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March 27 – April 8, 2028



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HIGHLIGHTS... Cu Chi Tunnels, Ho Chi Minh City, Reunification Palace, 7-Night Cruise on Mekong River, Mekong Delta, Cai Rang Floating Market, Cyclo Tour of Phnom Penh, Choeung Ek (Killing Fields) & Tuol Sleng, Angkor Ban - Siem Reap, Angkor Wat at Sunrise

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Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Caravelle Hotel, Ho Chi Minh
Days 4 – 10	Mekong Princess, Ho Chi Minh
Days 11, 12	Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Resort, Siem Reap
Day 13	Caravelle Hotel, Ho Chi Minh
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.	

Day 1: Monday, March 27, 2028 Overnight Flight Set sail on a journey that uncovers the heart and soul of Southeast Asia. Cruise the legendary Mekong River from vibrant Ho Chi Minh City to the ancient wonders of Siem Reap, drifting past riverside villages, floating markets, and timeless traditions. Along the way, connect with warm-hearted locals, witness artisans at work, and explore gilded temples rising from the jungle.

Day 2: Tuesday, March 28, 2028 Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City today. Once known as Saigon, this dynamic metropolis blends echoes of its storied past with the vibrant pulse of modern Vietnam. Discover grand colonial landmarks, energetic boulevards, and a celebrated food scene that spills from bustling markets onto every street corner. As travelers' arrival times will vary, we have not included any sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently.

Day 3: Wednesday, March 29, 2028 Ho Chi Minh City Begin your journey into Vietnam's layered history with a visit to the Cu Chi Tunnels, a labyrinth of underground passageways that echo the resilience and ingenuity of the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. As you descend into these narrow tunnels, imagine the lives of those who once sought refuge here, crafting strategies in the shadows. Later, back in the vibrant pulse of Ho Chi Minh City, taste Vietnamese coffee – it's strong and bold style is balanced with sweet, condensed milk. After lunch, take the afternoon for some independent exploration. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a warm welcome dinner at a local restaurant, where the flavors of Vietnam set the tone for the journey ahead. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Thursday, March 30, 2028 Ho Chi Minh City - Board Cruise Ship - Ben Tre The morning begins with a transition from the bustling streets of Ho Chi Minh City to the tranquil waters of the Mekong River. As your ship departs Saigon Port, watch the city's skyline dissolve into a tapestry of emerald-green rice paddies and winding waterways. The Mekong Delta, often called the "Rice Bowl of Vietnam," unfolds before you — a maze of life-giving rivers that sustain the communities along its banks. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Friday, March 31, 2028 Ben Tre - Can Tho Today, step into the rhythm of life along the Mekong. Glide through narrow waterways on a *sampan*, a traditional wooden boat, and feel the gentle sway of the river as you pass stilted homes and lush vegetation. In Ben Tre, the sweet aroma of coconut candy fills the air as you visit a family-run workshop, where generations have perfected this craft. Later, ride a vintage xe lam through the

streets of Can Tho, a city that has long been the cultural heart of the Mekong Delta. At the Zihuang Pagoda, the vibrant colors and intricate carvings come alive with the energy of a traditional unicorn dance — a joyful celebration of local heritage. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Saturday, April 1, 2028 Can Tho - Hòa An - Giêng Island Before breakfast, experience the bustling energy of Cai Rang's Floating Market, where boats laden with fresh produce create a kaleidoscope of colors on the water. Sip on fresh coconut water as you weave through this lively marketplace, a cornerstone of Mekong Delta life. Later, in Hòa An village, connect with the land and its people. Learn how rice, the staple of Vietnamese cuisine, is cultivated and processed, and meet a family who crafts the iconic conical hats. As you try your hand at making one, you'll gain a deeper appreciation for the artistry and tradition woven into everyday life here. (B, L, D)

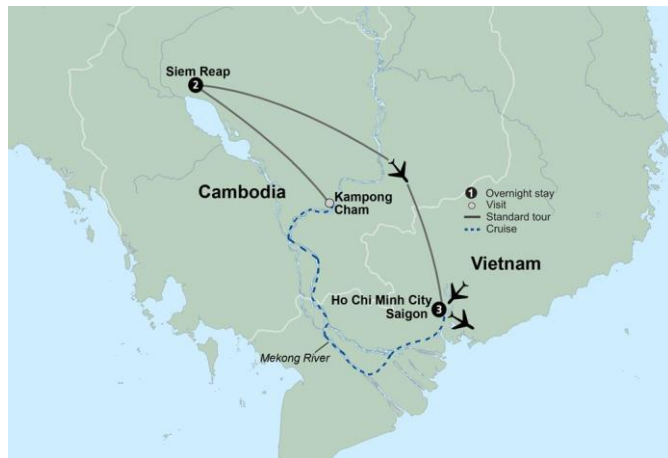
Day 7: Sunday, April 2, 2028 Giêng Island - Hong Ngu On Giêng Island, the gentle hum of craftsmanship fills the air as you visit a village where *sampans* are meticulously built by hand. Travel further into the island on a xe loi, a motorized rickshaw, to the serene Phanxico Monastery, a place of quiet reflection. In the afternoon, Hong Ngu welcomes you with open arms. Here, the rhythmic weaving of Khmer scarves tells stories of heritage and resilience, while the intricate embroidery adorning the village speaks to the artistry passed down through generations. At a nearby temple dedicated to Hoa Hao, feel the spiritual heartbeat of the community — a moment of connection to the soul of this land. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Monday, April 3, 2028 Hong Ngu - Phnom Penh, Cambodia As the Mekong carries you across the border into Cambodia, the vibrant energy of Phnom Penh awaits. Explore the city on a cyclo, a traditional three-wheeled bicycle taxi, and feel the lively rhythm of the riverfront as you approach the Royal Palace. Within its golden gates, wander through manicured gardens and marvel at the Silver Pagoda, where treasures like the Emerald Buddha and a dazzling Maitreya Buddha reflect Cambodia's rich spiritual heritage. At the National Museum, the echoes of ancient civilizations come alive through pre-Angkorian and Angkorian artifacts, offering a glimpse of Cambodia's grandeur. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Tuesday, April 4, 2028 Phnom Penh This morning, travel by coach to Choeung Ek, one of Cambodia's most somber and historically significant sites. Walk the grounds of the Killing Fields, visit the small museum, and pause at the Memorial Stupa as you learn about the tragic events of the Khmer Rouge era. Continue to Tuol Sleng, a school transformed into the notorious S-21 prison, for deeper insight into this painful chapter of Cambodian history. Return to Phnom Penh for an afternoon at leisure to explore the city's inviting cafés, riverfront promenades, and vibrant markets at your own pace. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Wednesday, April 5, 2028 Phnom Penh - Angkor Ban - Kampong Cham Spend the morning relaxing and watching the small villages pass by as we sail further up the Mekong to Angkor Ban. Tour the town in the afternoon, one of the few that survived the Khmer Rouge's destruction. Many of the original homes, some of which are several hundred years old, remain standing. Visit the village temple, where saffron-robed monks chant soft blessings. Meet a local family and learn about their lives and the challenges they face. Sail further up the Mekong this evening to dock at Kampong Cham. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Thursday, April 6, 2028 Kampong Cham - Siem Reap Your journey shifts from river to road as you travel to Siem Reap, the gateway to the ancient wonders of Angkor. Here, colonial charm meets a vibrant urban scene, where bustling markets and innovative cuisine reflect the city's dynamic spirit. This evening, consider attending Phare, the Cambodian Circus, where acrobatics and storytelling intertwine to celebrate the resilience and creativity of Cambodia's youth. (B, L)



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Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Des Moines Municipal Airport, Inter-flights from Siem Reap Angkor International Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges

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Day 12: Friday, April 7, 2028 Siem Reap Depart for a sunrise at Angkor Wat, a perfect example of classic Khmer architecture. Enter through its quieter eastern gate, a less-traveled path that offers a sense of exclusivity, and exit to the west, watching the sunlight dance along the ancient stones. Then, experience an **Impact Moment** at the Visitor Center of APOPO, where "hero rats" are trained to navigate minefields and save lives. Learn about the country's history with war and meet the professional rats at a demonstration. Later, visit Ta Prohm, a sprawling monastic complex that is overgrown with jungle. At Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Khmers, visit the Terrace of the Leper King and the temples of Baphuon and Bayon, 11th- and 12th-century

masterpieces at the center of the city. Tonight, join your fellow travelers and toast to the end of your adventure. (B, D)

Day 13: Saturday, April 8, 2028 Siem Reap - Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam Board your flight to bustling Ho Chi Minh City, where you'll spend one last night before your flight back home. (B)

Important Tour Information:

Book Now rates valid until Feb 28, 2027, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various

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modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Travel with an average of 19 people (maximum of 24).

To experience this tour fully, we recommend that all travelers be in reasonably good health and prepare properly.

Certain excursions include travel by xe lam through local village roads. Boarding requires stepping up into a small, three-wheeled vehicle with limited handholds. Travelers should be comfortable with tight seating spaces and vehicles without modern suspension, which may result in a bumpy ride.

In Phnom Penh, the cyclo tour requires travelers to climb in and out of the cyclo's front seat, which may be low to the ground. Cyclos move at a gentle pace, but the experience involves exposure to busy traffic, noise, and weather.

Throughout the cruise, travelers will board small *sampans* (small, flat-bottomed wooden boats) to reach riverside villages and cultural sites. Travelers must be able to step into and out of low, narrow boats without assistance. Embarkation may involve steep or shifting riverbanks, depending on water levels and local conditions.

Certain requests may be subject to availability, local regulations, or operational limitations. Advance notice allows us to explore options and communicate any restrictions that may affect your tour.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at the time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

While this tour is appropriate for travelers that require some mobility assistance devices, river cruises cannot accommodate travelers on wheelchairs or with restricted mobility due to gangway access, mooring requirements, and lack of elevator accessibility to every deck of the ship.

When traveling in Southeast Asia, you will encounter full days of sightseeing, frequently in warm temperatures.

When traveling along the Mekong River, you will encounter some full days of sightseeing in warm to hot temperatures and high humidity. Midday temperatures can range from 68-95 degrees Fahrenheit (20-35 degrees Celsius), with humidity levels 70% and above.

There is one long transfer day with approximately 4 hours or more of driving, including stops, as you transfer from Kampong Cham to Siem Reap.

There is one internal flight on this tour. Schedule changes may impact the tour schedule and require early/late departures and reorganization of inclusions.

Personal audio devices (headsets) are not included on this tour.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by the observance of religious or local holidays.

Cabins are available on both the main and upper decks. River cruises are smaller ships and only have a limited number of each cabin category available. These cabin categories are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate your cabin choice at the time of reservation, however, if that cabin category is no longer available, the closest available category will be offered. Please inquire through our Client Care Center for any upgrade fees which will apply for different cabin categories. The entry level cabin is a Junior Suite, with upgrades available to Saigon Suites, Apsara Suites, Tonle Suites, and Angkor Suites.

Suites are very limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Single accommodations are extremely limited. Single rate subject to change based on availability. Triple accommodations are not available.

The Mekong Princess does not have an elevator and will require climbing stairs to access rooms and common areas.

If you have dietary restrictions or food allergies, please notify us at the time of booking. While we do our best to accommodate requests, options may be limited and cannot be guaranteed.

Meals are prepared in shared kitchens, and we cannot guarantee they will be free from cross-contamination.

International travel may present challenges as menus reflect local tastes, and alternative diets may not be widely understood. Group meals typically feature pre-fixed menus designed to suit a variety of travelers.

Smaller coaches, which may not be lavatory-equipped, may be used on this tour. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.

To complete your tour, we include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

If you've booked your own air, we kindly ask that you provide your full flight schedule. This helps us coordinate any additional services you may have purchased, such as hotel transfers, and ensures your Tour Manager knows when to expect your arrival. It also allows us to stay in touch in case of any emergencies.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please ensure your round-trip flights align with your tour itinerary, as scheduled activities may occur on arrival and departure days.

If you have chosen our **air-inclusive tour package**, you've opted for us to handle your air travel from your home to the destination and back.

For travelers transiting via Europe, an additional overnight flight will be required. Day rooms or overnight stays can be arranged for a cost upon request.

Please be advised, many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Due to internal flight restrictions, your checked bag must weigh no more than 44 pounds (20 kilograms).

Due to tour scheduling, return flights should not be scheduled prior to 8:00 p.m.

An internal flight is required in order to participate on this tour and is included in the final price, quoted at time of booking.

Prepaid tipping is not available on our tours therefore payment of customary end-of-trip gratuities for your Tour Manager, driver, hotel housekeepers, and cruise ship waitstaff should be handled individually when applicable during the course of your tour.

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Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Travel Requirements:

Passports and visas are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

VISAS ARE REQUIRED for this tour at your expense. The approximate cost for a one-month **MULTIPLE ENTRY VIETNAM VISA** is \$50 US Dollars and **MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE**. To enter Vietnam, you will need 1 blank page in your passport. You can obtain the visa for Cambodia while on board the ship. The cost is approximately \$50 US Dollars, and two complete blank pages are required in your passport along with one passport photo. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from the date of return home. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority.

We will provide all necessary information, updates, and supporting documents for your travel requirements, including visa and Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETAs), if required, approximately 60-90 days prior to your departure.

Vietnam has introduced a Digital Pre-Arrival Card, an online immigration declaration that replaces the traditional paper arrival form. Travelers must complete this form before arriving in Ho Chi Minh City. The form must be submitted within 72 hours (3 days) prior to your arrival. Please complete your Digital Arrival Card at the official government website: <https://prearrival.immigration.gov.vn>

Each traveler is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal physician for specific details on the destinations you are traveling to and from.

Please be aware that if your flight schedule is via Dubai or if you are stopping over in Dubai and are carrying narcotic drugs, controlled or semi-controlled drugs, then you will be required to complete an electronic form prior to entering the country, to obtain approval to carry medication. Please use the link <https://mohap.gov.ae/en/w/approve-emergency-drugs-and-psychotropic-materials> to view the guidelines. A user's guide is available to explain the application and the supporting documents required. For regular prescription or over-the-counter medication, no prior approval is necessary.

A deposit of \$898 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of February 21, 2027 are based upon availability. Final payment due by November 28, 2027. Deposits are refundable up until February 28, 2027.

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TRAVELERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made. *Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities. Internationally, a great deal of walking may be necessary to fully enjoy the destination. Travelers should be in good health and must be able to walk reasonable distances. In some areas, travelers may be required to walk on uneven ground, cobblestone streets or raised thresholds.

****To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom. The cruise company may take appropriate action against someone who has reserved or purchased such a stateroom fraudulently. Action may include but is not limited to removal from the stateroom to a non-accessible accommodation up to denial of boarding.***

Reservation # _____

Name: _____ Male or Female (circle one)

Are you traveling with a wheelchair? Yes No

If you answer “YES”

- Does your wheelchair collapse? Yes No
- Can you stand and climb steps to board the coach without it? Yes No
- Are you capable of lifting your own wheelchair? Yes No

If you are not capable of lifting your own wheelchair who will provide assistance?

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your wheelchair:

Height _____ Length _____ Width _____

Are you traveling with a walker? Yes No

If you answer “YES”

- Does your walker collapse? Yes No

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your walker:

Width _____ Height _____ Length _____

Tour Managers and drivers do not provide assistance lifting, pushing or carrying wheelchairs or walkers. Motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

Are you requesting any hotel room accommodations? Yes No

If “YES” Please indicate if one or more of the following is required in the washroom.

- Walk-in shower Yes No
- Grab bars Yes No
- Raised toilet seat Yes No

Please provide any details in reference to the nature of your request.

Most hotel rooms that can accommodate the request will be equipped with only 1 bed.

Do you understand and accept? Yes No

Collette cannot guarantee the availability of such rooms as many hotels have a limited number of rooms that are equipped with the above accommodations.

Are you traveling with an oxygen tank? Yes No

If you answer “YES”

- You must contact the airline directly to arrange transportation of the oxygen on the plane. Oxygen requests vary by airline and location and can take up to 2 weeks to request.
- You are responsible for supplying your own electrical cords, and converters as needed.

This form must be remitted within 14 days of receipt for any special needs accommodation request.

Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities and motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

The Americans with Disabilities Act only applies in the United States. Many international destinations cannot accommodate passengers’ requests. Collette will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but we cannot guarantee that all requests will be honored on international destinations.

Collette also regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member with special needs for walking, dining, or other special personal needs. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable and totally responsible for the assistance.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature: _____

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Tour: _____ Reservation # _____

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