

GREAT RIVERS OF THE WORLD

EXPLORING THE AMAZON & THE MEKONG | 2016-17



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**As astonishing as the photos in National Geographic
And an exhilarating life adventure:
A Lindblad-National Geographic
Expedition by River**



Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic have joined forces to further inspire the world through expedition travel. Our collaboration in exploration, research, technology and conservation will provide extraordinary travel experiences and disseminate geographic knowledge around the globe.

Dear Traveler,

What imagination is not swept away by the romance and exploration of a river, winding around bend after curious bend? Nothing entwines our sense of mystery and exploration with comfortable observation and tranquility like a voyage on a river. Clearly, it appeals since many of the world's great rivers today are crowded with large river-cruisers, vying to dock at overwhelmed riverbank towns.

Our two river voyages on the Amazon and Mekong rivers are worlds apart, yet both are a complete immersion into the authentic life, nature and hydrology of two of our planet's greatest rivers, experienced from very comfortable and beautifully appointed ships, in areas that are otherwise very difficult to access by land. Viewing the river and riverbanks from the stable platform of the quietly meandering *Delfin II* or the *Jahan*, and then boarding smaller skiffs for more intimate exploration of tributaries, eddies, landfalls, and villages, totally immerses you in a riparian world where everything depends in one way or another on the river's temperament. Personally, I love the river sunrises and sunsets, not just for the serenity and photographic opportunities, but because it is the time that all life is drawn to the river's edge and the river is most alive.

The untethered upper reaches of the Amazon's Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve is one of the purest remaining areas in the world for tropical wildlife and nature, and its intimate exploration is almost transcendental. Equally enthralling is meeting the indigenous people who are still so intertwined with nature in its purest form. And deciding to link Machu Picchu and Inca culture to your river exploration is more compelling than ever with the current savings offer (see page 7).

Half a world away on the other side of the planet, the seasonal cycles of the mighty Mekong's lower reaches sustain life as they have for centuries. We observe fascinating and photogenic fishing and cooking techniques, stilted houses and floating villages, rice cultivation, and beasts of burden on our voyages. And view 800-year-old sandstone reliefs of the incomparable Angkor Temples that depict them in identical detail—a world still unchanged.

Both of these journeys are “word of mouth” expeditions: guests learn about them from other guests—effusively praised as very special voyages that they “simply must do before it's too late.”

It's rare that we have even limited space available. So, I hope this invitation to join us, complete with special offers will entice you, and that our teams will soon welcome you aboard *Delfin II* or *Jahan*.

All the best,

Tom O'Brien



Expedition Leader

P.S. Please find our Exclusive Offers detailed on page 7.



GREAT RIVERS OF THE WORLD:

THE AMAZON

Rivers are the heart and soul of countries and cultures, a pulsating lifeline. And no two rivers are teeming with more life than the awe-inspiring Amazon, flowing 4,000 miles from the headwaters in the Peruvian Andes to the Atlantic, and the mighty Mekong, which winds its way through the lush lowlands of Cambodia and Vietnam, braiding two different countries and cultures into its vibrant strand.

Separated by continents, and vastly different in character, these two rivers are kindred in beauty, mystery and vitality. Slip into a deck chair at dusk as the *Delfin II* voyages the Upper Amazon, the most biologically diverse area on the planet, and see a panoply of feathered, finned and furred life. Spot squirrel monkeys soaring through the canopy, and watch flocks of colorful and noisy parrots;



& MEKONG

and discover the people who call this ancient habitat their home. Part the curtains of your cabin aboard the *Jahan* and see the bustle of morning life along the Mekong and its tributaries: fishermen casting giant nets, children splashing and laughing as women hang colorful laundry, where homes float, and the white of a cow or an ibis punches a hole in a tapestried landscape of green and crimson.

Each of our two river journeys offers the rewards of seeing what you came for—the temples of Angkor near the Mekong; or the sight of elusive pink river dolphins on the Amazon—and far more.

Trust each with your sense of awe and wonder, and they will deliver—the thrill of genuine discovery, beauty, plus insight and understanding.

Each bend in the river reveals wonders like villages perched crane-like above the water.

A RIVER JOURNEY THE LINDBLAD EXPEDITIONS-

Distinctions abound between our Upper Amazon and Mekong River voyages, but they share key commonalities that make exploring these mighty rivers with us an investment in meaning and magic.

EXTRAORDINARY SHIPS

For an extraordinary quality of life onboard. Both the *Delfin II* on the Upper Amazon and the *Jahan* on the Mekong are the loveliest ships on their rivers, with furnishings and amenities that reward body, mind, and spirit, and reflect the essence of the regions they represent—quintessential Asian hospitality on one, serene refuge in the wilderness on the other.



SUPERB DINING

On *Jahan* the cuisine is an outstanding blend of Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Western, always with choices and accommodations for vegan or other special diet requests. You'll even have the opportunity to learn traditional cooking methods, if you choose. On the *Delfin II* dining reflects the extraordinary cultural diversity of Peru and its cuisine. From the rainbow of fresh-squeezed juices in the morning to the chocolate placed on your pillow each night, ingredients are sustainably sourced, most locally in the Upper Amazon. And Peru's acclaimed tradition of flavorful fusion cuisine ensures that each day will offer fresh pleasures.

LINDBLAD-NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC WAY

RENOWNED STAFF & REGIONAL EXPERTISE

Our river ships, like our ocean-going vessels, are staffed by veteran expedition leaders, photo instructors, naturalists or cultural experts. In the Upper Amazon, our guides are river-raised, keen at spotting and explaining behaviors of often-elusive jungle creatures. On the Mekong, where ancient monuments and local cultures are the focus, our guides are experts in the spiritual and historic significance of all we'll see. Your insight and understanding are assured.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The Lindblad-National Geographic Fund—with donations from our guests—supports conservation, education, research, and community development priorities in the regions we explore. In the Amazon, one of our grantees is Minga Peru, a nonprofit working to improve the lives of *ribereños* (river people) through education in income-generating projects like agroforestry, fish ponds, and sustainable management of natural resources. In Cambodia, the Fund financed a project launched by Lindblad's expedition leader Tom O'Brien to help local residents in the village of Kampong Tralach. Residents built a community library that employs local teachers to provide English-language instruction to children and adults free of charge. Now villagers can engage directly with travelers and help draw more tourists to the region, creating economic opportunities for the village, among other goals.

On left: Superior balcony cabin and a beautifully-plated entrée aboard Jahan. At right: Expedition Leader Tom O'Brien purchases a melon from a floating "store" on the Mekong; villagers along the Amazon. Bottom: Rice fields along the Mekong.



EXCLUSIVE & INCLUSIVE

NO EXTRA CHARGES FOR ACTIVITIES—EVER

All the daily activities—from city explorations at the beginning and end of the expedition, to guided walks and village explorations to kayaking on the Amazon—are included in the price.

INCLUDED:

- ✓ Meals on land, as indicated in the itineraries
- ✓ All entry fees and port taxes
- ✓ Transfers to and from group flights
- ✓ Accommodations in outstanding hotels, as shown in the itineraries



NO CHARGE FOR THE BEST EXPERTS ON THE RIVER

The knowledgeable guidance and company of our expedition staff and local guides, plus all lectures and presentations, and frequent recaps and briefings are open to all and included in the price. There is a Lindblad-National Geographic certified Photo Instructor on every single departure.



AND FREELY ENJOY THE FOLLOWING ABOARD SHIP:

- ✓ All meals—breakfast, lunch & dinner in the dining room
- ✓ All non-alcoholic beverages including unlimited cappuccinos, latte, coffee, tea & soda
- ✓ Hors d'oeuvres & snacks during lounge recap
- ✓ Tea time with pastries (*Jahan*); all-day snacks, fruit, cookies (*Delfin II*)
- ✓ Fitness Center
- ✓ Access to the ship's bridge for optimal observation and to watch navigation

EXTEND YOUR EXPERIENCE ON SELECT UPPER AMAZON DEPARTURES & SAVE

Enjoy a complimentary two-day stay in Lima

Book by Dec. 31, 2016—and be our guest for a complimentary two-day **Taste of Lima** extension. Complete your Amazon expedition by exploring the culinary and cultural delights of Lima, with the fashionable Belmont Miraflores Park as our base. OR choose instead to take advantage of a \$500 voyage credit.



Add Machu Picchu, Galápagos or both and save 10% Take advantage of rare savings on our extraordinary **Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of The Inca** extension; or choose to add a Galápagos expedition and capture 10% back-to-back savings. See page 28 or call for more details on these offers.

▶ VISIT EXPEDITIONS.COM/AMAZON FOR MORE INFORMATION

ENJOY EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES ON SELECT VIETNAM & CAMBODIA DEPARTURES

Travel with Philip Caputo, author of the renowned Vietnam memoir, *A Rumor of War*. In addition, join him for a special gathering in the beautiful Colonial cultural center Salon Saigon for a book talk, and a catered lunch next door at the residence of former U.S. Ambassador to South Vietnam, Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. Philip will join the Feb. 22, 2017 voyage, and guests traveling with him will receive a complimentary copy of *A Rumor of War* prior to departure.



Private dinner at Prasat Kravan Temple, part of the Angkor complex This is a magical experience exclusively for our guests. The temple will be bathed in light, with Cambodian dancers and music—an extraordinary spectacle, simultaneously entertaining and profound—that you will remember forever. On the Jan. 25, 31 and Feb. 14, 2017 departures. For more

details on these offers, see page 28.

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UPPER AMAZON:

FALL UNDER THE JU
ON AN ALL-

JUNGLE'S SPELL SENSES IMMERSION

Discover the rain forest's wild pulse. Hear it in the noisy silence of bird calls at dusk. Feel it in the shroud of fog across the morning river. See it in the creaks and crashes of its cathedral canopy of green. And then enter the jungle and discover the all-five-senses experience of exploring here.

Twilight creates an enchanting landscape transformation.





UPPER AMAZON:

DISCOVER PERU'S WILD TREASURES

Slip through an intricate network of jungle waterways in a skiff or kayak spotting what you've come to see in the world's most biodiverse rain forest—vibrantly colored birds, basking caimans, tamarins, sloths, giant lily pads, towering ceiba trees, and more. And discover something you may not have expected—touching and personal encounters with the people, the *ribereños*, who make the river their home.

The Amazon *ribereños* live close to ancestral traditions while embracing education and empowerment. Meet them in their dugout canoes and in their stilt-home villages. Engage with women, men, and youths eager to share their community improvement projects—many of them supported by the Lindblad-National Geographic Fund with donations from our guests. Hear their inspiring tales of how a recent Fund grantee, Minga Peru, has helped them launch income-generating projects like agroforestry, fish ponds, and sustainable management. Be a part of our joint efforts to strengthen local communities and decrease pressure on virgin forests and rivers.

Delve even deeper into the culture of Peru with an optional extension to Machu Picchu & the Land of the Inca. See daybreak over the ancient city of Machu Picchu, a secular monument of a forgotten culture rivalled only, perhaps, by the spiritual structures of Angkor half a world away.

Clockwise from top left: Surrounded by birds in flight on a skiff ride; daily life in a small community on the river; thriving local communities; monk saki monkey; giant Amazon water lilies, seen seasonally.

SAIL THE AMAZON'S FINEST SHIP

Venture to the heart of the Amazon in supreme comfort aboard the 28-guest *Delfin II*. Specially designed to sail these winding green-shrouded headwaters, she can venture deep into the wild—and her onboard nimble skiffs and kayaks allow us to explore even deeper.



Dining is a mirror on the region. From the rainbow of fresh squeezed juices in the morning to the chocolate placed on your pillow each night, most of the ingredients used aboard are sustainably sourced from the surrounding rain forest. And Peru's tradition of flavorful fusion cuisine ensures that each day will offer fresh palate pleasures. The dining room's artful table settings are a surprise at every meal, featuring handcrafted décor by gifted artisans in the village we'll visit.





Panoramic windows bring extravagant river views inside the air-conditioned staterooms and top deck. Cool, beautiful woven rattan sofas in the lounge are perfect for relaxing and watching the riverscapes glide past in the afternoon, and ideal for cocktail-hour recaps, and lively presentations on wildlife photography, medicinal plants in the Amazon, and much more.



Flooded forest in the Amazon.



Blue-and-yellow macaw.



Caiman lizard.



Photographer in action.

1ST-EVER PHOTO EXPEDITION IN THE UPPER AMAZON



Calling all photographers—our first-ever Photo Expedition board the *Delfin II* is an unprecedented opportunity to capture the Amazon! Mysterious, elusive, all play of light and shadow, the riverbank, rain forest and its creatures offer uncommon photo challenges and rewards. And the people portraits possible in the river villages make for rare photo ops. You'll be inspired and assisted, by National Geographic photographer, **Jonathan Irish**, a top pro who once spent a year on the road shooting all U.S. National Parks. Develop a new set of photographic skills, or advance your current ones. And go home with marvelous images of the most elusive habitat on Earth. On the **March 18 & 25, 2017** departures only. Call for details.

UPPER AMAZON

10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS—ABOARD *DELFIN II*

PRICES FROM: \$6,690 to \$8,260 (See page 17 for complete prices.)

DAY 1: U.S./LIMA, PERU

Arrive in Lima in the late evening and transfer to our conveniently located hotel, Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel.

DAY 2: LIMA/IQUITOS/NAUTA/EMBARK

Enjoy a morning tour of Lima, then fly to Iquitos and continue overland to the riverside village of Nauta, where the *Delfin II* awaits. Settle into your cabin, and gather for a welcome dinner of fine Peruvian cuisine on board. Tonight, step out on deck to gaze at the magnificent Amazon night sky. (B,L,D)

DAYS 3–8: PACAYA-SAMIRIA NATIONAL RESERVE

Spend this week exploring the Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve, a pristine swath of jungle—stretching more than five million acres, and harboring some of the Amazon’s most fascinating flora and fauna. Bordered by the Marañón and the Ucayali, these two powerful rivers converge to create the famed Amazon, which floods annually with nutrient-rich waters. The Pacaya-Samiria rivers are known locally as the Mirrored Forest for the reflections created by the glassy water.

Set out into this remarkable wilderness on daily excursions by skiff, kayak, and, when the water level permits, hikes on dry land. Skim past giant lily pads afloat on black-water lakes, and venture deep into the rain forest on narrow tributaries. Spot sloths and monkeys, including variably colored saddleback tamarins, noisy howlers, and shaggy-tailed monk saki monkeys. Watch for an astounding variety of birds, from tanagers and hummingbirds to

parrots and endangered scarlet macaws. In the river, look for signs of the massive *paiche* fish, the Amazon’s largest; rare pink dolphins; and the infamous piranhas.

Enjoy an opportunity to swim in a lake in the reserve’s interior. Seek out *Victoria amazonica*, a giant water lily that grows in small lagoons. Go on a bird-watching hike, listening for the vocal oropendola and then looking for its telltale yellow tail. Watch the sun set and listen to a cacophonous symphony of nocturnal animals calling out across the treetops. Then slip through the forest in a skiff as night falls, using a spotlight to find caimans, frogs, fishing bats and other creatures of the night.

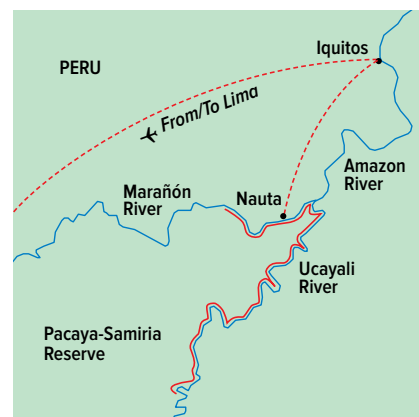
Pay a visit to one of the communities on the reserve’s edge and get to know the *ribereños*, those who live on the riverbanks, and their age-old traditions. Enjoy watching them make jewelry and other local handicrafts. Learn how local subsistence farmers cultivate wild plants and trees to earn income. Hear about how the locals find edible fruits and indigenous plants with medicinal properties hidden in the jungle. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: NAUTA/IQUITOS/LIMA

Enjoy one last morning excursion by skiff to view wildlife. After lunch, disembark in Nauta, and return to Iquitos overland for a late-afternoon flight to Lima. Overnight at the Wyndham Costa del Sol Lima Airport Hotel. (B,L)

DAY 10: LIMA/U.S.

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2016 Nov. 5, 19, 26; Dec. 3
2017 Jan. 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 18, 25;
Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25; Apr. 15, 22, 29; May 6,
13, 20; Jun. 10, 17, 24; Jul. 1; Aug. 12, 19, 26;
Oct. 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11, 18; Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23
📷 Photo Expedition

SPECIAL OFFERS:

- **ENJOY A TASTE OF LIMA—ON US**
Book your Upper Amazon departure by Dec. 31, 2016—and add a complimentary two-day **Taste of Lima** post-voyage extension. Explore the culinary and cultural delights of this vibrant city with the fashionable Belmond Miraflores Park as your base. OR choose instead to take a \$500 voyage credit. Select 2017 departures. Call for details.
- **ADD MACHU PICCHU, GALÁPAGOS OR BOTH & SAVE 10%**
Capture rare 10% savings when you choose to add our Machu Picchu extension to your Upper Amazon expedition. Or combine your river voyage with a Galápagos expedition for standard 10% back-to-back savings, as well. See page 16 or call for details.



Delfin II on the River of Mirrors.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC GUEST SPEAKER

Learn from geologist, naturalist, and avid birder **Kitty Coley** on the Oct. 21

or Oct. 28, 2017 departures.

WHY NOT ADD MACHU PICCHU & PERU'S INCA?

Venture to the verdant Sacred Valley and journey to fabled Machu Picchu. Freshly inspired by your time in the Amazon, revel in the sophistication of Inca builders and visionaries, marvel at the imperial Inca Cusco and sample the pleasures of colonial Lima. **Book now and take 10% off the regular extension price.**

▶ DISCOVER MORE AT
WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/PERU



SEE & DO MORE: ADD THE GALÁPAGOS

From the lush Peruvian Amazon to the volcanic Galápagos—the ease of connecting these two very different wonders makes it inviting to experience both these facets of authentic wildness. Encounter the endemic tortoises, blue-footed boobies, and marine iguanas up-close, and be transformed by your contact with the pristine and singular islands of the Galápagos.

▶ SEE WHAT IT'S LIKE ONLINE AT
WWW.EXPEDITIONS.COM/GALAPAGOS



Flooded Village, Picaya River, Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve



DELFIN II

Capacity: 28 guests in 14 outside suites.

Registry: Peru. **Overall length:** 120 feet.

Public Areas: An enclosed, air-conditioned lounge. Outdoor areas include the well-designed, comfortable Top Deck and bar. There is a small reference library and the bridge, where you are welcome to meet the captain and officers.

Meals: The air-conditioned dining room's large windows provide panoramic views. Beautifully prepared meals are served in a single seating with unassigned tables. Often special dishes will include sustainable products of the rain forest and sauces made with exotic regional fruits.

Suites: Elegant, air-conditioned guest suites on the Main and Upper Decks all offer exceptional vistas. Each spacious suite has a minimalist décor with a luxurious overtone. Enjoy complimentary body lotion, shampoo, and conditioner.

Expedition Equipment: 10-person skiffs—with individual seat cushions and plenty of leg room. Fleet of safe, nimble kayaks for up-close, personal exploration. Rain ponchos are kept handy in the skiffs. Rubber boots are provided when needed.

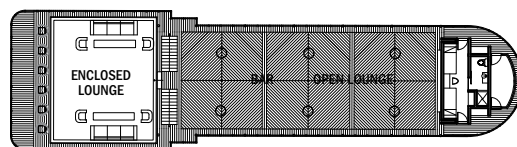
SUITES: UPPER & MAIN DECK #1-6; 11-14 — Most suites have two twin beds which can convert to a king. Some suites can be connected for families traveling together. Each includes a large view window, a closet, easy chair and desk. Bathrooms include a large shower, separate toilet and sink area.

MASTER SUITES: UPPER & MAIN DECK #7, 8, 15, 16 — The Master Suites feature all of the amenities listed above plus oversized windows which provide incredible 90-degree views. The Master Suites on the Main Deck and Upper Deck feature two twin beds which can convert to a king.

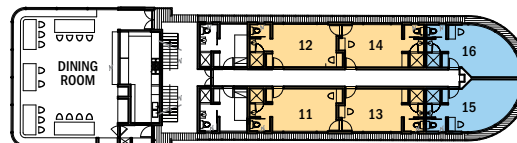
Sole Occupancy & Shared Accommodations: Sole Occupancy and share rates available on select departures. Call for details.



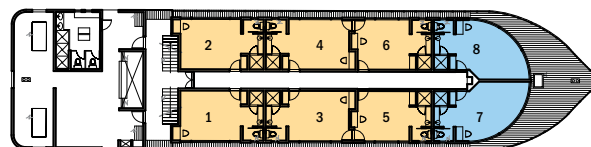
Clockwise: Delfin II on the river; the dining room provides big views and outstanding cuisine; spacious Master Suites offer comfort and panoramic views.



TOP DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK

SAVE 10% WHEN YOU COMBINE AMAZON WITH GALÁPAGOS OR MACHU PICCHU & PERU. SEE PAGE 28 OR CALL FOR DETAILS.

Prices are per person, double occupancy.

ITINERARY	YEAR	SUITE	MASTER SUITE	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Upper Amazon: Exploring Peru's Pacaya-Samiria Reserve – Page 15	2016	\$6,690	\$7,830	\$750	International and internal Peru tickets must be issued separately for all Amazon voyages. Sample International Airfares: Round-trip Miami/Lima/ Miami: Economy from \$550; Business from \$1,200. Sample Internal Airfare: Lima/Iquitos/Lima: From \$440.
	2017	\$6,990	\$8,260	\$750	
Upper Amazon Holiday: Dec. 23, 2017	2017	\$7,680	\$8,690	\$750	
Upper Amazon & Galápagos	2016/2017	Save 10% when you book a back-to-back expedition combining Galápagos + Upper Amazon, available on select 2016 & 2017 dates. Please call for specific dates & rates.			
Upper Amazon + Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca	2016	\$12,180	\$13,320	\$1,500	International and internal Peru tickets must be issued separately for all Amazon voyages. Sample International Airfares: Round-trip Miami/Lima/ Miami: Economy from \$550; Business from \$1,200. Sample Internal Airfare: Lima/Cusco/Lima: From \$435. Lima/Iquitos/Lima From \$440.
	2017	\$12,680	\$13,950	\$1,500	
Upper Amazon + Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca Holiday: Dec. 9, 2017	2017	\$13,410	\$16,060	\$1,500	
Upper Amazon + Machu Picchu & Peru's Land of the Inca Holiday: Dec. 23, 2017	2017	\$14,100	\$16,490	\$1,500	

A serene sunset scene over a body of water. The sky is filled with soft, glowing clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. In the foreground, the water is calm with gentle ripples. Several traditional wooden boats are visible, with people inside, their forms silhouetted against the bright sky. In the background, a line of palm trees and other vegetation is also silhouetted against the horizon. The overall mood is peaceful and evocative of a tropical setting.

CAMBODIA & VIETNAM:

EXPERIENCE THE RH
LIFE ON

A person is seen in silhouette, sitting in a small boat on a wide river. The sky is a deep blue with scattered white clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a shimmering reflection on the water's surface. The water is dark blue with gentle ripples. In the background, the silhouettes of trees and a distant shoreline are visible against the twilight sky.

RYTHM OF THE MEKONG

Discover the deep history of two very different countries linked by a mighty river. See it in Cambodian villages where pottery is made as it has been for generations; in the floating houses and hand-thrown fishing nets; and in the water buffaloes working with people in the rice paddies that have been the foundation of Cambodian life for 1,300 years. Vietnam is a cosmopolitan adventure, with its industrious nature and varied influences from France and China—most evident in Saigon, where food carts, motorbikes, and construction equipment thrum in the streets of a vibrant city of 10 million.



CAMBODIA & VIETNAM:

SUBLIME SITES OF ANTIQUITY & REWARDING ENCOUNTERS

The ancient history of Cambodia is a powerful draw. Angkor Wat, the world's largest religious monument, built in the same era as the great Gothic cathedrals of Europe, is a wonder. Our exploration is unique with a daybreak start, and ample time to learn its stories from expert guides. See where the jungle's twisting vines are slowly reclaiming the temple at Ta Prohm; the exceptional carvings of Banteay Srei; and the ruins of Angkor Thom, where hundreds of stone eyes gaze at us across the centuries.

In the villages beyond Angkor, you'll have an equally powerful experience: meaningful connections with farmers, monks, fishermen, and craftspeople, including the villagers of Kampong Tralach, who have so inspired past guests. A recent grantee of the Lindblad-National Geographic Fund, the village has built a community library to provide English-language instruction that can help them create greater economic opportunities for the village.

Clockwise from top: Monks at Angkor Wat; twisted tree roots are slowly reclaiming the evocative temple of Ta Prohm; hundreds of stone faces of the emperor Jayavarman VII are carved into the Bayon temple; Cambodian villagers at a local market; girl at a village on the banks of the river.





SAIL THE MEKONG'S FINEST SHIP

Jahan offers a level of luxury not previously found on the Mekong. Her handcrafted and hand-painted interiors created by local artisans, combined with the supremely gracious service of her staff, make living aboard a cultural experience in itself. The 48-guest *Jahan's* deluxe accommodations include 24 cabins, two of which are suites, configured with queen or twin-sized beds. Each is exceptionally spacious and comfortable; and all include glass-door private balconies for enjoying the timeless and relaxing view of life along the Mekong. *Jahan's* crew provides a level of service in keeping with the gracious hospitality of the people you'll meet throughout the journey.



Jahan's generously proportioned outdoor decks and inviting, fully air-conditioned public areas easily accommodate the expedition community. Gather in the lounge with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails for our signature evening recap, as well as for talks, films and other presentations. Or meet new friends at the full-service outdoor bar. Take a dip in the plunge pool. Read in a deck chair with the river unfolding before you, or retreat to the library. And take advantage of the Captain's standing invitation to visit the bridge to watch the officers navigate the dizzying array of vessels plying the Mekong and its tributaries.

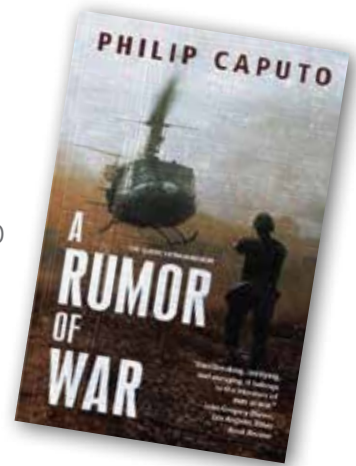


The two royal suites are the largest and finest accommodations aboard.

EXPLORE WITH ENGAGING EXPERTS

PHILIP CAPUTO, NOVELIST & JOURNALIST

His acclaimed memoir of his experiences as an infantry lieutenant in Vietnam 1965-66, *A Rumor of War*, has sold two million copies and is widely regarded as a classic in the literature of war. **Join him on the Feb. 22, 2017 departure only—we'll include a complimentary copy of his book in your pre-voyage documents.** During your voyage Philip will give a talk at the Salon Saigon, a beautiful French colonial house and literary hub, followed by a private lunch next door at the elegant former residence of Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., who lived there during his time as U.S. ambassador to South Vietnam. It still has many original furnishings and works of art.



PAULA SWART, CULTURE EXPERT

A National Geographic expert on Asian culture, Paula has been a museum curator for over 20 years and holds degrees in Sinology, Asian art history, Chinese history, and archaeology.



DAVID BROTHERSON, ARCHAEOLOGIST

A member of the Greater Angkor Project, an archaeology research program, David has conducted fieldwork and excavations at numerous sites across Angkor.



Young monks follow into a temple for worship at the Temples of Angkor, Cambodia.

CAMBODIA & VIETNAM: ALONG THE MEKONG RIVER, INCLUDING ANGKOR AND SAIGON

14 DAYS/13 NIGHTS—ABOARD JAHAN

PRICES FROM: \$10,980 to \$16,580 (See page 27 for complete prices.)

DAYS 1 AND 2: U.S./SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA

Depart for Siem Reap and arrive the following evening. Settle into our outstanding Khmer-style hotel, La Résidence d'Angkor, on the banks of the Siem Reap River.

DAYS 3 AND 4: ANGKOR

Rise early to watch the sunrise over Angkor Wat. This 12th-century Khmer temple, one of the world's largest religious monuments, is adorned with elaborate bas-reliefs and sculptures. Ride a *tuk-tuk*, or motorized rickshaw, to the walled city of Angkor Thom. Discover the shrines of Ta Prohm and the temple of Banteay Srei. Visit a workshop where local youth are trained in age-old Khmer arts. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: KAMPONG CHAM/EMBARK

Drive to the bustling town of Kampong Cham and embark the *Jahan*, our home for the next seven nights. (B,L,D)



A vendor prepares produce at a local market.

DAY 6: WAT HANCHEY OR KOH DACH/ ANGKOR BAN

At Wat Hanchey, see a variety of temples, including an 8th-century temple from the pre-Angkor Chenla period. Continue to the village of Angkor Ban, with its traditional houses and friendly residents. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: KAMPONG CHHNANG/ KAMPONG TRALACH

Visit a village where artisans make traditional pottery, and board local boats to see clustered houses and shops that float in midstream. At Kampong Tralach, take an oxcart ride through rice paddies to a local school. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: PHNOM PENH

Explore the Cambodian capital by *cyclo* (bicycle taxi), and visit the Royal Palace and the National Museum of Cambodia. Learn about the reign of the Khmer Rouge on a visit to the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum. This evening, enjoy a dance performance. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: CRUISING THE MEKONG

Take in views of everyday life along the river, attend talks by our experts, and join our chefs to learn how to cook regional dishes. Cross the border into Vietnam. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: TAN CHAU, VIETNAM

Tan Chau has one of Vietnam's most interesting markets, with an astonishing variety of tropical fruits, vegetables and other goods. We continue to a small floating market on the river and a floating fish farm, where we see fish being fed through trap doors in the floating platforms. In the afternoon, we continue sailing the Mekong. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: SA DEC/CAI BE

Take a local boat to experience rural life in the Mekong Delta. See the floating market of Cai Be, step into a rice "factory" to watch rice-based candies being made, and cruise among floating markets and fish farms. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner aboard the *Jahan*. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: MY THO/DISEMBARK/SAIGON

Disembark in My Tho and visit the Vinh Trang Pagoda. Then journey to Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) and check into the Park Hyatt Saigon. This afternoon, meet with a local expert on Vietnam's modern development. (B,L,D)

DAYS 13 AND 14: SAIGON/U.S.

Embark on a tour of Saigon's landmarks, including the Reunification Palace, headquarters of the South Vietnamese government during the Vietnam War. This evening, connect with your return flight home, arriving on Day 14. (Day 13: B)



EXPEDITION DETAILS

DATES: 2017 Jan. 17, 25*, 31; Feb. 14, 22*
2018 Jan. 30; Feb. 7*, 13, 27; Mar 7*

*These departures travel from Saigon to Siem Reap.

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OPTIONAL EXTENSION

For an inspiration to explore more, see the extension to Vietnam: [From Hoi An to Halong Bay](#) on the next page.



Saigon.

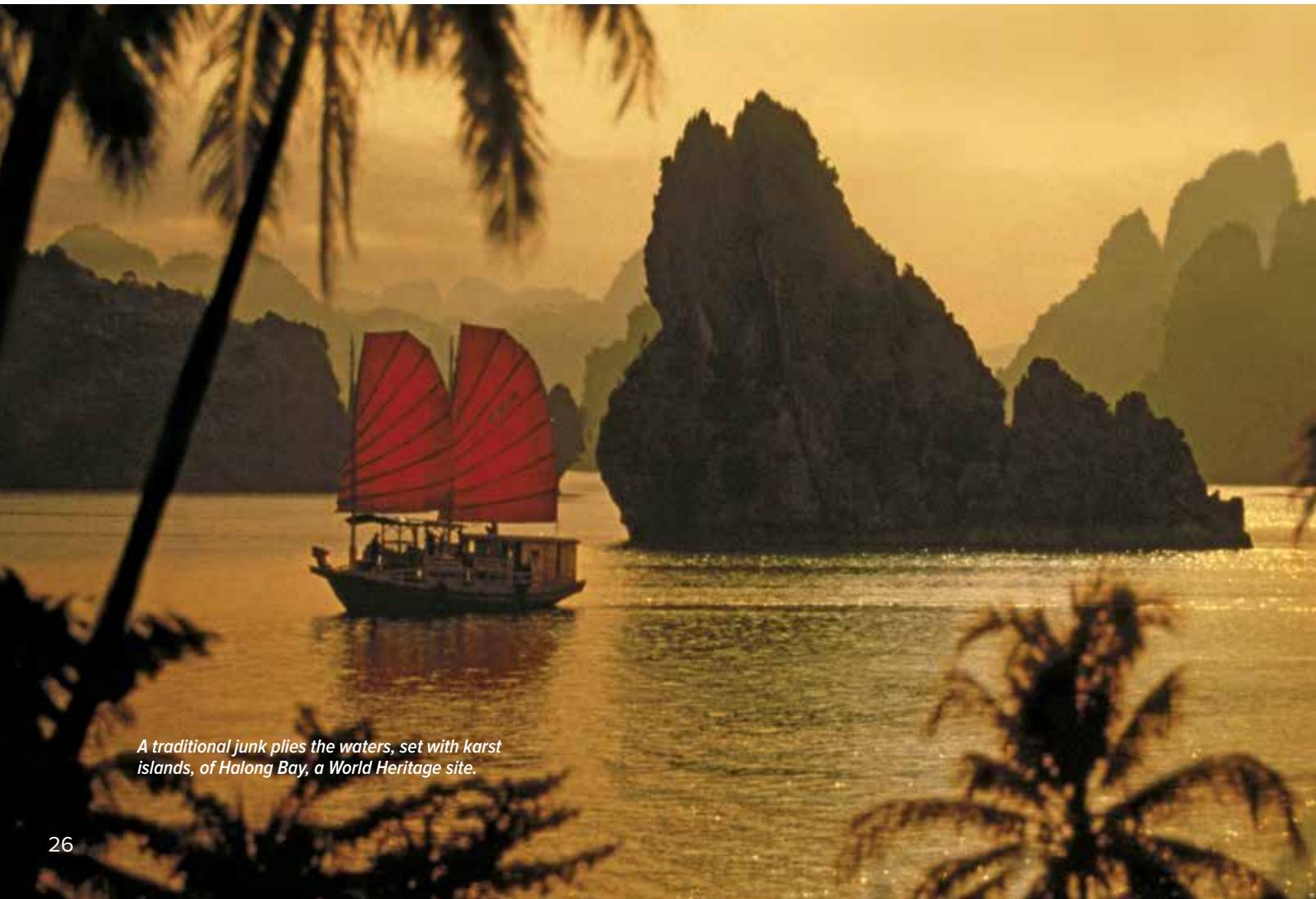
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The great city of Hanoi has lively street life.



A traditional junk plies the waters, set with karst islands, of Halong Bay, a World Heritage site.

JAHAN

CAPACITY: 48 guests in 24 outside cabins.
REGISTRY: Vietnam. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 230 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: The ship is fully air-conditioned. Outdoor areas include the Terrace Deck, with both covered and open-air spaces, a small swimming pool, and a full service bar. The lounge, located on the Upper Deck, has a library and facilities for films, slide shows, and presentations. Guests are welcome on the “open bridge” to meet the captain and officers and learn about navigation.

CABINS: Every cabin is exceptionally spacious and comfortable. All face outside, and all have glass doors and private balconies for enjoying the scenery along the Mekong River and its tributaries. There is a mix of twin-bedded and queen-size bedded cabins. Each has private facilities and hair dryer, individual climate control, and a mini bar. A choice of pillows is provided on request.

SPECIAL FEATURES: There is a spa, offering a choice of massage treatments, and fitness room with steam bath and treadmill, stationary bicycle, and elliptical trainer. The boutique has a fine selection of local artwork and textiles. Morning Tai Chi classes are offered on the Terrace Deck. DVD and iPod players are available on request.

CATEGORY 1: Main Deck #103-112. Each of these large cabins has a private balcony with floor-to-ceiling glass doors that let in abundant light. Cabins 103-104 have twin beds (which can be pushed together on request), and #105-112 have queen-size beds.

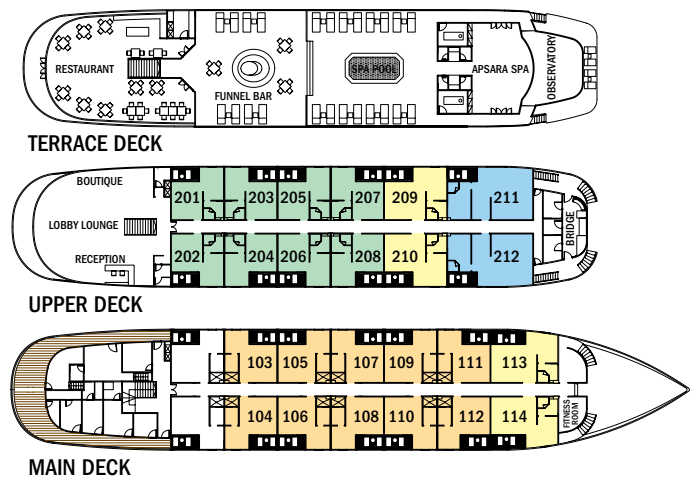
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CATEGORY 3: Main Deck #113-114 and Upper Deck #209-210. Each exceptionally large cabin has a queen-size bed and a private balcony with floor-to-ceiling glass doors that let in abundant light. There is a television and private DVD player. Each balcony has two sun beds and a table.

SUITES: Upper Deck #211-212. These are the largest and finest accommodations on board. Each has a queen-size bed, a private balcony with floor-to-ceiling glass doors that let in abundant light, a television, a DVD player, and a private Jacuzzi.



Insets clockwise from top: The river ship Jahan; Category 2 cabin; Category 3 cabin.



Prices are per person, double occupancy unless indicated as solo.

ITINERARY	YEAR	CAT. 1	CAT. 2	CAT. 3	SUITES	CAT. 1 SOLO	ADVANCE PAYMENT	NOTE
Vietnam and Cambodia: Along the Mekong River – Page 25	2017/2018	\$10,980	\$11,790	\$13,850	\$16,580	\$16,470	\$1,500	Sample Airfares: U.S./Siem Reap, returning Saigon/U.S. or vice versa. Economy from \$1,000; Business fare: \$5,000.

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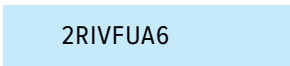
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