



THE SOLO CRUISE COMPANY

MEKONG RIVER

Date	Price	Ship	Climate
Sept. 28th - Oct. 13th, 2024	15 days from €10,586	AmaDara	Humid, 24 - 32°C

Sept. 28th

Arrival in Ho Chi Minh City

Upon arrival at Ho Chi Minh Airport, you will be met and assisted to your car for your private transfer to the hotel.

Ho Chi Minh City (formerly known as Saigon) is the former capital of Indochina and was once known as the "Paris of the Orient." Today it is an industrial, cultural, and educational hub.

This is a city full of energy, vibrancy, and an incredible population that always seems to be on the move, all at once! And front and centre of everything in Ho Chi Minh City is food. It has probably the very best food scene of any city in the world, and you must experience it. Ask the concierge to direct you to a wonderful snack and a cup of the famous traditional Vietnamese coffee—hot, strong, and sweet (made with condensed milk), it's delicious!

Evening:

In the early evening, we will meet in the hotel bar for cocktails and canapés where you will have the opportunity to meet your Solo Cruise Company Concierge Host who will be travelling with you on the entire journey.

Sept. 29th

Ho Chi Minh City

Morning:

After breakfast, you will head off to explore famous landmarks such as the former Presidential Palace, the Central Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the War Remnants Museum, taking in the sights, sounds, and smells of this incredible, vibrant city.

Afternoon:

In the afternoon, visit the Chu Chi Tunnels, an immense underground network built during the Vietnam War. Spend the remainder of your afternoon at leisure exploring more of Ho Chi Minh City.

Evening:

This evening, we have a wonderful “Welcome dinner” arranged for you at one of the city’s “must-dine” restaurants. Anan Saigon is Ho Chi Minh’s only one Michelin star restaurant, and Chef Peter Choung Franklin takes Vietnamese street food and elevates it to Michelin cuisine. We’ll start with cocktails on the rooftop and then indulge in Chef Peter’s Tasting Menu.

Meals:

Breakfast/Dinner

Sept. 30th

Ho Chi Minh City. Embark AmaDara

This morning, we’ll visit the famous Ben Thanh Market—one of the oldest and most iconic structures in Ho Chi Minh City—before we head from Ho Chi Minh City to My Tho Port to embark on the beautiful AmaDara river ship.

Meals:

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Oct. 1st

Cai Be and Sa Dec

Once ashore in Sa Dec, explore the town where French writer Marguerite Duras spent many years in her youth. Visit a vibrant local market and the Cao Dai Temple, home to the unique Caodaiism religion in Southern Vietnam—a fusion of Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Confucianism. You’ll also have the chance to visit candy and rice paper making workshops, or opt for an active walking tour to the historic Kiet Old House.

Meals:

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Oct. 2nd

Tan Chau and Border Crossing

Enjoy a visit to Tan Chau, a small Mekong River town unspoiled by tourism. Experience authenticity on a traditional “xeloï” (trishaw) ride around the town, with stops at silk-making and rattan mat workshops. Alternatively, opt for the trishaw ride with visits to craftsmen’s workshops, followed by an active walking tour to “Evergreen Island.” As a third alternative, explore the stunning Mekong Delta on an intimate tour through Vietnam’s Tra Su Forest and Sanctuary.

This region thrives in lush greenery, encompassing majestic cajuput trees, lotuses, water lilies, and a carpet of bright green moss in the rainy season, appearing to glow as you gently drift through it. Glide by sampan through this diverse ecosystem, home to more than 70 bird species, including the painted stork and oriental darter. Later in the day, cruise onward on the Mekong River as your ship crosses the border into Vietnam.

*Please Note: Tra Su Forest visit is capacity controlled.

Meals:

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Oct. 3rd

Phnom Penh

This morning’s excursion takes you to Cambodia’s infamous Killing Fields and the Khmer Rouge’s grim Tuol Sleng S21 detention centre (Genocide Museum). After lunch on board, explore the highlights of the city, followed by a visit to the Royal Palace, the spectacular Silver Pagoda, and the National Museum, which boasts an outstanding collection of Khmer crafts.

Alternatively, you may wish to shop for unique treasures at the bustling, yellow-coloured Central Market after your visit to the Royal Palace.

Meals:

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Oct. 4th

Oknhatey Village - Phnom Penh - Oudong - Kampong - Tralach

Today, your cruise continues to sail to Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia. The morning excursion takes you to Oudong, Cambodia's former royal capital from the early 17th century until 1866. Today, Oudong is a place of pilgrimage for Cambodians. While here, be treated to a memorable Buddhist Blessing Ceremony at a monastery. You may walk around Oudong's monastery or take an active walking tour to see panoramic views of the Oudong plain.

After visiting Oudong, enjoy a truly authentic excursion – an oxcart ride through a local village, Kampong Tralach. Later in the day, experience Phnom Penh via a tuk-tuk ride and be enchanted by the city's French Colonial architecture and tree-lined boulevards set amidst monumental Angkorian architecture. Alternatively, continue your visit to Wat Phnom, a famous landmark of Phnom Penh. After returning to the ship, enjoy Khmer folk dancing performed by local children in the Saigon Lounge.

Meals:

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Oct. 5th

Oknhatey Village

After visiting here, the ship sails onwards to Angkor Ban.

Oknhatey, or "Silk Island," is located on the lush banks of the Mekong River. This island is known for its rich tradition of silk weaving. While here, you'll visit a local elementary school and observe traditional silk weaving, an art that has been preserved for centuries. Your ship moors in Oknhatey village.

Meals:

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Oct. 6th

Angkor Ban - Kampong Cham

During the morning, embark on a walking tour to Angkor Ban, one of the few villages in Cambodia that survived the Khmer Rouge regime in the 1970s. Here, people live in traditional wooden abodes, preserving old cultural traditions. Hundreds of wooden houses stand on stilts, shaded by banana trees, amid the daily agricultural activities of the local villagers.

In the afternoon, the ship sails to Kampong Cham, with an excursion to Wat Nokor, a treasured monument within the ancient complex of Banteay Prey Nokor, showcasing a fascinating mix of old and new architecture.

End the day with a festive Farewell Dinner on board.

Oct. 7th

Kampong Cham - Disembarkation - Siem Reap

Transfer from the ship via motor-coach to Siem Reap, the gateway to the Angkor Archaeological Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore nearby Ta Prohm, renowned as the "Kingdom of the Trees" due to the intertwining of temple stones with thick vegetation.

Meals:

Breakfast/Dinner

Oct. 8th

Siem Reap - Angkor

Commence your morning exploration of the temple complex at Angkor Wat, the most iconic of all Angkorian temples, constructed by King Suryavarman II in the early 12th century to honour the Hindu god, Vishnu.

You can choose an "early riser" tour to witness the colour changes of Angkor Wat with the natural sunlight or opt for a "late riser" tour for a more leisurely morning at your beautiful hotel.

In the afternoon, embark on an excursion to the captivating jewel in the crown of Angkorian art, Banteay Srei, meaning "Citadel of Women." It is said that the carvings are too fine to have been done by the hand of man. In the evening, enjoy a special "Apsara Dancing Show" at your hotel, featuring local Cambodian/Khmer folk dancers.

Meals:

Breakfast/Dinner

Oct. 9th

Siem Reap - Angkor Thom - Bali

After breakfast, you will transfer to the airport for your Singapore Airlines flight to Singapore and onward to the beautiful "Island of the Gods" – stunning Bali.

Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your home for the next 4 nights, The Ritz-Carlton Bali, located on its own stunning private beach in Nusa Dua.

The Ritz-Carlton, Bali is a luxurious resort situated on a stunning cliff-top and beachside setting. Enjoy tranquil views over the azure waters of the Indian Ocean, indulge in an idyllic romantic, family, or business interlude. The resort offers six stunning dining venues, an indulgent and exotic marine-inspired Spa, complimentary WiFi, and a daily schedule of recreational activities, coupled with refreshments served every hour by the pool.

Meals:

Breakfast

Oct. 10th -
Oct. 13th

Nusa Dua, Bali

It's time to unwind in the beautiful Balinese sunshine and enjoy a few relaxing days of "me" time. After an adventurous journey along the Mekong River, Vietnam, and Cambodia, take a break, soak up the sun on the beach or by the pool, explore Bali's renowned artisan shops for exceptional leatherwork, fabrics, silver-work, and carving, or indulge in a spa retreat.

At The Solo Cruise Company, we prioritise flexibility and choice. Over these three days, tailor your time as you wish. We've curated a selection of half-day experiences for you to choose from, allowing you to pick up to four during your Nusa Dua stay. Whether you prefer morning or afternoon excursions or want to spend the entire day sightseeing, the choice is yours.

Before your departure, we'll share a list of excursions for you to prebook, limited to a maximum of two today, subject to operational times. Due to capacity constraints, we may need to adjust timings or reverse excursions, and your Concierge Host at The Ritz-Carlton Bali will be available for assistance throughout your stay, helping with dining and spa reservations.

We've also arranged dinners on two evenings, with your Concierge Host providing full details.

Meals:

Daily breakfast & two dinners

Oct. 13th

Nusa Dua, Bali and Connecting Flights Home

Later today, we will begin our private car or van transfers to the airport, aligned with your departure flights throughout the day.

Ensuring your comfort until the last moment, if you have an afternoon or evening flight, your hotel room will be at your disposal until 6:00 pm.

Meals:

Breakfast

Your Concierge Host, alongside our local airport hosts, will be available for assistance before departure and during airport check-in.

Though farewells are never easy, we want to express our gratitude at The Solo Cruise Company for choosing to travel with us. You've become a cherished part of our unique family of travellers. We sincerely hope your journey was not only enjoyable and enlightening but that you've gained special friendships. We eagerly anticipate welcoming you back on your next voyage of discovery.

Included

- *Services of our Concierge Host throughout your entire journey*
- *7-day Magic of the Mekong river cruise onboard Ama Dara*
- *2-nights pre cruise hotel accommodation in Ho Chi Minh City*
- *Private car transfer airport to hotel on arrival*
- *2-nights post cruise accommodation in Siem Reap*
- *Economy class flight from Siem Reap to Denpasar, Bali*
- *3-nights luxury accommodation in Das Cataratas (Iguazu Falls)*
- *Spa treatments as noted in the itinerary*
- *Multiple experiences and excursions as noted in the itinerary*
- *Private car & group transfers as noted in the itinerary*

Excluded

- *Long-haul intercontinental flights to Manaus and from Rio de Janeiro*
- *Airline luggage charges in excess of one 23kg checked bag*
- *Visa fees*
- *Comprehensive travel insurance*
- *Meals & beverages not mentioned in the itinerary*
- *Laundry & dry cleaning services*
- *Items of a personal nature*
- *Credit card fees if paying by Visa, Mastercard or American Express*

Further Details

- *Minimum age is 55 years.*
- *This journey contains some active elements, including walks over uneven terrain and labour-intensive activities.*
- *Specific regarding booking and terms can be found in the [Terms & Conditions](#), the [Privacy Policy](#), or by contacting support@solocruisecompany.com.*

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