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# Cambodia, Vietnam & the Mekong River



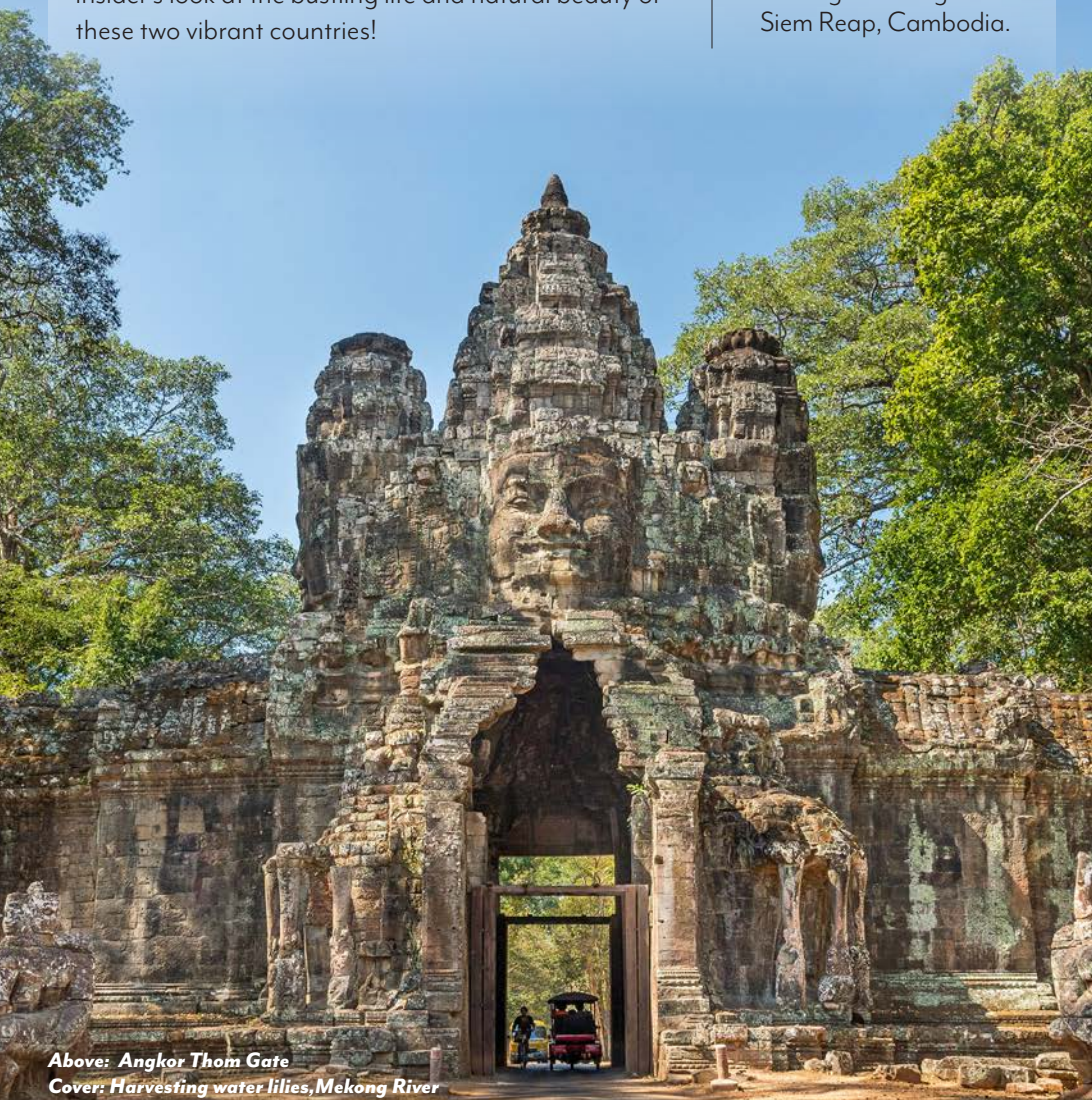
FEATURING TOUR HOST  
**TRINA MEDAREV**  
**March 2 – 16, 2026**



**D**iscover the natural beauty, fascinating culture and spirited welcome of Cambodia and Vietnam on this 15-day adventure. Aboard the luxurious small ship *Jayavarman*, cruise down the storied Mekong River from Siem Reap to Ho Chi Minh City. Explore the beautiful ruins of Angkor Thom, Ta Prohm and Angkor Wat, all part of a UNESCO World Heritage site. Marvel at Phnom Penh, once known as the “Paris of the East,” and Ho Chi Minh City, a nexus of history, culture and culinary delights. Observe unique wildlife species and beautiful riverscapes along the Mekong, known as the “Mother of Water.” Most importantly, along the way you’ll experience river life with the locals — visit markets, monasteries, and fish and vegetable farms; ride in rickshaws and tuk-tuks; and engage with artisans, monks and villagers. Gain an insider’s look at the bustling life and natural beauty of these two vibrant countries!

### Exclusive Highlights

- Seven-night cruise aboard *Jayavarman*, an exclusively chartered, deluxe small ship.
- Three nights in Siem Reap, Cambodia, and 2 nights in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, in deluxe accommodations.
- Meet with local artisans to learn about their traditional crafts; see local fish and vegetable farmers at work.
- Visit UNESCO World Heritage site Angkor in Siem Reap, Cambodia.



**Above: Angkor Thom Gate**

**Cover: Harvesting water lilies, Mekong River**



## Dear Council Traveler,

On this 14-night adventure, discover the wonders of Cambodia and Vietnam as you cruise the Mekong River from Siem Reap to Ho Chi Minh City. You'll experience the famous highlights — breathtaking ancient Angkor Wat; the beguiling cities of Phenom Penh and Ho Chi Minh City; and the storied Mekong River itself.

But unlike many tourists, you will see beyond the popular features and experience the true heart of these countries. As you sail downriver, meet and interact with local people every day.

Travel as residents do — by oxcart, tuk-tuk and rickshaw — to small villages. Stroll through markets, mingling with shoppers going about their daily routines. Meet with monks and priests who talk about their lives and beliefs. Smile with schoolchildren as you learn about their library project. Visit family-run orchards and vegetable and fish farms. And discover the communities' crafts and creative industries, meeting artisans, weavers, and chefs.

From luxurious lodgings in hotels and on the small ship *Jayavarman*, explore like you never have before, making authentic connections in this beautiful destination. Other educational groups share this departure, so make your reservation today. Call (800) 942-5004 (email: [travel@wacphila.org](mailto:travel@wacphila.org)).

Warm Regards,

Andrew Haught, Director of Travel

Can't travel at this time? Ask about the Council's other cruises with Gohagan & Company to England and Singapore.

## Tour Host



**Trina Medarev** is the President & CEO of the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville. Under her leadership, the Council has expanded its reach, hosting acclaimed speaker series, educational programs, and special events. Trina has been recognized as a Woman of Influence by the Jacksonville Business Journal and named the 2020 International Individual of the Year by the JAXUSA Partnership for support of international business growth in the Northeast Florida region. She has recently been selected as a member of Leadership Florida, joining Cornerstone Class 42. With her passion for exploring and learning about the world around her, Trina relished leading the Israel: Land of Cultural Treasures Tour in March 2020 as well as a Classical Mediterranean Cruise exploring Malta, Tunisia and Sicily in May 2024 via the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia's acclaimed Travel the World program.

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Day 1 | March 2

Depart your home city to fly to Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Day 2 | March 3

Cross International Date Line.

Day 3 | March 4

Siem Reap, Cambodia

Arrive at Siem Reap International Airport, transfer to the deluxe *Borei Angkor Resort & Spa* and check in.

Day 4 | March 5      B-L-R-D

Siem Reap

Explore Angkor Thom, a great walled city built in the late 12th century. Tour the complex, including the Baphuon, Elephant Terraces, Leper King

Terrace and Royal Palace area. Enjoy a group lunch at an authentic local restaurant. Next, explore the haunting temples of Ta Prohm, a former Buddhist monastery where roots of massive strangler figs and other trees have overtaken the buildings. This afternoon, visit Satcha, a handicraft center supporting local artisans and preserving Cambodian culture. This evening, join your fellow travelers at the hotel for a Welcome Reception and Dinner with a cultural show.

Day 5 | March 6      B

Siem Reap

Discover breathtaking Angkor Wat, a grand, UNESCO-designated temple and the largest religious monument in the world.

See the extensive gallery of bas-relief murals, among other memorable highlights.

Day 6 | March 7      B-L-R-D

Siem Reap | Embarkation | Kampong Cham

Embark *Jayavarman* and cruise on the vast Mekong River to Cambodia's sixth-largest city, Kampong Cham. Tour the city, noting its quaint main street, small markets, artisans and craftspeople. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 7 | March 8      B-L-D

Angkor Ban | Prek Bangkong

In Angkor Ban, visit the local monastery and its delightful village, meet monks during their morning class, and engage in



Ox-pulled cart, Tonle region, Cambodia







**Royal Palace complex, Phnom Penh, Cambodia**

friendly conversations with the villagers. Later, visit Prek Bangkong, known for its silk-weaving community. Observe artisans and weavers, and learn about the intricate silk production process.

#### **Day 8 | March 9      B-L-D**

Kampong Laeang | Kampong Tralach | Phnom Penh

Discover Kampong Laeang, a lovely lakeside village in the vast Tonle region, one of Cambodia's amazing ecosystems. Board tuk-tuks to travel the countryside for an authentic look at rural Cambodian life. This afternoon, an ox-pulled cart will transport you down quiet, winding roads bordered by lush rice paddies. In a small village along the river, visit and learn about a local school and library project.



#### **Day 9 | March 10      B-L-D**

Phnom Penh

Welcome to Phnom Penh, a storied city at the confluence of three rivers, with a history and culture that spans centuries. Despite its rapid development, it has retained much of its rustic charm and elegance. After our tour, return to the ship and savor an al fresco barbecue dinner accompanied by a classic Apsara dance performance.

#### **Day 10 | March 11      B-L-D**

Phnom Penh |  
Tan Chau, Vietnam

Enjoy a tasty breakfast on board as the ship departs Phnom Penh and begins a full day of sailing. This afternoon, we will cross the border and

arrive in Tan Chau, Vietnam, a pleasant town with diverse Chinese, Kinh and Khmer communities.

#### **Day 11 | March 12      B-L-D**

Tan Chau | My An Hung

Tan Chau is known for its aquaculture, agriculture, vibrant markets and silk-weaving culture. Ride in a xeloi, shop in the market, visit a temple, and call at a fish farm that has been operated for many years by one family. This afternoon in nearby My An Hung, visit a family vegetable farm. As a local artistic group performs a traditional dragon dance, sample Vietnamese teas and freshly harvested tropical fruits.





*Vietnamese street vendor*

## Day 12 | March 13 B-L-R-D

Binh Thanh | Cai Be |  
Tan Phong

Today, stop in two Mekong islands and one delta village, and meet locals within the communities. Learn how villagers fashion products from water hyacinths and rice, and visit a family fruit orchard.

## Day 13 | March 14 B-L

My Tho | Disembark |  
Ho Chi Minh City

After breakfast, disembark the ship and transfer to Ho Chi

Minh City. On a walking tour, see the city's many fascinating historic landmarks. Enjoy a group lunch and an open-air bus tour before checking into the deluxe *Park Hyatt Saigon*. Spend time this evening exploring on your own.

## Day 14 | March 15 B-R

Ho Chi Minh City

Today choose an included excursion: either a market visit and Vietnamese cooking class or an exploration of the Cu Chi Tunnels. This elaborate tunnel system beneath the city



*Vietnamese cuisine*

is centuries old and was used for guerrilla warfare during the Vietnam war. Join your fellow travelers for a Farewell Reception this evening.

## Day 15 | March 16 B

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight back to your home city.

*Note: This is an ACTIVE program. The itinerary is subject to change due to local conditions.*

# Ingenious Weaving

Native to the Upper Amazon River basin in South America, the water hyacinth is an invasive species now found in over 50 countries on five continents. Beautiful to behold, with drifting lush greenery and pale purple blooms, it nevertheless wreaks havoc on waterways. It grows into thick floating mats that prevent sunlight and oxygen from penetrating the water, killing off fish and amphibians. The water then stagnates and becomes a breeding area for mosquitoes—and their dangerous diseases.

A fearsome foe, the water hyacinth is extremely adaptable and can thrive in a variety of conditions, even in badly polluted water. And mats of the invasive weed can double in size every two weeks.

In Cambodia and Vietnam, local people have found a solution. They harvest the water hyacinths and dry out their long stems, weaving them into baskets, mats, handbags and other handicrafts. Villagers make money from their efforts, and as the hyacinths are thinned out, the river returns to health and surrounding communities benefit.







**City Hall of Ho Chi Minh City**



### **Borei Angkor Resort & Spa**

Located in the heart of the former capital of Cambodia, *Borei Angkor Resort & Spa* is a hub of cultural energy, only a few minutes away from Siem Reap's cultural and historic attractions. Each room and suite provides guests with an unparalleled selection of contemporary amenities, rich in detail and steeped in tradition.



### **Park Hyatt Saigon**

Discover urban luxury with a combination of sophisticated design, handcrafted details and modern-day comforts at *Park Hyatt Saigon*. Conveniently located near the world-class restaurants of Ho Chi Minh City, but sheltered and quiet, this hotel offers the ultimate personalized luxury experience.

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- 3-night stay in the deluxe *Borei Angkor Resort & Spa* in Siem Reap, Cambodia.
- 7-night cruise from Siem Reap, Cambodia to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam on the deluxe small ship *Jayavarman*.
- 2-night stay in the deluxe *Park Hyatt Saigon* in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Included Meals | 12 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 8 dinners.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Director accompanies you throughout the program. (1 for every 40 guests).
- Expert lecturers and local guides enrich your experience with their knowledge and insight.
- During included excursions, our experienced, English-speaking local guides will teach you about the history, culture and natural splendor of the destination.
- Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Complimentary water is available in your suite or stateroom and on excursions.
- Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- Our extensive pre-departure materials better prepare you for your travel experience.
- Complimentary travel mementos.
- Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad when you purchase your air through Gohagan & Company and your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).



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## TERMS

**\*The Special Savings Rate is valid if booked by 7/1725 and paid in full at booking.**

**These Special Savings consist of \$500 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full Savings.**

- All rates are in U.S. dollars, per person, based on double occupancy, including taxes.
- Single supplements apply in select categories at 125% of the per-person cabin fare, plus taxes, with limited availability. Single rates for all other categories are at 200%. Special Savings still apply. (Cabin fare is the standard rate less taxes.)
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JAYAVARMAN

Mekong River



The deluxe small ship *Jayavarman* showcases interior design characterized by a charming French Colonial theme along with stylish Khmer accents. Public areas are decorated with fine objects d'art emanating the aura of a floating art gallery. The welcoming atmosphere invites guests to feel at home from their first step aboard. An open kitchen adds a unique flair to culinary experiences. The ship plies the lower Mekong River between Vietnam and Cambodia.



**2026 DEPARTURE DATE** | March 2 to 16 | Tour Begins: March 4

| Category | Description  | Standard Rate | Special Savings Rate* |
|----------|--|---------------|-----------------------|
| C        | Stateroom with a private balcony with seating area and sliding-glass door; twin or double beds. 215 sq ft   Main Deck, mid & fwd..                         | \$8,495       | \$7,495               |
| B        | Stateroom with a private balcony, with seating area & sliding-glass door; twin or double beds; carved wooden furniture. 248 sq ft   Upper Deck, mid & fwd. | \$10,095      | \$9,095               |
| A        | Suite with private balcony, with seating area & sliding-glass door; wood four-poster king-size bed; butler service. 290 sq ft   Upper Deck, fwd.           | \$14,405      | \$13,405              |

All suites and staterooms are river-view and feature a comfortable bed; writing desk & chair; private balcony with chairs & table; private bathroom with vanity, walk-in shower, bathrobe & luxury toiletries. Also: individually controlled air conditioning; minibar; in-room safe; hair dryer; tea and coffee makers; complimentary Wi-Fi\*; in-house telephone; luggage rack; sandals, sun hat & umbrella. *Note: Wi-Fi\* is provided by satellite connection, which may be sporadic due to weather conditions or boat movement.*

### The Gohagan Difference – An Inclusive Luxury Experience

For your comfort and convenience, our fares are comprehensive. We offer incredible inclusions not typical of all providers.

- Shore Excursions
- Wi-Fi/Internet\*
- Beverage Package
- Port Charges & Gratuities
- Travel Director(s)

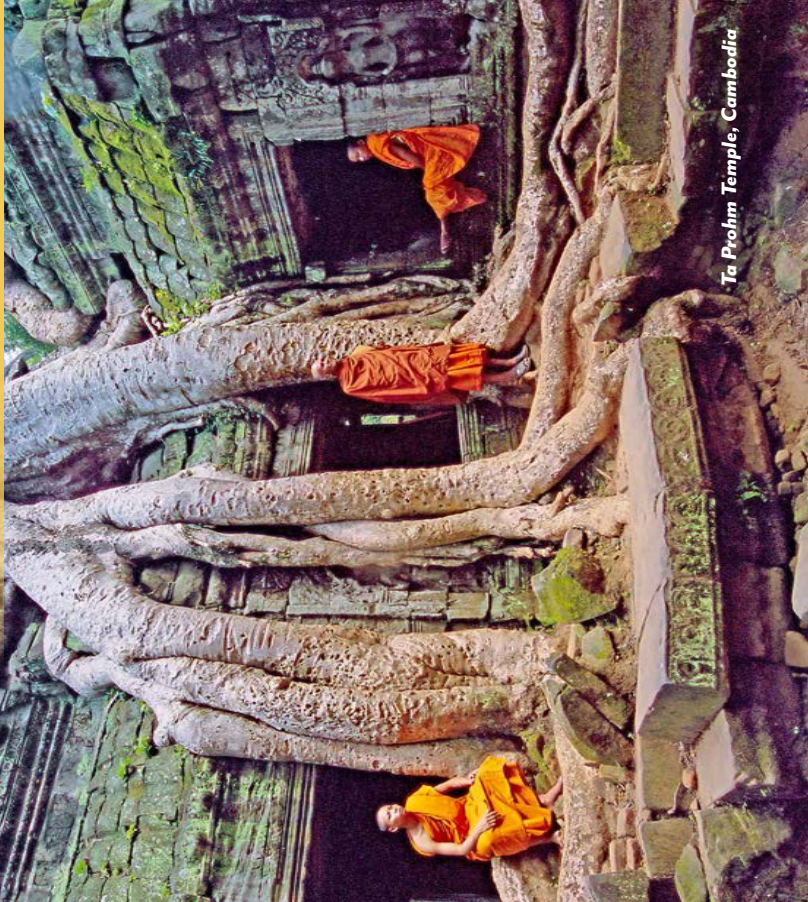


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