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*16 Day Fly, Cruise & Stay  
Amazing Mekong  
Cruise  
Saigon to Siem Reap  
From only \$6,499  
Per Person Twin Share, Main Deck*

This price includes all of the following:

- Economy class airfares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Saigon and out of Siem Reap with Singapore Airlines.
- A 7 night Mekong cruise aboard the RV Mekong Pandaw.
- 4 night's pre cruise accommodation at the Sheraton Saigon, with breakfast daily & included tours.
- 3 night's post cruise accommodation at the Aviary Hotel in Siem Reap with breakfast daily & included tours.
- Onboard meals.
- Transfers in Saigon & Siem Reap.
- Government fees, port charges and air taxes.



The RV Mekong Pandaw was built in Rangoon in 2002 and was refitted in 2012. The ship has more than ten years experience travelling on the Mekong River. This boutique ship can carry 48 passengers in total with 18 upper deck and 6 main deck staterooms, providing an intimate setting. Staterooms are fully air conditioned with private bathrooms. Room Amenities include desk, in room safe, hair dryer, air conditioning, toiletries bottled water, bathrobes and premium mattresses.

The price above is based on the main deck cabin. The price in an upper deck cabin is from \$7,199

*Flights Depart Australia 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and return 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019*

*We try harder to find you the best travel deal*

## **Itinerary for Amazing Mekong Cruise - Saigon to Siem Reap**

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

### **29.10.19 Australia – Singapore - Saigon**

Depart Sydney at 9.05am on flight SQ 212, arriving in Singapore at 2.15pm.  
Depart Brisbane at 9.10am on flight SQ 256, arriving in Singapore at 3.10pm.  
Depart Melbourne at 10.35am on flight SQ 238, arriving in Singapore at 3.15pm.  
Then depart Singapore at 5.30pm on SQ 186, arriving in Saigon at 6.40pm.  
Upon arrival in Saigon you are transferred to the hotel.  
Accommodation: Sheraton Hotel

### **30.10.19 Saigon**

**(B/L)** This morning there will be an included city tour of Saigon. You begin with a short walking tour around downtown Saigon passing the Opera House, City Hall, Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office. This is followed by a visit to the former Presidential Palace (Reunification Palace), the War Remnants Museum, Chinatown and Thien Hau Temple. Lunch is at Pho 2000 where you will have Pho (traditional Vietnamese noodle soup) and spring rolls. The rest of the day is at leisure.  
Accommodation: Sheraton Hotel

### **31.10.19 Saigon – Cu Chi Tunnels – Saigon**

**(B/L)** Today enjoy a tour to the Cu Chi Tunnels and Tay Ninh with lunch. You will visit Cu Chi Tunnels which are an amazing complex of underground tunnels used during the Vietnam War. Continue to Tay Ninh Church, centre of the unusual Cao Dai religion which combines Buddhism, Christianity, Taoism and Confucianism. See this spectacular church with worshippers attending the noon service in their colourful tunics. The included lunch is at a good restaurant in Tay Ninh. Afterwards you are transferred back to the hotel in Saigon.  
Accommodation: Sheraton Hotel

### **01.11.19 Saigon**

**(B/D)** Today is at leisure. This evening enjoy a dinner cruise on the Saigon River. Afterwards you are returned to the hotel.  
Accommodation: Sheraton Hotel

### **02.11.19 Saigon/Embarkation RV Mekong Pandaw – My Tho**

**(B/D)** Today you are transferred from the meeting point in Saigon to the My Tho Port to board the RV Mekong Pandaw, and commence sailing downstream. In the afternoon, there is a lecture on Vietnamese life on the Mekong Delta. During cocktail hour passengers are entertained by an indigenous dance group and meet the crew.  
Accommodation: RV Mekong Pandaw

### **03.11.19 My Tho – Ben Tre**

**(B/L/D)** Travel by sampans through mangroves and bamboo groves to the fruit orchards of Ben Tre. Here local artisans are at work and invite visitors into their homes for tea, fruit and honey products made from their own honey. On the return journey travel by horse cart through the lush countryside. After lunch, the ship moors off Cho Lach Island for pot making and further glimpses of Delta life, agriculture and local

Vietnamese hospitality including a culinary lesson in making traditional Banh Xeo.  
Accommodation: RV Mekong Pandaw

**04.11.19 Ben Tre - Con Phuoc Island**

**(B/L/D)** After breakfast there is a short coach journey to the Gao Giong 'Green Oasis' with its bird sanctuary. Here a diverse selection of water and egrets gather in the tens of thousands across the Duong Tharp Muoi or 'Plain of Reeds'. Rowing boats traverse the canals to take us to see the principal nesting areas. After returning to the boat cruise upstream to Con Phuoc Island. The ship moors in a small canal off Con Phuoc Island to go ashore to explore the island by Xi Loi, seeing basket production and visiting a 100 year old Catholic Church as well as local woodworking artisans.  
Accommodation: RV Mekong Pandaw

**05.11.19 Con Phuoc island - Cambodia Border**

**(B/L/D)** In the afternoon, explore the labyrinthine canal system around Tan Chau to visit a Taoist Temple where the monks will read fortunes. Continue through local villages by Xi Loi, helping locals tend their fields before stopping off to visit a fish farm and earn merit by releasing fish back into the Mekong. Border crossing formalities take up much of the afternoon and during this stationary period there is an optional tour of the working ship and fruit carving classes on deck.  
Accommodation: RV Mekong Pandaw

**06.11.19 Phnom Penh, Cambodia**

**(B/L/D)** Morning orientation of Phnom Penh by cyclo, visiting the Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda followed by the National Museum. In the afternoon there is an optional visit to the Killing Fields and Genocide Museum, or take a tuk tuk to explore the riverfront and finish with High Tea at Raffles Hotel. Overnight onboard at the Phnom Penh city port with its lively bars, restaurants and night life.  
Accommodation: RV Mekong Pandaw

**07.11.19 Phnom Penh – Silk Island**

**(B/L/D)** Sail up the Tonle River to board the expedition vessel, the Pandaw Explorer, and visit Koh Okhna Tey or 'Silk Island' to learn the entire silk making process from worms to weavers. There will be a demonstration of the ancient Khmer martial art of Bokator. Return to the ship and it will sail back down the Tonle River to turn up the Mekong at the confluence. This evening there is an onboard lecture on Angkor and Khmer culture.  
Accommodation: RV Mekong Pandaw

**08.11.19 Kratie and the Dolphin Grounds**

**(B/L/D)** This morning there is a visit to Koh Trong Island, a small Mekong River hamlet which can be explored by bicycle or ox cart. Immerse yourself into Khmer rural and local life by visiting schools with English classes, then visit a reforestation site where you can leave your mark by planting your own tree. Passengers should feel free to donate items for use in the schools such as books and pens etc. After lunch, moor off Kratie and continue to the dolphin grounds by local boat for a chance to see the elusive Irrawaddy Dolphins.  
Accommodation: RV Mekong Pandaw

**09.11.19 Kratie – Kampong Cham/Disembarkation - Siem Reap**

**(B/D)**

Sail downstream and moor at Kampong Cham for disembarkation and road transfer to Siem Reap. Upon arrival in Siem Reap you will be met and transferred to the hotel for a three night stay. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to relax at the hotel. This evening there is an included dinner at Marum, a training restaurant where the proceeds of the restaurant go to Friends International. Dine in the delightful wooden house or the paved garden courtyard. Set menus are served Cambodian style with dishes being shared by diners.

Accommodation: The Aviary

**10.11.19 Siem Reap**

**(B/L)**

Begin your exploration of the Angkorian temples this morning by visiting the ancient city of Angkor Thom. Surrounded by walls with a height of 8m and length of 12km, the city was the last capital of the Khmer Empire. Five huge gates with huge stone faces provide access. Angkor Thom holds many important monuments including the Bayon Temple located in the exact centre, the Baphoun, Terrace of the Elephants and Terrace of the Leper King.

Continue to Ta Prohm, a unique temple that has been left to nature with trees and vines growing amongst the structures. This is one of the most photogenic temples in the Angkor area and gained fame as the 'Tomb Raider' temple after featuring in the Angelina Jolie movie. Enjoy walking along the sandy paths and under huge banyan trees as you explore this 12th century temple.

Return to Siem Reap town and enjoy an included Asian Fusion set lunch at Mahob restaurant. Combining the talents of the chef/owner with the freshest local ingredients the restaurant offers a peaceful location to experiment with tantalising Khmer and fusion offerings. Mahob is set in a carefully restored Khmer wooden house.

In the afternoon travel into the Cambodian countryside and out to the temple of Banteay Srei, dedicated to the Hindu god, Shiva. Here you can appreciate one of the most stunning achievements of Angkorian artisanship. Banteay Srei is different to the other temples as it is constructed of pink sandstone and the name means 'Citadel of the Women'. This evening is at leisure.

Accommodation: The Aviary

**11.11.19 Siem Reap**

**(B/D)**

This morning take an included remark (similar to the Thai tuk tuk) to continue your exploration of the Temples of Angkor by visiting Angkor Wat, the largest religious building in the world. Built by Suryavarman II in the early 12th century as a state temple and later mausoleum, Angkor Wat was originally a Hindu complex to honour Vishnu, the Hindu God. A magnificent moat surrounds the temple on all sides with a long causeway providing access. An alternative eastern entrance is the best way to start a morning tour and avoid the crowds. Take your time to look at some of the more than 3,000 Apsara or 'heavenly maidens' carvings, all of which are different.

During the 1960's and early 1970's Cambodia was culturally and artistically ahead of its neighbouring countries, though as the Khmer Rouge took power much precious work and knowledge was lost. In modern Cambodia today there are many projects helping to revive lost art, music and culture which we are proud to support. One such example is Artisan d'Angkor, a project established to support Cambodian arts and crafts. Visit the workshop and see stone carvings, wooden sculptures, lacquer work and paintings, all being produced and many of which can be purchased.

Following the workshop visit you are returned to your hotel where you can take a break.

This evening there is an included farewell dinner at one of Siem Reap's iconic

locations, the FCC Angkor, located in the Old French Quarter facing the Siem Reap River. Afterwards enjoy some modern Khmer theatre at a performance of Phare, the Cambodian Circus by professional artists from Phare Ponleu Selpak. Originally a project set up in refugee camps as a way to encourage young people to express themselves using art, the Phare Circus is slowly becoming a worldwide name and a good example of responsible tourism that has been a success story. Enjoy an hour long show which is a great, positive example of modern Cambodia and mixes theatre, dance, music, juggling and contortion. Afterwards you are returned to the hotel.

Accommodation: The Aviary

**12.11.19 Siem Reap – Singapore – Australia**

**(B)** After breakfast you are transferred to the airport for your flights home.

Depart Siem Reap at 10.40am on Silk Air flight MI 613, arriving in Singapore at 2.15pm.

Sydney passengers depart Singapore at 8.40pm on flight SQ 221, arriving in Sydney at 7.40am the next morning (13.11.19).

Brisbane passengers depart Singapore at 9.15pm on flight SQ 235, arriving in Brisbane at 7.15am the next morning (13.11.19).

Melbourne passengers depart Singapore at 9.50am on flight SQ 227, arriving in Melbourne at 8.15am the next morning (13.11.19).

## **Conditions for Macleay Valley Travels Amazing Mekong Cruise Saigon to Siem Reap**

**Deposits and Payments** - A deposit of \$2,300 per person is payable within 3 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable 12 weeks prior to departure. Macleay Valley Travel often has to adhere to strict payment deadlines and your booking on the tour may be cancelled if final payment is not received by the due date, with no refund.

**Refunds and Cancellations** - Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline.

**Airline Tickets** - Please note that any changes made to airline tickets once they have been issued will likely incur high cancellation and/or reissue fees. These fees are typically set by the airline and are outside of our control.

**Insurance** - Adequate travel insurance is essential. We can arrange this for you if desired. Macleay Valley Travel offers Suresave Travel Insurance. Please note that we can only process your travel insurance when we have received full payment for the insurance and the signed Suresave Travel Insurance application form, located on the last page of the Suresave Travel Insurance information booklet. Until this time the travel insurance cannot be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bear no responsibility for any consequences that may occur as a result of an incomplete insurance application.

**Passports** - All travellers require a current passport with at least 6 months left on it at the end of the program. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia. Visas are required for Australian passport holders to Vietnam. Visa fee for Vietnam is \$95 and we charge \$30 for processing. Cambodia Visa fee is \$70 and we charge \$30 for processing. Please note: Visa fees are subject to any increases imposed by the Vietnamese and Cambodian Consulates. We do not recommend that you apply for your Vietnamese visa online, as this can result in delays at the airport when you arrive. Similarly, a Cambodian Evisa is not suitable for this program, as you arriving into Cambodia by river port.

**Basic Price and Taxes** - Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the package is not paid in full by the due date.

**Not Included in the Cost** - All items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), etc. Also travel insurance and departure taxes. Similarly, credit card payments (Visa/MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2% surcharge for payments made using American Express.

**Health and Fitness** - Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. The Health & Fitness Questionnaire located on the last page of this itinerary needs to be completed in full by each passenger and accompany your booking form. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances. Macleay Valley Travel is not permitted to provide medical advice as to vaccinations/injections which you may require for this tour and advise you to consult your local medical practitioner for specific medical advice. There are no compulsory injections required for this tour.

**Accreditation** - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices. We are happy for any prospective traveller with us to check us out with your local Consumer Affairs (Fair Trading) department.

**Twin Share Bookings** - If you do not have a travel partner, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another traveller but this is not guaranteed. We assign passengers by their gender, on a first come, first served basis and do not assign twin share passengers according to their age, profession, interests etc. There are risks with sharing a room with a person you do not know, and Macleay Valley Travel accepts no responsibility if you are incompatible with your assigned room mate. Additionally, if you are assigned a travelling companion to share with and they cancel off the package prior to making the final payment, then you will either be required to pay the single room supplement or we will try our best to assign you with another twin share passenger, if one is available.

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# MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

**A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM**

Name of Cruise Tour: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Passenger 1** (as written in passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Passenger 2** (as written in passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **PostCode** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone / Fax Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile** \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

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(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of cruise/tour completion)

Please circle your preferences.....Single Cabin / Twin Cabin / Double Cabin

Inside Cabin / Obstructed View Outside Cabin / Outside Cabin / Balcony Cabin / Suite

Dinner.....Early Sitting / Late Sitting / Anytime (if available) Table Size 2 / 4/ 6/ 8

Departure Airport.....SYDNEY / MELBOURNE / BRISBANE / ADELAIDE / PERTH

Do you have any existing medical conditions?: \_\_\_\_\_ Special Dietary Requests \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a past passenger with this cruise line? If yes, please supply your past passenger number.

Passenger 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive details of our travel insurance?: YES / NO

For All Cruises except P&O Australia Credit Card Number for On-Board Account:

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In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$..... per person.

**DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name. If this is not provided and the information we have for the supplier is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the supplier will charge a reissue fee.**