EMERALD WATERWAYS

SOUTHEAST ASIA
VIETNAM • CAMBODIA • MEKONG RIVER CRUISING

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We invite you to join us on a journey to our new and exciting destination of Southeast Asia with diversity and colour this land will bring your senses to life. With exclusive charters on board one of Asia’s newest and most luxurious ships, the Mekong Navigator, we bring you the best of these countries in the style and comfort that Emerald Waterways is known for.

Southeast Asia is a rich and vibrant land full of beautiful landscapes, lively people, excellent food, deep culture and poignant history. Emerald Waterways will ensure you not only experience the highlights of this incredible destination but also meet the people and uncover some of the hidden wonders that make this place so special.

Visit Halong Bay on board a traditional junk, learn about the imperial capital of Huế, meet the locals and relax in Hoi An. Cruise in comfort along the Mekong River getting to know the nuances of river life, and soak up the magnificence of Angkor Wat.

Our team of local experts will proudly show you the best that Vietnam and Cambodia have to offer. Our friendly staff and crew do more than just their job, they go out of their way to ensure you’re totally satisfied with every moment of your trip.

You will gain a unique perspective into world famous icons as well as some of Southeast Asia’s magnificent regions. While our itinerary is comprehensive, you will also appreciate freedom for personal discoveries in your own time.

Our Mekong River cruise tour includes stunning sightseeing, gourmet meals and excellent service. Emerald Waterways are experts in touring and cruising and have developed carefully handcrafted itineraries to deliver the right balance of must-see sights, cultural interaction, local insights, culinary delights as well as uncovering some of Southeast Asia’s best kept secrets. Discover for yourself why Emerald Waterways river cruises is the best way to explore Vietnam, Cambodia and the Mekong River.

Welcome
Spectacular Vietnam & Cambodia
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Magnificent Angkor Wat
Emerald Waterways has an excellent reputation for quality, value and professional service. We carefully plan, arrange and coordinate every aspect of your vacation. Our itineraries are carefully planned to balance inclusions, must-see sights, and free time, to unlock Southeast Asia’s richness and vibrancy. Our inclusions bring to life the Southeast Asia you’ve always imagined. We know you’ll never forget the moment you first laid eyes on stunning Halong Bay, the excitement you felt discovering the remarkable Cu Chi Tunnels, or the unforgettable feeling as you approached the ancient ruins of Angkor Wat. Each one is a unique, unsurpassed gem and an included highlight with Emerald Waterways.

**Exceptional Emerald Value**
Exceeding Your Expectations

It’s amazing what’s included:

- All onboard meals and a collection of highlight dinners
- Complimentary locally produced soft drinks, beer, juice and spirits throughout the day
- Complimentary imported house wines with lunch and dinner
- English Tea, coffee and mineral water available throughout entire day
- Bottled water restocked daily in your cabin
- An included shore excursion in every port
- Extra special included excursions with EmeraldPLUS
- Visits to many UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Spectacular service from an English speaking crew
- Knowledgeable local guides at each destination
- Complimentary internet onboard the ship
- All airport transfers to and from your ship

**Airfare from thirteen major gateways included** (see page 9 for cities)

PLUS we even take care of all gratuities, saving you up to $650 per couple on 16 day vacations.
The Mekong Delta is quintessential to Southeast Asia. It is the lifeblood of the region and is a vast network of tributaries overflowing with vibrant life. Here the river is king and its people have developed ingenious ways to live in harmony in this beautiful landscape.

Explore this area in depth on board one of the newest and most opulent river cruise boats sailing these waters, the Mekong Navigator. Journey throughout the maze of waterways where you will find life that has continued unchanged for decades and is dependent, but thrives on the river and the lush, fertile environment.

Cruise through floating markets and get to know the Delta inhabitants. See children riding on the backs of water buffalo, verdant rice paddies filled with workers in conical hats and a range of vessels plying through the narrow waterways. Pass floating villages where you will be fascinated by the resourcefulness of the people and their unique way of life, visit quaint villages to get a real insight into traditional rural lifestyles and learn why this region is called the "rice bowl" of Vietnam.

On your luxurious cruise, sail to towns such as Cai Be which houses a beautiful French gothic cathedral or Tân Châu in the Mekong Delta region famous for its silk. Spend time in Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia. A city of contrasts, you will experience the elaborate Royal Palace complex, witnessing a stark reminder of the tragic recent history under the Khmer Rouge regime at the Killing Fields and Toul Sleng prison. Visit a local monastery and receive a traditional Buddhist blessing or soak up the atmosphere at an ancient temple in Kampong Cham.

This is a region that will allow you to get up close and discover a new and fascinating way of life. Traveling by river allows you to reach remote and little-visited areas, sample exotic cuisine purchased from floating markets and learn of a culture based on intensive agriculture and a warm community spirit. Welcome to the magnificent Mekong!
Southeast Asia is an exotic land known for bringing your senses to life. With such rich sights, sounds, tastes and smells it will ensure that you have an unforgettable journey.

Hanoi in the North is a romantic city that smoothly combines the modern and traditional Asia. In Halong Bay, emerald waters engulf hundreds of sheer limestone pillars that tower from the water covered in lush green vegetation. An overnight cruise here is a must and is a wonderfully relaxing way to soak up the incredible scenery.

Central Vietnam houses two of the most captivating cities in Asia. Hue is the former Imperial capital with palaces and tombs of former emperors and elaborate pagodas and temples lining the Perfume River making this a picturesque and culturally rich city. Hoi An is a town bursting with charm. Cobblestone streets are lined with colourful doorways filled with traditional lanterns. Surrounded by rich farm lands and beaches, Hoi An is always a favourite.

In the South we find a significant and somewhat tragic history, bustling cities and fertile lands. Ho Chi Minh City is a busy metropolis thriving on progress while still offering strong traditions, as well as living reminders of the Vietnam War. Nearby are the Cu Chi Tunnels which are a fascinating network of underground tunnels made by the communist guerillas. The Mekong Delta is known as the “rice bowl” of Vietnam and is a lively river delta where traditional life and Vietnamese agriculture thrive.

In Cambodia, the capital Phnom Penh provides an inspiring tale of tragedy and triumph, being both an opulent capital city and having indelible memories of a tragic past. Siem Reap houses the famous ruins of Angkor Wat and its surrounding temples. Not to be missed, an exploration of the ruins is a highlight of any visit to the region.
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16 Day Highlights of Vietnam & Cambodia and Mekong Cruise

DAY 1 HANOI, VIETNAM
Xin Chao and welcome to Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam! With large boulevards, tree lined lakes and French inspired architecture Hanoi is blessed with a charming atmosphere. You will be met by an Emerald Waterways representative and be transferred to your hotel. This evening enjoy a tour briefing and welcome dinner.
Two Night Stay: Silk Path Hotel or similar
Included meals: Dinner

DAY 2 HANOI
This morning visit historic Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (view from outside), see Ho Chi Minh’s former home, then the iconic One Pillar Pagoda. Continue to the Temple of Literature, Vietnam’s first university, then take a walking tour through Hanoi’s historic Old Quarter. EmeraldPLUS: Stop for lunch at KOTO restaurant, a unique restaurant that trains disadvantaged street children.
EmeraldPLUS: Attend a traditional Water Puppets performance and after the show go backstage to meet the puppeteers.
Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 3 HANOI – HALONG BAY
Opportunity to view this spectacular landscape from the air with a 45 minute seaplane flight from Hanoi over Halong Bay (must be pre booked).

Travel to Halong Bay and board your luxurious traditional style junk for a two night cruise. Halong Bay is known for its stunning scenery where thousands of limestone pillars rise dramatically out of the emerald water. Cruise through the bays and islets of this magnificent region. Visit a fishing village to discover more about the main livelihood of the locals in the area.
Two Night Stay: Bhaya Classic Junk or similar
Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 4 HALONG BAY CRUISE
After breakfast visit an islet to explore one of the many caves with their impressive stalagmite and stalactite formations. After lunch visit Cat Ba Island, the largest island in Halong Bay which mainly consists of National Park. Tour the town and explore the verdant isle with a local guide.
Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 5 HALONG BAY – HANOI – HO CHI MINH CITY
Cruise to an island with beautiful beaches and panoramic lookouts before sailing back to the mainland. Transfer to Hanoi for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City. More commonly known as Saigon, it is a city with a turbulent and colourful past, although today it is the country’s commercial center.
Two Night Stay: Grand Hotel or similar
Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 6 HO CHI MINH CITY – CU CHI TUNNELS
This morning travel to the infamous Cu Chi Tunnels. Join a Vietnamese Veteran and learn of the wars, strategies, atrocities and the resourcefulness of the Vietnamese which eventually led to the defeat of their enemies. Your guide will relate fascinating stories from first-hand experience to allow a real insight into the Vietnam War. This afternoon be guided on a city tour seeing Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Old Saigon Post Office, bustling Dong Khoi Street, Opera House, City Hall and the War Remnants Museum. EmeraldPLUS: Travel to the infamous Cu Chi Tunnels. Discover More: Evening Street Food Walking Tour.
Included meals: Breakfast

DAY 7 HO CHI MINH CITY – MY THO – 7 NIGHT MEKONG RIVER CRUISE
Transfer to My Tho in the Mekong Delta. From here we will begin our journey upstream aboard the luxurious RV Mekong Navigator. Meet your Cruise Director and crew followed by a welcome reception. This evening enjoy a Vietnamese “Mekong Delta” Theme Dinner.
Seven Night Stay: RV Mekong Navigator
Included meals: Breakfast, Highlight Dinner

DAY 8 CAI BE – SA DEC
Board traditional sampans and sail through Cai Be’s floating market, a fascinating and iconic scene of the Mekong Delta. Pass the city’s attractive French gothic cathedral, tour the historic Anh Kiet House, then visit a traditional rice factory. After lunch reboard our sampans and observe daily routines of the villagers before stopping at a local brick factory. Upon arrival to Sa Dec, visit the home of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, who inspired Marguerite Duras’ novel, L’Amant (The Lover), and take a walk through the town’s market.
Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 9 TAN CHAU – VIETNAM/CAMBODIA BORDER CROSSING
Board a sampan and sail to a Cao Dai temple, then board a Vietnamese tuk-tuk for a ride to a mat weaving workshop. Cruise to a floating fish farm, then visit a local village on Evergreen Island. Reboard the ship and cruise to the border. Sous Sdei and welcome to Cambodia! Please note we are unable to dock until the customs office is open tomorrow.
Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 10 PHNOM PENH
Cambodia’s capital Phnom Penh was once known as the “Pearl of Asia”, but it was almost entirely evacuated by the Khmer Rouge in 1975. Today it is an inspiring and buzzing centre of hope and opportunity.
EmeraldPLUS: Meet our cyclo drivers for a city tour of Phnom Penh. Journey to the magnificent Royal Palace complex and the National Museum housing Angkorian and pre-Angkorian artifacts.
EmeraldPLUS: Enjoy a cultural performance by the Cambodian Children’s Group. The performance includes Apsara, Cambodia’s national dance as well as local traditional folk dances.
Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 11 PHNOM PENH
Visit the Killing Fields, which is a discreetly reminder of the recent atrocities committed by the
Khmer Rouge regime. Continue to the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, a former school that was converted to the main prison and torture headquarters of the Khmer Rouge and is a chilling reminder of the brutal history.

EmeraldPLUS: A traditional shadow puppet show will be performed before dinner.

DAY 12 TONLE SAP RIVER – KAMPONG CHHNANG
Sail up the narrow Tonle Sap River which provides a rare, up-close glimpse of rural river life in Cambodia. Cruise past floating villages at Kampong Chhnang where we can see locals working, shopping and playing on the river. During high water, a visit to the silk weaving village of Prek Bang Kong will be substituted.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 13 WAT HANCHEY – KAMPONG CHAM
Wat Hanchey is an ancient hilltop pagoda which offers views of the Mekong River and home to Buddhist monks, where you can receive a traditional Buddhist Water Blessing from the monastery’s resident monks. Visit Phnom Pros (man hill) and Phnom Srei (woman hill), the reclining Buddha, and the preaching Buddha. Our final visit is to the 12th century, Angkorian-period complex of Wat Nokor Bachey. Return to the ship and farewell banquet.

EmeraldPLUS: A traditional shadow puppet show will be performed before dinner. EmeraldPLUS: Finish the night at the incredible Phare Cambodian Circus, a spectacle of acrobatics, theatre and music. Phare is an NGO founded by Cambodian refugees to assist disadvantaged young people by teaching them performing arts.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 14 KAMPONG CHAM – SIEM REAP
Disembark and bid farewell to the RV Mekong Navigator and her crew. Transfer from Kampong Cham to Siem Reap, the gateway to the magnificent Temples of Angkor.

Two Night Stay: Shinta Mani Resort or similar.

Discover More: Uncover the outer lying temples, either Banteay Srei or Beng Melea, take a Cambodian cooking class, or explore the Roluos temple group.

Included meals: Breakfast

DAY 15 ANGKOR TEMPLES
Start the day at the famous Angkor Wat, known for its elaborate decorations and intricate carvings throughout. Continue to the unique Ta Prohm temple which is overgrown by jungle trees. In the afternoon, visit the impressive Bayon Temple, containing 54 towers each with four faces. Finish at the Terrace of the Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper King known for their intricate bas-reliefs. This evening enjoy a sumptuous farewell banquet. EmeraldPLUS: Finish the night at the incredible Phare Cambodian Circus, a spectacle of acrobatics, theatre and music. Phare is an NGO founded by Cambodian refugees to assist disadvantaged young people by teaching them performing arts.

Included meals: Breakfast, Highlight Dinner

DAY 16 DEPART SIEM REAP
Transfer to Siem Reap airport for your onward flight.

Included meals: Breakfast

*Please Note: The Mekong and Tonle Sap Rivers are subject to extreme variations in water levels throughout the year. Every effort is made to provide the routing and inclusions stated, however depending on water levels prevalent at the time of sailing, this itinerary may be amended or modified. This may include having to tour via coach with hotel stays if the water level dictates.

FLY FREE*

EMERALDPLUS

• Dine at KOTO restaurant in Hanoi which specializes in training street children hospitality skills
• Attend a traditional water puppets show and afterwards go backstage to meet the puppeteers
• Hear first-hand stories of the Vietnam War from a veteran as you tour the Cu Chi Tunnels
• Take a unique view of Phnom Penh on a cyclo tour
• Enjoy traditional Cambodian folk dances by the Cambodian Children’s Group
• See a traditional shadow puppet show
• Receive a Buddhist Water Blessing from the monks at Wat Hanchey
• Witness the spectacular dance, acrobatics, juggling and theatre of the Cambodian circus, Phare

EXCEPTIONAL EMERALD VALUE

• 7 night Mekong River cruise on board the luxurious RV Mekong Navigator
• Fully escorted by an Emerald Waterways guide or Cruise Director*
• Deluxe hotels with all service charges, taxes and porterges included
• Guided sightseeing by expert Local Guides
• All intra-tour flights (as specified in the itinerary)
• Return Airport transfers
• All tipping and gratuities included
• Baggage handling throughout the tour
• 36 superb meals including 15 Full Breakfasts, 10 Lunches, 8 Dinners & 3 Highlight Dinners
• Guided tour of the sights of Phnom Penh
• Panoramic Sampan cruise and tour of Cai Be’s floating market

16-DAY HIGHLIGHTS OF VIETNAM & CAMBODIA AND MEKONG CRUISE DEPARTURE DATES AND PRICES

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Terms & Conditions: Port charges not included in pricing. All our vacations are subject to availability. The prices shown are correct at the time of printing – with all prices and upgrades per person for twin share. Please call for information on single supplements (there is no supplement for ES Single Stateroom). Free Air is from the following major Canadian gateways: YHZ Halifax, YZI Toronto, YOW Ottawa, YUL Montreal, YQR Regina, YXE Saskatoon, YEG Edmonton, YCY Calgary, YVR Vancouver, YVJ Victoria, YKA Kamloops, YW Kelowna, YCO Hanaimo. All other airports receive a $1,000 air credit. Economy class only. Fly Free Offer expires June 30, 2015. The deposit required is $500 per person with full payment required within 90 days of departure. See pages 14-15 for full booking Terms and Conditions.

Contact your travel professional or call 855-444-0161
Extension Packages

Sapa and Luang Prabang are cultural hubs of Southeast Asia. Enhance your journey by adding on one of these extensions that will take you to traditional minority villages surrounded by incredible scenery and relaxed towns that will have you immersed in a rich culture.

SAPA – 5 DAY / 4 NIGHT PACKAGE

**DAY 1 HANOI**
You will be met by an Emerald Waterways representative and transferred to your hotel. Soak up the sights of Hanoi before dinner at your hotel. **Overnight Stay:** Silk Path Hotel or similar
**Included meals:** Dinner

**DAY 2 HANOI – LAO CAI**
This morning embark on a markets and street food tour. Taste “pho”, Vietnam’s national dish, visit a local market and sample some street food. Finish at the Old Quarter with a cup of Vietnamese coffee or tea. Visit the Museum of Ethnology, an informative museum for Vietnam’s ethnic minorities. After a late checkout from your hotel, transfer to the station for your overnight train to Lao Cai.

**Overnight Stay:** Fanxipan Express Train
**Included meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**DAY 3 LAO CAI – SAPA**
On arrival in Lao Cai you will be met by your local guide and transferred to Sapa. Known for colourful and traditional hill tribes, breathtaking scenery and cultural diversity this is a magical part of Vietnam. After breakfast journey to Ma Tra village, home to local Hmong and Red Zao people. Learn about the fascinating lives of these minorities and soak up the picturesque scenery. Visit the bustling Sapa market then return to your hotel.

**Overnight Stay:** Chau Long Hotel
**Included meals:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

**DAY 4 SAPA – HANOI**
Visit Sa Seng and Sau Chua villages set in a valley surrounded by beautiful mountains. These are Black Hmong villages where the people still live traditional lifestyles. Explore these charming villages and learn about the life and rich culture of the Hmong. Return to Sapa for lunch and time to explore at your leisure. Late checkout from your hotel, then transfer to the station for your overnight train back to Hanoi.

**Overnight Stay:** Fanxipan Express Train
**Included meals:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

**DAY 5 HANOI**
Early morning arrival back into Hanoi. Transfer to your hotel where early check-in has been arranged. Spend the day relaxing and exploring Hanoi.

**Included meals:** Breakfast

LUANG PRABANG – 4 DAY / 3 NIGHT PACKAGE

**DAY 1 LUANG PRABANG**
You will be met by an Emerald Waterways representative and transferred to your hotel. Luang Prabang is an ancient capital filled with glistening temples, saffron robed monks and French Colonial architecture. Surrounded by lush vegetation, it is a tranquil and beautiful town with UNESCO World Heritage status. Soak up the sights of Luang Prabang before dinner at your hotel.

**Three Night Stay:** Villa Maly Hotel or similar
**Included meals:** Dinner

**DAY 2 LUANG PRABANG**
Explore the rich culture and history of Luang Prabang as you visit temples, museums, arts centres and hidden laneways. Visit the gilded halls of temples such as Wat Xieng Thong and Wat Visoun, walk through the historic former Royal Palace and uncover the diverse cultures and traditions of Laos’ hill tribes at the Traditional Arts and Ethnology Center. Experience one of Laos’ oldest traditions, the Baci ceremony and finish watching the sun set over the town from Mt Phousi.

**Included meals:** Breakfast

**DAY 3 LUANG PRABANG**
Rise early to observe the humbling spectacle of monks moving silently through the streets collecting alms. Board your boat and witness river life as you cruise up the Mekong to Pak Ou Caves. Filled with thousands of Buddha statues the caves are a curious sight. The afternoon is free to explore this picturesque town.

**Included meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**DAY 4 DEPART LUANG PRABANG**
Transfer to Luang Prabang airport for your onward flight.

**Included meals:** Breakfast

Please note: The above packages are not escorted by an Emerald Waterways tour director, but are escorted by local guides and representatives only.

Pre/Post Tour Accommodation

Extend your vacation with these great hotel options

HANOI
SILK PATH HOTEL (or similar)
A stylish boutique hotel in the middle of Hanoi’s Old Quarter a short walk from Hoan Kiem Lake. Rooms are tastefully designed with comfort in mind.

HO CHI MINH CITY
GRAND HOTEL (or similar)
An historic hotel with French Colonial charm, the Grand Hotel is centrally located on Dong Khoi Street in the center of Saigon with great access to restaurants, sights, bars and shopping.

SIEM REAP
SHINTA MANI RESORT (or similar)
A newly renovated boutique property centrally located in the leafy French Quarter. With a contemporary but relaxed resort feel, all rooms overlook a central pool and tropical gardens.

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Discover More

Emerald Waterways knows the value of free time to explore on your own, however we also know that most of our guests like to be offered extra sightseeing to personalize their vacation. Enhance your experience with a chance to learn how to cook like a local in Hoi An or uncover some of the more mystical temples in Siem Reap.

HOI AN
VIETNAMESE COOKING CLASS
Learn to cook traditional Vietnamese dishes from a passionate expert. Visit Hoi An market to select fresh ingredients, then learn techniques and secrets to creating sumptuous dishes. Includes lunch.
Fitness Level: Relaxed Pace
Duration: 4 hours

HOI AN
SUNSET RIVER CRUISE
Relax and enjoy a tranquil evening in the Hoi An countryside with a sunset cruise. Travel along the Thu Bon River by boat through the water coconut palm plantations as the sun is setting.
Fitness Level: Relaxed Pace
Duration: 1.5 hours

HOI AN
MY SON HISTORIC KINGDOM TOUR
Make your way to the ruins of My Son, stopping at Phuoc Kieu bronze crafting village on the way. My Son was the seat of the Champa Kingdom and the ruins will bring the ancient kingdom to life.
Fitness Level: Moderate Pace
Duration: 3.5 hours

HOI AN
VIETNAMESE ART TOUR
Journey through Vietnamese art history from 1850 to the present with art lover and expert Sophie Hughes. Visiting private collections and museums, this is a passionate and engaging tour.
Fitness Level: Moderate Pace
Duration: 4 hours

HOI AN
SAIGON OLD AND NEW
Explore both modern and historic aspects of Saigon. Visit Antique Street, Ben Thanh Market, Bitexco Financial Tower Skydeck and the Vietnam History Museum.
Fitness Level: Moderate Pace
Duration: 3 hours

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Fitness Level: Moderate Pace
Duration: 4.5 hours

SIEM REAP
BENG MEALEA JUNGLE TEMPLE
One of the outer lying temples Beng Mealea was only recently uncovered. Situated in the dense jungle this temple was completely overgrown so gives an air of exploration and discovery.
Fitness Level: Active Pace
Duration: 3 hours

SIEM REAP
BANTEY SREI TEMPLE
Bantey Srei is renowned for its detailed intricate carvings in the soft red sandstone giving it an ethereal feel. Created by Hindu priests it is the most elaborately decorated of all of Angkor’s monuments.
Fitness Level: Moderate Pace
Duration: 3 hours

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SIEM REAP
EVENING KHMER COOKING CLASS
Discover the secrets of authentic Khmer cuisine from a local in a traditional household. Visit their garden to learn about Cambodian ingredients before returning for a hands on culinary experience. Includes dinner.
Fitness Level: Relaxed Pace
Duration: 3 hours

Conditions: Valid from February 1 – November 30, 2016. Tours are subject to change and availability. Emerald Waterways strongly recommends that you pre-book Discover More tours prior to your departure to avoid disappointment. Minimum numbers and seasonal operation may apply.
Join us on board the magnificent Mekong Navigator for the journey of a lifetime.

Launched in September 2014, the Mekong Navigator has set the benchmark in opulent Mekong River cruising. Built to complement the rich culture and beauty of the region, the Mekong Navigator blends French Colonial style, modern comforts and traditional furnishings to reflect a timeless elegance and ensure a complete and authentic cruising experience.

Featuring a lounge, sun deck, spa, fitness room and library as well as spacious oversized suites, the Mekong Navigator is truly a journey of indulgence.

Each suite embodies the grace and style of the French Colonial era combined with five star modern luxuries. Included in your suite is a fully stocked minibar*, bottled water daily, flat screen TV with on demand movies, panoramic floor to ceiling windows with either French balconies or full balconies†, a safe and air conditioning. In the Grande and Prestige Suites you will also receive a complimentary one hour spa treatment^, all minibar consumption, daily laundry, and complimentary in suite evening canapés.

An on board Emerald Waterways Cruise Director will ensure a smooth and enjoyable cruise, and daily local excursions to fascinating sights are accompanied by local English speaking guides. While back on board cultural performances, educational talks and traditional entertainment will keep you informed and entertained.

A world-class Culinary Director ensures each meal reflects local flavours as well as providing a variety of western favourites in the 5-star dining, while unlimited alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks are included with lunch and dinner#.

You will be treated to three meals per day personally designed by Culinary Director, Chef Jorg Penneke. You will find extensive selections on the breakfast and lunch buffets, and have a hard time deciding between the options of the multi-course dinners.

The Mekong River is a fascinating and magical place and the Mekong Navigator is the perfect sanctuary to soak up the wonders of the region while relaxing and enjoying the luxury and hospitality on board.

*Consumption of minibar items only included in Grande and Prestige Suites but are an additional cost in all other suites. † Superior Suites have porthole only. ^ One per guest per cruise. # Includes tea, filtered coffee, water, soft drink, juice, imported wine and local beer.
RV MEKONG NAVIGATOR

- 35 staff and crew including 3 expert Local Guides
- 68 guests
- Cruising Speed 11 knots
- LCD TV, mini bar, safe, hair dryer, seating area, writing desk, iPhone docking station with alarm clock and air conditioning in every cabin
- Restaurant
- Lounge
- Sun Deck
- Fitness Room
- Spa
- Library
- Internet
- Length 70m (230ft), Breadth 13m (43ft), Draft 1.8m (6ft)

RV MEKONG NAVIGATOR SUITES

Grand Suite – Large panoramic balcony with floor to ceiling French doors, king-size bed, marble spa-quality bath with tub and separate rainfall shower, flat screen television, 584ft² / 54m² (including 188 square foot veranda)

Prestige Suite – Private balcony with floor to ceiling French doors, king-size bed, marble spa-quality bath with tub and separate rainfall shower, flat screen television 387ft² / 36m² (including 70 square foot balcony)

Signature Suite – Private balcony with floor to ceiling French doors, two twin-size beds or one king-size bed as requested, spacious marble bathroom with rainfall shower 291ft² / 27m² (including 53 square foot balcony)

Vista Suite – Floor to ceiling French balcony, twin beds or a queen-size bed, spacious marble bathroom with rainfall shower, flat screen television 276ft² / 26m²

Superior Suite – Two oversized porthole style windows, Twin beds or a queen-size bed, spacious marble bathroom with rainfall shower, flat screen television 256ft² / 24m²
3. Travel Insurance. You are responsible for comprehensive travel insurance to cover any unforeseeable circumstances that may occur during the tour. Emerald is not liable in any respect for any damage to you or any third party or for any loss of, or damage to, your personal property... (continued)

1. General. Emerald Waterways operates river cruises within Canada, and serves as a booking agent for tours operated by third-party service providers (“Providers”) in other countries. Emerald reserves the right to provide the tour or any portion thereof through own operations or through third-party service providers. You hereby acknowledge and agree that where any tour involves an element of service provided by a third party, Emerald’s responsibility shall be limited to an Emerald “Star-Shine.” All standard beverages are included in the tour price during lunch and dinner with meals. Specific limitations... and availability of single accommodation can be obtained at the time of booking. Single accommodations are available... (continued)

2. Important Travel Information. You acknowledge and agree that there are general risks associated with traveling, which are beyond Emerald’s control and, as such, Emerald Waterways is not liable for any loss, cost, damage or injury you may incur as a result thereof. Such general risks include, but are not limited to, tour variations or interruptions caused by road, river or weather conditions; national or local holidays; affecting the closure of public buildings and attractions; strikes, civil disturbsances and disputes by governments; and other Force Majeure Events. You acknowledge and agree that travel to... (continued)

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7. Booking/Payment. Booking Deposit. You must make the deposit payment listed in the Itinerary. If your deposit payment is not received within 10 days of the due date, your booking will be considered void. In the event your deposit is automatically cancelled if your Deposit is not received by Emerald on or before the due date. Deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable, except as otherwise stated herein. Final Payment. The balance of the Tour Price must be paid no later than 90 days prior to the tour departure date. Failure to pay the balance within 90 days of the tour departure date will result in cancellation of your trip and loss of the Deposit. Bookings Within 90 Days. If you place a booking with Emerald within 90 days or less of your chosen departure date, full payment of the Tour Price is due at the time of booking and non-refundable and non-transferable, except as otherwise stated herein. Variation Fee. An administrative fee of $50.00 per booking is payable on all bookings where the modified travel arrangements required due to illness or personal reasons are... (continued)

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Bus/Coaches. You may travel on a bus or motorcoach as a part of a Tour, you are required to comply with any and all rules and regulations of the Coach Operator. You must respect the... (continued)

Airline Seating & Special Requests. Seats are limited in our contracted class of service for flights and cruises. Specific limitations include, but are not limited to, other pick-up points or destinations. In the event of a missed transfer, you will be responsible for making substitute travel arrangements, at your own expense. All transfers must be booked and Emerald must be advised of all flights no less than 60 days prior to travel. Aircraft and ships may be group transfers scheduled to coincide with multiple flight arrivals. Meals. Only those meals identified on the itinerary are included. You must advise Emerald in writing of any and all special dietary needs at the time of booking. Emerald will make reasonable efforts to accommodate your dietary requests, but cannot guarantee that any requests can be met. Brokers. If the tour is a tour plan or is marketed by an Authorized Travel Agent or Travel Planner, all... (continued)

“Discover More” Optional Tours. Additional activities undertaken by you such as air excursions and additional activities outlined in this brochure are not included in your tour price and incur an additional cost. Additional activities are subject to availability, seasonal and operational factors. Some activities require a minimum and maximum number of participants to operate. Gratuities/Tips. Gratuities and tips are included in your tour price and are based on the services of Emerald... (continued)

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Disclaimer of Warranties. To the fullest extent permitted by law, and except as otherwise expressly set forth herein, Emerald makes no warranty of any kind, expressed or implied, or arising by law, course of dealing, course of performance or usage of trade, with respect to this cruise, with respect to the performance of any contract or agreement, or with respect to the performance of any contract or agreement. Emerald hereby disclaims any other representations or warranties, express, implied or statutory, as to the services and products with respect to any of its obligations and agreements. In no event shall Emerald be liable for any liability for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death which I incur or suffer during the course of my participation in the vacation or package, unless I have specifically agreed to release Emerald, its officers, directors, employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors from liability or have specifically agreed to release Emerald from liability for any loss of enjoyment, loss of profits, consequential, exemplary, indirect or punitive damages if that loss or any other occurrence during your travel in connection with your vacation package and any activities conducted in conjunction therewith.

Waiver. Waiver of Waiver of Rights. Regardless of the situation or circumstances giving rise to a claim, you are hereby waiving rights and remedies including, without limitation, the right to institute or maintain an action at law or in equity, to bring an action for contribution or indemnification, to bring an action for indemnification or contribution, to bring an action seeking declaratory relief, to bring an action seeking injunctive relief, to bring an action for declaratory, injunctive or other equitable relief, and any other act or omission any time during your travel in connection with your vacation package and any activities conducted in conjunction therewith.

17. Waiver. Waiver of Liability, Disclaimer of Damages; Indemnification of Waiver of Liability. Without intending to limit the generality of the other limitations and disclaimers set forth herein, you hereby acknowledge and agree that, in the event tickets and coupons for transportation of the customer by any means and making any services available to customers are sold to you or any third party for any loss, cost or damage (including loss of enjoyment) suffered directly or indirectly in connection with: (1) any tours or other aspects of the tour of which you were notified in these Terms and Conditions; (2) any change to your itinerary or delays in departure or return resulting from any action, omission or event outside the reasonable control of Emerald on your behalf or on behalf of another responsible party that may arise from the decision to exclude an individual from participating on all or any portion of an Emerald tour; or from any activities or accommodations on an Emerald tour.

Passport/Visas. You must have a passport valid for six months past the expected end date of your tour. It is also your responsibility to obtain valid entry/exit visas if you pass through any country which requires such documentation. You must obtain correct documentation may affect your participation in all or any portion of the tour and may result in your exclusion from the tour. If you are excluded from the tour, you must pay for all accommodations, transportation, meals, etc. You are responsible for your own health, safety or enjoyment, or that of other passengers, Emerald may terminate your continued participation in the tour immediately and in such event Emerald will not be liable to you for any loss, cost or damage resulting from your withdrawal from the tour. If you are withdrawn from the tour, you must pay for all accommodations, transportation, meals, etc.

You hereby acknowledge and agree that neither Emerald, nor any of its affiliates or Providers, are responsible for any damages, costs or expenses that may arise from the decision to exclude an individual from participating on all or any portion of an Emerald tour; or from any activities or accommodations on an Emerald tour.

Vaccinations. Immunizations are required from country to country. Please consult your personal physician. Required inoculations, if any, must be recorded by traveler’s health practitioner on a valid vaccination card which will be maintained on file by Emerald at the location where required.

Sailing. You acknowledge that vessels, motorcoaches and other vehicles, restaurants, hotels and other accommodations do not permit smoking. Although Emerald may attempt to provide opportunities for smoking during the tour, Emerald does not guarantee such opportunities will be available.

22. Brochure Validity. In the interest of maintaining an up-to-date brochure, all information and statements of fact within the brochure, and all timeframes, travel dates and other information stated in the brochure, are subject to change without notice or obligation, and are therefore subject to modification. Emerald reserves the right to modify, change or cancel any element of your tour at any time for any reason without liability to you. In the event that any of the above described circumstances exist, Emerald will make every reasonable effort to provide you with an alternative, equivalent tour. If you are not satisfied with the alternative, you have the right to cancel the trip and receive a full refund of all monies paid by you.