

FOUR NIGHTS ITINERARY – DOWNRIVER – LOW WATER SEASON (Phnom Penh) – From December to Mid-August

Day 1: Friday MEKONG RIVER - PHNOM PENH - CAMBODIA

We meet you at the Phnom Penh TS1 Port for check-in to your 3-story, five star Mekong abode. Welcome aboard. We'll leave you to settle into your floating retreat, with its window wall conferring an endlessly captivating panorama. Enjoy these private Mekong moments on your California king bed, terrace or daybed. Together we celebrate the onward journey towards the heart of this mighty river with a Khmer Apsara performance, an indigenous tradition memorialized on the temple walls at Angkor Wat.

Day 2: Saturday TONLE SAP RIVER - KOH CHEN - KAMPONG PRASAT - CAMBODIA

In the silversmith village of Koh Chen, we watch artisans producing the magnificent silverware favored by Khmer royalty. We continue to Udong, the royal capital from the 17-19th centuries, where we learn about a uniquely challenging Buddhist practice at the Vipassana Dhura Mandala, a meditation center. In the afternoon, a walking tour of Kampong Prasat offers a close up perspective on local lives and their riverside environment.

Day 3: Sunday TONLE SAP RIVER - KAMPONG CHHNANG – KAMPONG TRALACH - CAMBODIA

In the cooler hours, we head into the lush countryside to visit traditional potters and palm-sugar producers, astride mountain bikes or chauffeured by shaded *tuk-tuk*. Into the rice paddies we pedal to watch wizened masters scale sky-piercing palms towering over us. Cruise across the glassy water and disembark among the lotuses for an ox-cart ride along the Tonle Sap riverbanks, past lacquered wooden houses where during these dry months residents take refuge in the relative cool of these outdoor impromptu living rooms.

Day 4: Monday MEKONG RIVER - KOH OKNHA TEY - PREAH PROSOP - CAMBODIA

On this river of time we admire dexterous Khmer artisans dyeing and weaving *kroma*, the ubiquitous item no Khmer lives without. Explore the riverbank on two wheels if you wish, past Buddhist temples and thatch houses perched on spindly wooden stilts while white oxen wade just offshore. After lunch, we board our marine-grade aluminum skiffs and head towards the tamarind trees of Preah Prosop, a remote village little changed over several lifetimes.

Day 5: Tuesday MEKONG RIVER - PHNOM PENH - CAMBODIA

We show off the Cambodian capital to our passengers by motorized *tuk-tuk*, the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and the National Museum of Cambodia, home to the world's largest collection of Khmer art. For those who wish, we visit the Tuol Sleng Museum of Genocide or choose to shop at the Russian Market. We bid farewell to 4-night guests who are disembarking in Phnom Penh.

Note: All itineraries are subject to change, due to weather and other conditions.