

Vietnam, Cambodia and the Riches of the Mekong

(Includes 5-night land pre-cruise, 7-night river cruise, and 2-night land post-cruise)

September 2 - 17, 2014

Pricing:

Cat C (Porthole) - \$5,850

Cat B (Balcony) - \$6,050

Cat A (Balcony) - \$6,250

From tranquil fishing villages to bustling urban streets, a Mekong river cruise provides a unique opportunity to experience one of the most exotic regions of the world. Enjoy a 7-night cruise on AmaWaterways' *AmaLotus* riverboat with a 5-night land program before the cruise and a 2-night land program after the cruise.

Vietnam has friendly people, stunning natural beauty, and a rich cultural legacy. Your journey begins in Hanoi, which offers a compelling juxtaposition of past and present, East and West. Visit small rural villages, temples, and traditional handicraft workshops. Conclude your voyage in Ho Chi Minh City, once known as the "Pearl of the Orient" and more recently as Saigon, a place that has witnessed an extraordinary rebirth over the past half century.

Cambodia is an incomparable treasure trove of architectural wonders and verdant landscapes. Your introduction to Cambodia begins in Siem Reap, at the spectacular Angkor Archaeological Park which has tantalized travelers since a 19th century naturalist first discovered it. After three nights in this magical locale, embark upon a week-long cruise that features bird watching at Tonle Sap Lake, a visit to a Buddhist monastery, an oxcart ride down a scenic country road, opportunities to sample exotic fruits and local delicacies, and an excursion to Cambodia's infamous Killing Fields.

Features Include:

- *Airfare from Kansas City
- *Two nights hotel accommodation in Hanoi
- *Three nights hotel accommodation in Siem Reap
- *Seven nights deluxe cruise accommodation
- *Life-enriching tours and excursions (see Itinerary)
- *Fine dining with all meals included during your cruise
- *During the cruise, free-flowing wine with every lunch and dinner and complimentary local beer, house-brand spirits and soft drinks
- *Meals as shown on the itinerary, including 14 breakfasts, 8 lunches, and 9 dinners
- *Two nights hotel accommodation in Ho Chi Minh
- *All transfers with the purchase of cruise and air package
- *Port charges of \$133
- *Motorcoach transportation between Washburn and Kansas City airport

Not Included:

- *United States Passport Fees
- *Customary gratuities to the local guides, interpreters, drivers and cruise personnel
- *Meals other than those mentioned above
- *Vietnam visa fees of \$200 and Cambodian visa fees of \$28 per person
- *Items of a personal nature, such as alcoholic and soft drinks, except on river cruise; or souvenirs
- *Travel Insurance



Tentative and Abbreviated Day-to-Day Itinerary

Day 1, Tuesday September 2

TOPEKA – KANSAS CITY – Overnight flight

A private deluxe motorcoach will transport the group from Washburn University to Kansas City International Airport for your flight to Hanoi, Vietnam.

Overnight flight

Day 2, Wednesday September 3

ARRIVE HANOI

Welcome to Hanoi, Vietnam's Capital city, known for its graceful colonial architecture, frenetic streets, verdant parks and temples. After checking into your hotel, the remainder of the day is yours to explore on your own.

Overnight: Sofitel Legend Metropole, Hanoi or similar



Day 3, Thursday September 4

HANOI (B)

Full day of city tours. A morning sightseeing tour will take you to some of Hanoi's most famous historical and cultural sites, including the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Ba Dinh Square, One-Pillar Pagoda and The Temple of Literature. You will also visit the infamous prison that American POWs sarcastically dubbed the "Hanoi Hilton" during the Vietnam War.

In the afternoon, experience an authentic ricksaw ride (known as "cyclo") in the Old Quarter, followed by a traditional water puppet show.

Overnight: Sofitel Legend Metropole, Hanoi or similar



Day 4, Friday September 5

HANOI / SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA (B,D)

This morning is free for you to explore the city on your own. In the afternoon, a short flight will take you to Siem Reap in Cambodia, the gateway to Angkor, the former capital of the Khmer empire and one of the most renowned archeological sites in all of Southeast Asia.

Tonight you will be treated to a special Apsara Dancing Show at your hotel, featuring local Cambodian / Khmer folk dancers.



Overnight: Sofitel Angkor Phokeenthra Golf and Spa Resort (or similar)

Day 5, Saturday September 6

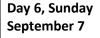
SIEM REAP / ANKOR (B,D)

After breakfast, begin a guided sightseeing tour of the Angkor Archaeological Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Highlights include Angkor Thom, the newly restored Baphuon Temple, Terrace of the Elephants, Terrace of the Leper King and Bayon.

This afternoon, travel through the rural countryside to visit the pink sandstone temple of Banteay Srei, known as the shrine of the

women. Afterwards, visit the English-language school sponsored by AmaWaterways in the village of Ta Toum.

Overnight: Sofitel Angkor Phokeenthra Golf and Spa Resort (or similar)



SIEM REAP/ (B)

After breakfast visit the most iconic of all Angkorian temples – Angkor Wat, one of the world's greatest architectural achievements which has tantalized travelers since a 19th century naturalist first discovered it. The world's largest religious temple complex was built in the early 12th century by the Khmer King Suryavarman II and dedicated to the Hindu god Vishnu. You will visit Ta Prohm, the temple famous for its intertwined trees, showcased in the film *Tomb Raider*.



The remainer of the day is at your leisure.

Overnight: Sofitel Angkor Phokeenthra Golf and Spa Resort (or similar)

Day 7, Monday September 8

SIEM REAP / AMALOTUS SHIP (B,L,D)

Today you will board your luxurious river cruise ship, AmaLotus moored at Tonle Sap Lake, the great lake that has dominated Cambodia and its people for centuries. It is known for its profuse bird life and tranquil fishing villages. Meet your fellow travelers at a Welcome Dinner as the ship cruises to Kampong Chhnang.

Overnight: AmaLotus



Day 8, Tuesday September 9

AMALOTUS SHIP - KAMPONG CHHNANG / KAMPONG TRALACH / OUDONG (B,L,D)

After breakfast, a local boat will take you into the lakeside wetlands that form the mouth of the Tonle Sap River. Enjoy the stunning variety of bird life here, and be on the lookout for the traps used to catch fish in this area – some are over a half-mile long!

After returning to the ship and cruising to Kampong Tralach, you will have a truly memorable afternoon excursion, an oxcart ride from the river bank through the countryside to the beautiful Wat Kampong Tralach Pleu. Tour the pagodas, and then board a motorcoach to Oudong, the former capital of Cambodia, where you will tour the Buddhist monastery. After the visit, your motorcoach will take you to your vessel, which will cruise towards the village of Chong Koh.



Overnight: AmaLotus

Day 9, Wednesday, September 10

AMALOTUS SHIP – CHONG KOH / PHNOM PENH (B,L,D)

This morning, take a leisurely walk to the Chong Koh silk-weaving village. Later, your ship will depart for Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, where an afternoon walking tour will give you a wonderful introduction to the city.

Return to the ship for dinner and an onboard Khmer folk performance presented by local children. The vessel moors overnight in Phnom Penh.

Overnight: AmaLotus

Day 10, Thursday September 11

AMALOTUS SHIP - PHNOM PENH (B,L,D)

A morning tour explores the highlights of the city, famous for its French colonial architecture, vibrant nightlife and renovated river "corniche." Visit the Royal Palace and the spectacular Silver Pagoda, with it floors covered with silver tiles, an Emerald Buddha made of crystal, and another made of gold and decorated with thousands of diamonds.

The National Museum is another highlight, which has an outstanding collection of Khmer crafts. After lunch on board, you will take an afternoon excursion to Cambodia's infamous Killing Fields, and also visit the Khmer Rouge's grim Tuol Sleng S21 detention centre (Genocide Museum) just outside the city.

An overnight on the waterfront provides an opportunity to dine on your own in one of the many nearby restaurants, if you so choose.

Overnight: AmaLotus

Day 11, Friday, September 12

AMALOTUS SHIP – PHNOM PENH / TAN CHAU (B,L,D)

Spend the day cruising the Mekong River and crossing the border into Vietnam. Your vessel moors at the small town of Tan Chau, Vietnam.

Overnight: AmaLotus

Day 12, Saturday, September 13

AMALOTUS SHIP – TAN CHAU / SA DEC (B,L,D)

Today, you will take a small local boat, which will navigate through narrow channels to visit an evergreen island and a catfish farm. Later, you will see the sights of Tan Chau from the unique vantage point of a traditional "xe-loi" (trishaw), which will transport you to a silk-making workshop and one that makes rattan mats and slippers, and then return you to the ship. This afternoon, your ship cruises downstream to Sa Dec, where it will moor overnight.

Overnight: AmaLotus

Day 13, Sunday, September 14

AMALOTUS SHIP – SA DEC / XEO QUYT / CAI BE (B,L,D)

In the morning board a local boat for Sa Dec. Once ashore, you will tour the town where French writer Marguerite Duras spent many years in her youth. Visit a local market, Fijian Temple and the house of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, Duras' Chinese paramour, now a small museum. Afterwards, board a motor coach for Xeo Quyt, once used as an army base during the Vietnam War and now an important ecological site with its jungle overgrowth.



After lunch on board, a local boat will take you to Cai Be's spectacular floating market, a lively and colorful scene with natives peddling a variety of goods amidst a traffic jam of sampans. You will also have an opportunity to visit candy and rice paper workshops. This evening, enjoy a festive Farewell Dinner on board.

Overnight: AmaLotus

Day 14, Monday September 15

AMALOTUS SHIP - HO CHI MINH CITY (B,L)

Your cruise comes to an end as the ship docks at My Tho Port, followed by a transfer to nearby Ho Chi Minh City (still affectionately referred to by locals as Saigon). This former capital of Indochina was once known as "Paris of the Orient." Today, Vietnam's largest city is an industrial, cultural and educational hub, but still retains vestiges of its colonial past. Upon your arrival, enjoy a city tour that explores such famous landmarks as the former Presidential Palace, the Central Post



Office, Notre Dame Cathedral, Cho Lon (China Town) and the Thien Hau pagoda. You will also visit the war Remnants Museum, one of the city's most popular tourist attractions, known for its vast collection of artifacts from the Vietnam War.

Overnight: Sheraton Saigon Hotel or similar

Day 15, Tuesday September 16	HO CHI MINH CITY (B)
	Today is free to explore Ho Chi Minh City on your own, perhaps venturing to nearby shops and markets for mementos of your Southeast Asia odyssey.
	Overnight: Sheraton Saigon Hotel or similar
Day 16,	HO CHI MINH CITY / TOPEKA (B)
Wednesday	
September 17	Depart Ho Chi Minh City for your flight home.
	In Kansas City, a private deluxe motorcoach will meet the group outside the baggage claim area to take you to Topeka's Washburn University.
	WELCOME HOME!!

Terms and Conditions:

Deposit and Full Payment - To confirm a reservation(s), each individual group tour member must complete a reservation application form including the name(s), address, telephone numbers, and passport information, etc., and forward a deposit of \$400 per person to Travel Leaders, 4104 West 6th Street, Suite A, Lawrence, KS 66049. Final payment is due no later than Friday, May 23, 2014. Deposits can be made by credit card. Final payment can be made by either cash or check.

Please Note - The features and prices* outlined are based on a minimum number of full-paying passengers participating in the program. Costs are subject to change pending any currently unforeseen increases in existing tariffs and/or currency exchange rates, government taxes, or airline fuel surcharges. \$1,700 per person has been allocated for airfare, international taxes and fuel surcharges.

Cancellation - Because of their immense popularity, river cruises have a very stringent cancellation policy; thus the need to work so far in advance. Prior to Friday, September 13, 2013, all deposits are fully refundable. Cancellation requests must be in writing. After Friday, September 13, 2013 up to and including Friday, April 25, 2014 there is a \$200 per person cancellation fee. After Friday, April 25, 2014 up to and including Friday, May 23, 2014, a \$400 per person cancellation fee. After Friday, May 23, 2014 and up to and including Friday, June 27, 2014, a \$2,200 per person cancellation fee. After Friday, June 27, 2014, any cancellation or a "no show" during this cruise/tour program will be subject to a 100% cancellation fee.

Travel Insurance - Travel insurance is highly recommended as extra protection for Accident/Medical/Sickness, Baggage and Personal Possessions, Trip Cancellation and Interruption. Please contact your Travel Leaders travel agent for more information.

Documentation - All United States citizens are required to have a U.S. Passport with at least six (6) months validity remaining upon arrival back in the United States. The cost of the U.S. Passport is not included in the cruise price and is the responsibility of each participant on the tour. Visas are required for entry into both Vietnam and Cambodia. A multi-entry visa for Vietnam is required and must be obtained prior to leaving the United States for a cost of approximately \$200. Travel Leaders can assist group members in obtaining a Vietnamese visa. Cambodian visas can be obtained at the airport upon arrival in Cambodia for a fee of about \$28 and two (2) passport photos. **The cost of visas for Vietnam and Cambodia are the responsibility of each tour member and are not included in the tour cost.**

Not Included - Meals other than those specified; items purely of a personal nature such as laundry, room service, sightseeing tours and excursions, customary gratuities to local guides, motorcoach drivers and cruise personnel, activities not specified as included in the tour price, and any applicable airline luggage fees.

Responsibility - This tour program is under the management of Travel Leaders of Lawrence, KS and the Washburn University Alumni who act only as agents for the passenger and, therefore, accept no responsibility in whole or in part for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity which may be occasioned either by reason or defect, through the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passengers or carrying out arrangements of the tour, or as a direct or indirect result of acts of God, or dangerous incident due to fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of governments or authorities, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, theft, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, medical, or customs regulation.

Reservation Form

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Passport Name			DOB		
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Yes, we (I) would like to confirm o	our reservation with our (my) depos	it of \$400 per p	erson enclosed	d.	
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