

6 days - Siem Reap to Phnom Penh

High water period - Itinerary

Day 1 - Siem Reap

Morning:

Your journey begins with a peaceful morning in Siem Reap, where you'll step aboard The Jhalavi and settle into your new floating sanctuary. After check-in, enjoy a relaxed breakfast while soaking in the tranquil surroundings. Take your time to explore the vessel, unwind on the sundeck, or indulge in a spa treatment to begin your journey with complete relaxation.

To start the adventure with a meaningful cultural experience, guests are invited to take part in a traditional Khmer Blessing Ceremony performed by local monks. This serene ritual, offering prayers for health and prosperity, is a beautiful way to mark the beginning of your voyage with gratitude and connection to Cambodian heritage.

Afternoon:

For those who want to immerse themselves in local traditions, an optional visit to a nearby artisan workshop is available. This short excursion offers a chance to see traditional Cambodian crafts being made and to pick up a meaningful keepsake. Alternatively, take a gentle stroll through a local market to experience the vibrant energy of Siem Reap before returning to the ship.

Evening:

As the afternoon transitions into evening, gather for a delightful welcome dinner onboard, featuring classic Khmer dishes prepared by our talented chefs. Meet your fellow travelers and toast to the beginning of an unforgettable journey along the Mekong.

Dining: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 - Siem Reap – Tonle Lake

Morning Excursion: Sunrise Over Angkor's Majestic Temples

Rise early for an unforgettable experience as we set out to witness the breathtaking sunrise over Angkor Wat, Cambodia's most iconic temple. As the first light of day illuminates the intricate carvings and towering spires, immerse yourself in the serene atmosphere of this architectural masterpiece.

Following sunrise, we explore Angkor Wat in depth, marveling at its grand scale, intricately detailed bas-reliefs, and the deep symbolism woven into its design. The journey then leads us to Bayon Temple, renowned for its over 200 enigmatic stone faces that smile down upon visitors, creating an awe-inspiring presence.

Next, we venture into Ta Prohm, where colossal tree roots intertwine with ancient ruins, evoking a scene straight out of history. The tour continues to Angkor Thom, the once-great capital of the Khmer Empire. Enter through its impressive stone gates, passing monumental figures before exploring its fascinating temples and remnants of a lost civilization.

Afternoon Leisure & Setting Sail on Tonle Lake

After a morning steeped in history, return to The Jhalavi and enjoy a relaxing afternoon onboard as we begin our journey across the vast Tonle Lake. Unwind on the sundeck, indulge in a spa treatment, or simply take in the peaceful scenery.

As the evening approaches, delight in an exquisite dinner onboard, featuring a blend of local and international flavors. Enjoy the tranquil ambiance of the lake as we sail toward our next destination, with new adventures awaiting on the horizon.

Dining: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3: Tonle Lake – Kampong Laeang

Morning Onboard Leisure & Sailing Across Tonle Lake

Wake up to the tranquil beauty of Tonle Lake and enjoy a leisurely breakfast as we continue our journey across this vast and ever-changing waterway. The morning is yours to relax—whether unwinding on the sundeck, indulging in a rejuvenating spa treatment, or simply watching the serene landscapes drift by.

As we sail, onboard entertainment and cultural insights provide a deeper connection to the region. Take this time to enjoy the peaceful atmosphere before we approach our next destination—Kampong Laeang.

Afternoon Excursion: Kampong Laeang & Rural Cambodia

Upon arrival at Kampong Laeang, a charming riverside community across from the renowned pottery town of Kampong Chhnang, we embark on tuk-tuks to explore the heart of rural Cambodian life. During this excursion, we will meet local artisans, witness traditional pottery-making, and visit a serene pre-Angkorian temple. A scenic vantage point offers breathtaking views of the surrounding floodplains and lush rice fields (seasonal).

Optional Excursions:

Culinary Experience:

For food enthusiasts, this hands-on culinary excursion offers the chance to prepare Nom Krok—a beloved Cambodian rice snack. Traditionally cooked on one side, the Khmer adapted the technique to create a golden, crispy ball of flavor. Beyond its delicious taste, Nom Krok holds cultural significance, often offered in spiritual ceremonies and widely enjoyed as a local delicacy.

Cycling Adventure:

Disembarking onto the riverbanks, we set off on bicycles to uncover the hidden gems of rural Cambodia. This scenic ride takes us through rice paddies and quaint villages where families produce pottery and palm sugar. The flat terrain and picturesque countryside make for an easygoing pedal, offering a glimpse into the daily rhythms of Khmer life.

Distance: 17 km | Duration: approx. 90 min | Terrain: flat on concrete path

Evening:

Return to The Jhalavi as the sun begins to set, reflecting on the day's discoveries. Enjoy a delightful dinner under the stars, savoring the flavors of Cambodia while sharing stories with fellow travelers. The journey continues, with new adventures awaiting on the horizon.

Dining: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: Kampong Laeang – Kampong Tralach – Prek Bangkong

Morning Excursion: Exploring Kampong Laeang

Start the day with a peaceful morning in Kampong Laeang, a charming riverside community known for its pottery-making and rural charm. We explore the heart of this traditional village by tuk-tuk, meeting skilled artisans, witnessing the art of pottery production, and visiting a serene pre-Angkorian temple. From a scenic vantage point, admire sweeping views of lush rice fields and floodplains (seasonal).

Optional Morning Excursion:

Cycling Adventure:

For those who enjoy an active start to the day, embark on a cycling tour through the picturesque countryside surrounding Kampong Laeang. Pedal past rice paddies and small villages where families produce pottery and palm sugar. This relaxed ride offers an intimate glimpse into the rhythms of local Khmer life.

Distance: 17 km | Duration: approx. 90 min | Terrain: flat on concrete path

As we sail upstream into the Tonle River, our guide will offer an insightful presentation on the geography of the Mekong and Tonle Rivers before lunchtime.

Afternoon Excursion: Kampong Tralach Countryside

In the afternoon, we explore the rural landscapes of Kampong Tralach. An ox-cart ride takes us along winding riverside paths, passing picturesque rice paddies and small villages. We visit a local NGO school and library project, learning about the community's education initiatives. Alternatively, guests may choose to visit a nearby 300-year-old temple and Buddha shrine, offering a glimpse into Cambodia's deep spiritual heritage.

Optional Afternoon Excursion:

Cycling Experience:

Pedal through the heartland of Cambodia, passing through Lungvek, the former royal capital, and the Buddha Jade Temple (built in 1560). Along the way, observe fishermen casting their nets into the tranquil waters of the Tonle River, a timeless sight that reflects Cambodia's deep connection to the waterways.

Distance: 14 km | Duration: approx. 120 min | Terrain: flat on concrete path

As the sun begins to set, unwind at the bar during happy hour while we sail toward Prek Bangkok, our next destination. After dinner, enjoy a classic film at our nightly onboard cinema, bringing another incredible day to a close.

Dining: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: Prek Bangkok – Kampong Cham (Mekong) – Angkor Ban – Phnom Penh

Morning Excursion: Discovering Kampong Cham

We begin the day in Kampong Cham, an important trade and transportation hub along the Mekong River. Despite its growing economic role, the town retains its traditional charm, with small artisan villages scattered along its outskirts. Our morning excursion takes us to Cheung Krok, where locals craft handmade goods—from food products to traditional clothing—using techniques passed down through generations. Guests will also have the chance to visit the seasonal Bamboo Bridge, an engineering marvel that serves as both a functional crossing and a cultural link to Cambodia's past.

Optional Morning Excursions:

Cycling Adventure to Koh Pen:

For those seeking a more active experience, embark on a cycling journey to the island of Koh Pen. Ride through verdant vegetable fields and tobacco plantations, passing local artisans and

Khmer bee masters tending to their hives. This excursion offers a unique glimpse into Cambodia's rural way of life, where traditions remain deeply rooted in everyday work.

Distance: 16 km | Duration: approx. 120 min | Terrain: flat on concrete path

Back onboard, as we continue our journey downstream toward Angkor Ban, our crew showcases traditional Khmer fashions, displaying the elegant attire worn by locals during special occasions.

Afternoon Excursion: Visiting Angkor Ban

After lunch, we arrive in Angkor Ban, a unique village known for its well-preserved wooden stilt houses and deep sense of community. Here, guests can explore a monastery, where we will have the opportunity to meet monks during their afternoon class. As we wander through the village, we gain an intimate look at the daily rhythms of Cambodian rural life, meeting local families and capturing beautiful moments of traditional living.

Optional Afternoon Excursions:

Culinary Experience:

For those interested in Cambodian cuisine, an alternative excursion takes guests to the home of Mr. B., a former cruise ship chef who returned to his home village. Here, we will prepare Samlor Korko, a traditional fish soup made with roasted rice, vegetables, herbs, and spices, accompanied by a duck egg omelette.

Cycling Adventure:

A cycling journey through Angkor Ban offers a peaceful ride past seasonal vegetable fields, centuries-old wooden houses, and traditional blacksmith workshops, where skilled artisans craft metalwork using techniques passed down through generations. The excursion concludes with a refreshing stop to enjoy ice-cold local beer or freshly pressed sugar cane juice.

Distance: 10 km | Duration: approx. 120 min | Terrain: flat on concrete path

Evening: Farewell Dinner in Phnom Penh

As the sun sets, we sail into the Cambodian capital, Phnom Penh, for a memorable Farewell Dinner onboard. Hosted on the sundeck, this elegant evening features a feast of local and international flavors, complemented by live music and warm camaraderie.

Reflect on the unforgettable moments of the journey, toast to new friendships, and embrace the magic of this extraordinary voyage as we celebrate our final evening on The Jhalavi.

Dining: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 - Phnom Penh

Morning: Exploring Phnom Penh's Rich Heritage

After a relaxed breakfast onboard, we embark on a full-day sightseeing tour of Phnom Penh, a city once known as the “Paris of the East.” While modern developments continue to shape its skyline, the city retains its colonial charm, rich history, and deep cultural roots.

Our morning begins with a traditional cyclo ride, meandering through the streets and soaking in the vibrant atmosphere. We then visit the majestic Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda, where intricate Khmer architecture and shimmering silver tiles offer a glimpse into Cambodia's royal heritage.

The tour continues to the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum (S21)—a solemn yet essential visit to understand Cambodia's past under the Khmer Rouge regime. This powerful experience provides deep historical insight into the resilience of the Cambodian people.

Afternoon: Disembarkation & Departure

Following a delightful lunch in town, we visit the Sosoro Museum, where interactive exhibits bring Cambodia's economic and cultural history to life. A final stop at the French Quarter and Wat Phnom, Phnom Penh's iconic landmark, rounds off the city experience.

By mid-afternoon, it's time to return to The Jhalavi to collect your belongings and bid farewell to the crew. After an incredible journey filled with history, culture, and scenic wonders, guests disembark, ready to explore more of Phnom Penh or continue to their next destination.

Dining: Breakfast