

# 2026 AMA MEKONG RIVER CRUISE



## Cruise with Getaway Guru® Larry Gelwix • November 9-16, 2026

Embark on an unforgettable journey along the Mekong River through Cambodia and Vietnam, where life moves at a graceful pace and the spirit of tradition thrives. Cruise past lush countryside landscapes and explore charming rural villages, bustling markets, and serene monasteries. Receive a heartfelt Buddhist blessing from local monks and uncover the rich history of Cambodia at the Royal Palace and National Museums in Phnom Penh. Along the way, marvel at the artistry of skilled craftsmen, indulge in local delicacies, and enjoy authentic cultural experiences, from oxcart rides to tuk-tuks and trishaws. This transformative voyage brings the vibrant shores of the Mekong to life, offering a deeper connection to its people, history, and timeless beauty.

Date	Daily Schedule	<b>Price from \$2,999</b> per person/double occupancy 8 Days/7 Nights)
11/09 - Sun	EMBARKATION – KAMPONG CHAM, CAMBODIA	
11/10 - Mon	ANGKOR BAN - OKNHATEY	
11/11 - Tue	PHNOM PENH	
11/12 - Wed	PHNOM PENH - OUDONG	
11/13 - Thu	BORDER CROSSING – TAN CHAU, VIETNAM	
11/14 - Fri	TAN CHAU	
11/15 - Sat	SA DEC - CAI BE	
11/16 - Sun	HO CHI MINH CITY - DISEMBARKATION	

### Highlights of the Tour:

- The Getaway Guru®, Larry Gelwix will be your personal cruise host for the whole trip along with expert local guides
- Licensed, insured, and bonded travel agency with 60+ years of experience!! Yes, IT MATTERS!
- Cruise on the beautiful AMA Dara River Ship

*\*Please note that while the physical activity on this tour (walking distances) is not significant, your days will be full touring walking 2-4 miles a day usually. Please be sure you notify us of any physical limitations you might have at booking.*

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**Your Tour Host:**

**Larry Gelwix** is probably best known as the “Getaway Guru®” and host of the “Travel Show” radio broadcast on several radio stations. The weekly two-hour radio show highlights the best travel deals, lowest airline and cruise fares, and takes call-in questions from listeners. His professional travel career includes CEO of an airline, member of car rental, airline, and cruise line national advisory boards, co-owner and Executive Vice President of Morris Travel, and published travel writer of books and travel-related articles. Larry and his wife Cathy and I have five children and reside in Salt Lake.

**All This Is Included**

- 8-day cruise with river-view stateroom on the AMA Dara
- All meals on board and complimentary wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Deluxe/Air-Conditioned motor coach transportation for included tours
- Licensed Local guides at each port
- Experienced Tour host, Larry Gelwix
- Room steward & twice-daily housekeeping service
- Hotel-style bed with the optional twin-bed configuration; luxury linens & pillows
- 40" flat-screen LCD TV & complimentary movies on Demand
- Refrigerator, security safe, hair dryer
- 110/220-volt outlets & USB port
- Heated bathroom floor & anti-fog mirrors
- Glass-enclosed shower
- Premium Freyja® toiletries, bathrobe & slippers (upon request)

**Not included:**

- Government taxes and fees \$250.00
- Airfare from your home city
- Any private sightseeing not included on the itinerary
- Cruise gratuities
- Items of a personal nature (e.g. phone calls, room service, internet, etc.)
- Travel insurance

**Optional Pricing:**

- Category C (French Balcony & Outside Balcony - 251 sq. ft.) \$2,999 per person based on a double cabin
- Category B (French Balcony & Outside Balcony - 251 sq. ft.) \$3,549 per person based on a double cabin
- Category A (French Balcony & Outside Balcony - 251 sq. ft.) \$3,879 per person based on a double cabin
- Category S (Suite - 366 sq. ft.) \$4,369 per person based on a double cabin
- Category SL (Luxury Suite - 502 sq. ft) \$5,359 per person based on a double cabin

**Payment Terms:**

- \$500 per person deposit at the time of booking - Deposit and all payments are non-refundable
- Final Payment due on July 20th, 2026
- Refer to our Terms & Conditions

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### Day 1: Sunday, November 9, 2026

#### EMBARKATION – KAMPONG CHAM, CAMBODIA

Transfer via motorcoach from Siem Reap to the AmaDara in Kampong Cham for your seven-night cruise. Later, join fellow guests for an evening Welcome Dinner. **Meals: Lunch, Dinner**

### Day 2: Monday, November 10, 2026

#### ANGKOR BAN - OKNHATEY

During the morning, go on a walking tour to Angkor Ban, one of the few villages in Cambodia that was not destroyed under the Khmer Rouge regime in the 1970s. Here people still live in their traditional wooden abodes and keep their old cultural traditions alive. Hundreds of wooden houses stand intact on stilts, shaded with banana trees, among the hustle and bustle of the daily agricultural on-going of the local villagers. After visiting here, the ship sails to Oknhatey or “Silk Island,” located on the lush banks of the Mekong River. This island is known for its rich tradition of silk weaving. While here, you’ll visit a local elementary school and observe traditional silk weaving an art that has been preserved for centuries. Your ship moors in Oknhatey village. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**



### Day 3: Tuesday, November 11, 2026

#### PHNOM PENH

Your cruise continues to sail to Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia. This morning’s excursion takes you to the highlights of Phnom Penh, followed by a visit to the Royal Palace, the spectacular Silver Pagoda and the National Museum, which has an outstanding collection of Khmer crafts. Alternatively, you may wish to shop for unique treasures at the bustling, yellow-colored Central Market after your visit to the Royal Palace. In the afternoon, prepare for a moving visit to Cambodia’s infamous Killing Fields and the Khmer Rouge’s grim Tuol Sleng S21 detention center (Genocide Museum). After returning to the ship, enjoy Khmer folk dancing performed by local children in the Saigon Lounge. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**



### Day 4: Wednesday, November 12, 2026

#### PHNOM PENH - OUDONG

The morning excursion takes you to Oudong, Cambodia’s former royal capital from the early 17th century until 1866. Today, Oudong is a place of pilgrimage for Cambodians. While here, be treated to a memorable Buddhist Blessing Ceremony at a monastery. You may walk around Oudong’s monastery or take an active walking tour to see panoramic views of the Oudong plain. Later in the day, experience Phnom Penh via a tuk



tuk ride and be enchanted by the city's French Colonial architecture and tree-lined boulevards set amidst monumental Angkorian architecture, or continue your visit to Wat Phnom, a famous landmark of Phnom Penh. **Meals : Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

**Day 5: Thursday, November 13, 2026**

*BORDER CROSSING – TAN CHAU, VIETNAM*

Spend the day cruising the Mekong River as your ship crosses the border into Vietnam. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

**Day 6: Friday, November 14, 2026**

*TAN CHAU*

Enjoy a visit to Tan Chau, a small Mekong River town unspoiled by tourism. Be treated to an authentic experience on a traditional “xe-loi” (trishaw) ride around the town, with stops at silk-making and rattan mat workshops. You may also choose the trishaw ride with visits to craftsmen’s workshops, followed by an active walking tour to “Evergreen Island.” As a third alternative, explore the stunning Mekong Delta on an intimate tour through Vietnam's Tra Su Forest and Sanctuary. Board a traditional sampan boat and glide through this diverse ecosystem that includes more than 70 species of birds, including the painted stork and oriental darter, and lush greenery encompassing majestic cajuput trees, lotuses, water lilies and a carpet of bright green moss in the rainy season that appears to glow as you gently drift through it. Later in the day, cruise to Sa Dec. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

**Day 7: Saturday, November 15, 2026**

*SA DEC - CAI BE*

Once ashore in Sa Dec, tour the town where French writer Marguerite Duras spent many years in her youth. Visit a colorful local market and Cao Dai Temple, home to the unique religion of Cao-daiism in Southern Vietnam. It is a fusion of Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Confucianism. You will have an opportunity to visit candy and rice paper making workshops, or you may also choose to add an active walking tour to the historic Kiet Old House and cap the day off with a festive Farewell Dinner on board. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

**Day 8: Sunday, November 16, 2026**

*HO CHI MINH CITY - DISEMBARKATION*

Your cruise concludes in My Tho Port, where you’ll disembark. Transfer to Ho Chi Minh City.

**Meals: Breakfast**



## **Introductory Terms and Conditions**

*(Full Terms & Conditions available on our website and included with each booking)*

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