

# Vietnam & Cambodia 2023/24

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## River Cruising

Unpack once and cruise along soothing waters,  
with everything taken care of along the way.

## Classic Journeys

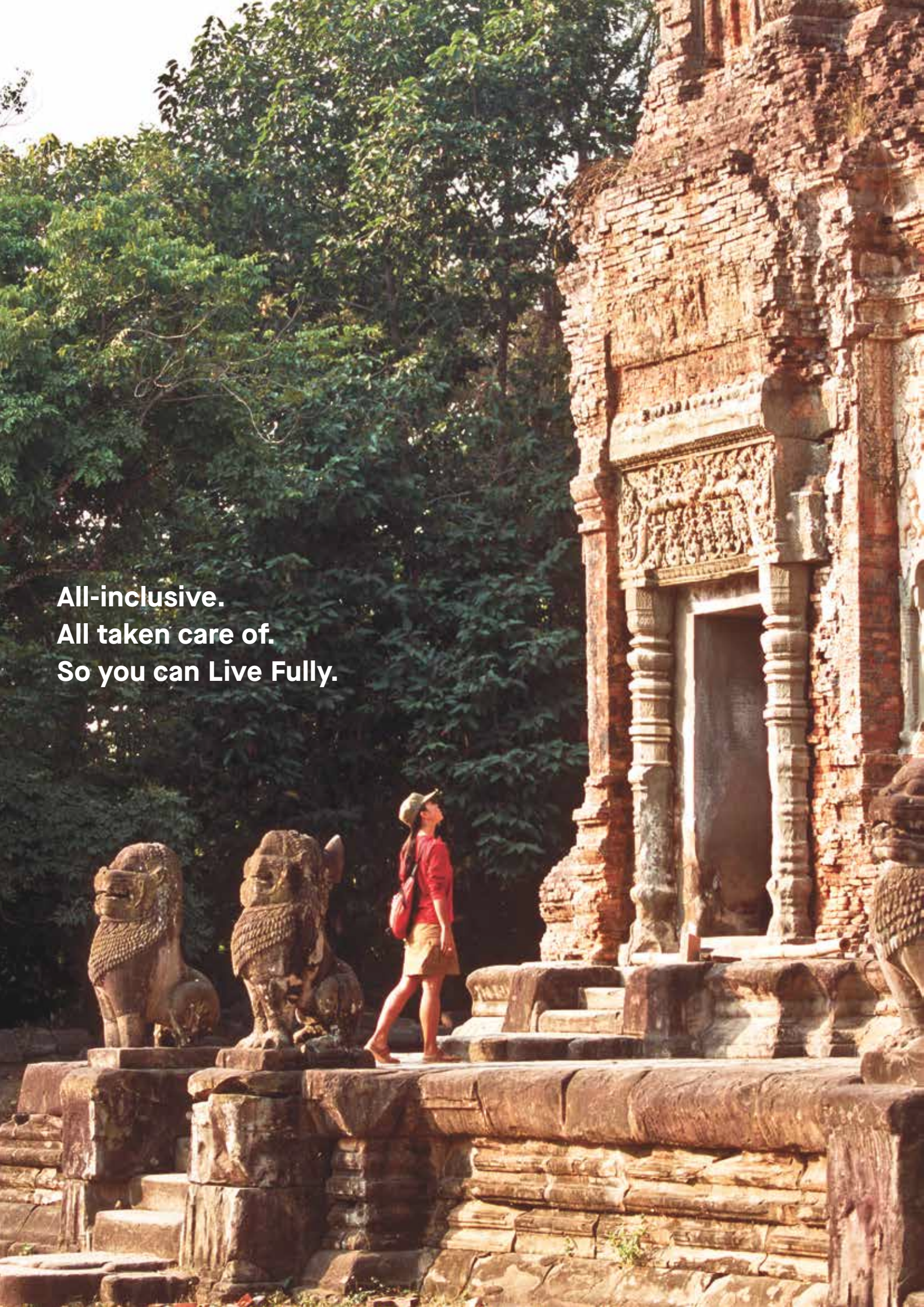
All the must-see iconic sights on land  
while staying in fine hotels and resorts.

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All taken care of.  
So you can Live Fully.**





A journey to stir your soul. To enter a world of contrast.  
Colour and chaos one day, spiritual awakenings the next.  
Exotic. Natural. Compelling. Dynamic mega-cities.  
Hill-tribe villages. Floating markets gliding with the  
riverside breeze. A royal banquet. A crunch and a slurp.  
Hot and sour. With a dash of chilli. Fresh. Seasonal.  
Yum. A thousand emerald islets. Karsts and caves to  
explore. Cycling past the paddy fields. Calming waters  
shimmer under moonlight. Sunrise over tips of temples.  
Feeling blessed. Feeling empowered. Feeling complete.  
Knowing the little things have been looked after so you  
can Live Fully in each and every unforgettable moment.

Extraordinary moments in travel.

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# Book with Confidence

For 95 years, APT has cared for Australian travellers. We understand freedom and flexibility is important when making holiday plans. That's why when booking with us, we'll support you if plans change, and ensure your health and safety is our highest priority.



## Flexible bookings

We have a range of covers to give you added flexibility. Like our Deposit Peace of Mind Guarantee, which allows you to cancel and move your deposit to another date or trip<sup>^</sup>. And you can secure your place for up to seven days without paying a deposit.



## Safe journeys

Your health – and that of your family, as well as our staff and crew – is APT's highest priority. You can rely on our industry-leading health protocols to help ensure everyone's health and wellbeing.



## All taken care of

We make planning your travel experience as seamless as it can be. Our travel experts can look after all aspects of your journey. There's 24/7 emergency support and we'll keep you updated on any travel requirements.

For full details visit [aptouring.com.au/bookwithconfidence](https://aptouring.com.au/bookwithconfidence) or speak with your local travel agent.

<sup>^</sup>Conditions Apply. Deposit Peace of Mind Guarantee applicable when an up-front fee of \$95 per person is paid with the deposit.

# Welcome to Vietnam & Cambodia

No matter how many times you've been, there's always something new to discover in Vietnam and Cambodia. Whether you want to cruise the peaceful rivers, traverse stunning scenes by coach, or get deeply immersed in ancient culture, modern cities, charming locals and simply delicious food, APT is for you. Simply select your destination, choose your travel style and then head to the Trip Finder – you're on your way.

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Ta Prohm, Cambodia



## Vietnam & Cambodia

A diverse region dotted with bustling metropolises, natural wonders and fascinating communities, there is a new favourite destination for everyone in Vietnam and Cambodia. Feel the buzz of the nations' vibrant capital cities of Hanoi and Phnom Penh, and explore the history of fellow hubs Ho Chi Minh City and Siem Reap. Admire the beauty of Vietnam's coastline and experience the laid-back riverside villages of the life-giving Mekong River. Behold the lush landscapes of Sapa and step back in time in the remarkable temples of Cambodia's Angkor. Discover the endless highlights of these neighbouring gems.









Ha Long Bay, Vietnam

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# Travel Styles

At APT, we understand that one holiday does not fit all. So, we've created APT travel styles. A selection of ways you can see the world. Some go slow. Some go faster. All of them offer a degree of flexibility, ensuring your experience is aligned with why you want to go, your interests, and your fitness level.



## River Cruising

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There's nothing more liberating than unpacking once, knowing you don't have to do it again any time soon. Knowing every little detail is taken care of. So you're free to join in the cultural and culinary experiences designed exclusively for you. Free to go ashore and explore everything on offer. Free to relax on board and admire the ever-changing scenery.





## Classic Journeys

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Experience the best of Southeast Asia in complete luxury and style. By land or river, these journeys visit the incredible must-see highlights and some lesser-known gems. This means comfortable travel by spacious coach and luxurious accommodation in central locations. Visit the iconic and hidden sights, including a cruise through Ha Long Bay. And of course, the perfect amount of leisure time is a given.



## Tailor Made Journeys

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Everyone has personal interests that contribute to their ideal holiday. No matter how you like to travel, Tailor Made Journeys has you covered. Simply let us know what your dream holiday looks like and we will take care of the rest, hand-crafting an unforgettable journey that is designed around the most important person – you.



# Luxury Fleet

## Mekong Serenity

Step aboard a brand-new, state-of-the-art ship and traverse Asia's waterways in style, travelling in supreme comfort on an APT river ship. You're sure to feel at home in your five-star retreat as you unpack once and enjoy the sights as they pass by.



Horizon pool bar and grill (artist's impression)

### Serenity on a Bustling River

With just 44 suites for a maximum of 88 guests, the Mekong Serenity's intimate size means your voyage is highly personalised. Showcasing sophisticated style with a nod to colonial times, this is a ship beyond compare.

### Your Floating Five-star Retreat

Head to the Sun Deck's loungers to unwind, or enjoy a light lunch alfresco at the pool bar and cafe. The refined air-conditioned lounge and bar is the ideal place for afternoon tea, an informative presentation, a nightcap or for taking in an Apsara dance performance.

### Unrivalled Wining and Dining

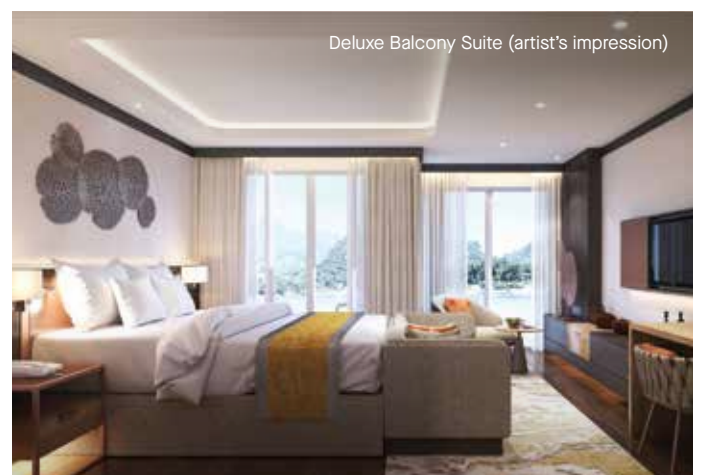
The restaurant's cuisine is outstanding, and international house wine, local beer, local spirits and soft drinks are included at all times on your cruise. For something special, experience Indochine Private Dining, serving inspired modern Asian fare.

### All Suites, All Balconies, All Spacious

Luxurious Twin Balcony suites measure 28 square metres and feature an outside balcony and an indoor panoramic balcony. On the prime upper deck, Bayon Suites offer a significantly larger living space and an ensuite with a bath. For the ultimate indulgence, Angkor Suites feature a spacious separate entertaining area and a large outdoor terrace.



Harmony Lounge and bar (artist's impression)



Deluxe Balcony Suite (artist's impression)



# Luxury Fleet

## The Au Co

The traditionally styled Au Co brings boutique cruising to the azure waters of Ha Long Bay. With just 32 luxurious cabins and suites all featuring private balconies, you won't miss any of the sights of this stunning region on your three-day cruise.

### World Heritage Wonder

It would be unthinkable to visit Vietnam without seeing Ha Long Bay – and how better than on a luxury three-day cruise. This World Heritage-listed wonder is one of nature's most inspiring displays, with lush limestone islets rising from the Gulf of Tonkin.

### Ha Long Bay's Finest

The Au Co offers a three-day cruising program in the region. Inspired by the legends of folklore between the Dragon Lord of the Sea (Lac Long Quan), and the young fairy (Au Co), this ship fuses contemporary Asian design with chic French elegance.

### Rest Your Head in Style

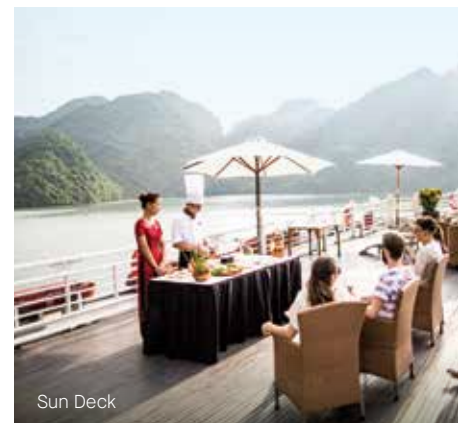
Each of the Au Co's 32 cabins features exquisite bay views from a personal balcony. Dark hardwood floors and furniture are set within a contemporary green and gold colour palette. Each cabin has an ensuite bathroom and deluxe amenities.

### It's All About Adventure

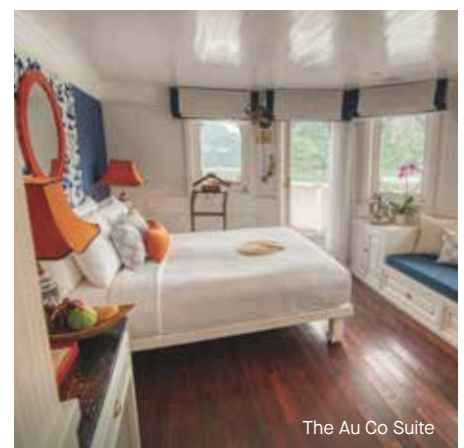
You'll enjoy a host of water sports and activities. Kayak in tranquil bays, or try squid fishing with your friendly crew. Gaze at stalactites in Trinh Nu cave, meet locals at a floating fishing village and explore Cat Ba Island National Park. If you feel like taking it easy, you can also do nothing except sit back and relax.



The Au Co



Sun Deck



The Au Co Suite

# Luxury Dining

World-class restaurants, market tours and fresh local flavours. Cooking classes in renowned schools and outstanding food throughout your tour. Join in the celebration of the cuisine for which Asia is renowned. You'll never go hungry – we're certain of that.

## **A Feast for the Senses**

You don't have to venture far for the freshest flavours – we deliver them to you on board our river ship. With a champagne breakfast to start each day and exotic dishes featuring local produce included throughout your cruise, every day will be as it should be when on holiday. While each meal presents the chance to dine on flavoursome Asian fare, Western favourites are always available for that familiar taste of home. Early risers and night owls are also well catered for.

## **Care For a Drink?**

On board our Mekong River cruise, a range of beverages are served at your discretion, including international house wine, local beer, local spirits and soft drinks. Best of all, they're all included.

## **Private Dining Rooms**

For a special and intimate dining experience, the Mekong Serenity offers a private dining room for up to 16 people.



Feast on sensational cuisine throughout your journey



# Luxury Stays

We've already scoped out the views, checked the pillow menus and sampled the breakfasts to ensure each luxurious property is exceptional. They're chosen for their prime locations within city centres for easy access to sightseeing or in unsurpassed settings.



Hotel Sofitel Angkor



## Vietnam

Be welcomed by the ivory facade and old-world charm of Hanoi's landmark luxury hotel, Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi. And at the renowned Park Hyatt Saigon, you'll stay tucked away in an elegant oasis of French colonial buildings and a traditional landscaped garden. Enjoy a grand stay amid the tree-lined streets of charming Hue at the Silk Path Grand Hue Hotel & Spa, while the Hotel Royal Hoi An provides an elegant home throughout your stay in the historic port town of Hoi An.



## Cambodia

After busy days of exploring Angkor and Siem Reap, you need to find a moment to relax. Rest your head at the Hotel Sofitel Angkor, where the serenity of the city's famous relics is reflected among elegant wooden panels. The luxurious hotel is perfectly located within striking distance of Angkor Wat and the lively centre of Siem Reap, while it maintains a relaxing atmosphere with delightfully manicured gardens and tranquil ponds. And if you feel like cooling down, you can always take a refreshing dip in Cambodia's largest free-form pool.





# Luxury Service

Outstanding service and an unrivalled insider's perspective are hallmarks of every APT journey. You're free from obligation and stress, so you can make every holiday moment count, knowing our experts have taken care of everything.



Savour sightseeing alongside knowledgeable local guides



### Cruise & Tour Directors

It's the extra level of care we show you that sets us apart from the rest. Your English-speaking APT cruise and tour directors will go the extra mile to ensure your journey exceeds your every expectation. Always approachable and friendly, they're with you from start to finish.

### Your Friendly Crew

Ensuring your safety at all times, each ship's captain and crew are selected for their experience and expertise. Hospitality staff, meanwhile, will greet you by name and remember exactly how you have your favourite drink. They always make the ship a cheerful home away from home.

### Local Experts – Local Insight

Our experts share with you insights only a local could possess. Through them, the history, culture and traditions of their home towns truly come to life.

### Your Own Private Butler

On the Mekong Serenity, butler service is available for guests staying in Bayon and Angkor suites. Garment pressing. Tea or coffee service. Shoe shining. Unpacking. Packing. Let our butlers take care of it all so you can relax and unwind, focusing on the journey ahead. Plus we'll also include a complimentary spa treatment.



Enjoy the services of an APT tour director



Sip on cocktails aboard The Au Co



# Signature Experiences

These exclusive or unique events are designed to deepen your experience, taking you on an inspiring journey beneath the surface of local history, culture and traditions. What's more, these once-in-a-lifetime moments are often not available to a regular traveller. The following experiences are just a taste of what we have prepared especially for you.

⊛ Look for the logo on the side of itinerary pages for your Signature Experiences.

## Dinner at Vietnam House

You'll sample high-end sustainable produce during this special dining experience in Ho Chi Minh City. With zing and zest, treat your taste buds to a flavoursome cavalcade of authentic cuisine at Vietnam House, which was founded by celebrity chef Luke Nguyen. The modernising of well-known favourites is a practice only recently accepted in Vietnamese culture – and so the dishes you'll savour here are born from an inspired palate.

## Sunrise at Angkor Wat

Basking in the beauty of Cambodia's World Heritage-listed Angkor Wat is an amazing experience at any time, but to see the glow of a sunrise over the temple is remarkable.

## Red Bridge Cooking School

Head to the colourful food market in Hoi An to learn about fresh local ingredients, before taking part in an exclusive Vietnamese cooking class and tour at the renowned Red Bridge Cooking School. You'll pick up plenty of tips to use when recreating these flavours at home.

## Buddhist Blessing Ceremony

Take part in a traditional Buddhist blessing ceremony with local monks at a monastery in Oudong, a former royal residence and Cambodian capital for more than 250 years.



Partake in a blessing ceremony in Oudong



# Freedom of Choice™

We work with you to personalise your journey to suit your interests. Mix and match a wide selection of cultural, culinary, relaxed and adventurous experiences. Go with something gourmet one day and get active the next. Or immerse yourself in ancient towns and opulent architecture, then relax and be pampered. It's completely up to you.

## Culture & Heritage

Whether it's a guided walking tour through a city or town, a visit to a local museum or historic site, or perhaps an art and culture experience, you'll enjoy a genuine insight into the history and lifestyle of Vietnam and Cambodia.

## Gourmet Delight

Follow your nose and tantalise your taste buds on our enticing selection of culinary experiences. Navigate through fresh food markets, take part in authentic cooking classes and be introduced to the local culinary specialties.

## Relax & Revive

It's always nice to have some time to put your feet up. Indulge in a rejuvenating treatment at a luxury day spa. Meet Buddhist monks and be part of a traditional Buddhist blessing.

## Get Active

For the explorers, adventurers and outdoor lovers, we offer you everything from thrilling rides on the back of a motorbike to options such as leisurely guided bike tours through colourful rice paddy fields.

See pages 42-44 for a full list of Freedom of Choice inclusions in each destination.

Take a cyclo ride in Ho Chi Minh City



Take part in authentic cooking class





# All-Inclusive Luxury

At APT, we like to make things as easy as possible. Our holidays are what we like to call All-Inclusive Luxury. Our prices always cover everything as detailed, including airport transfers, portage and more, so you can rest assured knowing those details have been taken care of when you're away. It's the sort of luxury that sets you free.





### Award-Winning Travel

Among numerous accolades, APT was voted Best River Cruise Operator from 2015 to 2019 by the Australian Federation of Travel Agents. We're also proud of the 98% satisfaction rating awarded by our travellers, and are committed to maintaining it.

### Live Fully

With every detail taken care of behind the scenes, you're 100% free to be whoever you want to be. Reveal the true heart of each destination and explore on your own, finding paradise in unique regions bursting with culture and history. These days are yours.







# APT Club

A CLUB THAT TAKES YOU FURTHER

Welcome to APT Club – our member-only loyalty program. APT Club is free for anyone to join and members have access to exclusive benefits, whether or not you have toured with us previously. Every time you travel with us, you rise through the membership tiers, so not only do you enjoy unforgettable travel experiences throughout the world, you unlock exciting new benefits with every trip.



Welcome Home  
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voucher



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transfers



Overnight  
hotel stays



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# Superdeals 2023/24

## Early Booking Benefits

- Book early to secure the best Superdeal offer and pricing available. Superdeal offers are strictly limited and will sell out
- Choose the itinerary that suits you and start planning your holiday
- Choose the departure date that best suits your holiday needs



## Book one of the following Superdeals by 31 March 2023\*, unless sold out prior – strictly limited

### Earlybird Savings\*

**Save up to \$3,800  
Per Couple\***

Book any Vietnam & Cambodia holiday by 31 March 2023 and enjoy Earlybird savings of up to \$3,800 per couple.



### Early Payment Discount\*

**Save up to \$600  
Per Couple\***

Pay in full 10 months prior to departure and you will enjoy additional savings of:  
Holidays of 8-12 days, save \$400 per couple  
Holidays of 13-26 days, save \$600 per couple

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**Save up to \$600  
Per Couple\***

When six or more people book together on an Asia holiday.

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# Trip Finder

Your dream holiday awaits in one of these handcrafted journeys designed just for you. Select your preferred itinerary and you're on your way.



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Mekong River, Cambodia

# Vietnam & Cambodia

Your journey across Vietnam and Cambodia illuminates the spiritual heart of the two former French colonies. A feast for the senses, the cities of Vietnam beckon, with colourful markets around every corner and mopeds zipping through the streets. Just across the border, Cambodia is a land of plentiful contrasts, from delicate architecture to its recent sobering history. Connecting the two countries, the mighty Mekong River peacefully meanders past villages as it flows through the stunning countryside – a region perfectly suited to river cruising.





# Vietnam & Cambodia Highlights

Siem Reap to Ho Chi Minh City 13 days / 12-night Classic Journey + River Cruise

**Ship** Mekong Serenity / **Visit** 14 places, two countries

**Go For** Angkor Archaeological Park, delicious food, Buddhist culture, war history, unspoilt rural villages and bustling cities

## Signature Experiences

- ★ Experience the sun rising above Cambodia's Angkor Wat.
- ★ Be welcomed into a traditional Buddhist Blessing Ceremony.
- ★ In Ho Chi Minh City, choose to explore the Cu Chi Tunnels or take an exclusive discovery of Long Tan and attend a memorial service at Long Tan Cross.
- ★ Experience dinner at Vietnam House, founded by Australian-Vietnamese celebrity chef Luke Nguyen.

**Day 01: Arrive Siem Reap** We'll meet you on arrival and transfer you to your hotel.

Three Nights: Siem Reap, Hotel Sofitel Angkor.

**Day 02: Siem Reap** Discover the last capital of the Khmer Empire, Angkor Thom, and the 12th-century Bayon. This afternoon, explore World Heritage-listed Ta Prohm. Later, visit Opportunities of Development thru Art (ODA), which provides education to disadvantaged children. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner and traditional Apsara dance performance. **BD**

**Day 03: Siem Reap** View sunrise over Angkor Wat before a tour. This afternoon, choose your activity. Experience a Buddhist blessing, enjoy the countryside on a horse and cart ride, quad bike or bicycle tour, visit a local workshop, go shopping or enjoy a relaxing spa treatment. Tonight choose from a range of local restaurants for dinner. **BD**

**Day 04: Kampong Cham, Embark Ship, Koh Pen** Transfer to Kampong Cham and embark the Mekong Serenity. Following lunch explore Koh Pen island by tuk tuk. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner showcasing the diverse flavours of the region through which you are travelling. **BLD**

Seven Nights: Mekong River, Mekong Serenity.

**Day 05: Angkor Ban, Oknha Tey** Walk through Angkor Ban, one of the few Cambodian villages not destroyed under the 1970s Khmer

Rouge regime. Later, cruise to Oknha Tey, renowned for its silk weaving traditions. **BLD**

**Day 06: Phnom Penh, Oudong, Koh Chen** Discover Oudong, where you'll enjoy a Buddhist Blessing Ceremony. Then stroll through Koh Chen village. Before dinner, be treated to a Khmer folk performance. **BLD**

**Day 07: Phnom Penh** Today, choose your included sightseeing. Experience sobering history with a visit to the Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum. Ride by tuk tuk past the railway station and Wat Phnom, or visit the National Museum. You can also explore the Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda, or set off on a craft beer tour of local microbreweries. **BLD**

**Day 08: Phnom Penh, Border Crossing** This afternoon, perhaps take in a fruit-carving demonstration by one of the chefs during Vietnamese border formalities. **BLD**

**Day 09: Tan Chau, Evergreen Island** Take a rickshaw trip to explore riverside Tan Chau, and visit a weaving workshop. Later, visit an island for an experience of rural life. **BLD**

**Day 10: Sa Dec, Cai Be** In Sa Dec, tour the home of Huynh Thuy Le, the lover of French writer Marguerite Duras, and learn the story behind Duras' novel, *The Lover*. Later, visit a Cao Dai temple. In Cai Be, see the French Gothic cathedral and the port, and visit a rice paper manufacturer. **BLD**

**BLD:** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner



Angkor Wat, Cambodia

**Day 11: My Tho, Disembark Ship, Ho Chi Minh City, Long Tan or Cu Chi Tunnels** Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City and choose your Signature Experience. Learn about the Battle of Long Tan before a service at Long Tan Cross, erected by the 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment. Alternatively, visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, built by Viet Cong resistance fighters. **BLD**

Two Nights: Ho Chi Minh City, Park Hyatt Saigon.

**Day 12: Ho Chi Minh City** Choose your activity today. You can visit the Reunification Palace and Central Post Office, take a motorbike tour, take a final shopping spree, or choose from even more exciting options. Tonight, dine at Vietnam House, celebrity chef Luke Nguyen's renowned restaurant. **BD**

**Day 13: Depart Ho Chi Minh City** After breakfast and a free morning, be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. **B**

#### Reverse Journey

This journey is also available in reverse. Begin your holiday in Ho Chi Minh City and finish in Siem Reap. Search VEMR13 on aptouring.com.au

## Highlights & Inclusions

- ✓ Experiences in 12 destinations.
- ✓ Freedom of Choice inclusions in three locations.
- ✓ Luxury dining – a total of 31 meals and a wide range of onboard beverages.
- ✓ Seven-night cruise aboard APT's new luxury river ship the Mekong Serenity.
- ✓ Expert cruise and tour directors.
- ✓ Transfers, portage, port charges and gratuities.



Trip from **\$6,295** per person, twin share

**SAVE UP TO \$3,000 PER COUPLE\***

Dates and Prices (A\$) Per person, twin share	Cabin Category	Early Booking Price From*	Standard Price From
<b>13 Days Siem Reap to Ho Chi Minh City (VEM13)</b>			
<b>2023</b>	Deluxe Twin Balcony	\$6,295	\$7,495
Jul. 15, 21, 29.	Bayon	\$8,890	\$10,090
Aug. 4, 12, 18, 26.	Angkor	\$9,490	\$10,690
Sep. 1, 9, 15, 23, 29.			
Oct. 7, 13, 21, 27.			
Nov. 4, 10, 18, 24.			
Dec. 2, 8.			
<b>2024</b>	Deluxe Twin Balcony	\$6,995	\$8,495
Jan. 13, 19, 27.	Bayon	\$9,590	\$11,090
Feb. 2, 10, 16, 24.	Angkor	\$10,190	\$11,690
Mar. 1, 9, 15, 23, 29.			

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Please note: Bold dates indicate itinerary operates in reverse (VEMR13). Prices listed are indicative and may not be available on all departure dates listed. Prices are seasonal and are subject to change. Prices are based on Cat. E Deluxe Twin Balcony Suite, Cat. Bayon Suite and Cat. Angkor Suite. See terms and conditions towards the back of the brochure.

**Reverse itinerary also available, search VEMR13 on aptouring.com.au**



## Angkor Sunrise

See World Heritage-listed Angkor Wat come to life under glorious morning light at sunrise, relaxing with a beverage as you soak in the sensational views of the 12th-century icon.





# Vietnam & Cambodia Discovery

Hanoi to Siem Reap 17 days / 16-night Classic Journey + River Cruise

**Ship** Mekong Serenity / **Visit** 16 places, two countries

**Go For** Ha Long Bay luxury cruise, Hanoi's pagodas, war history, unspoilt rural villages, bustling cities and Angkor Archaeological Park

## Signature Experiences

- ★ Discover the beauty of Ha Long Bay during a three-day luxury cruise.
- ★ In Ho Chi Minh City, choose to explore the Cu Chi Tunnels or take an exclusive Long Tan tour and attend a memorial service at the Long Tan Cross.
- ★ Experience dinner at Vietnam House, founded by Australian-Vietnamese celebrity chef Luke Nguyen.
- ★ Be welcomed into a traditional Buddhist Blessing Ceremony.
- ★ Experience the sun rising above Cambodia's Angkor Wat.

**BLD:** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

**Day 01: Arrive Hanoi** On arrival, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. Later, enjoy a welcome dinner. **D**

Two Nights: Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi.

**Day 02: Hanoi** After a guided tour, explore more with a Freedom of Choice activity. Tonight, choose from a range of superb restaurants. **BD**

**Day 03: Hanoi, Ha Long Bay** Embark on your Ha Long Bay cruise. Savour lunch as you cruise past picturesque islets and the Cua Van Floating Cultural Centre en route to Ba Ham Lake to take a dip or kayak in its emerald waters. Enjoy tonight at leisure. **BLD**

Two Nights: Ha Long Bay, The Au Co.

**Day 04: Ha Long Bay** Discover Cat Ba Island this morning and enjoy lunch at the Viet Hai Village. Later, perhaps take a swim or sunbathe on Ba Trai Dao beach before savouring a barbecue dinner on board The Au Co. **BLD**

**Day 05: Ha Long Bay, Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City** Visit Cua Van Floating Cultural Centre. Disembark and transfer for your flight. **BLD**

Two Nights: Ho Chi Minh City, Park Hyatt Saigon.

**Day 06: Ho Chi Minh City, Long Tan or Cu Chi Tunnels** Journey to Ba Ria and learn about the Battle of Long Tan, followed by a memorial service at Long Tan Cross. Or visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, built by Viet Cong fighters.

Tonight, dine at Vietnam House, founded by celebrity chef Luke Nguyen. **BLD**

**Day 07: Ho Chi Minh City, My Tho, Embark Ship** Choose your activity from a broad range of options today including a visit the Reunification Palace and Central Post Office, a motorbike tour and a shopping spree. Later, transfer to My Tho and embark your river ship. **BLD**

Seven Nights: Mekong River, Mekong Serenity.

**Day 08: Cai Be, Sa Dec** See Cai Be's French Gothic cathedral and port, and visit a rice paper manufacturer. At Sa Dec, learn the story behind French writer Marguerite Duras' novel, *The Lover*. After, visit a Cao Dai temple. **BLD**

**Day 09: Tan Chau, Evergreen Island, Border Crossing** Explore Tan Chau by rickshaw, then visit a weaving workshop. Later, experience authentic rural Mekong life on an evergreen island. **BLD**

**Day 10: Phnom Penh** See Day 07 on page 32 for details. **BLD**

**Day 11: Oudong, Koh Chen, Oknha Tey** Explore Oudong, the royal capital from 1618-1866. Visit a monastery for a Buddhist blessing. Stroll through Koh Chen and then visit Oknha Tey, renowned for its silk manufacturing. **BLD**

**Day 12: Angkor Ban** Join a walking discovery of Angkor Ban, one of the few villages in Cambodia not destroyed under the Khmer Rouge regime in the 1970s. **BLD**



Ha Long Bay, Vietnam

**Day 13: Kampong Cham, Koh Pen** Climb to the hilltop pagoda of Wat Hanchey for views over the Mekong, and explore Koh Pen by tuk tuk. Enjoy a farewell dinner. **BLD**

**Day 14: Kampong Cham, Disembark Ship, Siem Reap** Disembark and transfer to Siem Reap. Visit Angkor Thom and the Bayon temple. Dine in a local restaurant. **BLD**

Three Nights: Siem Reap, Hotel Sofitel Angkor.

**Day 15: Siem Reap** Rise early for a special sunrise experience at Angkor Wat, then enjoy a tour. Later, explore Ta Prohm temple, and visit Opportunities of Development thru Art (ODA). **B**

**Day 16: Siem Reap** Explore Siem Reap your way today with a range of options. Tonight see a traditional Apsara dance performance and have a farewell dinner. **BD**

**Day 17: Depart Siem Reap** Farewell Siem Reap after breakfast this morning, as you transfer to the airport for your onward flight. **B**

#### Reverse Journey

This journey is also available in reverse. Begin your holiday in Hanoi and finish in Ho Chi Minh City. Search VEM17 on aptouring.com.au

### Highlights & Inclusions

- ✓ Experiences in 14 destinations.
- ✓ Freedom of Choice inclusions in four locations.
- ✓ Luxury dining – a total of 43 meals and a wide range of onboard beverages.
- ✓ Seven-night cruise aboard APT's new luxury river ship the Mekong Serenity.
- ✓ Three-day Ha Long Bay luxury cruise.
- ✓ Expert cruise and tour directors.
- ✓ Transfers, portorage, port charges and gratuities.



Trip from **\$8,595** per person, twin share

#### SAVE UP TO \$3,400 PER COUPLE\*

Dates and Prices (A\$) Per person, twin share	Cabin Category	Early Booking Price From*	Standard Price From
<b>17 Days Hanoi to Siem Reap (VEM17)</b>			
<b>2023</b>	Deluxe Twin Balcony	\$8,595	\$9,995
Jul. 11, 17, 25, 31.	Bayon	\$11,190	\$12,590
Aug. 8, 14, 22, 28.	Angkor	\$11,790	\$13,190
Sep. 5, 11, 19, 25.			
Oct. 3, 9, 17, 23, 31.			
Nov. 6, 14, 20, 28.			
Dec. 4.			
<b>2024</b>	Deluxe Twin Balcony	\$9,095	\$10,795
Jan. 9, 15, 23, 29.	Bayon	\$11,690	\$13,390
Feb. 6, 12, 20, 26.	Angkor	\$12,290	\$13,990
Mar. 5, 11, 19, 25.			

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### Ha Long Bay

Explore Vietnam's World Heritage-listed Ha Long Bay during a luxury three-day cruise aboard The Au Co, traversing the bay in style and stopping to enjoy its endless natural highlights and friendly communities.





# Spiritual Cambodia & The Mekong

Siem Reap to Ho Chi Minh City 11 days / 10-night Classic Journey + River Cruise

**Ship** Mekong Serenity / **Visit** 13 places, two countries

**Go For** Angkor Archaeological Park, delicious food, Buddhist culture, war history, unspoilt rural villages and bustling cities

## Signature Experiences

- ★ Experience the sun rising above Cambodia's Angkor Wat.
- ★ Be welcomed into a traditional Buddhist Blessing Ceremony.

**Day 01: Arrive Siem Reap** We'll meet you on arrival and transfer you to your luxurious hotel in the heart of the city. Once you've settled in, enjoy the day at your leisure.

Three Nights: Siem Reap, Hotel Sofitel Angkor.

**Day 02: Siem Reap** Head to Angkor Archaeological Park and discover the last capital of the Khmer Empire, Angkor Thom, and the 12th-century Bayon. This afternoon, explore Ta Prohm, a World Heritage-listed site famous for its intertwined trees. Later, visit Opportunities of Development thru Art (ODA), which provides education to disadvantaged children. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner and traditional Apsara dance performance, once reserved for the royal family's entertainment. **BD**

**Day 03: Siem Reap** Rise early this morning and travel back to Angkor Archaeological Park for a special sunrise experience at Angkor Wat.

**BLD:** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

As the sun rises over this World Heritage-listed monument, stand before the silhouette of the temple's tips, while brilliant shades of orange and pink light up the sky. Afterwards, enjoy a guided exploration of this well-preserved temple, before returning to your hotel for breakfast. This afternoon, a choice of sightseeing awaits. Experience a Buddhist blessing, enjoy the countryside on a horse and cart ride, quad bike or bicycle tour, visit a local workshop, go shopping or enjoy a relaxing spa treatment. Tonight choose from a range of local restaurants for dinner. **BD**

**Day 04: Kampong Cham, Embark Ship, Koh Pen** Transfer to Kampong Cham and embark the Mekong Serenity, your home for the next seven nights. Following lunch on board, explore the island of Koh Pen by tuk tuk. Travelling through shaded lanes, keep an eye out for wooden stilted houses tucked among palm and sandalwood trees. You can see a varying range of crops, including tobacco, betel nuts, watermelons, coconuts and many more tropical fruits. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner on board showcasing the diverse flavours of the region through which you are travelling. **BLD**

Seven Nights: Mekong River, Mekong Serenity.

**Day 05: Angkor Ban, Oknha Tey** Take a walking discovery of Angkor Ban, one of the few villages in Cambodia that was not destroyed under the Khmer Rouge regime in the 1970s.

Here, people still live in their traditional wooden abodes and keep ancient cultural traditions alive. Later, your ship glides alongside the lush banks of the Mekong to Oknha Tey, renowned for its silk weaving traditions. Here, gain an insight into the traditional process that has been preserved for centuries. Afterwards, return to your river ship, where you'll relax and unwind before delicious onboard dining tonight. **BLD**

**Day 06: Phnom Penh, Oudong, Koh Chen** Discover Oudong, a place of pilgrimage for Cambodians, where you'll enjoy a Buddhist Blessing Ceremony. On the way back to your ship, take a leisurely stroll through the village of Koh Chen and visit some home workshops that make copperware. The afternoon is yours to explore Phnom Penh as you wish. Before dinner, be treated to a Khmer folk performance. **BLD**

**Day 07: Phnom Penh** Today, choose your included sightseeing. Experience some of Cambodia's sobering history with a moving visit to the Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum. Ride by tuk tuk past the railway station and Wat Phnom or visit the National Museum. You can also explore the Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda, or set off on a craft beer tour of local microbreweries. **BLD**

**Day 08: Phnom Penh, Border Crossing** Depart Phnom Penh for a morning at leisure as your cruise continues along the Mekong.



Ta Prohm, Cambodia

## Highlights & Inclusions

- ✓ Experiences in 11 destinations.
- ✓ Freedom of Choice inclusions in two locations.
- ✓ Luxury dining – a total of 26 meals and a wide range of onboard beverages.
- ✓ Seven-night cruise aboard APT's new luxury river ship the Mekong Serenity.
- ✓ Expert cruise and tour directors.
- ✓ Transfers, portage, port charges and gratuities.



This afternoon, perhaps take in a fruit-carving demonstration by one of the ship's chefs while border formalities are carried out as you cross into Vietnam. Upon entering, your ship will continue cruising towards Tan Chau. **BLD**

**Day 09: Tan Chau, Evergreen Island** Transfer to a small boat for a journey along the tiny tributaries that snake around the riverside town of Tan Chau. Cruise past a floating fish farm, then step ashore for a rickshaw tour of Tan Chau. Stop to pay a visit to a local silk and rattan weaving workshop. Later, step back in time during a visit to an evergreen island, where you'll experience authentic rural Mekong life. The remainder of today is left free for you to relax on board your river ship. **BLD**

**Day 10: Sa Dec, Cai Be** In Sa Dec, tour the home of Huynh Thuy Le, the lover of French writer Marguerite Duras, and learn the story behind Duras' novel, *The Lover*. Later, visit a Cao Dai temple. Watch visitors and pilgrims come and go, and appreciate the beauty of the building. In Cai Be, step ashore to visit the French Gothic cathedral and the colourful port area filled with crumbling colonial buildings and flowering gardens. Afterwards, visit a rice paper manufacturer to learn about how this Vietnamese staple is made. **BLD**

**Day 11: My Tho, Disembark Ship, Depart Ho Chi Minh City** Disembark in My Tho and continue to Ho Chi Minh City before transferring to the airport for your onward flight. **B**

### Reverse Journey

This journey is also available in reverse. Begin your holiday in Ho Chi Minh City and finish in Siem Reap. Search VEMR11 on aptouring.com.au

Trip from **\$5,495** per person, twin share

**SAVE UP TO \$1,400 PER COUPLE\***

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<b>11 Days Siem Reap to Ho Chi Minh City (VEM11)</b>			
<b>2023</b>	Deluxe Twin Balcony	\$5,495	\$5,995
Jul. 17, 21, 31.	Bayon	\$8,090	\$8,590
Aug. 4, 14, 18, 28.	Angkor	\$8,690	\$9,190
Sep. 1, 11, 15, 25, 29.			
Oct. 9, 13, 23, 27.			
Nov. 6, 10, 20, 24.			
Dec. 4, 8.			
<b>2024</b>	Deluxe Twin Balcony	\$6,095	\$6,795
Jan. 15, 19, 29.	Bayon	\$8,690	\$9,390
Feb. 2, 12, 16, 26, 28.	Angkor	\$9,290	\$9,990
Mar. 1, 11, 15, 25, 29.			

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# Best of Vietnam & Cambodia

Ho Chi Minh City Return 21 days / 20-night Classic Journey + River Cruise

**Ship** Mekong Serenity / **Visit** 19 places, two countries / **Go For** Gourmet treats in Hoi An, imperial pagodas in Hue, Ha Long Bay luxury cruise, the Mekong's unspoilt villages and Angkor Archaeological Park

## Signature Experiences

- ★ In Ho Chi Minh City, choose to explore the Cu Chi Tunnels or take a Long Tan tour and attend a memorial service at the Long Tan Cross.
- ★ Experience dinner at Vietnam House, founded by Australian-Vietnamese celebrity chef Luke Nguyen.
- ★ Enjoy an exclusive cooking class and tour at Hoi An's Red Bridge Cooking School.
- ★ Discover the beauty of Ha Long Bay during a three-day luxury cruise.
- ★ Experience the sun rising above Cambodia's Angkor Wat.
- ★ Be welcomed into a traditional Buddhist Blessing Ceremony.

**BLD:** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

**Day 01: Arrive Ho Chi Minh City** Be met and transferred to your hotel. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner. **D**  
Two Nights: Ho Chi Minh City, Park Hyatt Saigon.

**Day 02: Ho Chi Minh City, Long Tan or Cu Chi Tunnels** Journey to Ba Ria and learn about the Battle of Long Tan, before attending a memorial service at Long Tan Cross. Or visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, built by Viet Cong fighters. Tonight, dine at Vietnam House, founded by celebrity chef Luke Nguyen. **BLD**

**Day 03: Ho Chi Minh City, Da Nang, Hoi An** Enjoy your selected sightseeing in Ho Chi Minh City, then fly to Da Nang. In Hoi An, check in to your luxury hotel by the Thu Bon River. **BD**  
Three Nights: Hotel Royal Hoi An.

**Day 04: Hoi An** Set out on a guided discovery of Hoi An this morning, taking in sights such as the Japanese Covered Bridge and the 19th-century Chinese Temple. Visit a handicraft workshop to see local artisans making silk lanterns and other traditional crafts. You will also stop off at a local cafe to try a Vietnamese specialty, coconut coffee. This afternoon, discover Hoi An's colourful market and find local ingredients you will use during an exclusive cooking class with the Red Bridge Cooking School. Then sit down to dinner and enjoy the dishes you have created. **BD**

**Day 05: Hoi An** This morning catch a glimpse of rural life on an agricultural eco-tour. You'll then set out by basket boat on an exploration of a jungle of water coconut palms. This evening, take in a performance at Hoi An Lune Centre. **B**

**Day 06: Hoi An, Hue** Travel past the Marble Mountains and cross Hai Van Pass en route to Hue. After lunch, visit the Imperial Citadel and historic Thien Mu Pagoda. Enjoy dinner at your hotel tonight. **BLD**  
Stay: Silk Path Grand Hue Hotel & Spa.

**Day 07: Hue, Hanoi** Fly to Hanoi this afternoon and enjoy the day at leisure. This evening, settle in to your new surrounds over dinner. **BD**  
Two Nights: Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi.

**Day 08: Hanoi** A guided tour including Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, Ba Dinh Square, the Temple of Literature and a cyclo ride through the Old French Quarter. Then, explore more on your selected Freedom of Choice experience. Tonight, choose your dining experience. **BD**

**Day 09-10: Hanoi, Ha Long Bay** See days 03-04 on page 34 for details of your Ha Long Bay cruise.  
Two Nights: Ha Long Bay, The Au Co.

**Day 11: Ha Long Bay, Disembark Ship, Hanoi, Siem Reap** Visit the Cua Van Floating Cultural Centre. Disembark



Hoi An, Vietnam

and transfer to Hanoi airport for your included flight to Siem Reap. **BL**

Three Nights: Siem Reap, Hotel Sofitel Angkor.

**Day 12: Siem Reap** Visit Angkor Thom and Bayon temple. Later, see Ta Prohm temple and visit Opportunities of Development thru Art. Enjoy a pre-dinner Apsara dance show. **BD**

**Day 13: Siem Reap** See sunrise at Angkor Wat. Afterwards, join a guided tour. This afternoon, set out on your Freedom of Choice activity. **BD**

**Days 14-20: Cruise from Kampong Cham to My Tho** See days 04-10 on page 32 for details of your river cruise aboard the Mekong Serenity.

Seven Nights: Mekong River, Mekong Serenity.

**Day 21: My Tho, Disembark Ship, Depart Ho Chi Minh City** Disembark your ship at My Tho and transfer to Ho Chi Minh City for your onward flight. **B**



## Rice Paper Rolls

Learn about fresh local ingredients at Hoi An's traditional food market, then enjoy an exclusive cooking class and tour of the renowned Red Bridge Cooking School.

## Highlights & Inclusions

- ✓ Experiences in 15 destinations.
- ✓ Freedom of Choice inclusions in four locations.
- ✓ Luxury dining – a total of 50 meals and a wide range of onboard beverages.
- ✓ Seven-night cruise aboard APT's new luxury river ship the Mekong Serenity.
- ✓ Three-day Ha Long Bay luxury cruise.
- ✓ Expert cruise and tour directors.
- ✓ Transfers, portorage, port charges and gratuities.



Trip from **\$10,195** per person, twin share

### SAVE UP TO \$3,800 PER COUPLE\*

Dates and Prices (A\$) Per person, twin share	Cabin Category	Early Booking Price From*	Standard Price From
<b>21 Days Ho Chi Minh City Return (VEM21)</b>			
<b>2023</b>	Deluxe Twin Balcony	\$10,195	\$11,795
Jul. 7, 11, 21, 25.	Bayon	\$12,790	\$14,390
Aug. 4, 8, 18, 22.	Angkor	\$13,390	\$14,990
Sep. 1, 5, 15, 19, 29.			
Oct. 3, 13, 17, 27, 31.			
Nov. 10, 14, 24, 28.			
<b>2024</b>	Deluxe Twin Balcony	\$10,695	\$12,595
Jan. 5, 9, 19, 23.	Bayon	\$13,290	\$15,190
Feb. 2, 6, 16, 20.	Angkor	\$13,890	\$15,790
Mar. 1, 5, 15, 19.			

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Rice paddies, Vietnam

# Vietnam & Cambodia Grand Tour

Hanoi to Siem Reap 25 days / 24-night Classic Journey + River Cruise

**Ship** Mekong Serenity / **Visit** 20 places, two countries

**Go For** Our most in-depth journey of Vietnam and Cambodia, visiting all of the iconic sights

## Signature Experiences

- ★ Explore Sapa and its colourful markets.
- ★ Discover the beauty of Ha Long Bay during a three-day luxury cruise.
- ★ Enjoy an exclusive cooking class and tour at Hoi An's Red Bridge Cooking School.
- ★ In Ho Chi Minh City, choose to explore the Cu Chi Tunnels or visit Long Tan.
- ★ Experience dinner at Vietnam House, founded by celebrity chef Luke Nguyen.
- ★ Attend a Buddhist Blessing Ceremony.
- ★ Experience the sun rising above Angkor Wat.

**Day 01: Arrive Hanoi** Land in Vietnam's buzzing capital city. Be transferred to your hotel, then tonight, enjoy an informal gathering.

Stay: Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi.

**Day 02: Hanoi, Sapa** Rise early and transfer to the ancient mountain town of Sapa. Here, local hill tribes buy and sell household wares and handicrafts in bustling markets, and life has remained largely unchanged for centuries. You'll also take in sweeping views as you ride the funicular train to Mount Fansipan. **BLD**

Two Nights: Sapa, Silk Path Grand Resort & Spa.

**BLD:** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

**Day 03: Sapa** Today, set off on a soft trekking tour. Explore the traditions of the Black H'mong people in Sau Chua village. In Ta Phin village, find the home of the Red Dao people. Tonight, return to your hotel for dinner. **BLD**

**Day 04: Sapa, Hanoi** Return to Hanoi by coach this morning for an afternoon of leisure. **B**  
Three Nights: Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi.

**Day 05: Hanoi** Today explore more of Hanoi at your own pace. Tonight, meet your APT tour director over a welcome briefing and dinner. **BD**

**Day 06: Hanoi** A guided tour of Hanoi takes you to the city's most famous historical and cultural sites. Highlights include Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, Ba Dinh Square and the Temple of Literature. You'll also enjoy a cyclo ride through the Old French Quarter. Then, explore more of this vibrant city on your selected Freedom of Choice experience. You might like to tour the village of Bat Trang, embark on a walking tour and explore the interior of the Hanoi Opera House or take in a water puppet show. Tonight, choose your dining experience. **BD**

**Days 07-08: Hanoi, Ha Long Bay**  
See Days 03-04 on page 34 for details.

**Day 09: Ha Long Bay, Hanoi, Da Nang, Hoi An** Visit the Cua Van Floating Cultural Centre, considered the most idyllic spot on the bay. Take part in a traditional Vietnamese tea ceremony on board as your ship makes its way back to port. Disembark and transfer to

Hanoi airport for your included flight to Danang, from where you'll travel to historic Hoi An. **BLD**  
Three Nights: Hotel Royal Hoi An.

**Day 10: Hoi An** Set out on a guided discovery of Hoi An this morning, taking in sights such as the Japanese Covered Bridge and the 19th-century Chinese Temple. Visit a handicraft workshop to see local artisans making silk lanterns and other traditional crafts. You will also stop off at a local cafe to try a Vietnamese specialty, coconut coffee. This afternoon, discover Hoi An's colourful market and find local ingredients you'll use during an exclusive cooking class with the Red Bridge Cooking School. Cruise along the Thu Bon River to the school before preparing Vietnamese dishes and sitting down for dinner to enjoy your creations. **BD**

**Day 11: Hoi An** Today, catch a glimpse of rural Vietnamese life as you set out on an agricultural eco-tour. Visit a local garden and meet the farmers who work there while taking part in a number of different farming activities. See how soil is prepared and how vegetables are watered and transplanted. You'll then explore a water coconut palm jungle by basket boat. The afternoon has been left free for you to explore more of this quaint town at your leisure. This evening, take in a performance at Hoi An Lune Centre, the first and only bamboo theatre in Vietnam. Experience Vietnamese culture at its most unique as you hear stories of daily life from different regions in Vietnam, brought to life by the Vietnamese Bamboo Circus. **B**



**Day 12: Hoi An, Hue** Travel past the Marble Mountains and cross Hai Van Pass on your way to Hue. Lunch is in a garden restaurant before visiting Hue's Imperial Citadel and the historic Thien Mu Pagoda. **BLD**

Stay: Hue, Silk Path Grand Hue Hotel & Spa.

**Day 13: Hue, Ho Chi Minh City** Fly to Ho Chi Minh City and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure before dinner. **BD**

Two Nights: Ho Chi Minh City, Park Hyatt Saigon.

**Day 14: Ho Chi Minh City, Long Tan or Cu Chi Tunnels** Journey to Ba Ria and learn about the Battle of Long Tan, followed by a memorial service at Long Tan Cross. Or visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, built by Viet Cong fighters. Tonight, dine at Vietnam House, founded by celebrity chef Luke Nguyen. **BLD**

**Days 15-24: My Tho to Siem Reap** See days 07-16 on pages 34-35 for details on your Mekong River cruise and Cambodian touring.

**Day 25: Depart Siem Reap** After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your onward flight. **B**



Angkor Thom, Cambodia

## Highlights & Inclusions

- ✓ Experiences in 17 destinations.
- ✓ Freedom of Choice inclusions in five locations.
- ✓ Luxury dining – a total of 59 meals and a wide range of onboard beverages.
- ✓ Seven-night cruise aboard APT's new luxury river ship the Mekong Serenity.
- ✓ Three-day Ha Long Bay luxury cruise.
- ✓ Expert cruise and tour directors.
- ✓ Transfers, portorage, port charges and gratuities.



Trip from **\$12,645** per person, twin share

### SAVE UP TO \$3,800 PER COUPLE\*

Dates and Prices (A\$) Per person, twin share	Cabin Category	Early Booking Price From*	Standard Price From
<b>25 Days Hanoi to Siem Reap (VEMR25)</b>			
<b>2023</b>	Deluxe Twin Balcony	\$12,645	\$14,245
Jul. 3, 17, 31.	Bayon	\$15,240	\$16,840
Aug. 14, 28.	Angkor	\$15,840	\$17,440
Sep. 11, 25.			
Oct. 9, 23.			
Nov. 6, 20.			
<b>2024</b>	Deluxe Twin Balcony	\$13,145	\$15,045
Feb. 12, 26.	Bayon	\$15,740	\$17,640
Mar. 11.	Angkor	\$16,340	\$18,240

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# Freedom of Choice™ Sightseeing

Personalise your holiday with a choice of included sightseeing options.

 Culture & Heritage  Relax & Revive  Get Active

Botanical Gardens, Ho Chi Minh City



## Vietnam

### Hanoi



#### **Bat Trang Pottery**

Take an insightful walking tour of the 500-year-old village of Bat Trang, famous for producing some of the world's best pottery, and meet some of the expert artisans.



#### **Half-Hour Poolside Foot Massage at Hotel**

Your hotel's stately swimming pool offers carefree rest and recreation in sophisticated surrounds. Enjoy a gentle foot scrub followed by a truly relaxing foot massage.



#### **Walking Tour of Hanoi**

Enjoy a new perspective on the city as you appreciate Hanoi's French Colonial buildings during this walking tour which includes a visit to the city's Opera House.



#### **Water Puppet Show**

Enjoy a visit to the Thang Long Theatre for a water puppet show. This ancient and revered art form dates all the way back to the 11th century and is important to Vietnamese culture.

### Ho Chi Minh City



#### **Early Bird Walking Tour with Tai Chi**

Take a cyclo ride to Tao Dan Park for a relaxing Tai Chi session before setting off on a walking tour of the city's key sights including the Reunification Place, Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office.



#### **Motorbike Tour**

Jump on the back of a motorbike and tour the chaotic streets of the city. See the Notre Dame Cathedral, the Central Post Office and Saigon Opera House. You will also ride to Chinatown.



#### **Shopping Tour**

Experience the hustle and bustle of an authentic Vietnamese market as you treat yourself to a little retail therapy. Find clothing, lacquer art, jewellery, shoes and more.



#### **Walking Tour of Ho Chi Minh City**

On a walking tour, admire the French Colonial architecture, including the Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office.

## Freedom of Choice™ Sightseeing – Notes

Please refer to itinerary pages to determine which sightseeing activities apply to your chosen itinerary. Due to venue closures on some dates, some options may not be available as listed. Minimum and maximum numbers may apply on some activities for them to operate.

## Cambodia

### Phnom Penh



#### **City Tuk Tuk Tour**

Tour Phnom Penh from an authentic tuk tuk. See icons such as the Independence Monument and Wat Prohm, and watch the theatre of daily life play out on the busy city streets.



#### **Killing Fields Excursion**

On this sombre excursion, learn about a confronting part of Cambodian history with a sobering visit to the Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum.



#### **National Museum of Cambodia**

At Cambodia's leading archaeological and historical museum, you will uncover fascinating pieces of history beneath this beautiful terracotta facade.



#### **Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda**

Radiating a magnificent glow, the golden Cambodian royal residence and adjoining Silver Pagoda are a sight to behold. Enjoy an in-depth tour of both important edifices.



#### **The Mekong Microbreweries**

Discover Cambodia's thriving microbrewery community on a craft beer tour covering two of Phnom Penh's best breweries, travelling to each via tuk tuk before indulging in tastings and learning about their brewing processes.

### Siem Reap



#### **Buddhist Blessing**

On a tour of Wat Preah Prom Rath, meet with Buddhist monks at the temple before participating in a Buddhist blessing.



#### **Horse and Cart Ride**

Enjoy the fresh air and rural countryside scenery on a horse cart ride, which brings you to the real Cambodia. Meet local farmers and see traditional villages.



#### **Quad Bike Adventure**

Drive automatic quad bikes that are built to travel safely over all types of terrain. Zip past rice fields and through forests, then slow down as you travel through the villages.



#### **Shopping Tour**

Be guided through a selection of markets and shops in search of the perfect bargain or perhaps a special memento to remember Cambodia by.



#### **Spa Treatment**

Unwind and soothe your soul. Choose from a relaxing foot massage or body spa.



#### **Village Bicycle Tour**

Pedal at a peaceful pace through the scenic countryside to a remote village and experience local rural life at its most idyllic.



#### **Workshop at Senteurs d'Angkor**

Visit the workshops of Senteurs d'Angkor, where you can admire traditional weaving and the treatment of spices, then shop for local handmade crafts.



# Freedom of Choice™ Dining

Pick and choose your dining experience in the following locations.

## Vietnam

### Hanoi



#### La Terrasse, Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi

Discover more of Vietnam's colonial history as you savour a traditional French café dining experience in a relaxed setting at your luxury hotel.



#### Home Moc

Indulge in the best of Vietnam's mouth-watering cuisine at the charming Home Moc, dining your way with a sit-down, all-you-can-eat buffet.



#### KOTO Van Mieu

Dine at the unique KOTO Van Mieu restaurant, which supports disadvantaged youths by teaching them skills in culinary arts and hospitality.



#### Ly Club

Set within a whitewashed colonial-style villa, this fine-dining restaurant serves contemporary Vietnamese and Western cuisine which can be enjoyed alfresco when the weather permits.

## Cambodia

### Siem Reap



#### Mouhot's Dream

Situated in the tranquil settings of Sofitel Angkor and named after renowned French explorer Henri Mouhot, this elegant restaurant brilliantly combines oriental flavours with both modern and traditional French cuisine.



#### Malis Restaurant

A quintessentially Cambodian menu with modern and innovative touches reveals the fundamental and utterly delicious flavours at the centre of this vibrant nation.



#### Sokkhak River

Sokkhak River specialises in unique and delectable refined French recipes and modern Khmer dishes, as well as a range of flavoursome Western delights.

## Freedom of Choice™ Dining – Notes

Dining options are subject to availability and seasonal opening times of restaurants. Limited numbers and dining times apply.



Mouhot's Dream, Siem Reap

# Extend your stay

If there’s no rush to return to reality, then why not stay on a while in Southeast Asia?  
Lose track of time in one of these luxury hotels or head out and explore some more.



Your APT adventure draws to a close. You’ve enjoyed every minute but you crave one last hurrah! No problem – we offer extended stays at some of the best hotels in Southeast Asia, where you can stay longer and spend more time exploring, sightseeing and dining. Turning those last pages of your holiday novel beside the hotel pool.

2023/24 (A\$) per person, from	Twin From	Solo From
<b>Hanoi</b>		
Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi	\$225	\$450
<b>Ho Chi Minh City</b>		
Park Hyatt Saigon	\$225	\$450
<b>Siem Reap</b>		
Hotel Sofitel Angkor	\$140	\$280

Includes transfers and breakfast. All pre/post accommodation availability and rates are indicative only and may vary depending on seasonal events. See terms and conditions towards the back of the brochure.

# Singapore Stopover

Explore a sophisticated city full of green spaces. You’re on the road anyway, so perhaps add in a stylish three-day Singapore stay for good measure.

**Day 01: Arrive Singapore.** We welcome you to your hotel in Southeast Asia’s Lion City, where the rest of the day is free to explore this vibrant metropolis.

Two Nights: Your choice of hotel (see fare box opposite).

**Day 02: Gardens by the Bay** Make your way to the remarkable Gardens by the Bay and discover this inspired nature park spanning 101 hectares. Explore the Flower Dome, the world’s largest greenhouse, which seamlessly blends unique habitats and diverse plant life from across the globe. You’ll then stroll along the aerial walkways at Cloud Forest, traversing its many environments as you come face-to-face with exotic species and admire the views of the iconic Marina Bay along the way. **B**

**Day 03: Depart Singapore** After a leisurely breakfast, we’ll transfer you to the airport for your onward flight. **B**

2023/24 Prices (A\$) per person		
<b>Three-day Singapore Stopover (STOSIN3)</b>		
Accommodation	Twin From	Solo From
Carlton Hotel	\$680	\$600
Parkroyal Collection Marina Bay	\$835	\$770
Fairmont Singapore	\$795	\$750
Paradox Singapore Merchant Court	\$715	\$650
Swissotel The Stamford	\$795	\$730

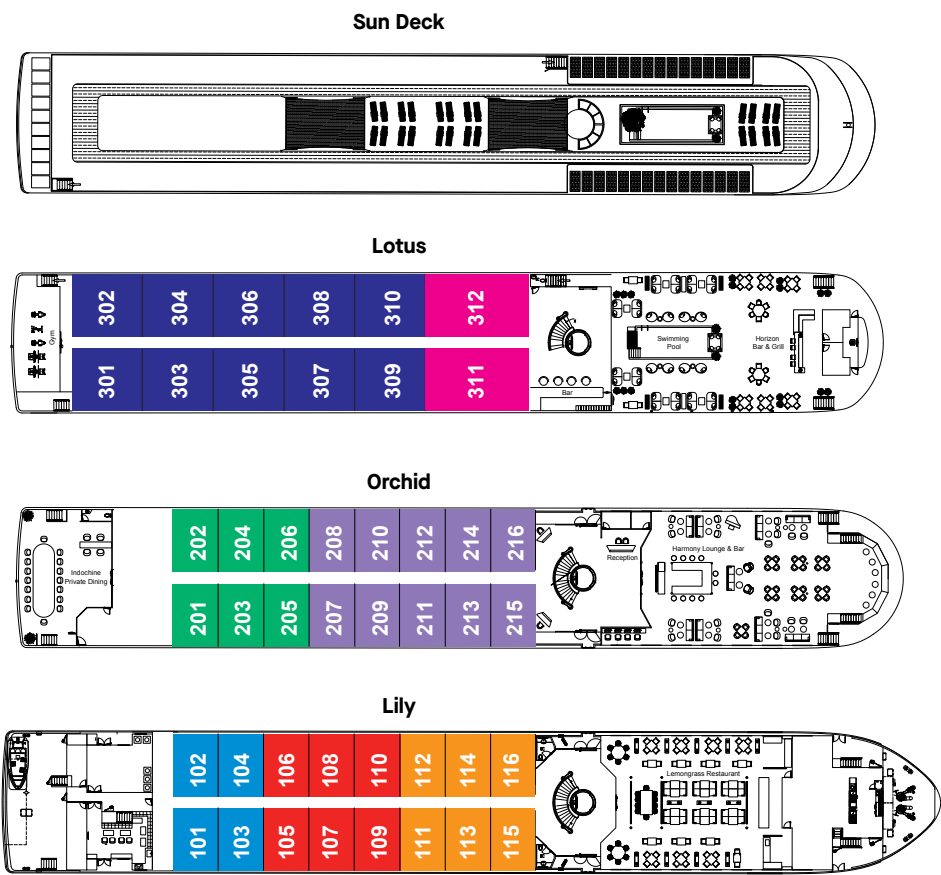
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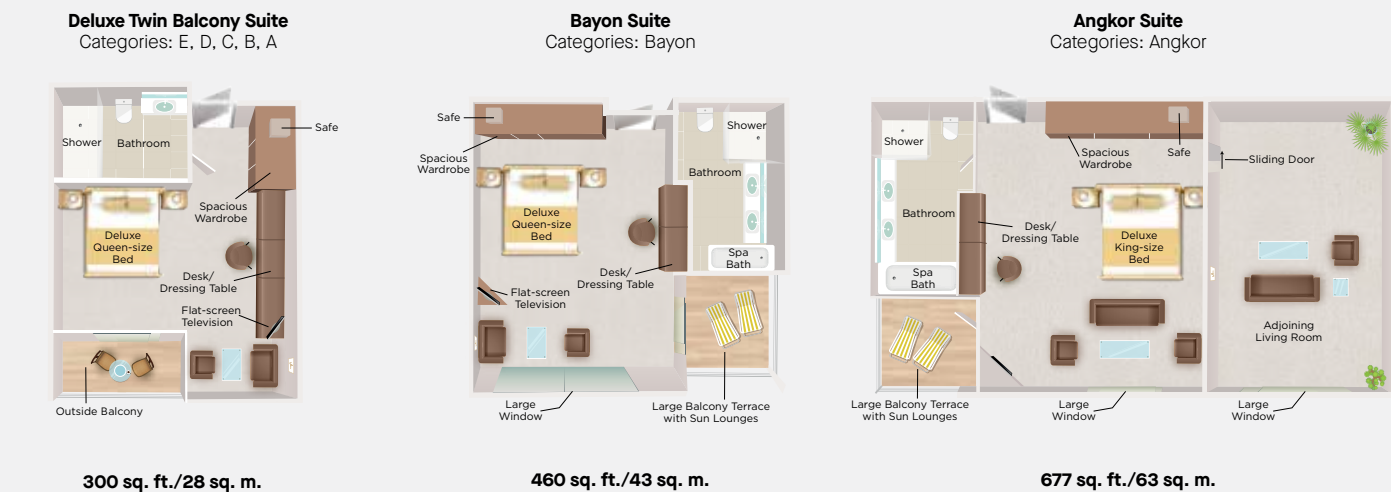
# Deck & Suite Plans

## Mekong Serenity



- Suite Categories**
- Lotus**
- Angkor Suites  
Panoramic Balcony, Outside Balcony & Balcony Terrace
  - Bayon Suites  
Panoramic Balcony & Outside Balcony
- Orchid**
- Category A  
Panoramic Balcony & Outside Balcony
  - Category B  
Panoramic Balcony & Outside Balcony
- Lily**
- Category C  
Panoramic Balcony & Outside Balcony
  - Category D  
Panoramic Balcony & Outside Balcony
  - Category E  
Panoramic Balcony & Outside Balcony

**Technical Data**  
**Mekong Serenity – Launching 2023**  
• Length: 92m • Decks: 4 • Suites: 44 • Crew: 44



Please note deck and suite plans are indicative only and may vary slightly.

Bayon Suite (artist's impression)



Angkor Suite Balcony (artist's impression)



Angkor Suite (artist's impression)



Deluxe Balcony Suite (artist's impression)





# Glossary

Clarifying the intricacies of a journey to Southeast Asia with APT.

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### Adaptors and Electricity

Electricity is 220V on board your river ship and throughout Vietnam and Cambodia. A plug adaptor is necessary if you plan to bring appliances from home.

### Allergies

If you have a food allergy or another condition that needs to be managed on tour, please advise your booking agent as soon as possible, as most suppliers require advance notice to accommodate this. In some cases you might be asked to fill out a form or waiver.

### Air Conditioning & Heating

All suites on board our ship have individual climate control.

### Audio Guides

During excursions, our lightweight headsets allow you to hear every word of your guide's commentary.

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### Bedding Configuration

Most suites on the ship can be configured as either double or twin share. Your preference will be noted at the time of booking.

### Beverages On Board

On your cruise, coffee and tea are available free of charge throughout the day and during meals. On board the Mekong Serenity in Vietnam and Cambodia, a selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available all day. Clean drinking water is also provided all day, so a reusable water bottle is highly recommended. French Champagne, premium spirits and selected wines are offered at an additional cost. On board The Au Co on Ha Long Bay, house wine, local beer and soft drinks are served with lunch and dinner.

### Boutique

The Mekong Serenity has an onboard boutique offering limited accessories and souvenirs, as well as a small selection of personal and toiletry items.

### Butler Service

Aboard the Mekong Serenity, the following services are available to guests in select suites:

Laundry service is included for guests in Cat. E, D, C, B and A. Two garments will be laundered per day, per suite.

#### Silver Butler Service

Guests in Banyon Suites will enjoy Silver Butler Service. Benefits include the laundering or pressing of two garments per suite, per day, shoe shining, a daily fruit platter, the booking of appointments, and one spa treatment per person, per cruise.

#### Gold Butler Service

Guests in Angkor Suites will enjoy Gold Butler Service. Benefits include a packing and unpacking service, the laundering or pressing of four garments per suite, per day, shoe shining, a bottle of French champagne, a daily fruit platter and pre-dinner canapés, tea and coffee service, the booking of appointments, and one spa treatment per person, per cruise.

Butler Service is not available on board the The Au Co.

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### Climate

Cambodia and Southern Vietnam are always hot and humid. Temperatures and humidity are lower from around November to February, with humidity at its peak from May to August. Northern Vietnam is more seasonal than the south's tropical climate, with a cooler winter season from December to February, and temperatures ranging from 12-18 degrees Celsius. The temperatures will drop even lower during the night. Those travelling to Sapa in northern Vietnam over the winter months can experience even cooler temperatures.

As weather patterns vary significantly depending on the time of year and destination, please refer to [www.climate-zone.com](http://www.climate-zone.com) for current weather information.

### Currency

Vietnam's official currency is Dong (VND) and is accepted throughout. However, US Dollars are usually accepted at markets and some restaurants. In Cambodia, the official currency is Riel (KHR). US Dollars are widely accepted and in some locations preferred.

For the most up-to-date exchange rate and currency information, please check with your bank, or visit [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com) (universal currency converter).

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### Dining

All meals on board your cruises are included. Meals are served in the dining room in a single sitting. No table reservations can be made in the main restaurants.

On board, enjoy breakfast each morning in the main restaurant. Lunch consists of salads, soups, and a choice of entrees, mains and desserts. Dinner is a multi-course meal also presenting a selection of entrees, mains and desserts. Casual dining is also available.

Reservations for the private dining restaurant on board the Mekong Serenity are to be made with the Hotel Manager upon embarkation.

On land journeys, breakfast is included each day. Selected lunches and dinners are also included as indicated on itinerary pages.

Vegetarian and gluten-free options are available – notify APT of any special dietary requirements when booking.

### Dress Code

The dress code is relaxed. Comfortable clothing is ideal for during the day, but smart casual clothing for evenings on board the ship is recommended. You may wish to bring something a little dressier for the welcome and farewell dinners, however there will be no black tie or formal evenings.

Comfortable footwear is imperative for excursions and embarking/disembarking the ships.

If your sightseeing includes places of worship, please ensure your clothes are clean with sufficient body cover. As a general guideline, shoulders and knees should be covered (for all people) when entering buildings of a religious nature and family homes. When entering temples and pagodas, shoes may need to be removed. For this reason, please ensure you bring footwear that can be easily removed.

### Drinking Water

Refill stations for clean drinking water will be available in most locations, so a reusable water bottle is highly recommended.

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### Elevator

An elevator is located on the Mekong Serenity river ship, however the Sun Deck is not accessible by elevator.

### Entertainment

Onboard entertainment varies and depends on the region you are in and the availability of performers.

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### Fitness Centres

The Mekong Serenity has a Fitness Centre on board for recreational use.

### Flights Within Asia

Economy class flights included in your tour within Asia are booked by APT's ground operators. Your flight details will not appear on your final documentation, your Tour Director or local guide will carry all necessary paperwork for these flights. Luggage for all internal flights is limited to 20kg (44lb).

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### General Physical Fitness

APT's cruises and tours are not physically demanding. However, because of the nature of many of the sites you'll be visiting, some tours will require a good level of fitness and health to participate. Some trips may not be appropriate for guests with certain medical conditions and physical restrictions. Walking tours are often on uneven ground and may include stairs as well as steep inclines.

You should be able to stand on your feet for an extended period of time to visit museums, attractions and other sites, as well as when checking in for flights and cruises and at Customs and Immigration. The ship will often dock mid-river and you'll be required to embark/disembark your ship onto/from smaller vessels to travel ashore.

### Gratuities

Gratuities are included for all cruise staff, local guides and drivers on all APT holidays. Gratuities cannot be redeemed for a cash refund.

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### Housekeeping

Our housekeeping staff will attend to your suite twice daily. Should you have any additional housekeeping requests, Reception can be contacted 24 hours a day for any assistance you may require.

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### Internet and Wi-fi

The Mekong Serenity is equipped with internet facilities and wireless internet (wi-fi) is also available. As all ships use a satellite system, routing may cause reception to be restricted at times in certain areas.



# L

## Language

The official language used by APT staff worldwide is English. All staff, crew and local guides speak fluent English throughout Asia. All onboard announcements will be conducted in English.

## Laundry

The Mekong Serenity provides complimentary laundry for guests in select suites, service for two pieces per person per day. Additional laundry services are available on board and price lists will be available in your suite. Clothes cannot be dry-cleaned on board. Self-service laundry facilities are not available on board. For safety reasons, you cannot use an iron in your suite.

## Luggage

Luggage limits on checked baggage vary depending on your international airline, however, it is important to adhere to the APT luggage restrictions, of 20kg (44lb). If your tour includes flights within Asia, these airlines carry a strict luggage limit of 20kg. An additional charge may be imposed if your luggage exceeds this weight.

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## Medical

In Vietnam and Cambodia, you can access experienced local and expat doctors, medical advice over the phone, medical referrals, arrangement of hospital admission and emergency medical evacuation. Medical services are not available on your cruise as there are no medical personnel on board. Medical services can be called from shore, as ships are usually close to a town. The above may incur additional fees and is not to be used as a substitute for travel insurance.

# R

## Restaurants on Board

Mekong Serenity, Mekong River

- Lemongrass Restaurant (main dining area).
- Indochine Private Dining (private 16-seat restaurant, serving a Vietnamese share menu).
- Horizon Bar & Grill next to the pool, serving drinks and light lunches.
- Harmony Lounge & Bar (serving early morning tea and coffee, and drinks until the late evening).

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## Shore Excursions

Participation in shore excursions is at your discretion. If you would like to explore independently, your cruise director can make suggestions as to places to visit. You must make sure to return to the ship before it departs.

## Smoking

Smoking is not permitted anywhere inside any of our ships. Smoking is only permitted in designated areas. The same policy applies for electronic cigarettes.

## Spa Facilities

Spa facilities and experiences vary on board each ship. See below for more information.

Mekong Serenity, Mekong River

- Spa & Wellness Centre (offering hair and beauty treatments and massages).

The Au Co, Ha Long Bay

- Spa (offering a variety of facial, body and foot treatments).

## Swimming Pool

There is a swimming pool located on board the Mekong Serenity.

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## Telephone

All suites are equipped with a telephone. It can be used to call between suites as well as reception.

## Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is not included in your holiday package. You are required to purchase comprehensive travel insurance at the time of booking that includes (without limitation) coverage for the cost of your holiday package, medical expenses, loss of luggage, cruise and land content and airfare charges that may occur due to cancellation, impossibility of performance or other frustration, disruption, loss of deposit or strikes.

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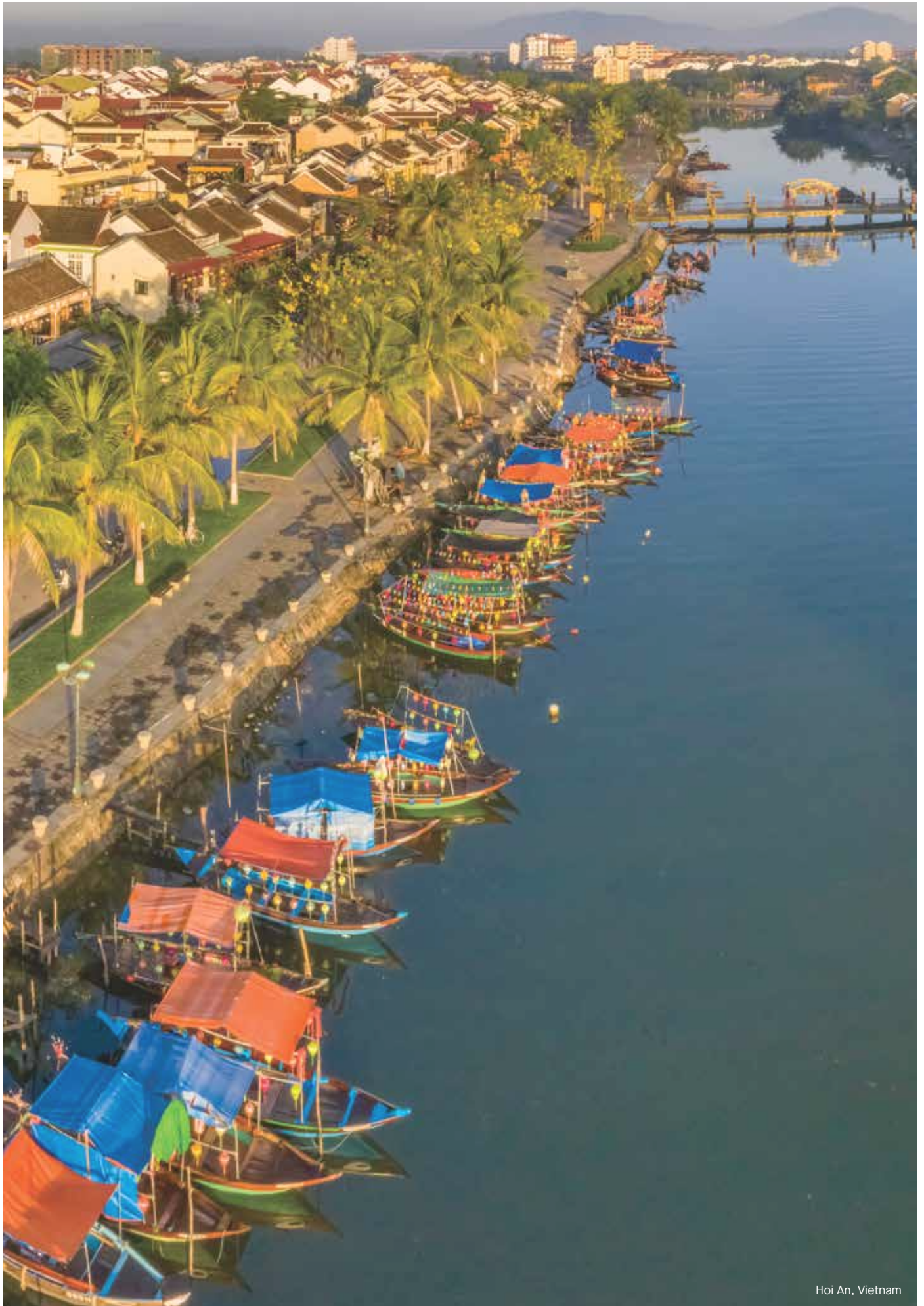
## Vaccinations

Travel vaccinations such as Typhoid and Malaria may be required in some countries. We suggest you consult your GP or travel clinic prior to your travels for the latest vaccination and medical advice.

## Visas – Vietnam and Cambodia

Visa requirements are subject to change. In general, passport holders from Australia, New Zealand and the US will require a visa to enter Vietnam, while British passport holders may not require a single-entry visa when spending less than 15 days in Vietnam. For up-to-date visa regulations, visit [vietnamvisa.govt.vn](http://vietnamvisa.govt.vn). All passport holders will need at least six months' validity on their documents.

Australian, New Zealand, British and US passport holders require a visa for Cambodia, but again the situation is fluid. Normally visas can be obtained on arrival at Siem Reap Airport or on board your cruise if sailing from Vietnam to Cambodia. As well, an e-visa can be obtained before arrival in Cambodia. Visit [evisa.gov.kh](http://evisa.gov.kh) for further information. All passport holders will need at least six months' validity on their documents.



Hoi An, Vietnam



# Terms & Conditions

The following terms and conditions ('booking conditions') form the basis of your contract with Australian Pacific Touring Pty Ltd ('APT', 'we' or 'our'). Please read them carefully as they set out your and our respective rights and obligations.

These Terms & Conditions were correct at time of publication. For the most up to date Terms & Conditions visit our website [www.aptouring.com.au/legal/general-information-conditions](http://www.aptouring.com.au/legal/general-information-conditions)

## GENERAL CONDITIONS:

By asking us to confirm your booking, we are entitled to assume that you have had the opportunity to read and have read these booking conditions, that you agree to them and that you agree to them applying to your holiday arrangements that you book with us and which we agree to make, provide or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you. References in these booking conditions to your 'holiday package' are references to the tour package you have booked with APT. References to 'excursions' are references to short trips or tours included or available as part of your holiday package.

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### Governing Law

These booking conditions are governed by the law in force in Victoria, Australia.

## BEFORE YOU BOOK

### Price Validity

Published prices are valid at the time of publication but are subject to change. They may be varied by advertising or special offers, or changed after the publication date for any reason, including without limitation, to cover changes in government taxes and charges, exchange rate variations, fuel surcharges, airline charges, a force majeure event or other material increases by suppliers. The most up to date pricing may be found on our website – [www.aptouring.com.au](http://www.aptouring.com.au). Prices will be confirmed at time of booking and honoured for up to seven days. All holidays are subject to availability at the time of booking.

Please see important information listed under Specific Destination Terms & Conditions for relevant deposit and final payment terms.

### Transfers

Airport transfers are included on the first and last day of the holiday package at designated times. No refund will be given for unused transfers. Transfers cannot be re-routed to other pick-up points or destinations. Passengers who miss the pre-booked transfers must make their own way to/from the hotel at their own expense. A group transfer is generally a shared transfer and the type of vehicle used will normally be dependent upon the size of the group.

### Freedom of Choice™ and Signature Experiences

Minimum and maximum group numbers apply on some Freedom of Choice or Signature Experience inclusions. If your first choice of Freedom of Choice or Signature Experience is unavailable you may be asked to choose an alternative.

### Public Holidays and Festivals

Most countries have public holidays, religious or otherwise. Festivities may temporarily disrupt your holiday and some religious holidays may result in a reduction of facilities and entertainment.

### Superdeals and Special Offers

Conditions Apply. For full terms and conditions relating to any Superdeal or special offer on your booking, please go to [www.aptouring.com.au/specialdeals](http://www.aptouring.com.au/specialdeals).

### Other Special Offers

Special Deals and Special Offers other than those advertised herein may be promoted by APT after the program is released. These new special deals/offers do not apply to existing bookings unless otherwise stated.

### APT Club

Details including the full range of benefits and conditions, are available on our website at [aptouring.com.au/apclub](http://aptouring.com.au/apclub)

## BOOKING AND PAYING FOR YOUR HOLIDAY

### Airfares

Air travel is arranged with independent airlines. APT will arrange air travel as advertised in connection with your holiday package or otherwise arranged with APT. All airfares are subject to flight and booking class availability. Airfares will be booked and ticketed upon receipt of your deposit to avoid price or tax increases. Airport taxes vary for each departure point and routing of airline. Airline schedules are subject to change without notice. Once air tickets are issued, airline amendment and/or cancellation fees apply and, in some cases, are non-refundable. Name changes and voluntary date and schedule changes will incur fees. APT is not liable for delays or disruptions of air travel. Once tickets are issued APT will have no other liability and will not be responsible for refunding the cost of any services booked in conjunction with the flights.

### Airline Loyalty Points Eligibility

APT uses the services of a range of airlines in its packages. APT does not warrant that its airfares attract loyalty points as airlines control the application of loyalty points in all cases. Requests to use loyalty points to upgrade travel need to be directed to the airline concerned by the member.

### APT Deposit Cancellation Peace of Mind

Applicable when an upfront fee of \$95 per person is paid with your deposit. The holiday package can be cancelled prior to the final payment date and your deposit will be retained as an APT holding credit to be used for future bookings. If Deposit Cancellation Peace of Mind is claimed, monies held must be used on a future tour and cannot be redeemed against the original tour departure date. Deposits held in credit will exclude fees imposed by third parties, including but not limited to air travel, rail travel and hotels. When booking airfares through APT (including when taking advantage of a special offer that includes air travel), standard airline cancellation fees will apply. In some cases, airfares will be non-refundable. In the event of cancellation, these fees will be deducted from the deposit paid, and therefore the credit being held. APT Deposit Cancellation Peace of Mind applies to new bookings only and is only valid up until 100

days prior to travel. After three years, unused credit funds will incur the original cancellation conditions. This does not replace travel insurance, which we strongly recommend you purchase at the time of booking.

### Travel Insurance

Travel Insurance is not included in your holiday package. For your protection, we strongly recommend you purchase comprehensive travel insurance that includes (without limitation) coverage for the full cost of your holiday package, medical expenses, loss of luggage, land content and airfare charges that may occur due to cancellation, impossibility of performance or other frustration, disruption, loss of deposit or strikes.

### Travel Information and Documents

After booking you will receive an invoice with all important information relevant to your holiday package. We strongly recommend you check the details carefully and read the included information. Please ensure that you check your flight timings carefully on your tickets, particularly early morning departures. Approximately 21 days before departure you will receive your e-ticket together with your final itinerary. However, in the case of late bookings, charges or late payment, tickets may be emailed to you.

### Special Requests

Where a special request (e.g. diet, room location, twin or double bedded room, a particular facility at a hotel, flight seat requests and/or particular meals) is an important factor in your choice of holiday, you must advise us when your booking is made. APT will pass your request onto the hotel, airline or other supplier but cannot guarantee that it will be accommodated. APT will also pass on any dietary requests to the airline but we strongly recommend that you check directly with the airline once your tickets have been issued. The provision of any special request does not constitute a term of your contract with us. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability.

### Credit and Debit Card Surcharges

If you pay APT by credit or debit card, surcharges will apply. In the case of credit cards a surcharge of between 1% and 3% (depending on the card used), will be added to the tour price. In the case of debit cards a charge of 0.5% will be added to the tour price.

### Accuracy

APT has endeavoured to ensure that the information provided about accommodation, itineraries etc., is correct to the best of its knowledge at the time of publication. However, advertised descriptions and facilities and prices may change after publication. We recommend that you confirm the details of your chosen holiday package at the time of booking. Additionally, flight times, carriers and routes are given for guidance only as there may be changes. Final details will be shown on your tickets. Holiday package or excursion itineraries may change or be different from those described in our collateral as a result of local conditions, weather conditions, annual events. APT will endeavour to notify you of any significant changes prior to your departure.

### Disruption to Cruising and Itinerary Arrangements

Itineraries are intended as a guide only and are subject to alteration without notice. Alternations may be necessary for various reasons including, without limitation, road, rail, river or weather conditions, strikes or other reasons beyond APT's control. If conditions render any routes unsafe for navigation, APT reserves the right to provide alternative services including, but not limited to, accommodation on the docked ship or substitute land arrangements. Under normal river conditions, itineraries will operate as far as possible as published. However, sometimes for reasons beyond our control, it may be necessary to make alterations to your itinerary. For example, without limitation, if there is a water level problem on a river, it may be necessary to operate part of the itinerary by coach and alternative sightseeing may be included. APT will not be liable for any direct or indirect costs that you incur as a result of any event or other factor beyond our control which necessitates a change in your itinerary. Additionally, you are not entitled to any refund for any alterations to your itinerary that are caused or contributed to by any flood or water level events or such other events which are beyond our control. APT cannot guarantee exact arrival and departure times for carriers and operators used by APT and APT will not be liable for failure to make connections with any other services or attractions beyond its control.

### Flight Changes

The flight timings detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. Flight timings are set by airlines and affected by events outside our control. Scheduled and charter flight timings, and days of operation are also subject to change. APT will advise you of any significant changes as soon as it is informed by the airline. Minor timing changes will be shown on your flight tickets. Any change in the identity of the airline, flight timings or aircraft type (if advised) will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements without paying any applicable cancellation fees except where specified in these booking conditions.

### Out of Date Range Flights

If airlines have not published their schedules or airfares at the time of your booking, APT will estimate the cost of airfares connected with your holiday package. When the airline releases flight inventory and airfares, APT will confirm seats and pricing by sending you an updated invoice. Once flights have been confirmed by you and payment has been received, APT will issue your tickets.

### Force Majeure

Force majeure event means the occurrence of an event that is beyond APT's reasonable control and which could not have been reasonably prevented by APT, which includes, but is not limited to: (a) war, armed conflict, criminal damage, riot, civil strife, industrial dispute, terrorist activity or the threat of any such acts; (b) natural disaster (including but not limited to flooding, fire, earthquake, landslide), adverse weather conditions, high or low water levels; (c) nuclear or other industrial accident causing environmental pollution or contamination; or (d) change in law, meaning, enactment, amendment (including repeal) in the law or administration of any law in Australia or any jurisdiction or

territory relevant to the booking contract, which includes changes in statute, regulation, determination, by-law, declaration, license and the common law as applicable from time to time, including changes or amendments in regulations or access to services, sites or countries caused by declared epidemic or pandemic events.

### Termination of Booking Contract or Change of Travel Arrangements due to Force Majeure

If APT, in its reasonable opinion, considers that any force majeure event prevents APT (whether directly or through its employees, contractors, subcontractors and agents) from lawfully or safely providing any products or services subject of the booking contract with you, APT may immediately by written notice: (a) terminate the booking contract (in whole or in part); or (b) change your travel arrangements as reasonably practicable to ensure your safety and invoice you for any additional costs.

### Limitation of Liability in the Event of Force Majeure

In the event that APT cancels or changes your travel arrangements in any way due to a force majeure event, APT will not be liable to you in contract, tort, statute or restitution for any loss (including, but not limited to, loss of deposit or purchase price and loss of enjoyment), damage, costs, charges, expenses or injury resulting from or in connection with (whether directly or indirectly): (a) the cancellation or change to your travel arrangements; or (b) the force majeure event. APT is not liable to refund any part of the deposit or purchase price paid by you if APT subsequently changes or cancels your travel arrangements in connection with a force majeure event. Force majeure events are unpredictable and beyond APT's control. As you are required to purchase travel insurance to adequately protect yourself against these risks, your policy needs to respond to these risks. You acknowledge and accept that these terms are reasonably necessary to protect the legitimate interests of APT based on expected non-recoverable costs and expenses to be incurred by APT, including but not limited to overhead expenses and works or services performed personally by APT, leading up to the commencement of the holiday package, alternatively prior to the force majeure event.

### Data Protection Policy

Any personal information (including sensitive information and health information) that APT obtains and retains from you or about you is necessary for our business purposes. Our Privacy Policy details why we collect this information, which we may disclose it to (including overseas recipients), and the main consequences if we do not collect it. Our Privacy Policy also contains information about how you may seek access to, or correction of, the personal information held about you, and our complaint resolution procedures. Our Privacy Policy is available at [www.aptouring.com.au/privacy](http://www.aptouring.com.au/privacy) or by request to us. By providing personal or sensitive information to us, you are agreeing to the terms of our Privacy Policy.

### Limitation of Liability

- Our holiday packages include the services of independent providers, such as hoteliers, airlines, cruise companies and other operators, who are not agents, servants or employees of APT. Although we take care in selecting the independent service providers and the optional excursions conducted by some independent service providers, APT is not responsible for the conduct of the independent service providers, their servants and agents or for any ramifications of that conduct. Optional excursions may, depending on your holiday package, include activities such as climbing, exploring, bike riding, swimming and snorkelling. You accept and assume the risk involved with these activities.
- If, in the opinion of any representative of APT, your mental or physical condition, or general behaviour is such as to affect your own health and safety, render you incapable to care for yourself, cause you to become a hazard to yourself or other passengers or result in you becoming objectionable to other passengers or staff, you will not be permitted to embark or continue on the whole or any part of the holiday package. APT representatives are empowered to ask guests to depart a holiday package if they are displaying known COVID-19 symptoms. Abuse or harassment of any kind toward crew, contracted suppliers or other guests may result in immediate removal from a holiday package. Guests will be responsible for arranging and paying for their own transport home if they are asked to leave the tour. APT is not liable to you for any costs associated with such decision and you will not be refunded for any part of the holiday package.
- APT accepts no responsibility for any death, injury, illness, loss (including loss of enjoyment), damage, detention, delay (including mechanical breakdown) beyond its control.
- Any term, condition or warranty expressed or implied by statute or otherwise in respect of the holiday packages contained in any of our collateral are excluded to the full extent permitted by law. Nothing in these booking conditions excludes, restricts or modifies the application of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth) as amended, consolidated, supplemented or replaced.
- To the full extent permitted by law, APT's liability arising under or in connection with these booking conditions: (a) is limited to the re-supply of the products or services or the payment of the cost of re-supply of the products or services to you; and (b) excludes liability for any indirect or consequential losses suffered by you or any third party, howsoever caused, including but not limited to pure economic loss or any special, extraordinary or punitive damage to you or any other party.
- Your travel agent will forward deposits and other payments to us on your behalf, but your travel agent is not our agent for the purpose of receipt of monies. Receipt of deposits and subsequent payments by the travel agent does not constitute receipt of those monies by us and the travel agent has no authority expressed or implied to receive monies on our behalf. There is no liability on the part of APT in respect to any monies paid to your travel agent unless and until APT notifies you (by way of a booking confirmation advice or payment receipt advice) that monies have been received by APT. APT reserves the right to cancel any ticket or booking or refuse to carry any passenger where payment has not been received by APT within the specified time.
- Specific meal requests are requests only and cannot be guaranteed.

### COVID-19 Requirements

Before booking and before you travel, ensure that you check the latest Government travel requirements and APT updates which include the on board protocols (which will be available on APT's

website at [www.aptouring.com.au/about-us/travel-updates](http://www.aptouring.com.au/about-us/travel-updates)) which will set out the obligations which apply to customers departing on tours. This may include obtaining proof of negative test results prior to embarkation, completion of health questionnaire, mask wearing, requirement to isolate if COVID-19 symptoms present during tour and removal of passengers from the tour if deemed necessary by medical staff. Compliance with the travel requirements and APT updates is mandatory and anyone refusing to comply can be denied access to the tour or removed from the tour at APT's absolute discretion.

Some of the regions or attractions visited while on tour may impose different regulations to that of the Government requirements, therefore proof of vaccination may be required to participate in some included or optional touring.

**Local Purchases**

APT is not responsible for any items you may purchase locally i.e. jewellery/furniture etc. You acknowledge that you are solely responsible for any import duty or freight costs.

**Personal Belongings and Lost Items**

For security reasons, valuables should be kept to a minimum and packed in your hand luggage along with your medicines. It is your responsibility to look after your property at all times and you must ensure you are adequately covered by comprehensive travel insurance in the event of any loss.

**Medical Assistance**

APT does not employ medical staff on its tours. If you require medical attention, local medical services can be contacted immediately. You are responsible for all charges that result from a visiting a medical facility, or for a medical practitioner visiting you. APT is not responsible for the type or quality of the medical services you may receive.

**Smoking**

Government regulations forbid smoking in tourist coaches however frequent stops are made for those wishing to smoke. Smoking is not permitted in hotel rooms or ship cabins. Requests for smoking/non-smoking rooms will be passed on to hotels but cannot be guaranteed.

**Responsible Service of Alcohol**

Our staff are trained in the responsible service of alcohol and are obliged by law to refuse service to any guest who, in their reasonable opinion appears to be intoxicated or behaves in an aggressive or offensive manner.

**Service Enquiries**

If a problem occurs during your holiday you should, in your own interests, advise your tour director so that steps can be taken to resolve the matter. If you remain dissatisfied, any complaint must be made in writing to APT within 30 days.

**Luggage Limits**

Each passenger is entitled to take one piece of luggage that does not exceed 160cm (63 inches), or weigh more than 20kg (44 pounds). Dimensions for checked baggage are calculated by adding together the width, height and depth of the piece of baggage. An extra charge will be imposed to cover portage handling of any additional luggage. Your tour director will advise you of the exact additional charge.

Some holiday packages may have restricted luggage limits, please refer to Specific Terms & Conditions under relevant destination for more information.

**ADDITIONAL SPECIAL CONDITIONS PERTAINING TO ASIA RIVER CRUISE HOLIDAY PACKAGES:**

**Deposit and Payment**

A \$1,000 security deposit per person, per holiday package is required within seven days of booking confirmation. Final payment of the balance of your holiday package price is due 100 days prior to departure unless stated in the terms of a special offer.

Deposit requirements may vary when booking a special offer. APT reserves the right to cancel any ticket or booking or, refuse to honour any price or carry any passenger where any payment has not been received by APT within the specified time. All fares and charges are in Australian currency. Payment in full is required at time of booking for all reservations made less than 100 days before departure from Australia or New Zealand. If APT is unable to confirm your reservation, all monies will be refunded. Hotels may apply surcharges for late booking requests.

**Travelling with Minors**

Children under 12 years of age are not permitted on tours and cruises. All children under 18 years must be accompanied by an adult and share their accommodation with an adult.

**Included in Holiday Package Price**

All coach/cruise and hotel, accommodation, airfares (if indicated in the individual itinerary), gratuities, airport transfers on the first and last day, sightseeing, specified excursions, meals, admissions, port charges and the services of a cruise or tour director as stated in your itinerary. APT Mekong River cruises also include complimentary beverages served on board your river ship (French Champagne and premium spirits are not included). Complimentary beverages are not available during city stays excursions or on land tours.

**Not Included in Holiday Package Price**

Airfares (unless stated), airport taxes, laundry (other than indicated on page 19), passport and visa fees, drinks not indicated as included in your itinerary, excess baggage, fuel surcharges and optional excursions and gratuities not specified in your itinerary.

**Gratuities**

Have been included for all services as indicated in the itinerary on all APT Tours and Cruises and cannot be redeemed for a cash refund.

**Flights Within Asia**

Economy flights within Asia and airport taxes are included in the price. All internal flights must be booked by APT. Airline schedules and fares are subject to change without notice. Flights will be based on best fare available at the time of booking, however surcharges may apply. Once air tickets are issued, airline amendment and/or cancellation fees apply and in some cases are non-refundable. Deposits are considered as a guarantee of the invoiced flight arrangements and once deposit is received, flights will be ticketed. Full names as per passport, including middle name are required for all flights within Asia. Name changes and voluntary date and schedule changes will incur fees. The maximum luggage allowance on all flights within Asia is 20 kilograms.

**Choosing Your Holiday**

To maximise enjoyment and to ensure that it lives up to your expectations, it is important that you choose the right holiday package for you. Our marketing collateral contains limited information, however, there is more information online at [www.aptouring.com.au](http://www.aptouring.com.au) and our qualified staff are available to discuss your options.

**Hotels**

Hotel rooms in Asia may differ in size from those in Australia and New Zealand. In more remote places, hotel standards may not be quite as high as in major centres. APT endeavours to utilise the most suitable accommodation available in each destination to ensure that passengers enjoy high levels of cleanliness, comfort and service. The hotels mentioned in the itinerary will be used on almost all holiday packages, however, if a change is necessary for any reason, APT will endeavour to ensure that alternative accommodation is of an equivalent standard to those shown. Hotel rooms are generally not available for check-in before 3pm and require check-out by 10am.

**Twin or Double Rooms**

Accommodation in all hotels, regardless of the rating, is in standard rooms (sometimes named superior/deluxe) based on twins or doubles unless otherwise stated.

**Single Accommodation**

A limited number of single rooms/suites/cabins may be available by request at time of booking your cruise/holiday package. Single room/suites/cabins are not available on certain cruises. Single rooms/suites/cabins are usually smaller than standard twin or double rooms and often only have one single bed.

**Cruising – Cabin/Suite/Stateroom Selection**

APT will make every effort to assign specific numbers or locations on the ship if requested. If this is not possible, APT reserves the right to make changes to cabin assignment, within the category booked, without prior notice.

**Passengers Needing Assistance**

APT Welcomes All Passengers. Please Note:

1. Passengers with a disability or medical condition requiring assistance must inform APT at the time of booking of all important information relating to your health, mobility and fitness which may affect your partial or total participation in the cruise or tour. This information will allow APT to ensure the tour you have chosen is suitable and meets your needs. Any changes to health, mobility and fitness must also be reported to APT as soon as possible and prior to departure. Where possible APT will make reasonable adjustments to the tour to assist you however, it cannot do so if the adjustment required would be unreasonable in all of the circumstances, including if such adjustments would affect your safety and/or the safety and/or enjoyment of other passengers.

2. If you require assistance or care (such as pushing a wheelchair, assistance with dressing or assistance with walking), you must travel with a companion capable of providing the required assistance or care. APT is unable to assist any passenger with walking, dining, boarding or disembarking any transportation vehicles (including river and ocean cruise ships and trains). To safely participate in embarkation and disembarkation you must be able to do so without the need for assistance. You must also be able to do so without unreasonably impacting other passengers' safety and/or enjoyment.

3. While APT will make reasonable efforts to accommodate everyone, it is not responsible for any denial of services by any third party entities it has travel arrangements with, such as carriers, hotels, trains, restaurants or other independent suppliers, or for any additional associated expenses charges by those parties.

4. Please note coaches and minibuses are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. Wheelchairs and walkers cannot be carried on coaches, due to space limitations.

5. River ships routinely dock mid-stream and require the use of tenders to access the shore. Not all river cruise ships or decks have elevators and some have multiple stairs to each level. Cabin doors and restrooms on river cruise ships are not wide enough to allow access by standard wheelchairs. For safety reasons, passengers using wheelchairs cannot be carried on ramps in ports where the river cruise ship is at anchor. APT is unable to provide individual assistance to any passenger for walking, dining, disembarking or embarking cruise ships and/or coaches or other transportation vehicles or other personal needs.

**Health and Fitness**

A good level of fitness and health is required to participate on APT's holiday packages. In some destinations there are extensive sightseeing excursions by foot which includes the climbing of stairs. Mobility is needed boarding or alighting coaches, river cruise ships and trains. We recommend a visit to the doctor before travelling to overseas destinations and consult with them regarding any vaccinations which may be required. It is your responsibility to advise APT of any pre-existing medical conditions that may affect the normal conduct of a holiday package and the enjoyment of other passengers. A Health, Fitness & Mobility Questionnaire will be provided and requested to be completed at the time of booking if you advise of any health, fitness or mobility issues. APT is not liable for any injury, illness, or loss of enjoyment which could have been reasonably prevented had we been made aware of a pre-existing condition and been provided an opportunity to review it. We will not be responsible for any costs associated with cancellation penalties or the return of passengers from a tour, and a refund for lost touring cannot be claimed.

**Visa and Passports**

All passengers must have a valid passport that is valid for at least six months after the holiday package return date. Passengers must consult with the appropriate consulates to ensure that they have any applicable visas for countries included in the holiday package prior to departure. Passengers are solely responsible for meeting necessary passport and visa entry requirements and paying all associated costs. APT cannot obtain group visas on your behalf. APT is not responsible for delays or missed portions of the holiday package resulting from incorrect travel documents or visas.

**Shore Excursions**

The timing of the shore excursions on all river cruise ship holiday packages may differ slightly for each package. The published times are a guide only and are subject to change without notice. It is impossible for large coaches to be used for some city sightseeing excursions and many tours and cities will be visited by way of walking tours. Venue closures outside of APT's control may affect our ability to operate some excursions.

**IF YOU WANT TO CHANGE OR CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY**

**Changes or Additions to Your Holiday**

If you want to change any part of your holiday arrangements after the invoice has been issued, we will do our best to make the change, but it may not be possible. Any request for changes must be made in writing by the person who made the original booking, or his or her travel agent. If it is possible to make the change, it will be subject to an administration charge of \$70 per person and payment of any further costs incurred as a result of the change.

**Cancellation Policy**

The following APT cancellation fees apply:

Days of Notice Prior to Departure	Fee Per Person
100 days or more	Loss of deposit
99-61 days	50% of holiday package price
60 days or less	100% of holiday package price

All cancellations must be received in writing by APT and are not effective until this notification has been received. If your holiday has commenced, 100% of the full holiday package price is charged. There is no refund for unused services or if portions of the holiday package are missed. Additional cancellation fees may also be charged in respect of accommodation reserved outside the holiday package dates. These cancellation fees are in addition to any fees that may be levied by APT and your travel agent (if any). You acknowledge that the amounts estimated under the Cancellation Policy are reasonable and represent a genuine pre-estimate of APT's loss and are otherwise reasonably necessary to protect the legitimate interests of APT. If you request changes, or amend your booking in any way after APT has issued your documents, APT may charge you an administration and processing fee of \$70 per person in addition to any applicable cancellation fees.

**Cancellation of Ticketed Airfares**

An APT cancellation fee of \$50 per person applies for ticketed airfares, in addition to any airline cancellation fees that are applicable.

**Changes to Ticketed Airfares**

If you wish to amend the date or routing on your ticketed air booking, an APT amendment fee of \$30 per person for the first change and \$85 per person for any subsequent changes will be charged in addition to airline change fees and additional taxes that are applicable. If you wish to amend and already ticketed Singapore Stopover package, a \$30 per person APT charge fee will apply along with any applicable airline fees. If, for any reason, a name change to a ticketed Airfare is required, a \$125 per person name change fee will apply for every change in addition to any applicable airline fees.

**IF WE NEED TO CHANGE OR CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY**

APT endeavours to provide you with all the services confirmed to you at the time of your booking. However, we plan arrangements a long time in advance of your departure date using independent suppliers such as airline, hotels etc., over whom we have no direct control. On occasions changes do have to be made, and APT reserves the right to cancel or amend holiday packages/excursions accordingly. All tours require a minimum number of bookings in order to be financially viable and to have a pleasant group atmosphere. In the event adequate numbers cannot be achieved, it may be necessary to cancel a scheduled departure and offer the nearest possible alternative date (or a refund of the monies paid for arrangements made by APT).

**ON HOLIDAY**

**Noise and Vibration**

APT takes reasonable steps to minimise noise and vibration on river cruise ships. You acknowledge and accept that some noise and vibration may be experienced on vessels and that APT is not liable to you for any such noise and vibration.

**Docking Position**

During port stops river cruise ships may dock side by side, obstructing views and requiring you to pass through other ships to embark or disembark. River cruise ships may moor overnight midstream rather than dock at a port.

**APT Tour Directors**

A dedicated APT Tour Director will only be available on tours with 10 or more passengers unless indicated otherwise. For groups of nine passengers and under an experienced local guide in each city will accompany you. Tour directors do not escort passengers while travelling in Sapa, regardless of group size, you will be escorted by an experienced local guide.

**Seat Allocation on Coach Tours**

To ensure all passengers enjoy forward facing and window seats, we have incorporated a daily seat rotation system. This system is not able to be adjusted to suit individual needs under any circumstances

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Opportunities of Development Thru Art helps disadvantaged children from the rural areas around Siem Reap in Cambodia by offering English and computer lessons. The aim is to improve their chances of employment in the busy tourism industry.

### **A World of Difference**

At OneTomorrow we believe in travel as a platform for change. Across the APT Travel Group, we've partnered with a range of organisations and implemented initiatives to help protect the environment and ensure the wellbeing of local people wherever we go.

### **Making Travel Mean More**

Working together, we can support not-for-profit organisations to continue helping their communities. The best part? Donations through OneTomorrow are tax deductible\*, and all donations will be matched dollar for dollar. So together we can double our impact.

**With your help, we can continue  
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It has been a privilege to welcome so many guests aboard APT's award-winning journeys, and a joy to see those guests fall in love with each new experience the world presents. For many years, the unique spirit of our family-owned and operated company has set us apart – 2023 will be no exception. So it is with great pleasure that I invite you to Live Fully with APT.

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