The wonders of Southeast Asia abound with centuries of history, and fascinating culture. Originally a part of French Indochina, Cambodia and Vietnam became the colonial heart of France’s pre-war economic development. Its troubled past is well known, but today there is a new beginning as the region takes on its own identity and presents itself to the West. This exciting journey will take you first to Saigon to explore the city and its historic highlights. Cruise on the Mekong River aboard the luxurious Mekong Navigator to visit rural towns and villages. Experience Phnom Penh, and ancient temples like the iconic Angkor Wat.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the Mekong River with stops in Vietnam and Cambodia aboard the exclusively chartered Mekong Navigator enhanced by an enrichment program.
- Enjoy a series of included excursions led by expert local guides.
- Explore the highlights of Saigon including the Cu Chi Tunnels.
- In Phnom Penh, tour its highlights by cyclo and learn about the troubled history of Cambodia.
- Visit Khmer homes and local schools to learn about the people and rural life.
- The UNESCO World Heritage site of Angkor is featured in this program.
- Visit Siem Reap, selected by readers of Travel + Leisure as their third-favorite city of 2015.

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SAIGON, A MEKONG RIVER CRUISE and SIEM REAP

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

- Three nights in Saigon, Vietnam, at the deluxe InterContinental Asiana Hotel.
- Seven nights aboard the luxurious Mekong Navigator.
- Three nights in Siem Reap, Cambodia, at the deluxe Victoria Angkor Resort & Spa.

Transportation

- All deluxe motor coach transfers in the Land/Cruise Program itinerary and baggage handling on these transfers and the flight are included.

Activities and Events

- Informative educational programs presented by local experts will enhance your insight into the region.
- All excursions as outlined in your program itinerary.
- Personal VOX listening device to hear every word from your expert English-speaking guides.
- Attend a Welcome Reception and Dinner.
- Gather for a Farewell Dinner.

Extensive Meal Program

- Enjoy 13 breakfasts, 10 lunches and nine dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample authentic regional specialties during select meals at featured local restaurants.
- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.

MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation services of a dedicated Passenger Service Representative prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced Travel Director throughout your stay.
- Tipping of excursion guides and drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.

VIETNAM & CAMBODIA JEWELS OF SAIGON, A MEKONG RIVER CRUISE and SIEM REAP
DAY 1 ~ IN TRANSIT
Depart for Saigon, Vietnam.†
† Provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

DAY 2 ~ IN TRANSIT
Cross the international date line.

DAY 3 ~ SAIGON
Upon arrival, transfer† to the InterContinental Asiana Hotel.
Join a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

DAY 4 ~ SAIGON
Excursion: Highlights of Saigon. See the Notre Dame Cathedral, City Hall and other key landmarks. Visit the War Remnants Museum and Ben Thanh Market.

Excursion: Cu Chi Tunnels. Explore the amazing Cu Chi Tunnels, a vast complex of underground rooms.

DAY 5 ~ SAIGON
Excursion: A City at War and Chinese Saigon. Visit the War Remnants Museum and the Reunification Palace. In the Cholon district, see a prominent temple in the heart of Saigon’s Chinese community.

DAY 6 ~ MY THO/CAI BE
Travel to My Tho and embark the Mekong Navigator.

Excursion: Cai Be. Admire the town’s Gothic Cathedral, and visit Kiet House, once owned by one of the area’s most powerful families. Visit a local business to see the production of rice paper, popcorn, rice wine and candy.

DAY 7 ~ SA DEC
Excursion: Sa Dec. Visit a brick factory and rice-processing facility to learn about these important local occupations. Continue to the house of Hyun Thuy Le, who inspired French writer Marguerite Duras’ novel “L’Amant.”

DAY 8 ~ CHAU DOC
Excursion: Chau Doc. See the floating markets in Chau Doc’s harbor and visit a fish farm, then explore the town’s outdoor market.

DAY 9 ~ PHNOM PENH
Today, awaken in Cambodia.

Excursion: The Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng Museum. Learn of Cambodia’s troubled past with a visit to the Killing Fields and Genocide Museum as well as the Choueng Ek Memorial.

DAY 10 ~ KAMPONG CHNANG
Excursion: Kampong Chnang. Take a sampan ride on the Tonle Sap River to Kampong Chnang. See fishing villages, fish farms and markets for a glimpse of local life along the Mekong.

DAY 11 ~ CHONG KOH/ANGKOR BAN
Excursion: Chong Koh. Visit this village, known for its silk weaving.

Excursion: Angkor Ban. Experience this friendly farming town with visits to local homes, the school and the Buddhist monastery.

DAY 12 ~ KAMPONG CHAM
Excursion: Kampong Cham. Explore the town, then visit the Monastery of Phnom Pros and Phnom Sre.

Excursion: Wat Hanchey. Marvel at this hilltop pagoda, which was once an important religious center.

DAY 13 ~ SIEM REAP/ANGKOR WAT
Disembark the ship and transfer to the Victoria Angkor Resort and Spa.

Excursion: Angkor Wat. Visit the iconic Angkor Wat temple complex.

DAY 14 ~ ANGKOR THOM
Excursion: Angkor Thom. Explore Angkor Thom, ancient center of the Khmer civilization.

DAY 15 ~ TA PROHM
Excursion: Ta Prohm. Infiltrated by jungle, the temples at Ta Prohm have been left in their natural state. Explore the complex with an expert guide.

DAY 16 ~ IN TRANSIT
Transfer to the Siem Reap airport for the return to your gateway city.+

NOTE: The information presented is preliminary. Itineraries, included features and schedules are subject to change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

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ACCOMMODATIONS

INTERCONTINENTAL ASIANA HOTEL SAIGON

The InterContinental offers luxurious accommodations, fine service and quality restaurants serving Western and Vietnamese cuisine. It boasts a rooftop pool and rooms that are spacious and contemporary in décor and design, complete with the latest amenities. Wi-Fi is available.

MEKONG NAVIGATOR

Built in 2014, this extraordinary ship is specially designed for cruising the rivers of Southeast Asia. Cabins have twin beds convertible to a queen-sized bed. Suites have one king-sized bed. Decorated in a manner that combines traditional décor with elegant Asian notes, cabins are air-conditioned, with all the modern amenities including minibar, satellite television, universal docking station and large closet. Some suites have private verandas or balconies. Wi-Fi is available.

VICTORIA ANGKOR RESORT + SPA

The Victoria Angkor Resort + Spa provides an inspired level of service that exceeds expectations. Restaurants serve Asian as well as Western specialties. Rooms are warm and welcoming with a definite Victorian touch and balconies with either garden or pool views. With either twin beds or a king-sized bed, rooms have all the modern amenities. Wi-Fi is available.

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