



## Explore The Mekong in Small Ship Luxury

In October 2014, Aqua Expeditions launched a new luxury vessel, the 20-suite Aqua Mekong on the historic Mekong River between Siem Reap, Cambodia and Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam. Floor to ceiling picture windows aboard Aqua Mekong allow guests to enjoy captivating panoramas of emerald flooded forests, colonial churches and stilt villages in the privacy of their suite.

Aqua Expeditions offer three, four or seven night cruises of The Mekong region in unrivalled luxury. We have an exclusive offer on this year's Photography Cruise on 08 December 2017. Our fly cruise is a very special 7 night holiday including: (also available on 15 December Wellness Cruise departure)

- Return Airfares with Singapore Airlines
- Private car transfers in Phnom Penh
- 3 nights Sofitel Phnom Penh
- 4 night Aqua Expeditions Mekong Cruise
- Full day tour in and around Phnom Penh
- All meals and Beverages on cruise
- Special excursions daily

### Bon Voyage Bonus:

- Stateroom upgrade\*
- 60 minute massage
- US\$100 pp Onboard Credit

Fares from **\$9995**



Fares are in NZD\$ per person, sharing twin. Based on fares and availability as at 07 July 17. \*Stateroom availability subject to availability at time of booking. Airfare based on current special requiring booking & payment by 17 July 2017. Special conditions apply.



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Taking guests on a journey into Aqua Expeditions next frontier, Vietnam and Cambodia, the 62.4 meter (205 feet) Aqua Mekong was designed by Saigon-based architects at Noor Design to embody the aesthetic of a sophisticated five star hotel. Local sustainable materials and artisanal touches of the Mekong's multifaceted cultures round out these generous interior spaces designed to welcome guests in the utmost comforts between on and off shore excursions along this fascinating river, and to Chinese wing tipped pagoda temples and remote Buddhist monasteries. Spacious and indulgent, yet intimate enough to feel entirely exclusive, the Aqua Mekong incorporates relaxed yet refined lounging and dining areas, and can accommodate a maximum of 40 guests plus crew. Modern navigation technologies and the highest cruise ship standards as well as our experienced river pilot and crew ensure smooth travel and safety on the water.

## :: Four Night Cruise Itinerary ::

### **DAY 1 Friday: MEKONG RIVER - PHNOM PENH - CAMBODIA**

We meet you at the Phnom Penh TS1 Port for check-in to your 3-story, five star Mekong abode. Welcome aboard. We'll leave you to settle into your floating retreat, with its window wall conferring an endlessly captivating panorama. Enjoy these private Mekong moments on your California king bed, terrace or daybed. Together we celebrate the onward journey towards the heart of this mighty river with a Khmer Apsara performance, an indigenous tradition memorialized on the temple walls at Angkor Wat.

### **DAY 2 Saturday: TONLE SAP RIVER - KOH CHEN - KAMPONG PRASAT - CAMBODIA**

In the silversmith village of Koh Chen, we watch artisans producing the magnificent silverware favored by Khmer royalty. We continue to Udong, the royal capital from the 17-19th centuries, where we learn about a uniquely challenging Buddhist practice at the Vipassana Dhura Mandala, a meditation center. In the afternoon, a walking tour of Kampong Prasat offers a close up perspective on local lives and their riverside environment.

### **DAY 3 Sunday: TONLE SAP RIVER - KAMPONG CHHNANG – KAMPONG TRALACH - CAMBODIA**

In the cooler hours, we head into the lush countryside to visit traditional potters and palm-sugar producers, astride mountain bikes or chauffeured by shaded tuk-tuk. Into the rice paddies we pedal to watch wizened masters scale sky-piercing palms towering over us. Cruise across the glassy water and disembark among the lotuses for an ox-cart ride along the Tonle Sap riverbanks, past lacquered wooden houses where during these dry months residents take refuge in the relative cool of these outdoor impromptu living rooms.

### **DAY 4 Monday: MEKONG RIVER - KOH OKNHA TEY - PREAH PROSOP - CAMBODIA**

On this river of time we admire dexterous Khmer artisans dyeing and weaving kroma, the ubiquitous item no Khmer lives without. Explore the riverbank on two wheels if you wish, past Buddhist temples and thatch houses perched on spindly wooden stilts while white oxen wade just offshore. After lunch, we board our marine-grade aluminum skiffs and head towards the tamarind trees of Preah Prosop, a remote village little changed over several lifetimes.

### **DAY 5 Tuesday: MEKONG RIVER - PHNOM PENH - CAMBODIA**

We show off the Cambodian capital to our passengers by motorized tuk-tuk, the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and the National Museum of Cambodia, home to the world's largest collection of Khmer art. For those who wish, we visit the Tuol Sleng Museum of Genocide and the Killing Field or shopping at Russian Market. We bid farewell to 4-night guests who are disembarking in Phnom Penh.