

Sailing Vietnam and Cambodia's Mekong River Aboard The Jahan

Sail through the heart of the countryside, exploring Vietnam and Cambodia along the Mekong River. Gain access to traditional villages as well as bustling cities for a panoramic and immersive experience of these two very different countries. Spend seven nights aboard *The Jahan*, an extraordinary riverboat that offers her 48 guests a level of luxury previously unavailable on the Mekong.

From
$ 14,500 / per person
Does not include flights

DATES
Jan, Feb, Mar, Nov and Dec

DURATION
13 Days

SHIPS
The Jahan

STARTS AT
Siem Reap

→

ENDS AT
Saigon, Vietnam

Minimum Age Requirement: Any children booked on *The Jahan* voyages must be at least 5 years old at time of embarkation.

Highlights

- Sail the Mekong River in comfort on a seven-night journey aboard *The Jahan* riverboat
- Spend two days exploring the legendary religious sites of Angkor in the company of an expert expedition team and local guides
- Visit communities and learn the ways of life along the Mekong River, including subsistence fishing and small industries
- Explore Phnom Penh and Saigon, touring sites important to the cities' 20th-century histories








Siem Reap / Angkor
CAMBODIA
Steung Trang
Kampong Leaeung
Kampong Cham
Kampong Tralach
Angkor Ban
Prek Bangkong
Chau Doc
Saigon
My Tho
Sa Đéc
Cái Bè
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Day by day

■ DAY 1

Siem Reap, Cambodia

Arrive in Siem Reap, Cambodia's second-largest city, and settle into the well-appointed Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor, located near the iconic Angkor Wat.

Arrival Time: Arrive before 3:00 p.m. local time.
Arrival City: Siem Reap, Cambodia

◇ DAYS 2-3

Angkor

Rise early to watch the sunrise over Angkor Wat. This 12th-century Khmer temple, one of the world's largest religious monuments, is adorned with elaborate bas-reliefs and sculptures. Ride a *tuk-tuk*, or motorized rickshaw, to the walled city of Angkor Thom. Discover the shrines of Ta Prohm and the temple of Banteay Srei. Visit a workshop where local youth are trained in age-old Khmer arts. Enjoy traditional Cambodian music and dance at a beautifully lit private dinner at one of Angkor's temples. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included on Day 2; breakfast and dinner are included on day 3.

◇ DAY 4

Steung Trang / Embark Ship

Drive to the bustling town of Steung Trang and embark *The Jahan*, your riverboat home for the next seven nights. Step out onto your balcony to watch as you set sail on a journey along the Mekong River.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 5

Angkor Ban / Prek Bang Kong

Stroll through Angkor Ban, a village with some of the oldest remaining traditional Khmer-style wooden homes, and visit Wat Angkor Ban, a living testament to the region's spiritual heritage. Local monks will join you on board *The Jahan* for a special blessing. Later, in the serene village of Prek Bang Kong, visit a family-run silk-weaving workshop to see this centuries-old craft brought to life.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 6

Kampong Tralach / Kampong Leaeng

In Kampong Tralach, ride a traditional oxcart through emerald rice paddies to the Green School, a unique educational institution founded in 2016 that offers free instruction in English, Khmer and computer literacy to children from a wide range of socioeconomic backgrounds. The school's mission is to break the cycle of poverty while fostering community development, with a strong emphasis on environmental education and local stewardship. National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions has helped build an English-language library here, and the students are always eager to practice their English and share stories with visitors. Later, cruise up the Tonle Sap River to Kampong Leaeng, stopping at homes where artisans shape pottery by hand, and visiting a local farm to learn how palm sugar is harvested and processed.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 7

Phnom Penh

Discover Cambodia's capital by cyclo, visiting the opulent Royal Palace and the National Museum of Cambodia, home to more than 14,000 artifacts ranging from prehistoric stone tools to stunning

sculptures from the ancient Khmer Empire. Gain insight into the Khmer Rouge era at the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum. Next, visit the Killing Fields or browse the vibrant Central Market, once the largest market in Southeast Asia. End the day with a mesmerizing Apsara dance performance on board.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 8

Cruising the Mekong

Take in views of everyday life along the river, attend talks by experts and join the chefs to learn how to cook regional dishes. Cross the border into Vietnam.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 9

Chau Doc, Vietnam

After cruising along the man-made Tan Chau Canal, board local boats in Chau Doc—an aquaculture hub on the Bassac, the southern branch of the Mekong Delta—to visit a basa catfish farm and weave through lively riverside markets. In town, ride trishaws to the bustling market, brimming with colorful tropical fruits and local delicacies. In the afternoon, relax on board and enjoy engaging presentations as you sail deeper into the Mekong Delta.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 10

Sa Dec / Cai Be

Journey by sampan through the intricate canals of the Mekong Delta to Sa Dec, a lively riverside town known for its flourishing flower gardens and enduring cultural traditions. Walk among vibrant blooms cultivated by local families and gain insight into everyday life in one of the Delta's most distinctive communities. Shaped by centuries of trade and cultural exchange, Sa Dec offers a fascinating blend of Vietnamese, Chinese and French influences. Later, visit Cai Be to see traditional rice-based sweets being crafted using techniques passed down through generations before returning to *The Jahan* for a festive farewell dinner.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

◇ DAY 11

My Tho / Disembark Ship / Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City)

Disembark in My Tho and visit the Vinh Trang Pagoda, originally built in 1850. Then journey to Saigon and, on arrival, visit the landmarks of Saigon including a visit to the Bitexco Tower, post office and the Reunification Palace followed by lunch. Continue to the Park Hyatt Hotel to check in. Early this evening meet with a local expert on Vietnam's modern development, and then enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

■ DAYS 12-13

Saigon

This morning, visit the Cu Chi tunnel, part of a huge network of tunnels used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. If you wish, visit the War Remnants Museum, which gives a strong view of the war through the eyes of the Vietnamese. The rest of the afternoon and lunch are at leisure. In the evening, you'll take in a performance of water puppetry—a distinctive Vietnamese folk art, practiced here for over 300 years. Dinner is at the hotel.

Depart Saigon on Day 13, arriving home the same day.

Breakfast and dinner are included on Day 12; breakfast is included on Day 13.

Departure Time: Anytime.
Departure City: Saigon, Vietnam

Southbound

Siem Reap → Saigon, Vietnam

2027 DEPARTURE DATES

Aboard *The Jahan*

13 Jan				
24 Feb				

2028 DEPARTURE DATES

Aboard *The Jahan*

12 Jan	26 Jan			
23 Feb				
08 Mar				

Alternative Routes

Visit Expeditions.com for more information.

2027 Departure Dates

21 Jan, 04 Mar

2028 Departure Dates

20 Jan, 02 Mar



The Jahan

GUESTS	CABINS
48	24

Built in 2011, *The Jahan* is appointed in grand style and is, without question, the finest ship on the Mekong river.

To sail along the Mekong River is to experience two fascinating countries and discover how life is led along its banks. There is no better way to travel in comfort and grand style than aboard *The Jahan*. She has large, gracious staterooms and luxurious touches. Built in 2011 from the ground up, she is simply the finest ship on the Mekong River. Every cabin has a private balcony, and the ship's public spaces offer a relaxed elegance for your Mekong voyage.

At 230 feet long with four decks, she is an expansive ship with public areas where the expedition community can gather to watch life along the riverbank, with everyone sharing in the experience.

Her public spaces are built for easy gathering of small groups, intimate nooks to escape on your own, and open spaces like the lounge, where we gather daily for Recap, or the top deck, where we can gather together in the shade or sun to watch as cities and villages drift past. The dining room easily accommodates all guests at once for a single seating, with no assigned tables for easy mixing. While the ship is luxurious, life aboard is casual in every regard, and there is no need for formal clothing. And you'll find shipboard services like laundry make packing and traveling more convenient.





Cabin Categories

Category 1

MAIN DECK **#101-112**

These 323-square-foot cabins feature a private balcony with floor-to-ceiling glass doors that let in abundant light. Cabins 103-104 have twin beds (which can be pushed together on request), and #105-112 have queen-size beds. You will find a sitting area and spacious bathroom with glass-walled shower.



Category 2

UPPER DECK **#201-208**

These 323-square-foot cabins feature a private balcony with floor-to-ceiling glass doors that let in abundant light. Cabins 201-202 have twin beds (which can be configured on request), and #203-208 have queen-size beds. You will find a sitting area and spacious bathroom with glass-walled shower.



Category 3

MAIN DECK **#113-114**

UPPER DECK **#209-210**

Each 376-square-foot cabin has a queen-size bed and a private balcony with floor-to-ceiling glass doors that let in abundant light. There is a television and private DVD player. Each balcony has two sun beds and a table. You will find a sitting area and a spacious bathroom.



Suites

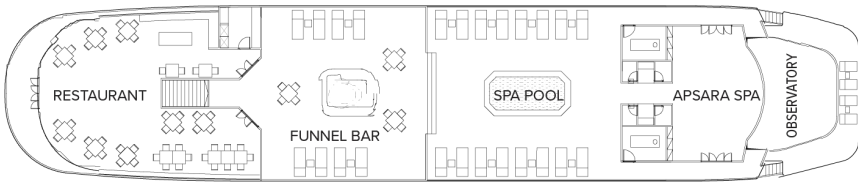
UPPER DECK **#211-212**

These are the largest and finest accommodations on board. Each has a queen-size bed, a private Deck Jacuzzi and a private balcony with floor-to-ceiling glass doors. They have separate sitting and living areas, television and a private DVD player plus a spacious bathroom.



Deck Plans

Terrace Deck



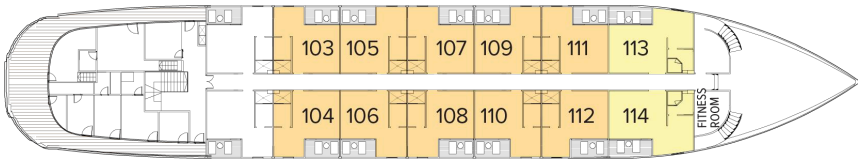
Upper Deck

- Suites
- Category 2
- Category 3



Main Deck

- Category 1
- Category 3



Ship Amenities

Public Areas

Public areas have sweeping views and are fully air-conditioned. Outdoor areas include the terrace deck, with both covered and open-air spaces, a small swimming pool and a full-service bar. The lounge, located on the upper deck, has a library and facilities for films, slide shows and presentations. Guests are welcome on the "open bridge" to meet the captain and officers and learn about river navigation.

Meals

Dining aboard is an extraordinary event daily. Meals are artfully prepared and spotlight Cambodian and Vietnamese cuisine. Continental options are always available. The dining room accommodates all guests for a single seating.

Cabins

24 outside cabins. All face outside, and all have glass doors and private balconies for enjoying the scenery along the Mekong River and its tributaries. There is a mix of twin-bedded and queen-size bedded cabins. Each has private facilities and hair dryer, individual climate control, music entertainment system and a mini bar.



Expedition Equipment

Search for rare birds and mammals and explore the tributaries that feed these rivers aboard 10-person skiffs, which feature individual seats with cushions and plenty of legroom. Kayaks offer a quiet way to explore remote, seldom-visited side streams.



Special Features

The staff and chefs are Vietnamese and Cambodian to offer a window on the cuisines of the region and more opportunities for cultural insight. The boutique has a curated selection of local art and textiles.

Wellness

Enjoy the spa, which offers a choice of massage treatments, and fitness rooms with steam bath, treadmill, stationary bicycle and elliptical trainer. Morning tai chi classes are also offered on the Terrace Deck.

Special Offers

CELEBRATE LIFE'S MILESTONES

Celebrate a milestone with a group of eight or more and enjoy a special amenity package including: 5% savings on voyage fares, custom group photo, US$150 shipboard credit for the group, and other special gifts. Milestone celebration to be communicated at time of booking.

SAVE 5% TRAVELING AS A GROUP

Save 5% when traveling as a group of 8 or more people. Valid for new bookings only on select departures, subject to availability, not applicable on extensions, and may not be combined with other offers. Call for details.

COMBINING OFFERS

Certain offers may be combinable, up to two savings opportunities, except where noted otherwise.
For example, travel with a group of 8 or more on back-to-back expeditions, and take advantage of both savings.

INCLUDED IN PRICE

All accommodations aboard ship and in hotels per itinerary; meals and beverages aboard ship (excluding certain premium brands of alcohol); meals on land as indicated, accompanied by nonalcoholic beverages; hors d'oeuvres aboard ship, drinking water throughout; excursions per itinerary, including entrance fees and photography fees, arrival and departure airport transfers for any flights into and out of Siem Reap and Saigon; gratuities to all service staff, including guides and ship's crew; guidance and company of our leading expedition staff; assistance of a Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor; presentations by expedition staff and expert guest speakers; Wi-Fi aboard ship; morning stretch classes aboard ship and access to exercise equipment; and 24-hour access to lounge and other shared spaces onboard ship. Unused services or items included in our programs are non-refundable.

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE

Airfare (except flights when indicated as included); pre- and post-expedition extensions; additional hotel nights (except when indicated as included), laundry, spa treatments, Wi-Fi in hotels (if not included by hotel), and phone services (except when indicated as included); travel protection plans; and passport, visa, and immigration fees.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN

We strongly recommend our guests to take advantage of our Travel Protection Plan. This plan offers comprehensive coverage to protect you from cancellation fees, costs incurred due to trip delays/interruption, damage or loss of baggage, medical assistance, and evacuation during your travels. Our Travel Protection Plan is available for U.S. residents only, and may be purchased any time prior to final payment due date, Travel Protection premiums are non- refundable once plan is purchased. Learn more about our Travel Protection "Plus" Plan: https://www.expeditions.com/terms-conditions/travel-protection-plan/

CANCELLATION POLICY

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