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Join hosts Dave Forehand and Stephan Pyles on this once-in-a-lifetime MEKONG RIVER CRUISE — VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA —



JANUARY 20, 2020 | ONBOARD AMAWATERWAYS' AMADARA

**7 NIGHT CRUISE FROM
HO CHI MINH CITY (VIETNAM) TO SIEM REAP (CAMBODIA)
Plus 2 nights pre-cruise in Ho Chi Minh City
and 2 nights post-cruise in Siem Reap
From \$4796* per person double**



YOUR SPECIAL HOSTS FOR THIS VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY



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Founding father of
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STEPHAN PYLES



FROM HO CHI MINH CITY TO SIEM REAP

DAY 1 EMBARKATION

Transfer from Ho Chi Minh City and board the AmaDara at My Tho Port. Meet your fellow travelers at a Welcome Dinner as the ship cruises to Cai Be.

DAY 2 CAI BE

Take a local boat to Cai Be. You will have an opportunity to visit candy and rice paper making workshops. Later in the day, journey to Sa Dec, a sprawling town on the Mekong Delta, where French writer Marguerite Duras spent part of her youth. You will visit the colorful market, Cao Dai Temple and the house of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, Duras' Chinese paramour, which her prize-winning novel, "The Lover," is said to be based on.

DAY 3 TAN CHAU

Enjoy a visit to Tan Chau, a small Mekong River town unspoiled by tourism. Be treated to an authentic experience on a traditional "xe-loi" (trishaw) ride around the town, with stops at silk-making and rattan mat workshops, followed by a boat ride through the narrow channels of the Mekong River to "Evergreen Island." Alternatively, take a boat ride to Evergreen Island and return to Tan Chau, where you will visit a rattan mat workshop. Later in the day, cruise to the Cambodian border en route to Phnom Penh.

DAY 4 PHNOM PENH

This morning's excursion takes you to Cambodia's infamous Killing Fields and the Khmer Rouge's grim Tuol Sleng S21 detention center (Genocide Museum). Alternatively, you may wish to shop for unique treasures at the bustling Central Market. 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. After returning to the ship, enjoy Khmer folk dancing performed by local children in the Saigon Lounge.

DAY 5 OUDONG

Visit 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. In Kampong Tralach, you will enjoy an oxcart ride through a local village along the river bank. 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.

DAY 6 OKNHATEY VILLAGE

In the morning, set sail for Oknhatey Village. Oknhatey is the "Silk Island," located on the lush banks of the Mekong River and known for its rich tradition of silk weaving. You will visit a local elementary school and observe the traditional silk weaving of handicrafts. Your cruise continues to sail to Kampong Cham.

DAY 7 ANGKOR BAN

Go on a walking tour 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 their old cultural traditions alive. Hundreds of wooden houses stand intact on stilts, shaded with banana trees, among the hustle and bustle of the daily agricultural on-going of the local villagers. After visiting here, the ship sets sail for Kampong Cham, where you will go on an afternoon excursion via motorcoach to the Twin Mountains, known as Phnom Pros and Phnom Srei.

DAY 8 KAMPONG CHAM

Your cruise concludes in Kampong Cham, where you disembark and motorcoach transfer to Siem Reap.

*Certain restrictions apply. From pricing is cruise only and does not include port fees or taxes.

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