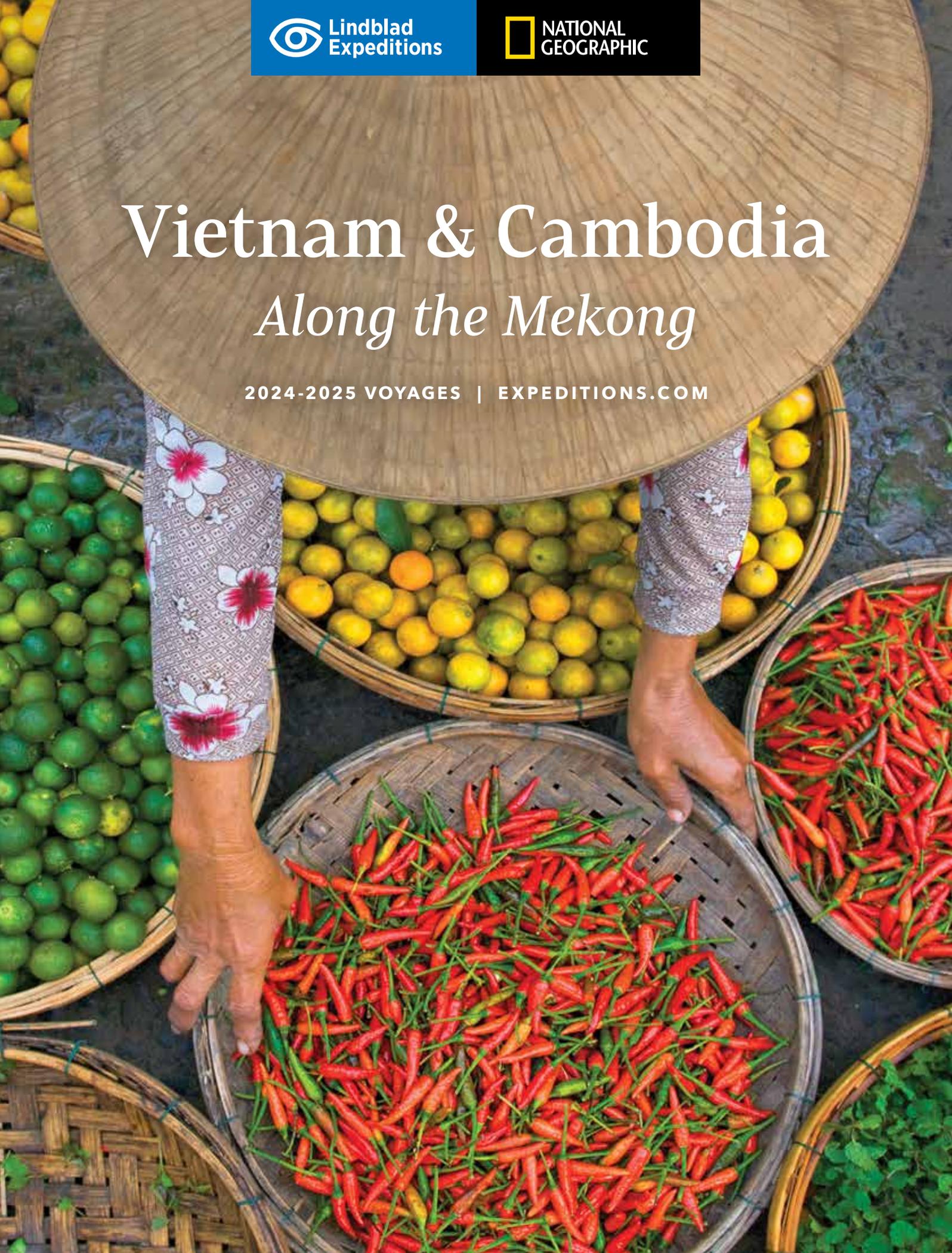


# Vietnam & Cambodia

## *Along the Mekong*

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A tropical river scene with dense palm trees and a muddy brown river. The palm fronds are large and green, with some showing signs of being eaten. The river is a rich, golden-brown color, flowing through the dense vegetation. The lighting is warm, suggesting a sunset or sunrise, with sunlight filtering through the leaves.

**Join Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic for an immersive voyage along the Mekong River, gliding through the rural heart of Vietnam and Cambodia to timeless villages where ancient traditions thrive. Tap into the enchanting rhythms of daily life on this storied waterway as we discover age-old customs like silk hand-weaving and rice harvesting, and venture beyond the riverbank to encounter the sacred idols at Angkor and modern icons from Phnom Penh to Saigon.**



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# Experience Authentic and Immersive Exploration

Over the course of a nearly 20-year partnership, Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic have created meaningful travel experiences that ignite a passion for the planet and its people. From the moment you join our expedition along the Mekong, you access all the resources that stem from this shared legacy in exploration.

## Authentic Travel on Water and on Land

We sail the Mekong aboard *The Jahan*, an elegant vessel that embodies the British-India riverboats of the 17th century. Every detail harkens back to the glamor of a bygone era, from her intricately carved and inlaid woodwork to her charming antique touches. Floor-to-ceiling windows and airy shared spaces reveal scenes of daily life along the Mekong—and when we want to take a closer look, we board longboats that slip into floating villages and palm-fringed tributaries.

For our adventures on shore, we travel as the locals do—riding on two-wheeled oxcarts through rice paddies and lotus lily farms; taking *tuk-tuks* to temples; and wending our way through bustling city streets by *cyclo*, a bicycle that pulls a two-seater car.

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**ALL IN:** Activities and excursions are always included in the voyage price.

## A Team at Home on the Mekong

Your voyage is led by a seasoned expedition leader and a team of local guides, many of whom were born and raised in the riverside villages of the Mekong. These engaging experts have authentic connections to the places we visit, and their personal perspectives bring depth and insight to our cultural experiences, whether you are tasting a village's unique take on Vietnamese pho or learning about the history of Cambodian stilt houses. They value the inquisitiveness of our guests and look forward to Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic voyages, welcoming us warmly on board like family.



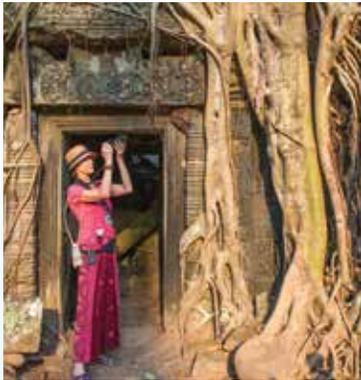
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## Take Great Photos With the Pros

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certified photo instructor (CPI) joins every voyage to assist travelers with everything from camera settings to composition. The CPI can teach you how to frame the perfect portrait of a Vietnamese water puppet or adjust your aperture to capture a stunning sunrise over Angkor Wat. Every guest—from iPhone camera users



to advanced hobbyists—can shoot alongside top photographers, pick up tips in the field, and return home with the photos of a lifetime.

## Our Commitment to Mekong Communities

We are passionate about supporting Mekong communities that have lived in harmony with the river for millennia. Our work with the Kampong Tralach Local School Project has helped fund English language instruction and storytelling opportunities for



young students in rural Cambodia. When you travel along the Mekong with us, you will have the chance to visit Kampong Tralach village, where we receive a special welcome from the school students before being invited to join one of their lessons.



*The Jahan sails past Phnom Penh's temple-lined waterfront.*

# Inside Angkor Wat

## *A Closer Look at Ancient Khmer Wonders*

*Reigning as the world's largest religious monument for over 900 years, Angkor Wat is the crown jewel of the Angkor Archaeological Park—a network of Khmer shrines and cities tangled in the Cambodian jungle. Visitors congregate beneath Angkor Wat's iconic towers, but the hidden corners of the greater complex tell an even richer story of Khmer culture. Take a closer look at Angkor's most spectacular relics, and join us here for exclusive experiences, including artisan workshops and a private al fresco dinner and performance among the ruins.*



*Traditional Apsara dancers perform at an Angkor Temple.*

## Statues of Angkor Wat

Nearly 1,000 years after Angkor Wat's construction, visitors approaching the temple are still received by the same stone sentinels that lined its main causeway in the 12th century: statues of proud guardian lions and cobra-like, seven-headed naga.



## Angkor Wat Central Shrine

King Suryavarman II designed the heart of Angkor Wat in the image of Mount Meru—the center of all universes and home of the Hindu gods. The top level of this terraced shrine is Angkor Wat's holiest area and harbors some of the temple's most detailed engravings.



## Bas Relief of Angkor Wat

Angkor Wat is covered in stunning bas relief artistry depicting divine beings and historical figures of Hindu tradition. Together, the pieces comprise nearly 13,000 square feet of what archaeologist Charles Higham calls "the greatest known linear arrangement of stone carving."



## Faces of the Bayon

Not to be outdone by his predecessor's work at Angkor Wat, King Jayavarman VII commissioned for his capital city of Angkor Thom a state temple of singular prestige: the Bayon, distinguished by the more than 200 immense, smiling faces gracing the temple's sandstone towers.



## Ta Prohm Shrine

After the decline of the Khmer Empire in the 15th century, temples like Ta Prohm were reclaimed by the surrounding jungle. Here, thick Banyan roots spill over the ruins, and trunks soar skyward from rubble walls, their grip over the crumbling foundations striking a delicate balance of destruction and protection.



## Temple of Banteay Srei

Banteay Srei, the 10th-century "Citadel of Women," is decorated with statuary and bas relief artwork of incomparable detail: demonic dvarapalas guard entryways, sharp-toothed kala leer from flowered motifs, and alluring devatas stand out against backdrops of exquisite ornamental stonework.



## Libraries of Banteay Srei

The libraries of Banteay Srei sport pediments with richly illustrated narratives, including Mahabharata—the world's longest epic poem. Look for Shiva, with full entourage, quelling evil Ravana on one tympanum and incinerating meddling Kama on another.



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## A MAGICAL DINNER AMONG THE RUINS

Venture into the Angkor temple complex after sunset and sit down to a private, candlelit dinner accompanied by a dazzling Apsara dance performance.



*The soul of Southeast Asia is revealed on the banks of the Mekong, where the river's patient flow nurtures the cultural foundation of Vietnam, Cambodia, and beyond. Witness all the ways the water infuses this region with vibrancy, setting the rhythms of daily life in motion while shaping both the land and its people.*





*Clockwise from top left: A woman feeds farmed fish in the Mekong River Delta; a traveler photographs the Mekong painted in peach and pink hues; our expedition leader picks out fresh tropical fruits from a floating market in Chau Doc; a fisherman displays his catch of the day.*



Angkor Wat.

## Vietnam & Cambodia: Along the Mekong River, Including Angkor & Saigon



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### EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend two days exploring the **legendary religious sites of Angkor** in the company of our experts and local guides.
- **Visit communities** and learn the ways of **life along the Mekong River**, including subsistence fishing and small industries.
- Explore **Phnom Penh and Saigon**, touring sites important to the cities' 20th-century histories.
- **Travel in extraordinary comfort** aboard a luxurious riverboat, *The Jahan*, and see many of the countries' cultural highpoints.



### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

**Day 1:** Siem Reap, Cambodia

**Days 2 & 3:** Angkor

**Day 4:** Kampong Cham/Embark  
*The Jahan*

**Day 5:** Wat Hanchey or Koh Dach/  
Angkor Ban

**Day 6:** Kampong Chhnang/  
Kampong Tralach

**Day 7:** Phnom Penh

**Day 8:** Cruising the Mekong

**Day 9:** Chau Doc or Tan Chau,  
Vietnam

**Day 10:** Sadeq/Cai Be

**Day 11:** My Tho/Disembark/Saigon

**Days 12 & 13:** Saigon

### DEPARTURES

*The Jahan*

2024-2025 January, February

Certain departures travel in reverse.

### SPECIAL GUEST

Join National Geographic Expert **Chris Rainier**, acclaimed documentary photographer and Director of The Cultural Sanctuaries Foundation, on the Feb. 14th, 2024 departure.

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## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

**Days 1 & 2:** Hanoi

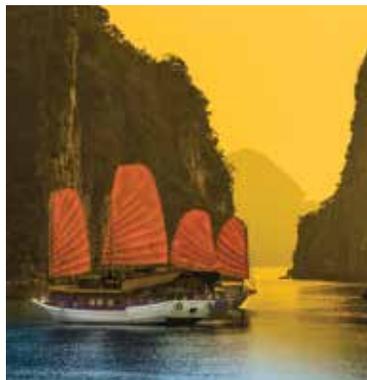
**Day 3:** Halong Bay & Lan Ha Bay

**Day 4:** Hanoi

**Days 5 & 6:** Hue

**Days 7 & 8:** Hoi An

Certain departures travel in reverse.



# The Jahan

## Sail the Mekong in Royal Style

Named for the fifth shah of the Mughal Empire, *The Jahan* is a nautical marvel embodying the romance and glamor of India's most glorious dynasty. Built from the ground up in 2011, her hand-painted interiors are adorned with intricately carved and inlaid woodwork, and filled with a trove of decorative antiques from across the Eastern Hemisphere.



Each of 24 spacious staterooms and suites has floor-to-ceiling windows and its own balcony, where guests can watch daily life unfurl along the riverbanks. Among the many atmospheric gathering spaces are the Viceroy Dining Hall, serving up Southeast Asian fare, continental delights, and daily afternoon tea; the top-deck pool and jacuzzi with Turkish mosaic tiles; a spa and steam bath; and the East India Club & Lounge, reminiscent of an old British social club.

Step aboard *The Jahan* and sail between Vietnam and Cambodia in royal style, enjoying unhurried days, and taking in scenes of the floating markets, riverfront pagodas, and swaying palm trees along Southeast Asia's most storied waterway.



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## Premier Hotel Accommodations

### Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor



Located near the iconic Angkor Wat, this elegant Siem Reap hotel complements the grandeur of your surroundings. Luxurious rooms are styled with Cambodian furnishings and look out on either the pool or lush temple and lotus gardens that are perfect for strolling. Unwind at one of four restaurants or the world-class spa.

### Park Hyatt Saigon



A remarkable combination of traditional and modern elegance, the Park Hyatt is situated in the heart of Saigon, steps from the city's grand squares, shopping streets, and the Saigon River. Its rooms are spacious and beautifully appointed, and its grand public spaces provide a welcoming atmosphere.



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- ✓ Steam bath and Fitness Center
- ✓ Spa pool on the Terrace Deck
- ✓ Fully stocked library
- ✓ Complimentary wireless Internet access in the lounge (not available in all locales)
- ✓ The guidance and company of our expedition staff
- ✓ Services of a qualified physician

### ASHORE

- ✓ Meals and beverages on land, as indicated in itinerary
- ✓ Sightseeing & entrance fees
- ✓ Special access permits, port taxes
- ✓ Arrival and departure transfers are included anytime
- ✓ The expertise of our expedition staff
- ✓ English speaking local guides

### ACTIVITIES

- ✓ All excursions
- ✓ Lectures & presentations in the lounge
- ✓ Morning stretch classes with wellness specialist

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