

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Today's Weather: Partly cloudy $23 - 33^{\circ} \text{ C} / 73 - 91^{\circ} \text{ F}$

Thank you,

...for traveling with Viking Cruises. It has been a pleasure to serve you, and a privilege to share your journey—we hope that you had a wonderful time, and that you are inspired to join us again.

Please know this is goodbye, but not farewell. As you continue your stay with us in Ho Chi Minh City, we hope you enjoy the city's cultural offerings.

We wish you a safe and comfortable rest of your journey.

Sincerely, Your Viking Staff

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As you enjoy your travels, we invite you to share your photos and the stories behind them on *MyVikingStory.com*. These might include special moments from your cruise such as your favorite view, destination, meal, drink, thinking spot or staff member. Also, while you're sharing your photos and stories with fellow Instagram, Facebook and Twitter friends, please remember to add #MyVikingStory.

6:00-8:00 AM

Café Breakfast: Coffee, juice and pastries are available on the Sun Deck.

6:30-8:00 AM

Breakfast: Enjoy a buffet breakfast and a choice of dishes cooked to order in the Restaurant.

7:00 AM

Luggage Collection: Please place your luggage marked with your name in front of your stateroom door.

8:00 AM

Disembarkation and transfer to Ho Chi Minh City:

Please collect your carry-on luggage and disembark the ship from the main deck. Kindly return your stateroom key to the key box by the gangway.

ETA 10:30 AM

Shore excursion: Cu Chi Tunnels Tour. Descend into the mysterious, once-secret tunnels used as supply routes, hospitals and living quarters by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War.

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Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Today's Weather: Partly sunny $24 - 34^{\circ} \text{ C} / 75 - 93^{\circ} \text{ F}$

6:00-11:00 AM

Café Breakfast: Coffee, juice and pastries are available on the Sun Deck.

6:30 AM

Tai Chi: Join Theara for the last Tai Chi Lesson on the Sun Deck.

7:00-9:00 AM

Breakfast: Enjoy a buffet breakfast and a choice of dishes cooked to order in the Restaurant.

8:30-11:00 AM

Sampan Boat Excursion: Today we take a boat ride along the canals of the Mekong Delta and visit the colorful Sa Đéc market and a brick kiln. Also, see the home of the Chinese aristocratic family from the novel *The Lover*.

11:30 AM

Cast Off! Viking Mekong leaves Sa Đéc for Cái Bè.

12:00 PM

Lunch: Join us for lunch in the Restaurant.

1:30 PM

Welcome to Cái Bè: Viking Mekong arrives in Cái Bè.

Please settle your account at Reception Office in the afternoon.

Please don't forget to collect your passports as well.

2:30-4:30 PM

Shore Excursion: Cái Bè Village Tour. Witness the locals producing a variety of goods and local products.

6:00 PM

Captain's Cocktail Party: Join Captain Nguyen Duc Tuong for a farewell toast to celebrate your Viking journey, new friends and memories made.

6:15 PM

Daily Briefing: Please meet Program Directors Bob & Lee on the Sun Deck.

6:30 PM

Live Music: Join us for a Vietnamese traditional music performance on the Sun Deck.

7:00 PM

Dinner: Join fellow travellers in the Restaurant for Dinner.

7:15 PM

Cast Off: Viking Mekong leaves Cái Bè for Mỹ Tho.

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Monday, February 3, 2020

Today's Weather: Partly cloudy $22 - 33^{\circ} \text{ C} / 71 - 91^{\circ} \text{ F}$

6:00-11:00 AM

Café Breakfast: Coffee, juice and pastries are available on the Sun Deck.

6:30-7:00 AM

Tai Chi: Join Theara for a Tai Chi Lesson on the Sun Deck

7:00-9:00 AM

Breakfast: Enjoy a buffet breakfast and a choice of dishes cooked to order in the Restaurant.

8:30-11:30 AM

Shore Excursion: Tân Châu. From the ship, travel by sampan to Tân Châu, where you will ride on a rickshaw. From there, take the sampan to a floating fish farm and observe the locals feeding them. Continue your excursion by boat to Vinh Hoa, or "Evergreen Island," and stroll around the area to see the people engaged in their daily activities, including farming.

12:00 PM

Cast Off! Viking Mekong leaves Tân Châu for Sa Đéc.

12:00 PM

Lunch: Join us for lunch in the Restaurant.

Time to relax

Choose from a list of natural treatments that have been thoughtfully designed to uplift, revitalize and recharge your body and mind. For more information or to book your appointment, please visit Guest Service.

4:00-5:00 PM

Presentation: Customs and Wedding Ceremonies of the Vietnamese. Come and hear a fascinating talk on these traditions from your Program Directors Bob & Lee in the Lecture Room.

5:30 PM

Welcome to Sa Đéc: Viking Mekong arrives in Sa Đéc.

6:00 PM

Cocktail Hour: Enjoy a drink on the Sun Deck.

6:30 PM

Daily Briefing: Program Directors Bob & Lee invite you to the Sun Deck to find out about tomorrow's excursions and events.

7:00 PM

Dinner: We invite you to join us for dinner in the Restaurant.

8:45 PM

After Dinner Movie: Please join us in the Lecture Room for *The Lover*.

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Ship Location: Tân Châu Vietnam

Wi-Fi password: Viking2019



Sunday, February 2, 2020

Today's Weather: Partly Cloudy $23 - 35^{\circ} \text{ C} / 73 - 95^{\circ} \text{ F}$

6:00-11:00 AM

Café Breakfast: Coffee, juice and pastries are available on the Sun Deck.

6:30-7:00 AM

Tai Chi: Join Theara for a Tai Chi Lesson on the Sun Deck

7:00-9:30 AM

Breakfast: Enjoy a buffet breakfast and a choice of dishes cooked to order in the Restaurant.

9:30 AM

Back On Board: Please be back on board the ship by this time.

10:00 AM

Cast Off: Viking Mekong leaves Phnom Penh for Tân Châu, Vietnam.

12:00 PM

Lunch: Join us for lunch served in the Restaurant.

1:30 & 2:00 PM

Ship Wheelhouse Tour: Please sign up at the Reception Desk **before noon**.

ETA 2:30 PM

Border Crossing: Arriving at the Border from Cambodia to Vietnam.

2:30 PM

Cooking Demonstration: Fresh spring roll making and fruit carving in the Restaurant.

3:30-4:30 PM

Presentation: Vietnam History and Culture. Come and hear a fascinating talk from your Program Directors Bob & Lee in the Lecture Room.

5:00 PM

Welcome to Tân Châu: Viking Mekong anchors off Tân Châu.

6:00 PM

Cocktail Hour: Enjoy a drink on the Sun Deck

6:15 PM

VES Cocktail: We invite you all to join us on the Sun Deck for the Viking Explorer Society (VES) cocktail.

6:45 PM

Daily Briefing: Program Directors Bob & Lee invite you to the Sun Deck to find out about tomorrow's excursions and events.

7:00 PM

Dinner: We invite you to join us for dinner in the Restaurant.

8:45 PM

After Dinner Movie: Please join us in the Lecture Room for *The Quiet American*.

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Saturday, February 1, 2020

Today's Weather: Partly Cloudy

 $24 - 34^{\circ} \text{ C} / 75 - 93^{\circ} \text{ F}$

6:00-11:00 AM

Café Breakfast: Coffee, juice and pastries are available on the Sun Deck.

6:30-7:00 AM

Tai Chi: Join Theara for a Tai Chi Lesson on the Sun Deck.

6:30-9:00 AM

Breakfast: Enjoy a buffet breakfast and a choice of dishes cooked to order in the Restaurant.

8:30-12:30 AM

Shore Excursion: Udon Monastery. Bus ride to Udon Monastery. Enjoy a guided tour of the impressive Buddhist monastery where you will receive a blessing from the monks. Then visit the silver smith village Koh Chern.

12:30 PM

Lunch: Lunch is served in the Restaurant.

Free Time: Explore the city streets or the local market of Phnom Penh at your leisure. Ask your Program Directors Bob & Lee for some ideas of interesting things to see and do around town.

Alternatively, why not continue to explore the city streets of Phnom Penh at your leisure?

6:00 PM

Cocktail Hour: Enjoy a drink on the sun Deck.

6:00-7:00 PM

Lecture: Modern Cambodian History. Make your way to the Lecture Room for an enlightening introduction to Cambodia's modern history by **French Anthropologist Stephanie.**

7:15 PM

Daily Briefing: Program Directors Bob & Lee invite you in the Restaurant to find out about tomorrow's excursions and events.

7:30 PM

Dinner: A Taste of Cambodia. We invite you to the Restaurant for a family style dinner featuring Khmer regional favourites.

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Friday, January 31, 2020

Today's Weather: Partly Cloudy $26 - 32^{\circ} \text{ C} / 79 - 90^{\circ} \text{ F}$

6:00-11:00 AM

Café Breakfast: Coffee, juice and pastries are available on the Sun Deck.

6:30-7:00 AM

Tai Chi: Join Theara for a Tai Chi Lesson on the Sun Deck.

7:00-9:00 AM

Breakfast: Enjoy a buffet breakfast and a choice of dishes cooked to order in the Restaurant.

8:30-11:45 AM

Shore Excursion: Phnom Penh by Cyclo. Enjoy a guided city tour including a visit to the Royal Palace and excellent National Museum.

12:00 PM

Lunch: Join us for lunch in the Restaurant.

2:00-5:30 PM

Shore Excursion: Tuol Sleng Detention Center

Memorial. Join an excursion to two sobering memorials of the Cambodian genocide. In the 1970s, the notorious Khmer Rouge dictator Pol Pot ordered mass executions of any who might stand in the path of his power.

6:00 PM

Cocktail Hour: Enjoy a drink on the Sun Deck.

6:45 PM

Daily Briefing: Program Directors Bob & Lee invite you on the Sun Deck to find out about tomorrow's excursions and events.

7:00 PM

Dinner: We invite you to join us for dinner in the Restaurant.

8:45 PM

Evening Entertainment: Enjoy a traditional folkloric dance performance by Cambodian children on the Sun Deck.

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Thursday, January 30, 2020

Today's Weather: Partly Cloudy

25 - 31° C / 75 - 88° F

6:00-11:00 AM

Café Breakfast: Coffee, juice and pastries are available on the Sun Deck.

6:30-7:00 AM

Tai Chi: Join Kunthea for a Tai Chi Lesson on the Sun Deck.

7:00-9:00 AM

Breakfast: Enjoy a buffet breakfast and a choice of dishes cooked to order in the Restaurant.

8:15-10:30 AM

Shore Excursion: Shore Excursion: Enjoy an excursion to the scenic Twin Holy Mountains of Phnom Pros and Phnom Srey, Man Hill and Woman Hill. You will meet your guide and drive by motor coach into the countryside to see this pair of summits.

Visit to Amica Village, supported by French NGO.

10:30 AM

Back On Board: Please be back on board the ship by this time. We will depart for Chong Koh shortly thereafter.

11:15 AM

Safety Instructions: Your safety is of paramount importance to us. Please follow the instructions given on the PA system.

12:00 PM

Lunch: Join us for lunch in the Restaurant.

2:00-2:30 PM

Fashion Show. Please come to the Sun Deck for traditional Cambodian dress fashion show by the staff.

2:45-3:45 PM

Presentation: Life at the Mekong River, in the Lecture Room. Lecture about Cambodia Geography & "Life at the **Mekong River"** by your local guide.

3:45 PM

Welcome to Chong Koh: Viking Mekong at Chong Koh.

4:00-5:30 PM

Shore Excursion: Traditional- Weaving Village. Join us for a walk through Chong Koh, famous for its weaving.

5:30 PM

Back On Board: Please be back on board the ship by this time. We will depart Chong Koh for Phnom Penh shortly after.

6:30 PM

Welcome Cocktail: Our Captain Nguyen Duc Tuong invites you for a Welcome Toast on the Sun Deck.

FOLLOWED BY

Daily Briefing: Program Directors Bob & Lee invite you to the Sun Deck to find out about tomorrow's excursions and events.

7:00 PM

Welcome Dinner: Our Chef de Cuisine Sophors and the Restaurant staff invite you for dinner in the Restaurant.

8:45 PM

After Dinner Movie: Please join us in the Lecture Room for *The Killing Fields (130 min)*.

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Wednesday, January 29, 2020

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Welcome aboard!

We are delighted to welcome you aboard *Viking Mekong*, and look forward to serving you.

As you continue to journey with us, we'll introduce you to some wonderful new discoveries, both on shore and on board, from surprising locations to fascinating cultural activities and events.

This daily newsletter outlines the day's destinations; it also provides a little background on some of the places you'll visit, news of our onboard activities, important contact information for the ship, and sailing times.

We're happy to assist with special requests, large or small. Please visit the Reception Desk should you have any questions.

We hope you have a wonderful time!

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4:30 PM

Welcome aboard the Viking Mekong.

5:15 PM

Welcome Briefing: Join the Viking Mekong Hotel Manager Gabriele on the Sun Deck for a brief talk about the ship and what you can look forward to during your time on board.

FOLLOWED BY

Daily Briefing: Program Directors Bob & Lee invite you on the Sun Deck to find out about tomorrow's excursions and events.

7:00 PM

Dinner: Chef Sophors and Maître d' Phalla invite you to the Restaurant for dinner.

8:45 PM

After Dinner Movie. Please join us in the Lecture Room for *The Biography of Pol Pot*.

If you have any special dietary requirements, please let the Maître d' know. Bon appétit!

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