different types and creating incense sticks for temples. Also visit Vietnam's oldest church. The afternoon is yours to enjoy your free time on board or, if you prefer, partake in a DiscoverMORE optional excursion to the Tam Nong Ramsar Bird Sanctuary in An Long. **Meals: B, L, D**

**DiscoverMORE:** A visit to Tam Nong Ramsar Bird Sanctuary in Tram Chim National Park (extra expense)

**DAY 9 Tan Chau - Vietnam/Cambodia Border Crossing:** Embark on a sampan to Evergreen Island for a walk through a traditional village, glimpsing into the lives of the local farming community. Travel back to Tan Chau, and as part of our EmeraldPLUS excursion, visit the recently renovated Cao Dai temple. The religion of Cao Dai is a syncretic montheistic religion established in 1926 in the city of Tay Ninh, southern Vietnam. Here, you will learn more about the mix of ideas that forms the basis of this fascinating religion. Afterwards, ride in a Xe Loi (local form of cyclo) from the temple back to your sampan to visit a Mekong fish farm. Back on board your luxury Star-Ship, you'll cruise to the border between Vietnam and Cambodia, celebrating the crossing with a Cambodian-style family dinner in the evening **Meals: B, L, D**

**EmeraldPLUS:** A visit to a local Cao Dai temple

**EmeraldPLUS:** Visit to Evergreen Island

**EmeraldPLUS:** Experience a Xe Loi ride

**EmeraldPLUS:** A Lion Dance performance on board

**DAY 10 Phnom Penh:** Wake up in Cambodia's capital, Phnom Penh. The city, known as the "Pearl of Asia", was almost entirely evacuated by the Khmer Rouge in 1975. This morning, you will learn more about the Khmer Rouge and the darkest days of the country's history. A short drive will take you to the Killing Fields at Choeung Ek. Here you will have the opportunity to walk through the fields, visit the memorial and learn about this sad historic chapter. Afterwards visit the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum (also known as S-21). This is a former school that was converted to the main prison and torture headquarters of the Khmer Rouge. Spend the afternoon

as you please exploring our DiscoverMORE excursions or simply relaxing on board Emerald Harmony. In the evening, as part of your EmeraldPLUS programme you will have a chance to experience an evening remark (local Tuk-Tuk) ride through Phnom Penh to enjoy the city lights. **Meals: B, L, D**  
**EmeraldPLUS:** Phnom Penh by night on a remark (Tuk-Tuk) tour  
**DiscoverMORE:** A silk farm tour at Koh Oknha Tei (extra expense)  
**DiscoverMORE:** Craft Beer Adventure by remark (extra expense)

**DAY 11 Phnom Penh – Oudong – Koh Khsach Krao:** Located north of Phnom Penh, Oudong was the former royal capital of Cambodia up until it moved to Phnom Penh in 1866. Important remnants on the temple site include the burial sites of Khmer kings as well as religious artefacts dating back more than a hundred years. In the main temple of the Oudong Monastery, receive a traditional Buddhist blessing from the temple's resident monks as part of your EmeraldPLUS programme. In the afternoon, you will visit the majestic Royal Palace with its gardens, followed by the Central Market located in the heart of the city. Back on board, as part of your EmeraldPLUS programme, enjoy a cultural performance by the Cambodian Student and Children's Organisation. Afterwards set sail, gliding past the illuminated Phnom Penh at night for a short sail to Koh Khsach Krao. **Meals: B, L, D**  
**EmeraldPLUS:** A traditional Buddhist Monk blessing  
**EmeraldPLUS:** Cultural Performance by the Cambodian Student and Children's Organisation

**DAY 12 Koh Khsach Krao Disembarkation – Siem Reap:** Disembark Emerald Harmony in the morning and continue by road to Siem Reap for your included three-night stay. Stay at the beautiful Shinta Mani, a deluxe boutique property of world-class design that takes great care in honouring the environment and paying homage to the traditional and local aesthetics. This evening as part of your EmeraldPLUS programme, attend Phare, The Cambodian Circus, where a combination of acrobatics, music and dance tell a uniquely Cambodian story. **Meals: B, L**  
**EmeraldPLUS:** Phare Cambodian Circus performance

**DAY 13 Siem Reap:** Today, start with a visit to Angkor Thom, not a single temple such as the historic sites it neighbours, but rather one of the most remarkable royal cities of the Angkor Period and an architectural wonder. As the last capital of the Khmer Empire, it was a fortified city, home to priests, officials of the palace, military and buildings for administering the kingdom. Afterwards, visit the sacred Temple of Ta Prohm. In an incredible standoff between human creation and nature, the jungle's root systems have reclaimed this spiritual location now enshrouded in wild vegetation. The backdrop to many Hollywood scenes, the incredible Ta Prohm is both a cinematic and contemplative location. This evening is free to visit 'Pub Street' or try a DiscoverMORE option this evening. **Meals: B, L**  
**DiscoverMORE:** Sunset Drinks Gondola Boat at Bayon (extra expense)  
**DiscoverMORE:** Dinner in the Rice Field (extra expense)  
**DiscoverMORE:** Cambodian Street Food Discovery Tour (extra expense)

**DAY 14 Siem Reap:** Rise early and witness the sunrise over Angkor Wat. Afterwards walk through this UNESCO World Heritage-listed site known for its elaborate decorations and intricate carvings throughout. This afternoon is free time to visit the town and markets or try a DiscoverMORE tour. Later this evening, enjoy your farewell dinner as part of your EmeraldPLUS programme, accompanied by an Apsara dance performance. **Meals: B, D**  
**EmeraldPLUS:** Apsara dance performance and dinner show  
**DiscoverMORE:** Vespa tour of Siem Reap  
**DiscoverMORE:** A visit to Banteay Srei (extra expense)  
**DiscoverMORE:** A visit to Tonlé Sap (extra expense)  
**DiscoverMORE:** A culinary tour of Cambodia (extra expense)  
**DiscoverMORE:** Senteurs d'Angkor Workshop (extra expense)

**DAY 15 & 16\* Depart Siem Reap / USA:** Transfer from your hotel to the airport and return home with memories of life enriching experiences of your amazing adventure through Cambodia and Vietnam. **Meal: B**



## Exceptional Inclusions

- 3 pre-nights stay Ho Chi Minh
- 3 post-nights stay in Siem Reap
- 1 post-night Airport stay
- 7 nights on board the luxurious *Emerald Harmony*
- Deluxe hotels with all service charges, taxes and portage included
- 34 meals: 14 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 10 dinners
- Complimentary international and local wine, beer & soft drinks to accompany lunch & dinner while on board *Emerald Harmony*
- Complimentary tea & coffee on board
- Complimentary water provided on board and during excursions
- A variety of on board evening entertainment
- Complimentary Wi-Fi on board
- First-class service from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- All port charges and overseas transfers
- All gratuities included

## CRUISE AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**Days 2 through 4 – Grand Hotel Saigon or similar, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam**

**Days 5 through 11 – Aboard Emerald Harmony**

**Days 12 through 14 – Shinto Mani or similar, Siem Reap, Cambodia**

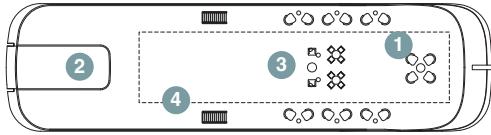
Itinerary is subject to change.

\*Depending on the flight schedule, you may arrive in the USA on Day 15.

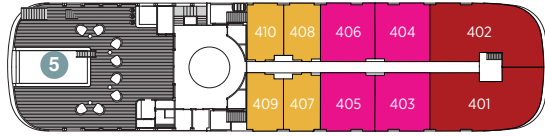
# Emerald Harmony

Built: 2019 Speed: 15.5 mph Cabins: 42 Length: 239 ft. Crew: 40

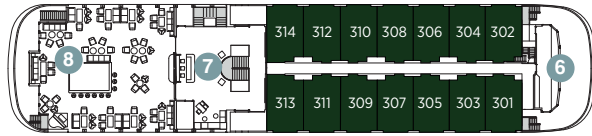
## SUN DECK



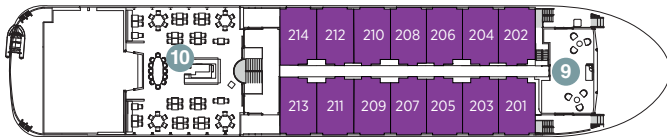
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## HORIZON DECK



## VISTA DECK

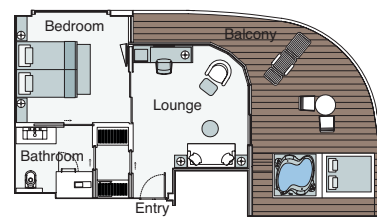


## RIVIERA DECK



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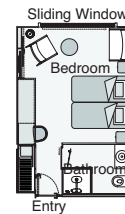
- 1 Sun Deck with Deck Chairs
- 2 Retractable Sun Shade Roof
- 3 Games Area
- 4 Walking Track
- 5 Daytime Pool & Bar
- 6 Wheel House
- 7 Reception
- 8 Horizon Bar & Lounge
- 9 Lotus Lounge
- 10 Reflections Restaurant
- 11 Fitness Area
- 12 Self-service Laundry
- 13 Wellness Area
- 14 Hairdresser



Owner's One-Bedroom Suite

452ft<sup>2</sup>

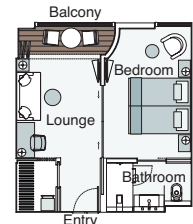
CAT SA



Panorama Balcony Suite

273ft<sup>2</sup>

CAT AP CAT A CAT B



Grand Balcony Suite

398ft<sup>2</sup>

CAT S



Emerald Stateroom

256ft<sup>2</sup>

CAT D

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**SAVE UP TO \$2,250 PER PERSON  
WHEN BOOKED BY 12/20/2023**

Deposits: 20%\* per person NOW holds your place

\*Percentage of total price

FINAL PAYMENT DATE: JULY 24, 2024

CANCELLATION FEES:

\$400 now – JULY 24, 2024 100% After – JULY 24, 2024

### Price Includes:

- ✓ Roundtrip Airfare from TUS
- ✓ First-class service and tours from an English-speaking crew and knowledgeable local guides
- ✓ All Gratuities Included (except hotel housekeeping)
- ✓ Deluxe hotels with all service charges, taxes and portage included
- ✓ Government Fees, Port & Air Taxes
- ✓ Roundtrip Door-to-Door Livery Service
- ✓ Complimentary Wi-Fi
- ✓ Your PLEASUREBENT TOURS Escort (with 15 or more travelers)



Passport & Visas - Each U.S. citizen must have a valid passport. Expiry date of passports should be at least 6 months after the return date of tour. If you don't have a passport, call our office and we'll tell you how to apply for one. Some countries require visas for entry by U.S. citizens. We will send visa applications and instructions if a visa is required for your tour. Holders of non-U.S. passports should contact their nearest consulate and inquire about the necessary passport or visa documentation required for entry into the countries visited. NOTE: Due to airline security measures, your passport name must match your airline ticket name and your tour reservation name or you may be denied aircraft boarding.

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CAT	STATEROOM / SUITE	DECK	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY PER PERSON
D	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	\$8,915
B	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$9,375
A	Panorama Balcony Suite	Horizon	\$9,795
AP	Panorama Balcony Suite	Pool	\$10,305
S	Grand Balcony Suite	Pool	\$10,465
SA	Owner's One-bedroom Suite	Pool	\$11,495

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