

PEARL OF THE ORIENT

Phnom Penh-Saigon Port (4 Days/3 Nights downstream)

DAY 1: PHNOM PENH – CHAU DOC

“Highway Patrol”

The Jayavarman casts off at 7:00am, for a day of cruising the main Mekong Channel. This is pretty much an international shipping route. Psyche yourself up for Prek Touch, a lively jungle village. After that, visit well laid out fruit orchards. Overnight, the ship moors mid stream. The next day we set off to the Vietnamese border for the usual formalities, which in this part of the world takes a bit of time

DAY 2: CHAU DOC

“Taste of aqua cultural life”

Welcome to the circus of fish. The early birds will be treated to Thai Chi lessons. Brace yourself for a boat excursion to the exciting floating villages and catfish farms witnessing tons and tons of bassa fish being fed, hand in hand with a shore excursion to the village of the local Muslim Cham community.

Take a ride through this fascinating town of rich French colonial architecture and see its bustling market flooded with tropical fruits in full display by women in cone shaped palm leaf hats. Observe a skill passed on from one generation to another. That is, beautiful traditional textiles being woven on old wooden looms.

DAY 3: CAN THO

“Vietnamese inventiveness”



See “Cai Rang”- Asia’s largest and most impressive floating market whilst sipping your favorite latte on the breakfast deck. Wooden poles at the front of each boat display wares for sale, such as jackfruit, sugar cane, morning glory stems or even freshly baked baguettes.

Take a small boat to see the market up close and continue navigating the narrow canals. Watch as local workers fire their brick kilns, make coconut candy and rice paper by hand. Listen to the fruit orchard owner’s explanation while tasting the various fruits plucked from the trees. A lunch picnic in one of the fruit orchards will be presented by The Jayavarman’s crew. The Jayavarman sets sail for a cruise towards Saigon along the traffic of sand and rice barges through scenery portraying smoking kilns of brick factories, fruit drying homes and rice paddy fields.

In the evening, a mouth watering farewell dinner will be served on the Sun Deck.

DAY 4: SAIGON



The journey of The Jayavarman comes to an end. But in fact, this is actually the beginning of the end, as you will discover. Enjoy the cruise, as we sail towards the buzzing city of Saigon.

Eventually, we will disembark and transfer to the hotel: 10:00 am.