

JOIN SUSAN & SANDRA HAMMOND ON A HOSTED AVALON RIVER CRUISE

FASCINATING VIETNAM, CAMBODIA & THE MEKONG RIVER with HANOI & HA LONG BAY

FEBRUARY 17 - MARCH 4, 2023 | 16 Days | 2 Countries

On this inspiring Southeast Asia river cruise through Vietnam and Cambodia, you'll be immersed in the cultures and ancient traditions as you sightsee and spend time with locals in the most fascinating places along the mighty Mekong River.

The best way to experience Vietnamese culture is with a tour of its fascinating capital of Hanoi. Go on a cyclo ride through the ancient streets of the Old Quarter. Travel through the peaceful countryside to Ha Long Bay where you'll cruise by its breathtaking limestone islands.

In Ho Chi Minh City, see the famous landmarks and try your hand in the kitchen—Vietnamese-style, with a cooking class. On an excursion to the Cu Chi Tunnels, walk through a section of the immense underground tunnel system used during the Vietnam War. Embark on your river cruise along the Mekong River and visit a colorful market, the home of a local family making handcrafted sampans, and a workshop to learn how rice wine and traditional candies are made. In the capital of Cambodia, Phnom Penh, tour the National Museum and Royal Palace with its striking Silver Pagoda. On a hilltop at the site of the 8th-century temple of Wat Hanchey, take in the stunning views before walking through the rural village of Angkor Ban to visit with welcoming schoolchildren.

The grand finale of this memorable Southeast Asia river cruise vacation is a stay in Siem Reap, home to the phenomenal Temples of Angkor with an intricacy and architectural grandeur unmatched in the world.



AVALON INCLUSIONS

- Free Gratuities for Crew
- Choice of Classic, Active, or Discovery included excursions, so that you can experience your cruise your way.
- Includes 2 x flights within tour.
- English-speaking friendly crew, staff & professional Cruise Director.
- Complimentary: water stations, coffee, tea, soft drinks & Specialty Coffee's (Cappuccino's & Expresso).
- Local Beer/spirits throughout the day.
- Complimentary WIFI access in lounges (where signal is available)
- Air-conditioned Panorama Lounge & Open-air Observation Lounge.
- **Personalized**, small ship experience with only 18 Panorama Suites.



PANORAMA SUITE (B)

\$9,908 | **\$8,558** CAD* per person

*with Early Booking Discount

Deposit: \$250 CAD per person **Final Payment:** November 19, 2022

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16 Day River Cruise | Hanoi to Siem Reap (Northbound) | February 17 - March 4, 2023

DAY 1 | Arrive in Hanoi:

Welcome to Vietnam

DAY 2 | Hanoi:

Visit Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum, One Pillar Pagoda, Ho Chi Minh Museum, and Temple of Literature; lunch at Koto; take an electric-cart ride through the Old Quarter; water puppets performance. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 | Hanoi—Ha Long Bay:

Cruise on Ha Long Bay. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 | Ha Long Bay—Ho Chi Minh City:

Fly to Ho Chi Minh City. (B)

DAY 5 | Ho Chi Minh City:

Walking tour; visit the famous Rex Hotel for a drink, War Remnants Museum, and Ben Thanh Market; cooking class. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 | Ho Chi Minh City:

Cu Chi Tunnels excursion. (B)

DAY 7 | Ho Chi Minh City (Embarkation):

Onboard welcome reception. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 | Vinh Long—Cu Lao Gieng:

Visit a local workshop to see how rice paper, rice wine, and traditional candy are made in Vinh Long; interact with sampan-making and conical hat making families in Cu Lao Gieng. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 | Chau Doc—Long Khanh A— Cambodian Border Crossing:

Visit a local market and the religious sites at Sam Mountain in Chau Doc; walking tour of Long Khanh A with cotton-weaving demonstration. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 | Phnom Penh:

Sightseeing by private cyclo, including the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda, and the National Museum; afternoon at leisure; show by children from a local orphanage. (B,L,D)

DAY 11 | Phnom Penh:

Visit the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum and visit one of the Cambodian Killing Fields, or visit the lively central market. (B,L,D)

DAY 12 | Wat Hanchey—Angkor Ban:

Visit Wat Hanchey and partake in a traditional water blessing by local monks; walking tour in Angkor Ban with school visit. (B,L,D)

DAY 13 | Konpong Louang—Kampong Tralach:

Visit the silversmith village of Konpong Louang; ox cart ride through the countryside, and visit a local farmer's home in Kampong Tralach. (B,L,D)

DAY 14 | Phnom Penh (Disembarkation)— Siem Reap:

Fly to Siem Reap; visit Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom, and Bayon Temple. (B,L)

DAY 15 | Siem Reap:

Visit Ta Prohm, Banteay Srei, and a noodlemaking village; Apsara dance performance. (B,D)

DAY 16 | Siem Reap:

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

WELCOME ONBOARD THE AVALON SAIGONSM

SHIP AMENITIES:



- 18 Panorama Staterooms | 36 Pax | 24 Crew
- Air-conditioned Panorama Lounge
- English-speaking friendly crew, staff & professional Cruise Director
- Complimentary specialty coffees including espresso and cappuccino available throughout the day
- · Complimentary water stations
- Daily cocktail hour with cocktail of the day
- Open-air observation lounge with shade system & premium lounge chairs
- Bar serving premium spirits, wine & complimentary coffee, tea, soft drinks, and local beer/spirits throughout the day
- Complimentary Wi-Fi access in the lounges (where signal is available)
- Spa treatment room
- Non-smoking staterooms & ship interior
- Fitness Room
- Library and games
- Sightseeing with Expert Local Guides
- Onboard lectures, activities & entertainment
- Headsets for all guided shore excursions
- Behind-the-scenes galley tour

- Choice of Classic, Active or Discovery excursions so that you can experience your cruise your way
- Flatscreen satellite TV with Englishspeaking channels & over 100 free movie options
- Onboard assistance is available to recommend, reserve and further personalize your cruise
- Seasonal recipes featuring the freshest local ingredients
- Vegetarian options available with all meals
- Complimentary coffee, tea, soft drinks, local beer/spirits with all onboard meals
- · Daily early-riser coffee & tea
- Daily à la carte breakfast
- Complimentary juices with breakfast
- Daily a la carte lunch showcasing local specialties served by our Head Chef
- Four-course à la carte dinners with choice of salads, soups, entrées, dessert or cheese
- Complimentary wine with all onboard lunches & dinners
- Chef-prepared onboard meals with regional cuisine and familiar favourites

NOT INCLUDED:

- International flight
- Travel Insurance
- Optional Excursions
- Gratuities for Tour Director and Cruise Director, are not included in the Crew Gratuities

Please Note: Deposit is Non-refundable

VOTED THE "BEST NEW RIVER CRUISE SHIP"

by TravelAge West in 2019, the all-suite Avalon Saigon delivers the best cruise experience on the Mekong River. Like her sister ship, the Avalon Siem Reap, the Avalon Saigon is designed to venture easily into areas where other cruise ships cannot, while measuring as wide and long as ships carrying twice the number of our just 36 guests. Cruising uninterrupted from Ho Chi Minh City to Phnom Penh (or vice versa), the Saigon eliminates hours of motorcoach travel time associated with other river cruise ship itineraries.

The Avalon Saigon Suite Ship incorporates the classic colonial charm befitting the Vietnam and Cambodia experience with the modern features you expect from Avalon. **Each**

Panorama Suite features 245-square-feet of living space with wall-to-wall, floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows to create river cruising's only Open-Air Balcony. With luxurious beds that face the window, you'll never miss a fascinating view on the Mekong. You'll also find ample room to roam on board, while never feeling crowded. From the air-conditioned Panorama Lounge to the open-air observation lounge, you'll find plenty of seating and inviting spots to relax. With lounges located at the front of the ship, you'll always have a great forward-focused view no matter where you sit.

Our crew embodies Avalon's "you first" spirit from start to finish. From the reception staff and bartender to wait staff and room attendant, you'll experience exquisite service with a relaxed luxury that's come to encompass the **Avalon difference**.