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Expedition Details

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Linked by the mighty Mekong River, Vietnam and Cambodia abound with magnificent carved temples, lush landscapes, and cities where rich imperial and colonial legacies mingle. Encounter the incomparable treasures of Angkor, and then set off on a river voyage to Vietnam's Mekong Delta aboard the elegant *Jahan*. Explore traditional villages and gain insight into the daily lives of farmers, monks, and craftspeople.

Trip Highlights

- Sail the Mekong River on a seven-night cruise aboard the elegant new riverboat *Jahan*.
- Watch the sunrise at Angkor Wat and spend two full days immersed in the splendor of Angkor's temples and palaces.
- Delve into the vibrant cities of Phnom Penh and Saigon, and experience rural life on visits to floating homes, farms, and traditional villages.
- Witness the revitalization of Cambodian arts at a dance performance and during a visit to a workshop.

Itinerary - 14 Days

Days 1 & 2 — U.S./Siem Reap, Cambodia

Depart for Siem Reap and arrive the following evening. Settle into our stunning Khmer-style hotel, perched on the banks of the Siem Reap River.

La Residence d'Angkor

Days 3 & 4 — Angkor

Awaken early to watch the sunrise reveal the magic of Angkor Wat, a 12th-century Khmer temple adorned with elaborate bas-

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Expedition Team

Accompanying each expedition is a diverse team of experts — from naturalists to regional specialists — who will share their knowledge and insights on the wildlife, landscapes, and local culture. See one of the members of our extraordinary team below.

David Adams

Dr. David Adams founded the Institute for Global Studies in 1999. He has set up academic internships

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Day 6 — Wat Hanchey/Angkor Ban

At Wat Hanchey, set on a hilltop overlooking the Mekong, see a variety of temples including an eighth-century temple from the pre-Angkor Chenla period. Meander past interesting traditional homes in Angkor Ban and meet the friendly local residents.
Jahan (B,L,D)

Day 7 — Kampong Chhang/Kampong Tralach

Anchor at Kampong Chhnang and drive to a village where artisans make traditional pottery for local use. Then glide along the Tonle Sap in local boats and glimpse a unique way of life in the clustered houses and shops that float in midstream. In the town of Kampong Tralach, ride local oxcarts through the rice paddies to see an age-old Buddhist temple.
Jahan (B,L,D)

Day 8 — Phnom Penh

Enjoy a full day to explore the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh. Ride a *cyclo* (bicycle taxi) to the Royal Palace and its opulent Silver Pagoda. Browse the world's finest collection of Khmer sculpture at the National Museum of Cambodia, and venture into a local market. This afternoon, learn about the reign of the Khmer Rouge on visits to the Choeung Ek "killing fields" and the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum. Back aboard ship, enjoy a traditional Cambodian apsara dance performance.
Jahan (B,L,D)

Day 9 — Cruising the Mekong

Spend a relaxing day on the Mekong. Take in views of everyday life along the river, attend talks by our experts, and join our chefs to learn how to cook regional dishes. This afternoon, cross the border into Vietnam.
Jahan (B,L,D)

Day 10 — Chau Doc, Vietnam

Meander past colorful produce in the markets of Chau Doc. Next, stop in an island village to watch traditional fish farming methods. Continue to small floating market on the river and a floating fish farm.
Jahan (B,L,D)

natural environment.

David will join the following departure:



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Venture further into Vietnam on an 8-day extension. Discover Hoi An's Old Town, explore the Forbidden Purple City in Hue, encounter traditional water puppets in Hanoi, and sail amid the limestone pinnacles of Halong Bay. Please call for details.

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Set out on a tour of Saigon's historic landmarks, including colonial gems such as the Opera House, the former city hall, and Notre Dame Basilica. Stop by the Central Post Office, designed by Gustave Eiffel; and visit the Reunification Palace, headquarters of the South Vietnamese government during the Vietnam War. If you wish, continue to the War Remnants Museum. Enjoy a free afternoon to explore the city. In the evening, transfer to the airport for your return flight, arriving home the next morning.
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