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CRUISING THE MEKONG RIVER

Vietnam and Cambodia

Aboard the 14-suite *Mekong Princess*
with Carleton Professor Tun Myint



DECEMBER 7-20, 2026



Dear Carleton College Alumni,

I invite you to join **Carleton Professor Tun Myint** on a captivating journey through the rich history and vibrant culture of tropical Indochina with our luxurious tour of Vietnam and Cambodia along the majestic Mekong River.

Spend two nights in the bustling metropolis of **Ho Chi Minh City** (still known as Saigon), a dynamic hub that exudes energy, before embarking the **exquisite, 14-suite Mekong Princess**, a riverboat that embodies the gracious heritage and beauty of Southeast Asia, combined with a romantic French colonial style and all the modern comforts. Her small size and ultra-shallow draft allow us to experience this mighty river from an intimate perspective. Along the way, Professor Myint will offer a **series of lectures**, share insights into what you are seeing, and encourage discussions. **Local guides** will accompany you on all excursions.

Cruise the Mekong for seven nights, from Ho Chi Minh City to Siem Reap.

The Mekong takes us into the fascinating but seldom-visited world of one of Asia's great waterways. Marvel at floating villages whose residents literally live on the water—working, shopping, and even attending school and church. Tour a family-owned orchard, visit a noodle factory and a coconut candy maker, and experiment with typical Vietnamese ingredients during a cooking demonstration. Conclude the program with three nights in **Siem Reap**, where you can immerse yourself in the world-famous Khmer temples of Angkor, designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Marvel at the remains of different capitals of the Khmer Empire, including the iconic **Angkor Wat** and the Bayon Temple at **Angkor Thom**. An **optional pre-trip extension to Hanoi and Ha Long Bay is also available**.

This Carleton-exclusive adventure is **limited to only 24 guests**, so I encourage you to secure your preferred suite today by contacting Alumni Adventures at **(800) 811-7244** or **carleton@studytours.org**.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Ditsch '93
President, Carleton Alumni Council

STUDY LEADER



Tun Myint is a Professor of Political Science and International Relations at Carleton College.

He directs Carleton's Political Ecology and Economy of Southeast Asia Off-Campus Study program. Professor Myint also has field research sites in Burma, Thailand, and Lao PDR, investigating how knowledge systems shape local social ecological changes in Southeast Asia. He earned his PhD in 2005 from the joint program of the School of Public and Environmental Affairs and the School of Law at Indiana University, Bloomington. Professor Myint was a postdoctoral research fellow at The Vincent and Elinor Ostrom Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis at Indiana University, teaching and engaging in research on democracy and environmental governance with a regional focus on Southeast Asia.

His research examines the role of individuals and groups in the dynamic relationship between social changes and global environmental changes with the focus on democracy, development, globalization, and sustainability. Professor Myint is the author of *Governing International Rivers: Polycentric Politics in the Mekong and the Rhine*. He served as a member of the Technical Advisory Team of the Federal Constitution Drafting Coordinating Committee of the Union of Burma from 2000 to 2005, and is a co-founder and board President of the Mutual Aid Myanmar to support Civil Disobedience Movement in Myanmar. Professor Myint cofounded the *Independent Journal of Burmese Scholarship* (IJBS) and serves as a member of the editorial board of the IJBS.

Highlights

Cruise for seven nights aboard the privately chartered, 14-cabin **Mekong Princess**, whose small size and shallow draft allow visits to **villages not accessible to larger vessels**, as well as embarkation in Ho Chi Minh City port itself (others miss parts of the Mekong Delta by embarking in My Tho).

Stay in comfortable **all-suite cabins** measuring 216 to 495 square feet, each with panoramic, floor-to-ceiling, glass French doors; deluxe, spa-quality linens and amenities; as well as individual climate control and a flat-screen TV.

Spend five nights in **luxurious hotels** on either side of the cruise - two nights in dynamic Ho Chi Minh City's *Park Hyatt Hotel* and three nights at *Grand Raffles Hotel* in Siem Reap.

Learn from **excellent local guides** throughout, with continuity of guides within each country a special bonus.

Travel by sampan, traditional wooden boats, through mangrove channels to visit a local coconut candy maker and an orchard.

Attend **local cultural performances**, including a Vietnamese opera and a children's orphanage dance troupe.

Explore the **UNESCO World Heritage temples** of Angkor, including sunrise views of Angkor Wat from the peaceful surroundings of Ba Kheng Temple.

Experience **authentic village life** during visits to floating markets, farms, and rural villages.

PRE-TOUR EXTENSION **Hanoi & Ha Long Bay**

DECEMBER 4-8, 2026 Begin your journey with two nights in Hanoi, including a city tour featuring the Temple of Literature, Hoan Kiem Lake, the "Hanoi Hilton," Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum and stilt house, and a cyclo ride through the Old Quarter, followed by a traditional water puppet performance. Then travel to Ha Long Bay for an overnight cruise aboard the *Paradise Elegance*, featuring a visit to a pearl farm or kayaking, afternoon tea, a Vietnamese cooking demonstration, and a stop at Ti Top Island. Conclude with a morning visit to Me Cung Cave before flying to Ho Chi Minh City. *APRICOT HOTEL HANOI* (2 NIGHTS), *PARADISE ELEGANCE* (1 NIGHT); (3B,2L,2D)

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 & 5 **Home / Hanoi, Vietnam**

Depart home on overnight flights to Hanoi, Vietnam. Upon arrival on December 5th, you will be warmly welcomed at the airport and transferred to the elegant *Apricot Hotel*, ideally located overlooking Hanoi's iconic Hoan Kiem Lake. This refined property blends local art and contemporary design. Check in and enjoy the evening at your leisure to rest and recover from your journey. *APRICOT HOTEL*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 **Hanoi**

Enjoy a panoramic tour of Hanoi, including key cultural and historical landmarks such as the Confucius Temple of Literature, scenic Hoan Kiem Lake, the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" prison, the mausoleum of Ho Chi Minh, and his humble "House on Stilts." Then, experience the charm of the Old Quarter with a cyclo ride through its narrow, bustling alleyways. Conclude the day with a traditional water puppet performance, an art form unique to northern Vietnam. *APRICOT HOTEL* (B,L,D)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7 **Ha Long Bay**

Drive approximately four hours to Ha Long Bay and board the *Paradise Elegance* for an overnight cruise. In the afternoon, visit a pearl farm or opt for a kayaking adventure. Later, your second stop is Ti Top Island, where you can climb to the top for panoramic views of the surrounding area or relax on the beach. Return to the ship for tea and a cooking demonstration. *PARADISE ELEGANCE* (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 **Ho Chi Minh City**

Your excursion this morning is to the enchanting Me Cung Cave, where you can explore its winding passageways, admire the striking rock formations, and take in views of the shimmering lake hidden within this ancient grotto. Disembark in late morning and transfer to Hanoi airport for a two-hour flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Spend the remainder of the evening at leisure. The main group arrives in Ho Chi Minh City today, with the main tour program beginning tomorrow morning. *PARK HYATT HOTEL* (B)

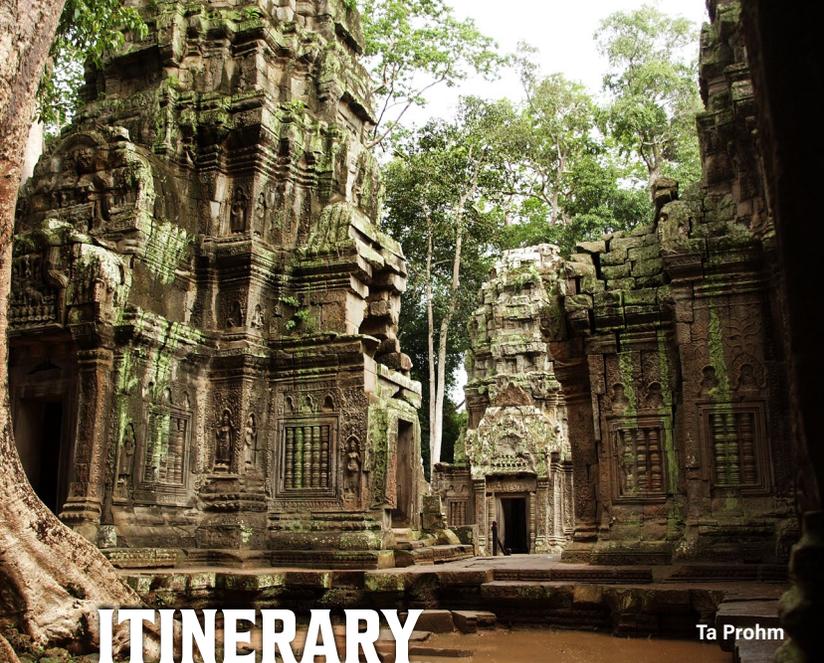
EXTENSION PROGRAM RATES per person

Double occupancy **\$2,895**

Single occupancy **\$3,850**



Ha Long Bay



ITINERARY

Ta Prohm



MONDAY & TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7 & 8

Home / Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Depart home on overnight flights to Ho Chi Minh City. Upon arrival on December 8th, you will be welcomed at the airport and transferred to the luxurious *Park Hyatt Saigon*, an elegant five-star hotel that fuses French colonial architecture with modern sophistication. Nestled in the heart of the city, the hotel offers serene gardens, refined accommodations, and exceptional service. Spend the evening unwinding at your leisure.

PARK HYATT HOTEL

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Ho Chi Minh City

Begin the day with a welcome orientation and an engaging lecture to introduce the journey ahead. Then, choose between two compelling excursions: a visit to the Cu Chi Tunnels with a former Viet Cong officer or expert guide, or an insightful tour of the War Remnants Museum. After a local lunch, embark on a panoramic city tour highlighting Ho Chi Minh City's lively energy and architectural heritage. This evening, gather for a welcome dinner at a nearby restaurant. PARK HYATT HOTEL (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

Ho Chi Minh City / Embarkation

After checkout, enjoy a guided visit to the bustling Ben Thanh Market, a cultural landmark known for its rich array of local goods. Later, transfer to the port and board the *Mekong Princess*, your home for the coming week. MEKONG PRINCESS (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

Ben Tre / Can Tho

Enjoy a peaceful *sampan* ride through narrow mangrove channels, followed by a visit to a traditional coconut candy workshop and a local orchard. Travel by small boat through winding creeks framed with lush Nipah palms, offering a glimpse into daily life along the Mekong Delta. In the afternoon, cruise onward to Can Tho. Visit the serene Zihuang Pagoda and enjoy a colorful welcome performance featuring a traditional unicorn dance. MEKONG PRINCESS (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

Can Tho / Hoa An

Glide on a *sampan* through the floating market in Can Tho, where merchants trade fresh produce from boat to boat. Visit a noodle factory and then a family orchard to see exotic fruits before continuing to Hoa An to explore its flourishing flower gardens and meet craftspeople skilled in traditional mat- and hat-making.

MEKONG PRINCESS (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

Gieng Island / Hong Ngu

Visit a traditional *sampan*-making village on Gieng Island to observe skilled craftsmen at work. Travel along rural canals, then explore a historic Franciscan monastery. In Hong Ngu, visit a vibrant women's weaving cooperative and a colorful temple dedicated to the Hoa Hao faith. Later in the day, cruise across the border into Cambodia as your journey continues upstream.

MEKONG PRINCESS (B,L,D)



Ho Chi Minh City Hall



Silver Pagoda
Phnom Penh



Monk at
Angkor Wat

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14
Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Take an authentic cyclo ride through the city to visit the Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda, followed by a guided tour of the National Museum, home to an impressive collection of Khmer art and artifacts. Enjoy the afternoon and evening at your leisure to explore Phnom Penh independently. Guests may choose to dine ashore and/or experience the city's vibrant nightlife.

MEKONG PRINCESS (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15
Phnom Penh

In the morning, visit the Choeung Ek Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, the former Khmer Rouge prison known as S-21. These powerful historical sites offer deep insight into Cambodia's resilient spirit and complex past. The visits provide an opportunity for reflection on the country's journey toward healing and recovery. In the afternoon, unwind with a peaceful cruise along the river. This evening, be uplifted by a vibrant performance from children at a local orphanage. MEKONG PRINCESS (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16
Angkor Ban

Start your day with a visit to Angkor Ban village, one of the few communities that was not destroyed during the Khmer Rouge era. Its centuries-old stilted homes stand as a testament to the village's resilience and enduring spirit. Meet local children at a nearby primary school and experience the warmth of rural life along the river. In the afternoon, unwind with a scenic cruise and enjoy a final gourmet dinner aboard the *Mekong Princess*.

MEKONG PRINCESS (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17
Kampong Cham / Siem Reap / Disembarkation

Disembark the *Mekong Princess* in Kampong Cham and journey to Siem Reap. Discover the fascinating history of the Angkor Empire at the Angkor National Museum, home to a remarkable collection of artifacts that bring the region's ancient past to life. Upon arrival, check in at the *Raffles Grand Hotel* for a relaxing evening at leisure. Enjoy some time to unwind or explore the vibrant streets of Siem Reap. RAFFLES GRAND HOTEL (B,L)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18
Angkor / Siem Reap

Begin the day with a breathtaking sunrise view over Angkor Wat from Ba Kheng Temple. Enjoy a traditional Khmer gondola ride to Bayon, known for its serene stone faces. Explore the Terrace of the Elephants, then continue to the atmospheric Ta Prohm, where jungle roots weave through ancient stone. Spend the evening at your leisure. RAFFLES GRAND HOTEL (B,L)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19
Angkor / Siem Reap

Start the day at Angkor Wat, where the early morning light gently illuminates the temple's majestic silhouette. Then, take a *tuk tuk* tour through Siem Reap, visiting peaceful monasteries, the Tlai Tno art school, and local artisan workshops. Finish with a festive farewell dinner, enjoying the rich flavors of Cambodian cuisine.

RAFFLES GRAND HOTEL (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20
Siem Reap / Home

Transfer to the airport for your return flight, crossing the International Date Line and arriving home the same day. (B)



Angkor Wat



Tonle Suite



Dining Room



Saigon Suite

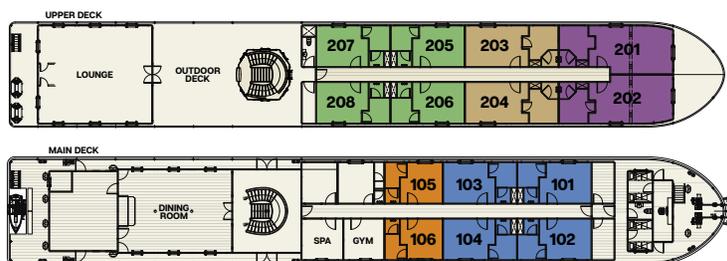


Lounge

Mekong Princess

The *Mekong Princess* offers 14 luxurious suites combining the elegance of French Colonial style with the peacefulness and comfort of a Southeast Asian spa. All suites have sliding glass doors that open to a French balcony (railing); Angkor Suites also feature a private veranda with seating area. Suites have either twin beds that can be joined as a queen bed, or a king bed; a spacious seating area; en suite facilities with shower (plus separate soaking tub in the Tonle and Angkor Suites), hair dryer, spa robes, and slippers; individual climate control; daily butler service and housekeeping with nightly turndown; in-room safe; and televisions with satellite service.

Breakfast and lunch may be served on deck, and single-seating dinners offer sumptuous French Indochine and gourmet Spa Cuisine featuring locally sourced fresh produce. Public spaces include open-air lounges with comfortable chaises, spa, and small fitness center. The small size and ultra-shallow draft of this elegant riverboat allow for visits to villages and tributaries not accessible to larger vessels, and the one-to-one guest-to-staff ratio ensures an unparalleled river cruise experience.



PROGRAM RATES (per person):		DOUBLE	SINGLE
1	JUNIOR SUITE ~216 sq. ft., with French balcony	\$7,995	\$13,495
2	SAIGON SUITE ~235 sq. ft., with French balcony	\$8,995	\$15,495
3	APSARA SUITE ~235 sq. ft., with French balcony	\$9,995	\$17,495
4	TONLE SUITE ~305 sq. ft., with French balcony	\$11,495	—
5	ANGKOR SUITE ~495 sq. ft., with French balcony, private veranda, complimentary laundry service, and evening canapés	\$12,995	—

Junior, Saigon, and Apsara Suites have twin beds that can be joined as a queen. Tonle and Angkor Suites have fixed king beds.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including twelve breakfasts, eleven lunches, nine dinners, five hotel nights and seven nights aboard *Mekong Princess* ■ Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations ■ Arrival and departure airport transfers ■ Baggage handling ■ Gratuities to porters, waitstaff, guides, drivers, and shipboard personnel for all group activities ■ Entrance fees and port charges ■ Local beer, soft drinks, water, coffee and tea with all group lunches and dinners on land, and wine with dinners ■ All local liquor, beer, and soft drinks on board *Mekong Princess* (wine and imported liquors available for an additional cost) ■ Bottled water throughout ■ Professional tour manager throughout the program.

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

U.S. domestic and international airfare

■ Passport/visa expenses ■ Medical expenses and immunizations ■ Private airport transfers ■ Travel and trip cancellation insurance ■ Excursions that deviate from the scheduled tour options ■ Airline baggage charges ■ Meals not specified in itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted ■ Laundry or dry cleaning ■ Telephone, Internet, and email charges ■ Room service ■ Other items of a personal nature

AIR ARRANGEMENTS

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 877-376-1754 or by e-mail at tourflights@vwti.com. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants.

WHAT TO EXPECT

This is a moderately strenuous itinerary that includes physical activity and busy days with considerable walking at certain sites. You may walk up to three miles a day on cobbled streets and uneven surfaces. Elevators may not be available, and stairs may not have handrails. Participants should be in good health and physically active. The average temperature in Vietnam and Cambodia during December is in the low to high 80s°F, with humidity around 80% and occasional rain. While the riverboat, hotels, and motorcoaches are air-conditioned, local transport such as cyclos, sampans, and some venues may not be. Travelers should be able to climb in and out of small boats and local vehicles with assistance. The *Mekong Princess* does not have an elevator, so stairs will need to be navigated. Onboard medical facilities are limited. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Carleton Alumni Adventures or Criterion Travel, our tour operator; local staff; and host country laws. If the tour manager

decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply.

GROUP SIZE

This program can accommodate 24 Carleton participants.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delays, etc., is highly recommended. Cancellation policies that apply are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

A NOTE ABOUT RATES

Program rates are based upon current fuel prices, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

To reserve space, return the completed reservation form with your \$1,000 per person deposit to: Carleton Alumni Adventures, P.O. Box 938, 47 Main St., Suite One, Walpole, NH 03608-0938 or fax to 603-756-2922. Balance of payment is due 120 days prior to departure (August 9, 2026). We accept checks, payable to "Eos CAA-MekongCRI12/26" as well as VISA, MasterCard, and American Express for deposits. Reservations will be processed in order of receipt. Credit cards are NOT accepted for final payment.

PARTICIPANT CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Cancellations must be received in writing by Carleton Alumni Adventures. Deposits are refundable (less a \$250 per person admin fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of booking; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. After the August 9, 2026 final payment deadline: All payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. For this reason, we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. Refunds cannot be made to participants who do not participate in any part of the program, who do not complete the tour for whatever reason, or whose entry into any country and/or hotel or aboard any airline or vessel on the itinerary is delayed or denied.

TRIP CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

If the program is cancelled by Carleton Alumni Adventures or Criterion Travel, our tour operator, you will receive a full refund, without further obligation on our part. However, if trip cancellation, itinerary changes, and/or delays are mandated by causes beyond our control, the participant shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered by Carleton Alumni Adventures or Criterion Travel, or else receiving a refund of as much of such advance tour expenditures as Carleton Alumni Adventures and Criterion are able to recover on the participant's behalf from carriers, third party tour vendors, etc. Neither Carleton Alumni Adventures nor Criterion shall have any obligation or liability to the participant beyond the foregoing, including airfare and airline fees.

HEALTH

All participants should be in good health and capable of keeping up with an active group of travelers. By forwarding the deposit for participation, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants.

ITINERARY CHANGES

The itinerary and study leader presented for this tour are subject to modification and change by Carleton Alumni Adventures and Criterion Travel. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Carleton Alumni Adventures and the tour operator reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

RESPONSIBILITY

By submitting your deposit, you are bound to the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure. Due to space limitations these are not Carleton Alumni Adventures' complete Terms & Conditions, which are available upon request, can be viewed on-line at carleton.edu/alumni/adventures, and will be sent to you along with a Release of Liability requiring your signature.

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CITY / STATE / ZIP

HOME PHONE

MOBILE PHONE

EMAIL #1

EMAIL #2

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program?

Yes _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (\$1,000 per person, payable to "Eos CAA-MekongCRI12/26") for _____ place(s) on *Cruising the Mekong River*.

Please charge the deposit to my (circle one): VISA / MC / AMEX

NAME ON CREDIT CARD

CARD #

EXP. DATE / CVV SECURITY CODE

SIGNATURE AS IT APPEARS ON CREDIT CARD

ACCOMMODATIONS (not guaranteed)

Cabin category preference: 1st _____ 2nd _____ Bed Preference: One bed Two beds

I'd like to know about roommates. I am a non-smoker smoker

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of August 9, 2026 I will pay the single rate.

I/We have read the tour information section of the brochure and agree to the Terms and Conditions stated therein.

SIGNATURE #1

DATE

SIGNATURE #2

DATE



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