



MAJESTIC MEKONG DISCOVERER CRUISE

JANUARY 20 – FEBRUARY 1, 2021



Vietnam, Cambodia, and Mekong River Cruising

A new generation of contemporary luxury on the Mekong River exists only with Emerald Waterways. Our newest Star Ship, Emerald Harmony, is the perfect introduction to the exotic surreal destinations of Vietnam and Cambodia and we'd be delighted to welcome you on board for an unrivalled, indulgent experience.

Designed to fuse authentic Asian style with all the modern amenities of a world-class hotel, Emerald Harmony offers serene surroundings, where every finish has been carefully considered, from the relaxing stylish Lotus Lounge at the front of the ship, to our refreshing pool deck area perfect for watching the horizons unfold.

We invite you to join us for Emerald Harmony's second sailing year from July 2020 to April 2021 on one of three unique itineraries through Southeast Asia! Each exotic adventure includes seven nights on board, relishing in exceptional included excursions, world-class amenities and service that is second-to-non



1. Day 1 - Arrival Ho Chi Minh City

Xin Chao and welcome to Ho Chi Minh City. Formerly known as Saigon, this is a city with a turbulent and colorful past. Today, Ho Chi Minh City is Vietnam's commercial center with over eight million inhabitants and four million motorbikes. Included is a two-night stay in Ho Chi Minh City.

Meals Included: Dinner

2. Day 2 - Ho Chi Minh City

Drive away from Ho Chi Minh City, watching the city skyline fade into the distance as the road winds through rice paddies, villages and other scenes typical to southern Vietnam. Spend a couple of hours walking around Cu Chi's rugged grounds with a local guide. Hear how the residents constructed an intricate, underground network of tunnels during the French and American Wars. Hear incredible tales about the unusual foods the residents ate to survive and much more. Once above ground, see other ingenious items used by the residents to defend themselves such as bamboo traps and camouflaged pits. Your afternoon is at leisure.

DiscoverMORE: Evening Saigon street food tour (extra expense)

Meals Included: Breakfast

3. Day 3 - Ho Chi Minh City Embarkation - My Tho

Today, transfer from your hotel and embark on your Emerald Waterways award-winning river cruise Star-Ship and be welcomed by your Captain and crew. Set sail to My Tho in the Mekong Delta, and this evening, enjoy your first dinner on-board with your fellow travellers. Your Tour Director will also conduct a port talk to review the activities and itinerary for the days ahead.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

4. Day 4 - My Tho – Sa Dec

This morning you will be taken to the village of Đát Dưa, where you will watch a coconut candy and other fruits workshop. Then, visit the Tan Long Pagoda. Return to the star-ship and sail to Sa Dec.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

5. Day 5 - Sa Dec – My An Hung - Hong Ngu

Start your day with a visit to the Chinese congregational house in Kien An Cung. Afterwards, visit the home of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, who inspired Marguerite Duras' novel, *L'Amant*, and take a walk through the central market in town. Return to the star-ship and sail to My An Hung village. In the afternoon, as part of **EmeraldPLUS**, you will have a chance to visit this lovely and unspoiled place.

EmeraldPLUS: Visit to My An Hung village

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

6. Day 6 - Hong Ngu – An Long – Long Khanh

This morning is at leisure for you to explore on your own if you prefer, to take part on the **DiscoverMORE** - optional tour (at additional expense) of the Ramsar Bird Sanctuary. In the afternoon, embark on a visit to the Long Khanh Island. There, you will visit a local family and learn about scarf weaving. Then, visit the Hoa Hao Buddhist pagoda and a grapefruit garden. Return to the star-ship and this evening be delighted by a Lion Dance performance on-board.

EmeraldPLUS: Lion Dance performance on-board

DiscoverMORE: Visit to Ramsar Bird Sanctuary (extra expense)

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

7. Day 7 - Hong Ngu – Vietnam / Cambodia Border Crossing - Phnom Penh

As part of **EmeraldPLUS**, visit a unique family-owned Lanh My A silk producing factory. The silk product is created with dyes made from the mac nua fruit, a kind of wood tree, which originally came from Tan Chau silk village about 100 years ago. Here, you will learn more about the long-complicated silk making process and have a chance to touch the real Lanh My A silk. Continue the visit, embark one of our sampans to Evergreen island for a walk through a local village to get a glimpse into the lives of the local farming community. Re-board your luxury star-ship and cruise to the border between Vietnam and Cambodia.

EmeraldPLUS: Visit to family-owned Lanh My A silk producing factory

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

8. Day 8 - Phnom Penh

Wake up in Cambodia's capital, Phnom Penh. The city was once known as the "Pearl of Asia", but it was almost entirely evacuated by the Khmer Rouge in 1975. This morning, we learn more about the Khmer Rouge and the darkest days of Cambodian history. A short drive will take you to the Killing Fields at Choeung Ek. Where you will have the opportunity to walk through the fields, visit the small museum and learn about this sad chapter in history. Then, you will 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. In the afternoon, you will have the opportunity to visit the majestic Royal Palace with its gardens and Central Market located in the heart of the city. In the evening, you will have a chance to experience an evening tuk-tuk ride through Phnom Penh ending on a rooftop terrace, where you will enjoy a beverage and take in the great views of the city as part of EmeraldPLUS.

EmeraldPLUS: Phnom Penh tuk-tuk drive by Night

DiscoverMORE: Vespa tour of Phnom Penh (extra expense)

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

9. Day 9 - Phnom Penh – Prek'kdam

Start your day with an ox cart ride before visiting the Wat Kampong Tralach and the Oudong Temples. Located North of Phnom Penh, Oudong is the former royal capital of Cambodia up until it moved to Phnom Penh in the 1800s. Important remnants on the temple sight include the burial sites of Khmer kings as well as religious artefacts dating back more than a hundred years. In one of the Oudong Temple there was a known large Buddha statue which was damaged during skirmishes with the Khmer Rouge which had the hill as one of their last strongholds. Receive a traditional Buddhist Blessing from the temple resident monks as part of your EmeraldPLUS. The afternoon is yours to continue exploring or simply relax on board of your Star-Ship.

EmeraldPLUS: ox cart ride & traditional Buddhist Monk blessing

DiscoverMORE: Silk Farm tour at Koh Oknha Tei (extra expense) or Visit to Koh Chen Silversmith village (extra expense)

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

10. Day 10 - Prek'kdam Disembarkation – Siem Reap

Bid farewell to your luxury Star-Ship in the morning and continue by road to Siem Reap. On route to the city, you will have a chance to view and walk over the impressive Angkor Bridge in Kampong Kdei. Continue to Siem Reap, where you will enjoy lunch in a local restaurant. Siem Reap is known as the gateway to the magnificent temples of Angkor, and this vibrant city has a lot to offer. This evening, witness the incredible Phare Cambodian Circus, a spectacle of acrobatics, theatre and music. Phare is an NGO founded by Cambodian refugees to assist disadvantaged young people by teaching them performing arts. Included is a three-night stay in Siem Reap.

EmeraldPLUS: Phare Cambodian Circus performance

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

11. Day 11 - Siem Reap

Today, start with a visit to the Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Khmer Empire. It was a fortified city, home to priests, officials of the palace and military, as well as buildings for administering the kingdom. The city was established in the late twelfth century by King Jayavarman VII and covers an area of 9 square kilometres. After the tour, visit the sacred Temple of Ta Prohm, overgrown by jungle trees.

DiscoverMORE: Vespa Tour of Siem Reap (extra expense)

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

12. Day 12 - Siem Reap

Rise early and embark on a fascinating journey to Angkor Wat. This UNESCO World-Heritage Site is known for its elaborate decorations and intricate carvings throughout. Enjoy a sun rise views and take the opportunity to capture quintessential pictures of Angkor Wat. Return to the hotel and enjoy the day at leisure. This evening, enjoy a farewell evening dinner together with a performance.

DiscoverMore: Visit to Banteay Srei or Artisans d'Angkor workshop or Visit to Tonle Sap or Culinary Cambodia tour (all extra expense)

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

13. Day 13 - Siem Reap Farewell

Today you will be transferred to the airport to catch your onward or homebound flight.

Please note: Pre-release itinerary subject to change.

Meals Included: Breakfast

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We require a \$500.00/per person CANADIAN deposit now to hold you space in the suite location that you want. This deposit is **NON-REFUNDABLE**

CATAGORY	TYPE	BASE	UPGRADE	PORT/TAXES	BONUS SAVING	PRICE PERSON
D	Emerald Stateroom	\$5665	\$0	\$380	-\$150	\$5895
B	Emerald Panorama Balcony Suite	\$5665	\$825	\$380	-\$150	\$6720
A	Emerald Panorama Balcony Suite	\$5665	\$1025	\$380	-\$150	\$6920
AP	Grand Balcony Suite	\$5665	\$1225	\$380	-\$150	\$7120
S	Emerald Panorama Balcony Suite	\$5665	\$1750	\$380	-\$150	\$7645
SA	Owners One Bedroom Suite	\$5665	\$2925	\$380	-\$150	\$8820

Rates above are Canadian Dollars, based on Twin Share (2 persons)

Rate include Port Charges & Taxes and bonus savings discount (expires May 31, 2019)

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