

# Discover the Heart and Soul of the Southeast

Southeast Asia is one of the most magical regions on earth, best discovered through the small ship experience. Lotus offers a luxurious alternative to dig deep, blending exotic culture and tradition, religious sites and rural beauty along the Mekong River with innovative itineraries through Cambodia, Vietnam and also Laos from 2021.



# Vietnam and Cambodia

A journey of truly memorable experiences reflecting the people and history along the Mekong. Ancient temples of Angkor Wat, the spectacular Royal Palace in Phnom Penh, a water blessing by the monks of Wat Arang and the French architecture of the Opera House in Ho Chi Minh City are only a few highlights in our diverse and comprehensive itinerary which also includes sampan visits to rural riverine villages and colourful city markets. Guests will discover the incredible natural beauty of Vietnam

and Cambodia on this magnificent river cruise experience with Lotus.



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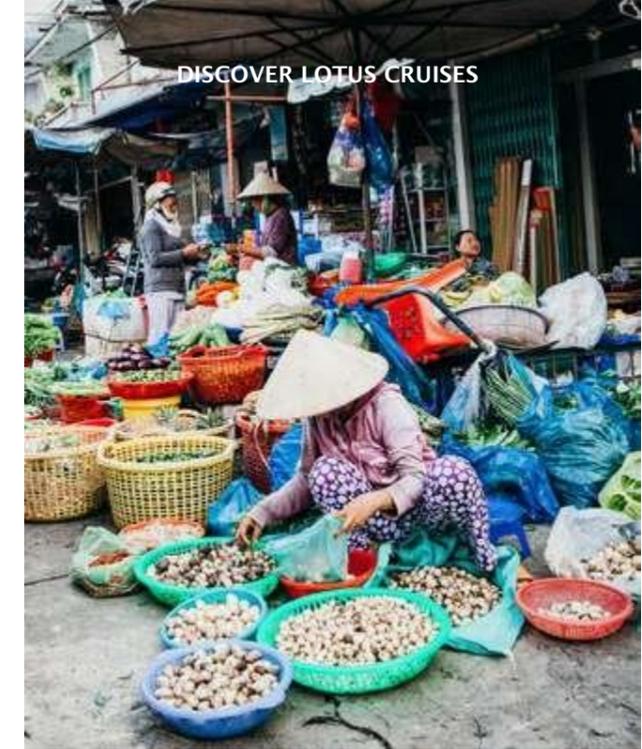
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CU LAO GIENG / LONG KHANH A ISLAND

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## Day 04

### BORDER CROSSING

After border formalities, relax and enjoy leisure time on the sundeck, in the lounge, library or wonderful La Vie spa until mooring close to the city of Phnom Penh late evening. Guests observe a fascinating transformation in the riverfront architecture. Exciting cultural activities will take place on board.

## Day 05

### PHNOM PENH

Guests will today learn more about the darkest days of Cambodian history and the harrowing loss and sadness that haunts its people. A 45-minute drive through countryside are the Choeung Ek killing fields where more than one million people were killed and buried in mass grave sites by the Khmer Rouge regime between 1975 and 1979. Walk through the fields, visit the small museum and buddhist memorial stupa and learn more about the atrocities committed during the Pol Pot's regime. Before returning to the ship there is a visit to the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum (also known as S-21), a former school that was converted to the main prison and torture headquarters of the Khmer Rouge.

Guests have the option to take the coach accompanied by their local guide from the port to the central market to explore the city of Phnom Penh in the afternoon, from shopping, dining at one of the many wonderful restaurants, to sightseeing around the city independently. Pre-dinner cultural entertainment is provided on the Sun Deck as guests enjoy a performance by local children of Aspara, the Khmer national dance and other traditional folk dances.



## Day 06

### PHNOM PENH

Breakfast is taken on board before guests are greeted at the pier by their appointed Tuk Tuk driver for an enchanting tour of the best sites in Phnom Penh. Guests are expertly pedalled along the riverfront to the Royal Palace which is the official residence of the King of Cambodia. Comprising several buildings, the main palace is an important symbol of the Kingdom set in beautifully manicured gardens. Guests stroll through the grounds to see the Throne Hall and Moonlight Pavilion, the famous Silver Pagoda, home of Cambodia's Emerald Buddha and Maitreya Buddha encrusted with more than 9,000 diamonds.

The city tour continues by Tuk Tuk to the National Museum, Cambodia's largest museum of cultural history with one of the world's largest collections of Khmer art and ceramics as well as Angkorian artifacts, excavated at the Angkor Temple complex in Siem Reap and further afield in Cambodia. In the afternoon, guests are free to further explore Phnom Penh on a variety of optional excursions at a small cost. Alternatively, guests can opt to go shopping or sample the city's vibrant restaurants and bars.



## Day 07

ANGKORBAN / WATHANCHEY /  
KAMPONG CHAM

The morning begins with a visit to the rural and charming village of Angkor Ban, with its stilted houses and grazing Brahim cows seeking the shade of a banana tree. Guests feel a sense of timelessness here, witnessing the rhythm of rural life. A visit is made to the home of a local family who discuss their lifestyle, then onto the local school to join children in their classroom and glimpse a typical school day. A leisurely stroll through the village back to the ship offers an opportunity to take photos of this place that time forgot. This walking route includes a brief stop at the local monastery before returning to the ship to sail further upstream to Wat Hanchey.



Guests begin the afternoon with a walk up the hill to Wat Hanchey a thriving religious complex of both Hindu and Buddhist temples with breathtaking panoramic views over the Mekong. There is the option to receive a traditional Buddhist Water Blessing from the monastery's resident monks. There are many outstanding stupas, temples, pagodas and statues worth exploring before descending all 303 steps when returning to the ship. For gentle walkers, there is a small coach provided for ascent and descent of the hill.

Before dinner guests gather on the Sun Deck for a farewell reception with all the crew followed by a Cambodian Farewell Dinner in Le Marche Dining Room.



## Day 08

DISEMBARKATION

Following breakfast the crew bid farewell as guests are invited to disembark for transfer from Kampong Cham to Siem Reap with a lunch stop, arriving early afternoon at the hotel in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

# 7 Nights Downstream

## Day 01

SIEM REAP / KAMPONG CHAM / EMBARKATION

In the afternoon, guests enjoy a scenic drive from Siem Reap to Kampong Cham, Cambodia with a stop for lunch en route, then embark the luxurious Mekong Navigator. As your downstream journey commences towards Kampong Cham, experience our cordial hospitality at a welcome reception and introduction to our friendly and professional crew who will present a safety briefing. In the evening a Cambodian themed dinner served in Le Marche Dining Room offers a cultural and innovative introduction to native cuisine.



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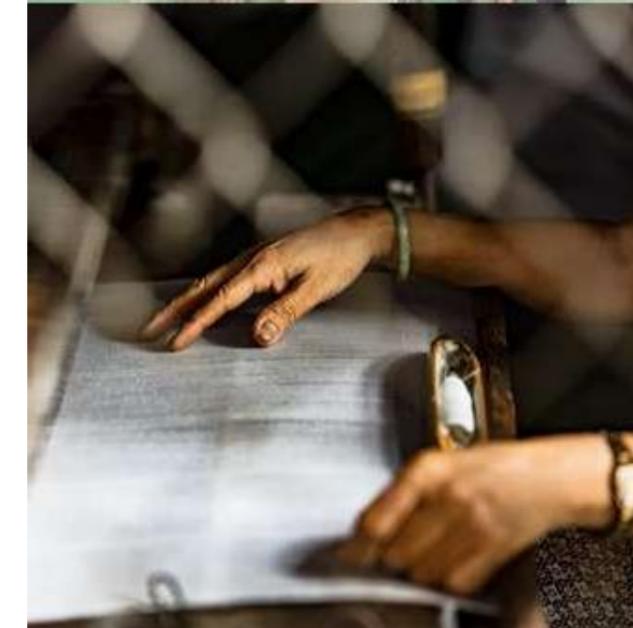
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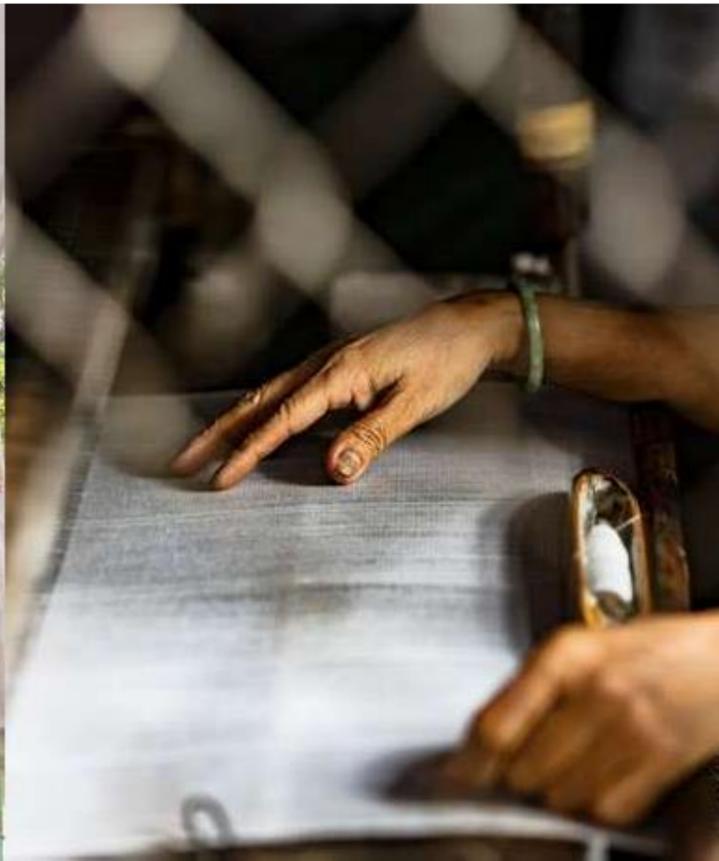


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# 4 Nights Downstream



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# Laos

Lotus Cruises invite you on a luxurious cultural adventure in Laos, navigating the Mekong River with its cities rich in French colonial influence, abundant flora and fauna and a glimpse into tribal life in rural cultures. A carefully tailored itinerary and dedicated guide ensure a deep insight into the raw beauty of Laos. With an authentic approach to luxury river travel, our boutique river ship offers romantic French colonial décor inspired by the spirited heritage of the region combined with elegant spacious suites with full modern facilities. Relax on the sun deck and watch the unfolding contrasts of riverine scenery as you cruise along the mighty Mekong River.



# Itineraries

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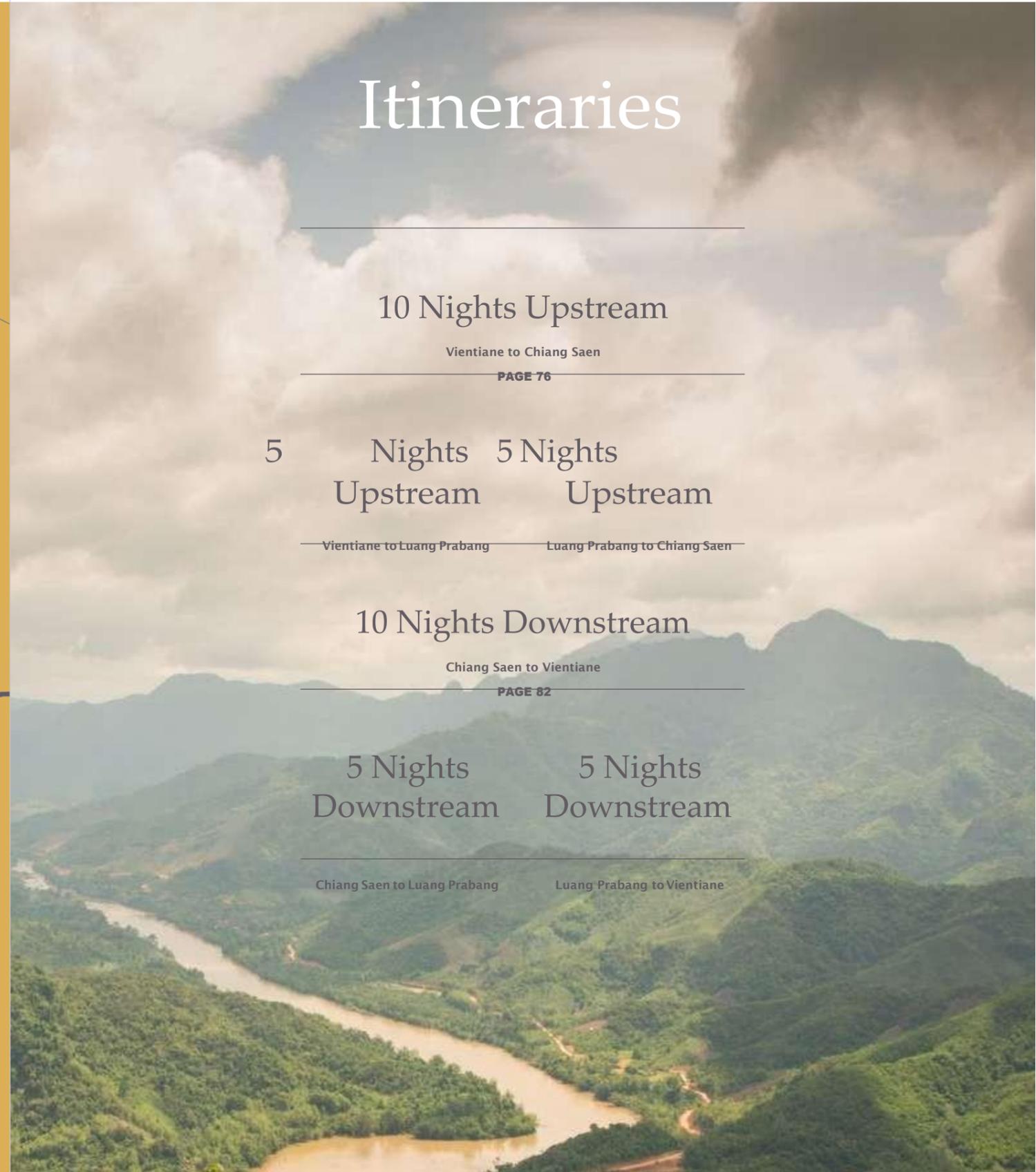
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# 10 Nights Upstream



## Day 01

### EMBARKATION AT VIENTIANE

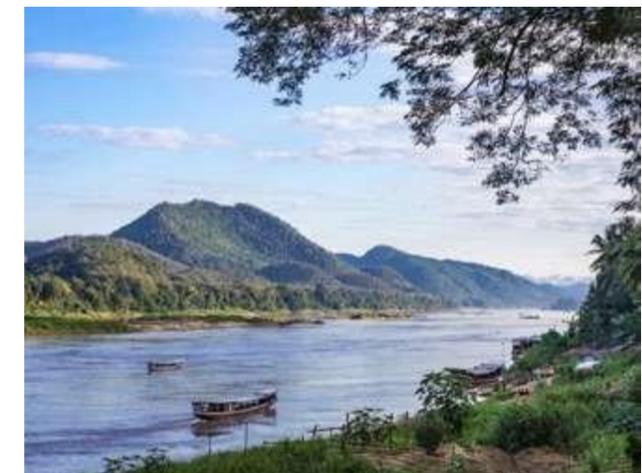
Embark for a welcome lunch onboard followed by a relaxed sightseeing experience of French-colonial architecture and Buddhist temples in this former French trading post, now capital of Laos. Vientiane is a peaceful city of tree-lined boulevards, steeped in historic shrines such as the riverside Buddhist temple, Wat Chanthaboury, with its enormous bronze seated Buddha. Hear the legend behind the golden Wat Si Muang Khmer temple, climb the Patuxay monument with its five towers which represent the five Buddhist principles of “consideration, flexibility, honesty, honour and prosperity”, and marvel at the most important Buddhist monument in Laos, the 16th century golden Pha That Luang. If you have the time and interest, explore the COPE Visitor Centre, an informative museum which highlights the ongoing impact from the Vietnam War. All proceeds support innovative projects in Laos.

Enjoy cocktails on the sundeck followed by dinner onboard, showcasing chef’s signature dishes combining local and international flavours as the ship meanders along the Mekong, stopping for the night just outside of Vientiane.

## Day 02

### VIENTIANE TO XANAMKHAN

Enjoy a day of cruising on this wide and scenic part of the Mekong River, rich in verdant jungle scenery with small villages scattered along the banks. On arrival at the village of Xanamkhan the ship will moor for overnight while guests relish in sunset cocktails followed by dinner on board.



## Day 03

### XANAMKHAN TO PAK LAY

After another day of stunning riverine scenery the ship stops at Pak Lay, a market town with a history as a French administrative centre. There are many beautiful colonial buildings. Overnight mooring will be close to Pak Lay.



## Day 04

### PAK LAY TO XAYABURI DAM

Set off for the quiet village of Ban Mouang to taste authentic Laotian life then guests are introduced to the stark contrast of the controversial run-of-river hydroelectric facility at Xayaburi Dam. Further upstream the ship will moor overnight.

## Day 05

### XAYABURI DAM TO KUANG SI WATERFALL

The ship continues its cruise upstream. Guests are taken by minibus to visit the spectacular turquoise waters of Kuang Si Falls where a relaxing picnic lunch is provided. The waterfall has 3 tiers leading to a 50-metre drop into shallow pools, before flowing downstream, with great swimming holes and jungle pools. There's further opportunity to savour the abundant flora and fauna at the nearby Kuang Si Butterfly Park (closed on Tuesdays). Stroll through the beautiful gardens populated with a colourful variety of butterflies. A relaxing evening on board the ship is welcome after a busy day of exploration. The ship moors overnight just beyond the access to the waterfall.



## Day 06

### KUANG SI WATERFALL TO LUANG PRABANG

Just a short sail to Luang Prabang allows plenty of time to discover the myriad of architectural, religious and cultural wonders of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Luang Prabang encompasses a multitude of Buddhist temples and royal palaces and travelling by tuktuk ensures you have the opportunity to visit all the highlights. Visit the Royal Palace Museum built in 1904 with French colonial and traditional Lao architectural influence to learn about Lao history and its royal family. Another highlight is the richly decorated former royal temple, Wat Xieng Thong with its elaborate mosaic patterns and wall carvings dating back to 1560. Local craftwork produced offers a colourful array of scarves, art work, ceramics and even more on market days. As the sun sets, climb 100 metres up Phu Si, crowned by an enormous gilded stupa called That Chomsi for a beautiful evening view over the city. Dinner will be taken onboard.



## Day 07

### LUANG PRABANG

An early start is recommended to participate in the alms offering as monks invite everyone to join in. A longstanding tradition in Laos Buddhist culture, it takes place daily as the sun rises, beginning on the main street of Luang Prabang before spreading throughout the quieter back streets. Return to the ship for a well-earned breakfast then enjoy the rest of the day at leisure further exploring Luang Prabang's historic treasures. Dinner will be taken onboard.

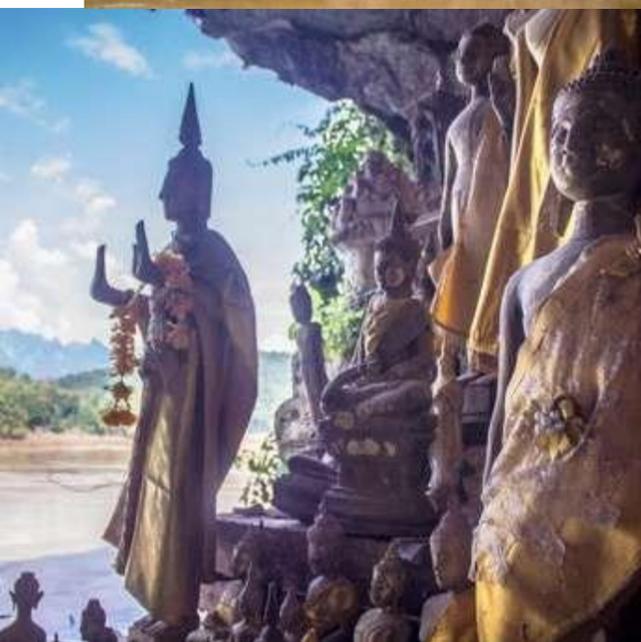




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LUANG PRABANG TO PAK OU

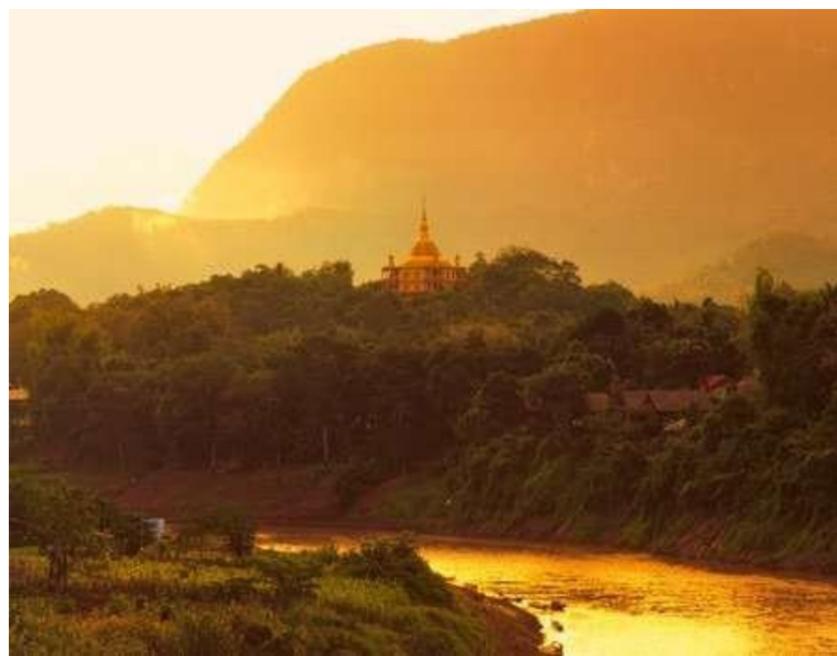
After a short sail, guests disembark at the charming village of Ban Xang Hay nestled on the riverbank. Famed for its rice whiskey distillation, guests are invited to watch how lao-lao is produced and bravely sample this local potent tipple. The ship sails a further 6 kilometres to the historic Pak Ou Caves overlooking the west bank of the Mekong. These are two caves set in spectacular limestone cliffs and are overflowing with hundreds of Buddha statues. The lower cave is called Tham Ting and upper cave Tham Theung. Both serve as shrines to the river spirit and Lord Buddha and the upper cave is a worthwhile five-minute climb. As the ship continues to sail a little further upstream, the rest of the day is free to enjoy the facilities on board.



## Day 09

PAK OU TO PAK BENG

The cruise continues through rural scenery, past small riverine villages, arriving near the sleepy and charming village of Pak Beng for an overnight stay.



## Day 10

PAK BENG TO HUAY XAI

Enjoy a leisurely stroll exploring Pak Beng and surrounding villages before continuing on the ship, sailing to the border village of Huay Xai where the river divides Laos and Thailand. The ship will stay on the Lao side for this final night.



## Day 11

HUAY XAI AND DISEMBARKATION  
AT CHIANG SAEN

The ship sets sails for Chiang Saen. Disembarkation will be mid-morning. Guests crossing into Thailand will need to complete immigration requirements which can take up to an hour.

# 10 Nights Downstream



## Day 01

CHIANG SAEN TO HUAY XAI

Embark at Chiang Saen for a welcome lunch onboard. The cruise commences downstream on the Mekong River which forms the scenic divide between Laos and Thailand. The ship will stay overnight at the border town of Huay Xai on the Lao side where guests can stroll through the village before dinner on board.

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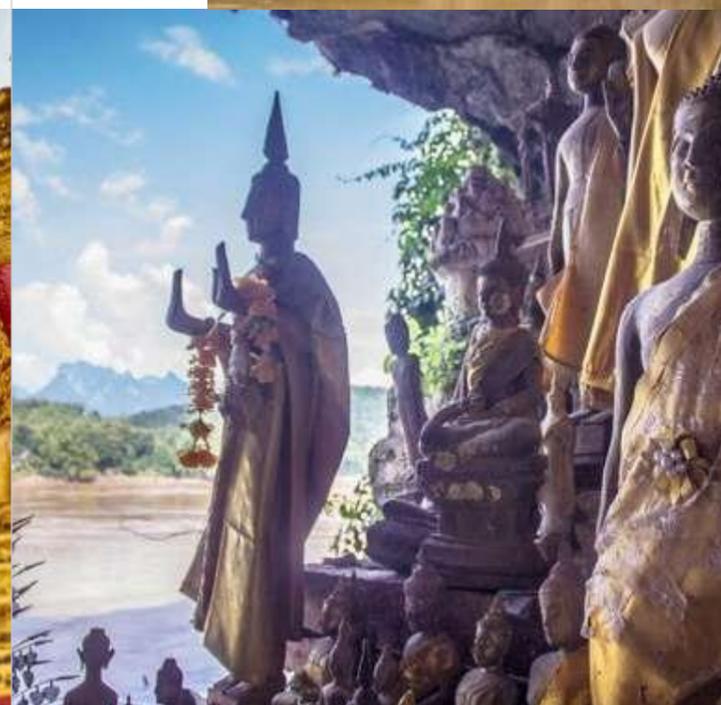
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## Day 03

PAK BENG TO PAK OU

A relaxed sail meandering past more small villages, the ship reaches the Pak Ou Caves overlooking the west bank of the Upper Mekong. These are two caves set in spectacular limestone cliffs and are overflowing with hundreds of Buddha statues. The lower cave is called Tham Ting and upper cave Tham Theung. Both serve as shrines to the river spirit and Lord Buddha and the upper cave is a worthwhile five-minute climb. The ship moors for the night nearby.



## Day 04

PAK OU TO LUANG PRABANG

After a short sail, guests disembark at the charming village of Ban Xang Hay nestled on the riverbank. Famed for its rice whiskey distillation, guests are invited to watch how lao-lao is produced and bravely sample this local potent tippie. Just a short sail to Luang Prabang allows plenty of time to discover the myriad of architectural, religious and cultural wonders of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Luang Prabang encompasses a multitude of Buddhist temples and royal palaces and travelling by tuktuk ensures you have the opportunity to visit all the highlights. Visit the Royal Palace Museum built in 1904 with French colonial and traditional Lao architectural influence to learn about Lao history and its royal family. Another highlight is the richly decorated former royal temple, Wat Xieng Thong with its elaborate mosaic patterns and wall carvings dating back to 1560. Local craftwork produced offers a colourful array of scarves, artwork, ceramics and even more on market days. As the sun sets, climb 100 metres up Phu Si, crowned by an enormous gilded stupa called That Chomsi for a beautiful evening view over the city. Dinner will be taken onboard.

## Day 05

### LUANG PRABANG

An early start is recommended to participate in the alms offering as monks invite everyone to join in. A longstanding tradition in Laos Buddhist culture, it takes place daily as the sun rises, beginning on the main street of Luang Prabang before spreading throughout the quieter back streets. Return to the ship for a well-earned breakfast then enjoy the rest of the day at leisure further exploring Luang Prabang's historic treasures. Dinner will be taken onboard.



## Day 06

### LUANG PRABANG TO KUANG SI WATERFALL

The ship continues its cruise upstream then guests are taken by minibus to visit the spectacular turquoise waters of Kuang Si Falls where a relaxing picnic lunch is provided. The waterfall has 3 tiers leading to a 50-metre drop into shallow pools, before flowing downstream, with great swimming holes and jungle pools. There's further opportunity to savour the abundant flora and fauna at the nearby Kuang Si Butterfly Park (closed on Tuesdays). Stroll through the beautiful gardens populated with a colourful variety of butterflies. A relaxing evening on board the ship is welcome after a busy day of exploration. The ship moors overnight just beyond the access to the waterfall.



## Day 07

### KUANG SI WATERFALL TO XAYABURI DAM

The ship will pass through two locks as it continues its journey downstream through unspoilt countryside. Guests are introduced to the stark contrast of the controversial run-of-river hydroelectric facility at Xayaburi Dam. Further downstream a stop is made at the quiet village of Ban Mouang to sample authentic Laotian life.





### Day 08

XAYABURI DAM TO PAK LAY

After another day of stunning riverine scenery, the ship stops at Pak Lay, a market town with a history as a French administrative centre. There are many beautiful colonial buildings. Overnight mooring will be close to Pak Lay.

### Day 09

PAK LAY TO XANAMKHAN

Enjoy a day of cruising on this wide and scenic part of the Mekong River, rich in verdant jungle scenery with small villages scattered along the banks. On arrival at the village of Xanamkhan the ship will moor for overnight while guests relish in sunset cocktails followed by dinner on board.



### Day 10

XANAMKHAN TO VIENTIANE

For the final day of cruising, the vessel lazily journeys along the Mekong until it reaches the Laotian capital of Vientiane. After a relaxed lunch there's plenty of time for an incredible sightseeing experience of French-colonial architecture and Buddhist temples in this former French trading post. Vientiane is a peaceful city of tree-lined boulevards, steeped in historic shrines such as the riverside Buddhist temple, Wat Chanthaboury, with its enormous bronze seated Buddha. Hear the legend behind the golden Wat Si Muang Khmer temple, climb the Patuxay monument with its five towers which represent the five Buddhist principles of "consideration, flexibility, honesty, honour and

prosperity", and marvel at the most important Buddhist monument in Laos, the 16th century golden Pha That Luang. If you have the time and interest, explore the COPE Visitor Centre, an informative museum which highlights the ongoing impact from the Vietnam War. All proceeds support innovative projects in Laos.

Enjoy cocktails on the sundeck followed by dinner onboard, showcasing chef's signature dishes combining local and international flavours as the ship spends its last night of the journey in Vientiane.



### Day 11

DISEMBARKATION AT VIENTIANE

Disembarkation will occur after breakfast.

# Rates

## Mekong Navigator – 7 nights

	2019	01 October – 01 April 2020/2021	02 April – 01 May 2020/2021	02 May – 30 September 2020/2021
GRANDE SUITE	USD 4,899	USD 4,948	USD 3,711	USD 2,939
PRESTIGE SUITE	USD 4,099	USD 4,140	USD 3,105	USD 2,459
SIGNATURE SUITE	USD 3,499	USD 3,534	USD 2,650	USD 2,099
VISTA SUITE	USD 3,099	USD 3,130	USD 2,347	USD 1,859
SUPERIOR SUITE	USD 2,699	USD 2,726	USD 2,044	USD 1,619

## Mekong Navigator – 4 nights

	2019	01 October – 01 April 2020/2021	02 April – 01 May 2020/2021	02 May – 30 September 2020/2021
GRANDE SUITE	USD 2,799	USD 2,829	USD 2,120	USD 1,699
PRESTIGE SUITE	USD 2,339	USD 2,369	USD 1,775	USD 1,419
SIGNATURE SUITE	USD 1,999	USD 2,019	USD 1,515	USD 1,219
VISTA SUITE	USD 1,769	USD 1,789	USD 1,340	USD 1,079
SUPERIOR SUITE	USD 1,539	USD 1,559	USD 1,168	USD 939

## Mekong Jewel – 7 nights

	01 Oct – 31 Mar 2020/2021	01 Apr – 30 Apr 2020/2021	01 May – 30 September 2020/2021
GRANDE SUITE	USD 5,879	USD 4,409	USD 3,527
PRESTIGE SUITE	USD 4,919	USD 3,689	USD 2,951
SIGNATURE SUITE	USD 4,199	USD 3,149	USD 2,519
VISTA SUITE	USD 3,719	USD 2,789	USD 2,231

## Mekong Muse – 10 nights

	29 Sep 2021 – 19 Oct 2021	29 Oct 2021 – 28 Mar 2022	07 Apr 2022 – 17 Apr 2022
GRANDE SUITE	USD 5,780	USD 6,620	USD 5,780
SIGNATURE SUITE	USD 4,320	USD 5,220	USD 4,320
VISTA SUITE	USD 3,880	USD 4,660	USD 3,880

## Mekong Muse – 5 nights

	29 Sep 2021 – 19 Oct 2021	28 Nov 2021 – 28 Mar 2022	07 Apr 2022 – 22 Apr 2022
GRANDE SUITE	USD 3,760	USD 4,300	USD 3,760
SIGNATURE SUITE	USD 2,800	USD 3,400	USD 2,800
VISTA SUITE	USD 2,520	USD 3,030	USD 2,520

**Prices are in USD per person based on double occupancy. Single occupancy supplement 30% except on designated departure dates with no supplement.**

**This price includes: 7 nights accommodation onboard the Mekong Navigator in the suite category selected, full board including themed dinners, complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks for lunch and dinner, champagne welcome reception, coffee and fine tea selection at Le Salon available all day, complimentary daily sundowner cocktail, draft beer and spirits, complimentary water during excursions and aluminium water bottle, complimentary wi-fi in-room and public areas, authentic excursions with dedicated guides as indicated in the programme, English speaking crew onboard, port charges, gratuities for the crew on board.**

**This price does not include: visas, international flights, personal expenses and spa treatments.**

# Land packages



## Ho Chi Minh city

From \$ 549 per person

Enjoy a two-night stay at the centrally located Park Hyatt Saigon. Guided excursions visit the beautiful Notre Dame Cathedral, City Hall and Post Office constructed during the French colonial period as well as Reunification Palace and the famous Ben Thanh Market. Guests may also select to do a cooking class with lunch or an evening outing to the Observation Deck at the Bitexco Tower combined with an exquisite French-Vietnamese themed dinner.

Breakfast, airport transfer, portorage and all applicable taxes are included. Prices and hotel are subject to change.

## Siem Reap

From \$ 699 per person

A visit to southeast Asia would be incomplete without a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Angkor Wat. Guests enjoy a three-night stay at the tranquil Victoria Angkor Resort & Spa nearby. During your stay in Siem Reap, enjoy two half-day excursions to the most significant temples of the Angkor Wat complex including Bayon, Ta Prohm, Angkor Thom, and the main temple of Angkor Wat. For the more adventurous, there is an opportunity to experience a sunrise breakfast and ride around Angkor Wat on elephant back.

Breakfast, airport transfer, portorage and all applicable taxes are included. Prices and hotel are subject to change.



## Hanoi & Halong Bay

From \$ 899 per person

A three-night programme to Hanoi & Ha Long Bay includes a two-night stay at the luxurious Intercontinental Hotel Westlake in Hanoi and one night on a beautifully handcrafted traditional junk boat on Ha Long Bay. Guests enjoy a full day excursion in Hanoi including the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Temple of Literature, a ride in an authentic cyclo through the historic colonial area of Hanoi and a traditional water puppet performance.

Breakfast, airport transfers, portorage and all applicable taxes are included. Prices and hotel are subject to change.

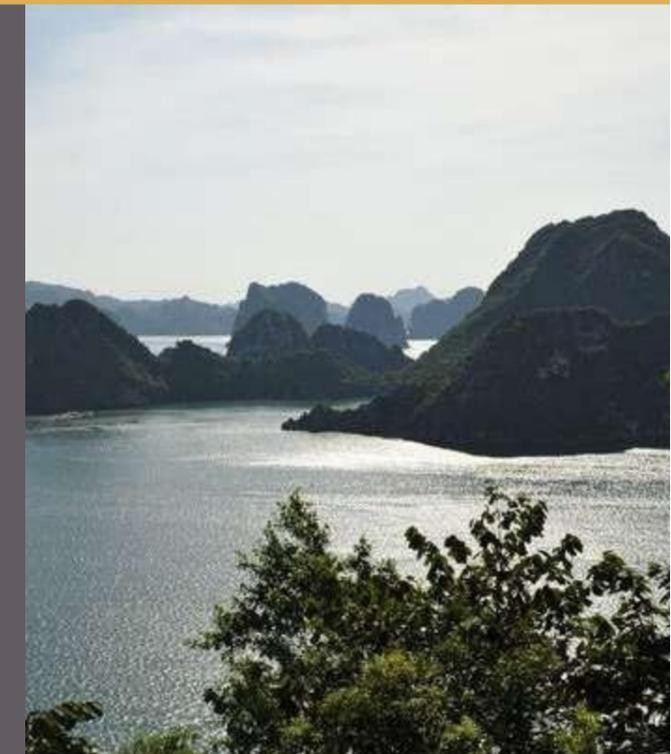


## Bangkok

From \$ 679 per person

No other place in southeast Asia better reflects the progress and vibrancy of a single city more than Bangkok. Savour traditional Thai hospitality during a three-night stay at the centrally located Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok. Enjoy an extensive city tour including a Chao Praya river cruise and visit to the Grand Palace.

Breakfast, airport transfer, portorage and all applicable taxes are included. Prices and hotel are subject to change. Domestic flight to/from Siem Reap or to/from Ho Chi Minh City is not included.



# Groups and charters

Enjoy an extraordinary voyage on the Mekong river in a glamorous and elegant environment. Our river cruise ships take the best elements from world-class boutique hotels such as sophisticated design, excellent cuisine and top-level service and merge them with carefully tailored authentic cultural experiences. Celebrate a special occasion, inspire your employees on a company team-building retreat or just spend some time exploring new places with a group of friends or family. Charter one of our beautiful ships for an experience of a lifetime in ultimate luxury.

Lotus Cruises stands above the competition for several reasons. We are a family-run business with extensive experience in superior and safe ship building. Authenticity is a word we take seriously from our professional Khmer and Vietnamese team to our dedicated tour guides who are able to create spontaneous excursions and seek out secret cultural gems. Our dedicated group specialists will coordinate with your tour operator to ensure all your needs are met professionally from port to port and beyond.

From the moment of boarding, Lotus offer unrivalled service from a champagne welcome reception to an evening of cultural performances by our talented staff. In addition, we can craft personalised group events or activities to create the ideal atmosphere for your guests. Our booking specialists will help you select the perfect itinerary and accommodations for your group and will take into account special requests such as dietary requirements, flexible schedules and personalised occasions. Contact us to begin making memories on the Mekong.



# We care and we share

Sustainable travel is more than just an idea for Lotus Cruises. The company has committed to improving both the guest experience and the environment on each cruise. We have put in place environmentally friendly standards and initiatives that marry luxury with sustainability.

Lotus have implemented sustainable practices in the construction of The Mekong Jewel such as specially designed ship propellers to enhance performance and efficiency, installation of energy efficient LED lighting and automatic water-cooled air conditioning, being more efficient than its air-cooled alternative. With more than 20 years' experience in the maritime industry backed by a top team of professional engineers, Lotus Cruises offer a level of reliability, inclusiveness, luxury and unmatched value on one of the most culturally rich and fascinating rivers of the world.

## Eco-friendly Products

Lotus Cruises initiated environmental changes with eco-friendly products, replacing plastic bottles with glass carafes for each room and sourcing more environmentally friendly amenities. In addition, each guest will receive an aluminium bottle for excursions that has been sourced from our partner "Refill Not Landfill". The bottle can be customised and taken home as a Lotus Cruises souvenir. Plastic straws and cocktail swizzle sticks are also no longer in use on the ship. With the high level of plastic pollution globally, this can help reduce plastic consumption and damage to the marine life and livelihoods of the Mekong Delta residents.



Other initiatives include the shift from styrofoam containers for packed lunches to paper boxes and replacing individual plastic packaging in guest bathrooms to ceramic containers.

## Local Community Involvement

On all of our cruises, we support local communities in more ways than one. Farm-to-table mindset supports the local farmers. All retail items featured in the boutique store are locally sourced to promote indigenous industries. Our talented team are also from Vietnam and Cambodia to provide employment for those who are passionate about sharing authentic stories of their lives along the Mekong. We also support NGOs by inviting them to perform on board and showcase their rich culture. Some tours arranged are to support underprivileged communities. The most recent collaboration we are proud to have undertaken is with Pour Un Sourire D'Enfant (PSE). The organisation started in 1995 to alleviate the plight of street children by providing education and training programs to take them from destitution to a vocation! Currently, PSE hand-make quality uniforms for the entire Lotus Cruises' crew.



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