



# WORLD-WIDE CRUISES

— SOUTH AFRICA • MEKONG • NILE • GANGES —



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# EXOTIC RIVER CRUISES







## LAKE KARIBA

Southern Africa

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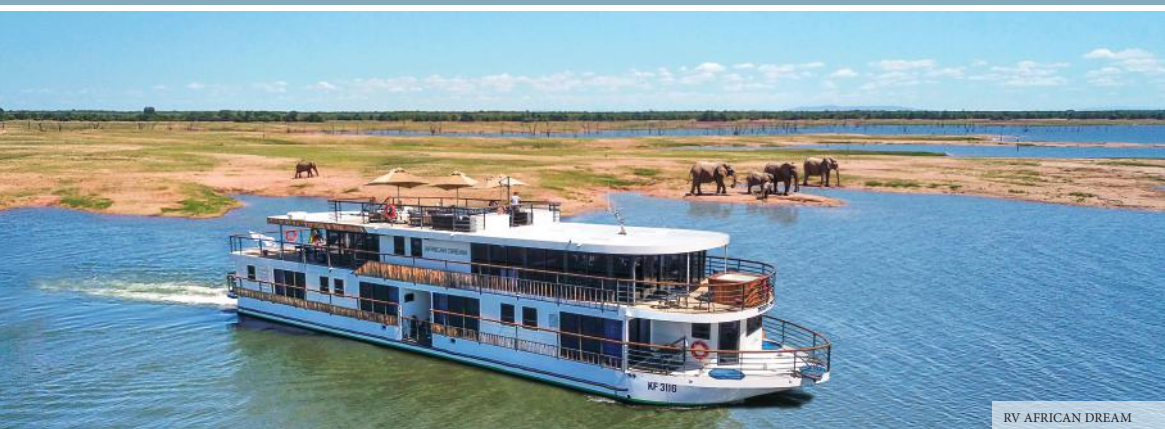
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RV AFRICAN DREAM

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9-DAY / 8-NIGHT ITINERARY • REF. 11A\_PP / 11Z\_PP

# Southern Africa: travel to the ends of the earth

**DAY 1 | Johannesburg (South Africa)**  
Programme depends on time of arrival  
Excursion proposed:  
• Discover Johannesburg  
and the Apartheid Museum  
Night spent at the hotel

**DAY 2 | Johannesburg • Kasane**  
Arrival at the lodge  
(South Africa-Botswana-Namibia)  
Flight from Johannesburg to Kasane  
(Botswana)  
Transfer to CroisiEurope lodge  
Introduction of the crew  
and welcome cocktail  
Night spent at the lodge

**DAY 3 | Chobe National Park (Namibia-Botswana)**  
Full-day safari in Jeeps to explore  
the Chobe National Park and sailing  
the Chobe River on small private boat  
Night spent at the lodge

**DAY 4 | Impalila Island (Namibia)**  
Excursion proposed:  
• Visit authentic villages to discover  
the traditional namibian houses,  
culture and customs  
Free time at the lodge or join a tour on  
the Zambezi river on small private boat  
Night spent at the lodge

**DAY 5 | Lodge • Kasane • Lake Kariba**  
Boarding the ship  
(Namibia-Botswana-Zimbabwe)  
Excursion proposed:  
• One last water safari in the Chobe  
National Park area  
Flight from Kasane to Kariba  
Boarding the ship  
Introduction of the crew  
and welcome cocktail  
Sailing across Lake Kariba  
Night spent on board

**DAY 6 | Lake Kariba • Sailing to  
Spurwing Island (Zimbabwe)**  
Sailing through the rare and mysterious  
landscapes of Lake Kariba  
Excursion proposed:  
• Discover the small waterways going  
into the Matusadona National Park  
on small private boat  
Sailing in the direction of Palm Bay  
Excursion proposed:  
• Set out on small private boat  
to admire the sunset  
Night spent on board

**DAY 7 | Lake Kariba • Matusadona  
National Park (Zimbabwe)**  
Excursion proposed:  
• Safari in Jeeps to discover the wildlife  
of Matusadona National Park  
Sailing on Lake Kariba  
• A round table will be the opportunity  
to learn more about the creation  
and inhabitants of the Lake  
Night spent on board

**DAY 8 | Kariba • Victoria Falls  
(Zimbabwe)**  
Sail towards Kariba to disembark  
Flight from Kariba to Victoria Falls  
Lunch cruise on the Zambezi River  
Excursion proposed:  
• Tour on foot of the falls  
Night spent at the hotel

**DAY 9 | Victoria Falls**  
• Optional early morning excursion:  
Soar over Victoria Falls in a helicopter  
(must be reserved upon booking)  
End of services at the hotel

See excursion details on page 136.



VICTORIA FALLS





TABLE MOUNTAIN

5-DAY / 4-NIGHT EXTENDED STAY • REF. 14F\_PP / 14Z\_PP

## Stay at the Cape Peninsula

DAY 1 | Cape Town

Checking into the hotel from 3:00 p.m.

Dinner on your own

Overnight at the hotel

DAY 2 | Cape Town

Excursions proposed:

- Panoramic tour of Cape Town
- Ascent of Table Mountain

DAY 3 | Robben Island • Groot Constantia Wine Estate

Excursions proposed:

- Guided tour of Robben Island
- Guided tour of the Groot Constantia Wine Estate and wine tasting\*

DAY 4 | The Cape of Good Hope

Excursions proposed:

- Ride along Chapman's Peak Drive to the Cape of Good Hope peninsula
- Discover the penguin colony near Simon's Town

DAY 5 | Cape Town • Johannesburg

Transfer to the airport and flight to Johannesburg

Join up the rest of the safari-cruise group

See excursion details on page 137.

## Extended stay highlights

EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:

- Ascent of Table Mountain to take in the views from Table Bay
- Discovery of the legendary Cape of Good Hope
- Guided tour of Robben Island
- Meet-up with the penguin colony near Simon's Town
- Tasting of South-African wines\*



ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED



ALL MEALS INCLUDED (except day 1)



FREE Wi-Fi

## Cruise highlights

- An intimate experience on board a luxury 5 anchor ship
- Enjoy the stillness of a magical, luxurious lodge with spacious bungalows and private swimming pool
- Transfers by private plane, a unique view across on the savannah and Lake Kariba
- Unique cruise on Lake Kariba through emblematic and mysterious landscapes

EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:

- Land and water safaris in the most beautiful national parks: Chobe and Matusadona
- Discover Johannesburg, South Africa's iconic city and the grandness of Victoria Falls



ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED except for the helicopter ride over Victoria Falls



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



UNLIMITED COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES

The itinerary and the order of the visits can change depending on the weather.

4-DAY / 3-NIGHT EXTENDED STAY • REF. 20A\_PP / 21A\_PP

## From Zimbabwe to South Africa on a luxury train

Continue your African adventure by traveling aboard the legendary Rovos Rail between the grandiose Zimbabwean landscape and the South African plateaus.

A fabulous experience to rival the Orient Express!

Ask us for detailed programmes and dates.



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# Dates & Excursions · Lake Kariba

2024 DEPARTURE DATES		RV AFRICAN DREAM - REF. 11A_PP	RV ZIMBABWEAN DREAM - REF. 11Z_PP
PREMIUM SHIPS			
LOW SEASON	February	4 - 7 - 10 - 13 - 16 - 19 - 22 - 25 - 28	3 - 6 - 9 - 12 - 15 - 18 - 21 - 24 - 27
	March	2 - 5 - 8 - 11 - 14 - 17 - 20 - 23 - 26 - 29	1 - 4 - 7 - 10 - 13 - 16 - 19 - 22 - 25 - 28 - 31
	April	1	
	November	3 - 6 - 9 - 12 - 15 - 18 - 21 - 24 - 27 - 30	2 - 5 - 8 - 11 - 14 - 17 - 20 - 23 - 26 - 29
	December	3 - 6 - 9 - 12 - 15 - 19 - 22 - 27 - 30	2 - 5 - 8 - 11 - 14 - 18 - 21 - 24 - 28 - 31
HIGH SEASON	April	4 - 7 - 10 - 13 - 16 - 19 - 22 - 25 - 28	3 - 6 - 9 - 12 - 15 - 18 - 21 - 24 - 27 - 30
	May	1 - 4 - 7 - 10 - 13 - 16 - 19 - 22 - 25 - 28 - 31	
	June	3 - 6 - 9 - 12 - 15 - 18 - 21 - 24 - 27 - 30	2 - 5 - 8 - 11 - 14 - 17 - 20 - 23 - 26 - 29
	July		2 - 5 - 8 - 11 - 14 - 17 - 20 - 23 - 26 - 29
	August	2 - 5 - 8 - 11 - 14 - 17 - 20 - 23 - 26 - 29	1 - 4 - 7 - 10 - 13 - 16 - 19 - 22 - 25 - 28 - 31
	September	1 - 4 - 7 - 10 - 13 - 16 - 19 - 22 - 25 - 28	3 - 6 - 9 - 12 - 15 - 18 - 21 - 24 - 27 - 30
	October	1 - 4 - 7 - 10 - 13 - 16 - 19 - 22 - 25 - 28 - 31	3 - 6 - 9 - 12 - 15 - 18 - 21 - 24 - 27 - 30



## Our excursions

### Core programme

#### Included

##### JOHANNESBURG

We'll have lunch before visiting the Apartheid Museum which opened in 2001. It is famous the world over for being the first museum centering on South African history in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and more particularly on Apartheid. Afterwards, we'll set off for a panoramic tour of the city. In addition to being South Africa's financial capital, Johannesburg is also the city of superlatives. It is indeed the richest town in Africa, with the tallest buildings and widest social discrepancies, but is also infused with one of the best atmospheres you'll ever come across.

##### SAFARIS

We'll explore the local fauna and flora in small groups on board small motor boats or Jeeps. Elephants, giraffes, Cape buffalos and impalas are only but a few of the wild animals you may get to see in your surroundings. Each season brings its own particularities and allows for unique and up-close experiences with wildlife.

##### IMPALILA ISLAND

One morning will be dedicated to discovering the culture and traditions of the area. We'll visit rebuilt traditional villages, an opportunity to learn more about the Namibian houses, the everyday life and living together of the indigenous population and more.

##### VICTORIA FALLS

We'll leave for a tour on foot of the falls in Zimbabwe, where the views are among

the most exceptional in the world. We'll also see where the Zambezi River plunges over the cliff to become the widest waterfall in the world, creating the "smoke that thunders".

#### Optional

##### HELICOPTER RIDE OVER VICTORIA FALLS (12 min)

Soar over Victoria Falls in a helicopter for spectacular views over this true wonder of nature known as the "Smoke That Thunders" (in "high water" season). You'll also get to see from above where the Zambezi River plunges over the cliff to become the widest waterfall in the world, as well as the city of Victoria Falls and the surrounding nature.



# Extended stay

## CAPE TOWN

We'll leave on a panoramic tour of the city. Cape Town is a meticulously preserved city with modern towers in the centre, cobblestone roads and a bounty of historical monuments. We'll then take the Table Mountain Cableway to soak up the 360-degree views of Table Bay and the nearby peaks of the surrounding mountains (if the weather allows it).

## ROBBEN ISLAND AND GROOT CONSTANTIA WINE ESTATE

Robben Island is a place that needs no introduction with regards to its significance in South Africa's and indeed the world's history. We'll have a guided tour of the island and its cells. We'll return to Cape Town for lunch on the waterfront. Afterwards, we'll visit the Groot Constantia estate, considered the oldest vineyard in South Africa. For the past 300 years, agricultural activities at Groot Constantia have focused on wine making, and the Constantia wines have become renowned throughout Europe. We'll visit the cellar followed by a tasting\*.

## THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

We'll set out for the legendary Cape of Good Hope. We'll ride along Chapman's Peak Drive, located on the Atlantic coast

of the southwestern tip of South Africa. The narrow stretch of land, dotted with beautiful valleys, bays and beaches, contains a mix of extraordinarily diverse and unique fauna and flora. We'll take the famous Flying Dutchman funicular to the summit to see the old lighthouse and relish the panoramic views. We'll have lunch before discovering the penguin colony near Simon's Town. Once called Jackass Penguins, they are famous for their hilarious behaviour. \*Please drink in moderation.

# Practical information

## FORMALITIES

Passengers should contact their Embassy or Consulate to ensure any essential paperwork is obtained before travelling.

## HEALTH FORMALITIES

This safari-cruise is not recommended for persons with reduced mobility. The stony paths, entering and exiting land and water safari vehicles and the absence of an elevator on board the ship require good physical health.

There are no compulsory vaccinations for your destinations except for guests arriving from countries with risk of yellow fever; these guests may be required to produce proof of vaccination at the airport or at the border post. However, it is strongly recommended you ensure your vaccines for the following diseases are up-to-date: tetanus, polio, hepatitis A and B, diphtheria and typhoid. We also recommend consulting with your general practitioner regarding an antimalarial treatment and a yellow fever vaccine. Vaccines for rubella, mumps, measles are recommended for minors. As a general rule, we strongly recommend consulting with your general practitioner about any health concerns before your departure. It is not recommended that you drink tap water, and prefer to drink bottled mineral water only (watch the seal being broken before accepting the bottle) and tea. It is important that you bring with you any of your usual medication (aspirin, anti-diarrhea tablets, etc.).

## CURRENCY

Onboard the ships and at the lodges, payments can be made with a major bank card. It is not possible to exchange money on board or at the lodges. US dollars will be accepted in South Africa, Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe. For the current exchange rates for the local

currencies, please consult websites such as [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com) or [www.oanda.com/currency/converter/](http://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/).

## CLIMATE

In Johannesburg, temperatures are never excessive due to its altitude (1,752 m/5,751 ft.). Winters (May to September) are dry and sunny with cold nights, but the days are usually very pleasant. Summers (October to April) are hot during the day with thunderstorms in the afternoon or evening, and nights are cool. In the Kasane, Lake Kariba and Victoria Falls areas, the climate is semi-arid. Winters (May to October) are the dry season; days are hot and sunny, and nights are cool or even cold. Summers (November to April) can be rainy and temperatures are hot. Cape Town enjoys a Mediterranean climate. Winters (May to August) are mild (16°C/62°F) and summers (September to April) are warm and dry, with temperatures averaging (28°C/82°F).

## TIME DIFFERENCE

You can consult [www.worldtimezone.com](http://www.worldtimezone.com) to see the time difference between your home and your destination.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The itinerary can change depending on the weather.
- The order of the visits can be modified or reversed.
- Your cruise on board the ships as well as your stay at the lodges are fully dedicated to the protected areas of Lake Kariba and Chobe National Park. Life on board and at the lodges revolves around the discovery and observation of the local fauna and flora, providing constant enchantment. Strict safety rules and guidelines will be given on site, such as staying close to the lodges and ships at all times outside of the context of excursions because of the ever-present wilderness and fauna around you.
- The observation of wildlife can't be guaranteed.

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- Please be aware that most of your stay will take place at the border with three different countries, meaning mandatory and frequent border crossings. Our teams on site are doing everything in their power to make the process quicker.
- The helicopter ride, the ascent of Table Mountain and the Robben Island visit depend on suitable weather conditions.
- Cabin for triple use on board the ships: if two adults and one child are sharing one cabin, the spare bed will measure 150 cm x 80 cm (59 in. x 31 in.).

## BAGGAGE REGULATIONS TO FOLLOW

On this trip we plan to use private planes to get you between Kasane (lodge) and Kariba (ship).

The airline company operating these flights are imposing many restrictions regarding the bags being transported due to the capacity of the planes and for safety reasons. You'll find the list of regulations below:

- The checked baggage (1 per person maximum) must not exceed 20 kg/44 lbs.
- It must comply with the following dimensions 60cm/23.60in. in length x 40cm/15.70in. in height x 30cm/11.80in. in width.
- It must be made from soft fabric. Hard-shell suitcases are not accepted.
- Luggage with wheels is accepted (a maximum of 2 wheels per bag).
- The carry-on baggage and personal items must not exceed 3 kg/6.6 lbs.

If the baggage does not comply with the above rules, the airline will refuse to transport it. Your stay aboard the ship would take place without your personal belongings. At the end of your cruise and before taking your international flight, you will be forced to return to the lodge at your own expense to collect your suitcase. For your comfort, a laundry service is available during your stay at the lodge.





ANGKOR, TA PROHM TEMPLE

11-DAY / 10-NIGHT ITINERARY • REF. 1R3\_PP / 1H3\_PP (opposite direction)

## From the Angkor temples to the Mekong Delta

**DAY 1 | Siem Reap (Cambodia)**  
Programme depends on time of arrival  
Lunch  
Free time to enjoy the hotel's facilities  
Night spent at the hotel

**DAY 2 | Siem Reap • Angkor Temples**  
Excursions proposed:  
• Visit of Ta Prohm temple  
• Tour of Angkor Thom including the Royal Palace, the Terrace of the Elephants and that of the Leper King  
• Visit the Senteurs d'Angkor and silk workshops  
• Dinner at a local restaurant and Phare Circus Show  
Night spent at the hotel

**DAY 3 | Siem Reap • Tonle Lake**  
Excursion proposed:  
• The Angkor Wat temple  
Boarding, introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail  
Night spent on board

**DAY 4 | Kampong Chhnang**  
Disembark, road<sup>(1)</sup> to Kampong Chhnang and discovery of traditional villages  
Or  
Morning cruise<sup>(2)</sup> through Tonle Lake and disembark  
Excursion proposed:  
• Visit of Kampong Chhnang and tasting of local products  
Cruise towards Kampong Tralach

**DAY 5 | Kampong Tralach  
Koh Chen • Phnom Penh**  
Excursions proposed:  
• The Wat Kampong Tralach Leu pagoda  
• Tour of Koh Chen with villagers specialized in silver and copper smithing



Cruise towards Phnom Penh  
• Tuk-tuk ride through the city  
Apsara dance performance on board

**DAY 6 | Phnom Penh**  
Excursions proposed:  
• The Royal Palace and its Silver Pagoda  
• The National Museum  
• Tuol Svay Prey S21, former detention centre  
Free time at the local market

**DAY 7 | Chau Doc (Vietnam)**





HALONG BAY

4-DAY / 3-NIGHT EXTENDED STAY • REF. 1R6\_PP / 1H6\_PP (opposite direction)

## Hanoi and Halong Bay

DAY 11 | Hô-Chi-Minh City • Hanoi

Transfer to the airport

Flight to Hanoi

Dinner and accommodation  
at the hotel

DAY 12 | Hanoi

Full-day excursion:

- Guided tour of Hanoi

Lunch and dinner at a local restaurant

Traditional water puppetry show

Night spent at the hotel

DAY 13 | Hanoi • Halong Bay

Transfer to Halong Bay

Boarding a boat, welcome cocktail  
and lunch

Cruise through the mythical Halong Bay

Night spent on board

DAY 14 | Halong Bay • Hanoi

Tai Chi class on the deck

- Visit one of the most beautiful caves  
of Halong Bay

Brunch and disembark at 11:00 a.m.

Transfer to Hanoi

Stop off in Dinh Bang village

Light dinner before the end  
of our journey

See excursion details on page 141.

### Extended stay highlights

- Extend your vacation to Hanoi  
and beautiful Halong Bay
- Drinks included with meals

#### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:

- Discover Hanoi, the historic  
heart of the nation
- Tuk-tuk ride through  
the Old Quarter in Hanoi
- Cruise across Halong Bay  
with its breathtaking scenery
- Vietnamese cooking class



ALL EXCURSIONS  
INCLUDED



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



FREE Wi-Fi

Ask for the detailed itinerary of the opposite di-  
rection extended stay, REF. 1H6\_PP.

### Cruise highlights

- Join us on a spectacular cruise  
through Asia and build memories  
that will last a lifetime
- CroisiEurope exclusivity:  
ship docks in the centre  
of Hô-Chi-Minh City
- Splendid cruise on  
the Chao Gao Canal
- Personalized service from  
a CroisiEurope cruise director
- Drinks included with meals

#### EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:

- Discover 3 major historical cities:  
Siem Reap, Phnom Penh  
and Hô-Chi-Minh City
- Marvel at the amazing  
Angkor Temples
- Visit typical villages and meet  
the locals in Koh Chen,  
My Tho and more



ALL EXCURSIONS  
INCLUDED



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



FREE Wi-Fi



# Date & Excursions · Mekong

1R3_PP - 1H3_PP		RV INDOCHINE / LAN DIEP		RV INDOCHINE II	
		2024	2025	2024	2025
LOW SEASON	April		3, 6, 13, 16, 19, 22		5, 11, 21
	August	16, 22, 25			
MAIN SEASON	August			30	
	September	1, 4, 7, 10, 17, 20, 23, 26		9, 15, 25	
	October	3, 6, 9, 12, 19, 22, 25, 28		1, 11, 17, 27	
	December	12, 15		20	
HIGH SEASON	January		7, 10, 13, 16, 23, 26, 29		5, 15, 21, 31
	February		1, 8, 11, 14, 17, 24, 27		6, 16, 22
	March		2, 5, 12, 15, 18, 21, 28, 31		4, 10, 20, 26
	November	4, 7, 10, 13, 20, 23, 26, 29		2, 12, 18, 28	
	December	6, 9		4	
NEW YEAR'S EVE PERIOD	December	22, 25, 28, 31		14*, 30	

Hô-Chi-Minh City / Siem Reap direction (REF. 1H3\_PP) - Siem Reap / Hô-Chi-Minh City direction (REF. 1R3\_PP).

\* Date with 2 additional days in the Angkor Temples (Cambodia).



## Our excursions

### Core programme

#### SIEM REAP

- The Jewels of Angkor

We'll leave for an early visit of Ta Prohm, an 1186 Cambodian temple dedicated to the family of Jayavarman VII. We'll then explore Angkor Thom, a vast architectural complex which can be accessed through five gates. At its centre is the monumental tem-

ple of Bayon—famous for its towers and 172 faces of Avalokitesvara. Stroll through the grounds of the former Royal Palace. Discover the Terrace of the Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper King. After lunch in town, we'll visit the Senteurs d'Angkor: a diverse collection of silk and carvings, as well as a superb range of traditional beauty products and spices, all made locally. We'll also visit the silk weaving workshops and discover the traditional weaving techniques that are still being used today.

- Angkor Wat temple complex

The epitome of Khmer architectural art, Angkor Wat is the largest religious monument in the world and an architectural masterpiece.

#### KAMPONG CHHNANG

Kampong Chhnang is one of the largest fishing ports. The region is best known for its particularly archaic pottery that can be found throughout the country. We'll taste some of the local products.



## KAMPONG TRALACH, KOH CHEN AND TUK-TUK TOUR IN PHNOM PENH

We will set out to visit the beautiful Vihara at the Wat Kampong Tralach Leu pagoda. The Vihara was built at the beginning of the last century and still has its splendid murals. Totally hidden among the rice fields, it's a little-visited, modest pagoda whose complete isolation makes the site even more fascinating. After our excursion, we'll return on board and cast off as you sit down to lunch. Once we arrive in Koh Chen, you can explore this small village where craftspeople specialize in silver and copper work and where ornaments used in traditional ceremonies at the pagoda or for marriages are fashioned. After returning on board, we'll spend the afternoon cruising towards Phnom Penh, arriving in the early evening. Enjoy a brief tour of the area by "tuk-tuk", the easiest way to get around the city.

## PHNOM PENH

Founded in 1434, Phnom Penh still retains a good deal of its charm from the French colonial period. We'll enjoy a tour of the fabulous Royal Palace. We will then visit the Silver Pagoda, which is inlaid with more than 5,000 silver tiles and contains hidden treasures. Onward to visit the National Museum, which houses the Museum of Fine Arts, built in 1917 by the French but using the traditional Khmer style. After lunch in town, you can pay a visit to the Tuol Svay Prey School, a former detention, torture, and execution centre run by the Khmer Rouge during the civil war. Afterwards, enjoy some free time at the market.

## CHAU DOC

Located on the border between Cambodia and Vietnam, Chau Doc became part of Vietnam 300 years ago. The town sits among a giant patchwork of rice fields along the Mekong River. The now-prosperous area has developed around fish and fish farming. The town is a busy, lively place with few tourists

and several charming colonial buildings. The market is the nerve centre of Chau Doc. We'll pay a visit to the Ba Chua Xu Temple and the Tay An Pagoda.

## SA DEC

We'll discover the local market and visit the former house of Huynh Thuy Le, the man who Marguerite Duras based her book *The Lover* on. In colonial times, Sa Dec was known as the "Garden of Cochinchina" because of its famous floral gardens. We'll have lunch on board and cruise to Vinh Long, located in the middle of the delta. Hundreds of small boats abound between houses built on stilts. We'll set out in smaller boats and travel through canals and orchards before arriving in Cai Be. We'll discover a brick and pottery factory as well as a traditional factory producing puffed rice, rice-paper wrappers and rice alcohol.

## MY THO

We visit the islands close to My Tho. They are famous for their vast orchards and fruit gardens. The surrounding countryside makes up one of the most luxurious cultivated areas in Vietnam. On one of the largest islands, Thoi Son, we'll visit a bee farm and enjoy some honey tea and exotic fruit. We'll then take a ride in small sampans along the canal lined with mangrove palms and have a glimpse of villagers going about their daily life.

## HÔ-CHI-MINH CITY (SAIGON)

### • Full day

Hô-Chi-Minh City was heavily influenced by French colonialism in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. It is now the largest port in Vietnam. We'll enjoy a tour of the city to see the Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the Saigon Central Post Office, and visit the Museum of Vietnamese History. Lunch will be served on board. In the afternoon, we'll

leave by coach for the Cu Chi tunnels, an immense network of underground tunnels that were the location of several military campaigns during the Vietnam War.

### • Morning

We'll spend the morning visiting Cholon, the Chinese-influenced section of the city, including its hectic market and the Thien Hau temple.

## Extended stay

### HANOI

We'll spend the day on a guided tour of the capital, visiting the outside of the historic Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum on Ba Dinh Square, Ho Chi Minh's humble stilt house behind the mausoleum, and the unique One Pillar Pagoda Buddhist temple. We'll visit the Temple of Literature, built in 1070 and dedicated to Confucius. The temple also hosts the Imperial Academy, Vietnam's first national university. After lunch in town, we'll discover the old quarter of the city, also known as the "36 Streets", by pedi-cab or electric mini-bus (depending on availability). We'll have a tour of the local "Embassy Row" with its French colonial-style architecture. In the evening, we'll watch a traditional water puppetry show and have dinner in the city.

### HALONG BAY CRUISE

We'll leave Hanoi early in the morning for Halong Bay (approx. 3.5 hours travel time). We'll be welcomed aboard a 4-anchor boat and begin our cruise to discover the thousands of various limestone islands dotting the emerald-colored bay. We'll enjoy dinner on board. The next day, after a Tai Chi class on deck, we'll continue our cruise through the bay, discovering more of its extraordinary scenery and visiting one of the largest caves.

# Practical information

## FORMALITIES

Passengers should contact their Embassy or Consulate to ensure any essential paperwork is obtained before travelling.

## HEALTH FORMALITIES

These cruises and tours are not recommended for persons with reduced mobility. They require good physical health. Please note there are no lifts on the ship.

There are no compulsory vaccinations for this destination. However, it is strongly recommended that you ensure that your inoculations for the following diseases are up-to-date: Tetanus, Polio, Hepatitis A and B, Diphtheria and Typhoid fever. We recommend seeing your doctor for an antimalarial treatment. We also highly recommend "tropical strength" mosquito repellent.

## CURRENCY

In Cambodia, US dollars in good condition are accepted almost everywhere. Be careful though, because dirty or ripped bills are often refused. Carry small denominations with you (\$1, \$5, \$10 and/or \$20 bills). In Vietnam, if you wish to buy souvenirs, we recommend that you change about £20 or \$20 into dong on arrival (NB: they will not be accepted in Cambodia). Credit and debit cards are not widely accepted. Visa cards are usually accepted in the larger hotels and stores. Traveler's Checks are hard to cash. The currency accepted on board is the US dollar. All of your purchases will be totaled and paid for at the end of your cruise. You

can pay in cash or with an international credit/debit card (Visa and MasterCard). You can't exchange money on board the ship. For the current exchange rates for the Vietnamese dong and the Cambodian riel, please consult websites such as [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com) or [www.oanda.com/currency/converter/](http://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/).

## CLIMATE

The dry season lasts from November to April, but the air remains humid (temperature: 77° to 95°F). The "green season", from May to October, can present very strong but brief storms that generally take place at the end of the afternoon.

During your extended stay in Northern Vietnam, from December to late March, the weather can go from chilly to cold, especially in Hanoi and Halong Bay. We recommend bringing a sweater, a fleece jacket and a windbreaker.

## TIME DIFFERENCE

You can consult [www.worldtimezone.com](http://www.worldtimezone.com) to see the time difference between your home and your destination.

## NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

- "Pchum Ben" from October 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>
- "Water and Moon Festival": 3 days before the November full moon

During these days, some sites can be closed without warning.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The banks of the river we will cruise on can be steep and slippery depending on the water level.
- The itinerary, stopovers, and excursions can be modified by the cruise company and our on-site representatives if needed.
- The captain of the ship is the sole authority who can modify the ship itinerary for safety or navigational reasons.
- Depending on the height of the water and the tides, the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers on board RV Indochine II may take place from the mini terraces of cabins 221 and 224 (located aft of the upper deck).

## IN HALONG BAY

- You'll be welcomed aboard a very modern and comfortable ship. It is not, however, a ship exclusive to CroisiEurope passengers.
- Over 200 boats cruise the Halong Bay on any given day. Certain sites, such as Sung St Cave, have heavy, daily tourist traffic.
- The cruise in Halong Bay can be canceled in case of rough sea.
- The weather is different according to the season. Whether you see the bay in the sun, fog, or mist, it is one of the most spectacular places to visit on this planet.



ASWAN

8-DAY / 7-NIGHT CRUISE • REF. 8NL\_PP

## Cruise on the Nile: the land of the Pharaohs

### DAY 1 | Luxor

Boarding starting from 4:00 p.m.  
Introduction of the crew  
and welcome cocktail  
Dinner and overnight on board

### DAY 2 | Luxor • Esna • Edfu

Excursion proposed:  
• Visit the Karnak Temple Complex  
Cruise towards Edfu

### DAY 3 | Edfu • Kom Ombo

Excursion proposed:  
• Visit of the Temple of Horus  
Cruise towards Kom Ombo  
Presentation on ancient Egypt  
Excursion proposed:  
• Visit of the Temple of Kom Ombo

### DAY 4 | Aswan

Excursions proposed:  
• Visit the Philae Temple Complex  
and stop at the Aswan Dam  
• Ride on the Nile aboard small local  
boats, passage closed  
to the Elephantine Island

### DAY 5 | Aswan • Esna

Enjoy time on your own to visit Aswan  
Or  
Optional excursion:  
• Visit of the Abu Simbel temples<sup>(1)</sup>  
Cruise towards Esna

### DAY 6 | Esna • Luxor

Cruise towards Luxor  
Presentation on modern Egypt  
Excursion proposed:  
• The Temple of Queen Hatshepsut  
and Tomb KV11 built for Pharaoh  
Rameses III

### DAY 7 | Luxor

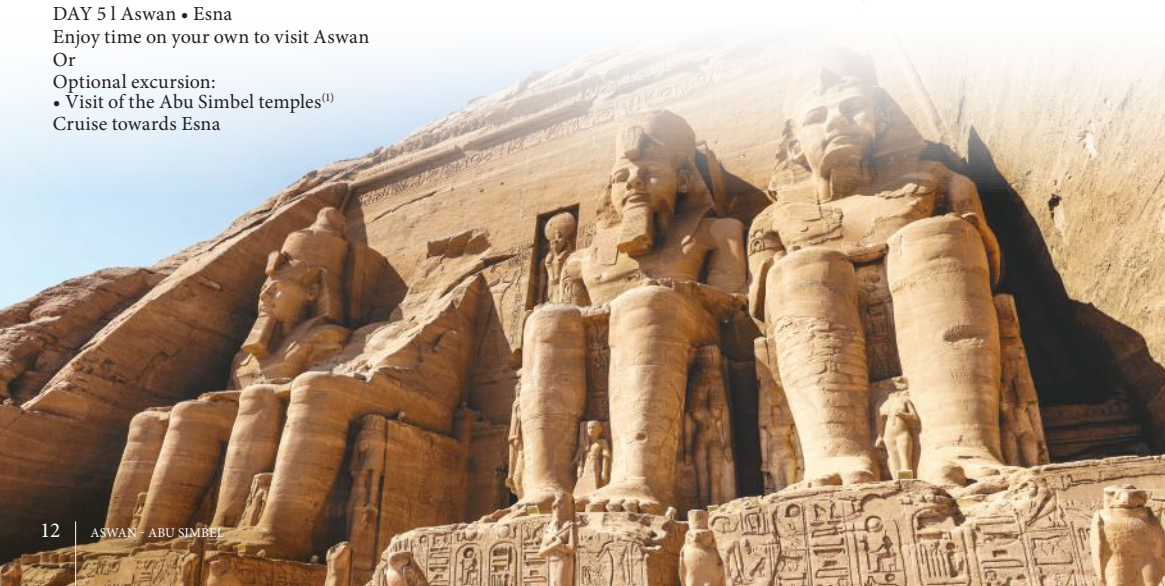
Excursions proposed:  
• Visit of the Valley of the Kings and four  
of its tombs, including the tomb of Seti I  
• The Luxor Temple  
Show of traditional Egyptian entertainment

### DAY 8 | Luxor

Disembark at 9:00 a.m.

See excursion details on pages 144 and 145.

(1) This excursion must be booked in advance through your  
travel agency.







CAIRO

3-DAY / 3-NIGHT PRE-CRUISE PROGRAMME • REF. 10N\_PP

## Cairo

### DAY 1 | Cairo

Checking into the hotel from 3:00 p.m.  
Transfer to a restaurant in the city  
for dinner  
Night spent at the hotel

### DAY 2 | Cairo

Excursions proposed:  
• Visit of Saqqara, the former Cairo  
necropolis  
• Visit the Pyramid of Teti  
• The Great Pyramid of Giza  
• Visit to the Egyptian Museum in  
Cairo<sup>(1)</sup>

Night spent at the hotel

### DAY 3 | Cairo

Excursions proposed:  
• Visit of the Cairo Citadel  
• Visit of the Great Mosque  
of Muhammad Ali Pasha  
• Visit of the Hanging Church  
• Visit Saints Sergius and Bacchus  
Church and Ben Ezra Synagogue

## Extended stay highlights

- Discover 2 sites listed as a UNESCO World Heritage: Historic Cairo and the Giza Plateau with its pyramids and mysterious Sphinx
- The Great Pyramid of Giza, the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World
- Discover Saqqara Necropolis and visit the Pyramid of Teti
- Take a stroll in Coptic Cairo

Night spent at the hotel

DAY 4 | Cairo • Luxor  
Flight to Luxor to join the cruise

See excursion details on page 145.

(1) If the Grand Egyptian Museum is open, it will be scheduled to replace the Egyptian Museum in Cairo.

## Cruise highlights

- Visit the most beautiful sites of Upper Egypt: Karnak, Luxor, Edfu, Philae, Kom Ombo
- Discover Abu Simbel (optional)
- Local boat tour around the island of Elephantine
- The Valley of the Kings and four of its tombs, including Seti I
- The magnificent Philae Temple Complex
- On board services from an Egyptologist and our CroisiEurope cruise director



ALL EXCURSIONS  
INCLUDED  
(except for the optional  
excursion)



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



FREE Wi-Fi



# Excursions • Nile



## Our excursions

### Core programme

#### Included

#### LUXOR: KARNAK TEMPLE

We'll visit the Karnak Temple Complex, once one of the largest and most important religious complexes in ancient Egypt. The immense size of Karnak, as well as its various details, makes it an invaluable historical site and resource for understanding the evolution of ancient Egypt.

#### EDFU: TEMPLE OF HORUS

Built between 237 and 57 BC, this temple is one of the best-preserved ancient monuments in Egypt. It was excavated in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century after being buried under sand and rubble for hundreds of years.

#### KOM OMBO TEMPLE

We'll visit the Temple of Kom Ombo, dedicated to the gods Sobek (the crocodile god) and Haroeris ("Horus the Elder"). By the late 1800s, much of the temple had been ei-

ther destroyed by earthquakes, the waters of the Nile, or builders who took the stone for other projects. It was cleaned and restored by Jacques de Morgan in 1893. The temple is unique because its dual design shows that there were courts, halls, sanctuaries, and rooms duplicated for two sets of gods.

#### ASWAN: DAM & PHILAE TEMPLE COMPLEX

Discover the Aswan Dam, one of the largest dams in the world which tames the Nile River and provides electricity to the country. We'll then visit the Philae Temple Complex: after the dam was finished in 1902, the temple complex was partially submerged, so in 1960, UNESCO started a project to save the buildings. In the long run, every building was dismantled into units and then transported to this nearby island for reconstruction. The most ancient temple is dedicated to Isis and dates back to 380 BC. In the afternoon, we'll board small local boats and enjoy a ride on the Nile, between the granite islands and the natural reserve, passing close to Elephantine Island.

#### LUXOR: MORTUARY TEMPLE OF HATSHEPSUT & TOMB KV11

First, we'll visit the Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut, the only woman who reigned over Egypt. We'll then visit the Tomb KV11 - one of the most intact tombs in the Valley of the Kings—built for Pharaoh Ramses III. The quality of the colors and the scenes represented on the temple walls make it one of the top tourist destinations in the valley.

#### LUXOR: VALLEY OF THE KINGS & LUXOR TEMPLE

Join us for a visit to the Valley of the Kings and four of its tombs, including the longest and deepest of royal tombs built for Seti I. It was also the first tomb to feature decorations on every passageway and chambers with highly refined bas-reliefs and colorful paintings. We'll also stop for a photo op at the Colossi of Memnon. In the afternoon, we'll tour the Luxor Temple, a strikingly graceful monument in the heart of the modern town. Its main function was during the annual



Opet celebrations, when the statues of Amun, Mut, and Khonsu were reunited during the inundation of the river.

## Optional

### ABU SIMBEL TEMPLES

We'll leave for the Abu Simbel archaeological site in the morning. Discovering these amazing rock temples is one of the highlights of a trip to Egypt. Located about 140 miles (230 km and three hours driving time) southwest of Aswan, the complex is in the heart of the desert, at the border with Sudan, and is the most impressive imprint left by Ramesses II. Through an extraordinary effort, the complex was relocated in its entirety in 1968 in order to escape the waters during the creation of the dam and Lake Nasser. The twin temples were carved out of the original mountainside and serve as a lasting monument to the pharaoh and his queen, Nefertari.

The Egyptian authorities may decide unexpectedly to change the opening hours of the road to Abu Simbel. Departure takes place very early in the morning.

## Extended stay

### Included

### SAQQARA, PYRAMID OF TETI, GREAT PYRAMID OF GIZA & MUSEUM

We'll visit Saqqara, the former necropolis for the Ancient Egyptian capital which forms the largest group of Egyptian tombs of that era. The oldest tombstone of the necropolis dates back to the reign of Hor-Aha, the second pharaoh of the First Dynasty of Egypt. We'll visit the Pyramid of Teti, the first pharaoh of the Sixth dynasty of Egypt whose sarcophagus still lies in the pyramid. In the afternoon, we'll discover the Great Pyramid of Giza, the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, and the only one to have remained largely intact. Next to this magnificent monument are the pyramids of Khafre and Menkaure as well as the mysterious Great Sphinx of Giza, a

mythical creature with the body of a lion and the head of a human. Afterwards, we'll visit the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, home to an extensive collection of ancient Egyptian antiquities. With over 120,000 artefacts, the museum houses an unbelievable exhibit of the ancient Egypt's glorious reign such as mummies, sarcophagi, pottery, jewelry and of course King Tutankhamen's treasures discovered in 1922.

### CAIRO: CITADEL, MOSQUE OF MUHAMMAD ALI PASHA, HANGING CHURCH & BEN EZRA SYNAGOGUE

Join us for a visit of the Cairo Citadel. It was built between 1176 and 1207 by Saladin to protect the city from the Crusaders and ensure the supremacy of its army. This fortification offers a panoramic view on the city, including the pyramids in Giza, if the sky is clear. Then, we'll visit the Great Mosque of Muhammad Ali Pasha, the viceroy of Egypt regarded as the founder of modern Egypt in 1830. It was built with minarets and gathers all traditional characteristics of Cairo architecture from the Mamluk to the late Ottoman period. We'll then visit the Hanging Church, the oldest church in Egypt, built on top of the ruins of the

# Practical information

## FORMALITIES

Please consult the competent authorities (consulate/embassy) before your trip. Mandatory Egyptian visa delivered on entry (current price \$25, to be paid upon arrival).

## HEALTH FORMALITIES

This cruise and tour are not recommended for PERSONS WITH REDUCED MOBILITY or those who have difficulty walking. There is no elevator on the ship. You must be in good physical condition to participate.

Vaccines are not mandatory for this trip. It is nevertheless advisable to be up to date with the following vaccinations: tetanus, polio, hepatitis A and B, diphtheria and typhoid fever. The use of mosquito repellent is highly recommended.

## CURRENCY

The official currency in Egypt is the Egyptian pound (symbolized as E£).

For the current exchange rates, please consult websites such as [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com) or [www.oanda.com/currency/converter](http://www.oanda.com/currency/converter).

There are ample bank machines available, and they accept credit or debit cards to withdraw cash. We recommend not using credit or debit cards in the bazaars.

## CLIMATE

The climates vary from region to region. Cairo and its surroundings are considered semi-arid, while the south is a desert climate.

Spring is brief in Egypt, and summer arrives quickly between March and May. Temperatures can change swiftly between 68° and 95°F (20° and 35° C) over a full day.

From the end of September to the end of November, temperatures vary between 77° and 95° F (25° to 35° C) from the north to the south of the country, with the sun still shining brightly.

## THE NILE

For the safety of our passengers, the captain and crew of the boat may decide to modify the navigational itinerary.

## EXCURSIONS

- The excursions may be modified or reversed for technical requirements or in case of cultural events... Please note that Egyptian authorities can unexpectedly close certain sites or museums. If this occurs, we will propose an alternative.
- The excursions will take place by either air-conditioned coaches or small local boats.
- The excursions will be narrated by an English-speaking Egyptologist, and you will have earphones for easier listening.
- Certain places we will visit have very high levels of security. We cannot be held liable for any unforeseen closings, but we will commit to doing our best to ensure comparable substitute excursions.
- Frequent traffic jams in Luxor and Cairo caused by intense traffic or religious events can disturb the sequence of certain excursions.
- There is no heating on board.
- In Egypt, it is customary to cover your shoulders, head and knees while visiting





10-DAY / 9-NIGHT ITINERARY • REF. 1G1\_PP

## Cruise on the Ganges: the Sacred Waters between Kolkata and Varanasi

### DAY 1 | Kolkata

Programme depends on time of arrival

Excursion proposed:

- Panoramic tour of Kolkata

Boarding and lunch

Excursion proposed:

- Visit the Mother House of the Missionaries of Charity

Return on board

Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail

### DAY 2 | Kolkata • Bandel • Kalna

Excursion proposed:

- Visit St. John's Church and the Victoria Memorial

Cruise towards Bandel aboard small boats

Excursion proposed:

- Visit the Hooghly Imbarra, a Muslim congregation hall and mosque

### DAY 3 | Kalna • Matiari

Excursion proposed:

- Rickshaw ride through Kalna, an out-of-the-way village, home to 108 Hindu temples

Cruise towards Matiari

Enjoy onboard activities or a lecture

### DAY 4 | Matiari • Khushbagh

Excursion proposed:

- Stroll through the charming market town of Matiari

Cruise towards Khushbagh

Passage along the site of the battlefield in Plassey

### DAY 5 | Khushbagh • Baranagar Murshidabad

Excursions proposed:

- Walk to Khushbagh, the Garden of Happiness, and discover authentic India through a tour of Baranagar Village
- Visit Murshidabad and tour Hazar Duari Palace which contains a museum housing weapons, oil paintings and marble statues

### DAY 6 | Murshidabad • Mayapur

Cruise towards Mayapur through mustard plantations and mango orchards

Onboard lecture

Arrival in Mayapur, headquarters of the Hare Krishna movement

### DAY 7 | Mayapur • Chandernagore Kolkata

Excursions proposed:

- Visit the 18<sup>th</sup>-century house of the governor for the French East India Company
  - Visit Sacred Heart Church
- Farewell cocktail and dinner

### DAY 8 | Kolkata • Varanasi

Disembark

Excursion proposed:

- Stroll through the flower market and along the banks of the Ganges

- Visit the Paresnath Jain Temple and the picturesque quarter of Kumortuli

Transfer to the airport and flight towards Varanasi

Dinner and overnight at the hotel

### DAY 9 | Varanasi

Excursions proposed:

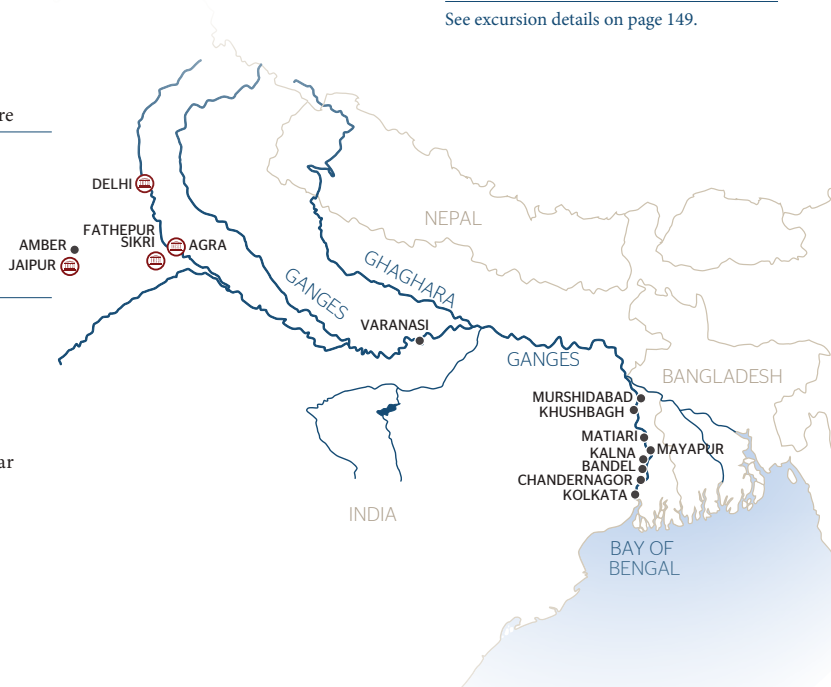
- Early cruise on the Ganges
  - Visit the Ramnagar Fort, home of the Maharaja of Varanasi
  - Visit the Sarnath museum containing a collection of Buddhist writings
- Rickshaw tour of the bazaar Aarti ceremony

### DAY 10 | Varanasi

Excursion proposed:

- Visit the Bharat Mata Mandir temple
- Lunch in town before the end of our journey

See excursion details on page 149.







TAJ MAHAL

6-DAY / 5-NIGHT POST-CRUISE PROGRAMME • REF. 1G7\_PP

## The Splendors of Rajasthan

**DAY 10 | Varanasi • Jaipur**

After the excursion, transfer to the airport and flight to Jaipur  
Lunch

Check into the hotel and dinner

**DAY 11 | Jaipur • Amer**

Excursions proposed:

- Jaipur and its famous Palace of the Winds
- Visit Amer Fort

Night spent at the hotel

**DAY 12 | Jaipur**

Excursions proposed:

- Visit the Birla Temple and a local school
  - Visit the Nahargarh Fort
  - Rickshaw ride through a city market
  - Dinner and show in a traditional haveli
- Night spent at the hotel

**DAY 13 | Jaipur • Fatehpur Sikri • Agra**

Coach ride to Agra through traditional villages

Excursion proposed:

- Guided tour of Fatehpur Sikri

Check into the hotel for dinner and the night

### Extended stay highlights

- Visit the 3 major attractions in Rajasthan: the Palace of the Winds in Jaipur, Amer Fort and the lost city of Fatehpur Sikri
- The dazzling Taj Mahal

**DAY 14 | Agra • Delhi**

Excursions proposed:

- Pedi-cab ride to the Taj Mahal and visit
  - Visit the tomb of Itimād-ud-Daulah
- Train to New Delhi  
Check into the hotel

**DAY 15 | Delhi**

Excursions proposed:

- Panoramic tour of Delhi
- Visit the Gurudwara Bangla Sahib house of worship and the Gandhi Smriti

Lunch

End of our services

See excursion details on page 149.

## Cruise highlights

- An 8-day / 7-night cruise on board a magnificent, colonial-style ship
- Cruise the Ganges through one of the most fertile and densely populated regions in the world

EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:

- Fascinating Kolkata
- Varanasi, the sacred city where pilgrims come to find enlightenment
- Small traditional villages
- The fabulous terra-cotta temples in Kalna



ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED



ALL MEALS INCLUDED



FREE Wi-Fi







# Our excursions • Ganges

## Core programme

### KOLKATA

Enjoy a panoramic tour to discover the architectural richness of the city. Kolkata contains numerous colonial-era sites: Raj Bhavan—the official residence of the regional governor—and Council House Street. In the afternoon, we will visit the Mother House of the Missionaries of Charity, where Mother Teresa lived, prayed, and worked, and where her body was laid to rest in 1997.

### KOLKATA & BANDEL

Kolkata is a modern, cosmopolitan city with great cultural influence in the country. We'll visit St John's Church, the third oldest church in the city. After, we'll head to the Victoria Memorial, an impressive white marble building that houses a museum maintained by the Ministry of Culture. In the afternoon, we'll set out on small local boats for Bandel to visit the imposing Hooghly Imambara, a Muslim congregation hall and mosque.

### KALNA

You'll discover this out-of-the-way village from the seat of a rickshaw. Kalna is home to two circles of 108, small Hindu temples, each of which is dedicated to Lord Shiva.

### MATIARI & PLASSEY BATTLEFIELD

Enjoy a stroll through the charming market town of Matuari, where coppersmiths still work the metal using the techniques passed down from generation to generation. We'll pass along the battlefield in Plassey, thought to be one of the most important battles that took place in the 18<sup>th</sup> century for the control of the Indian subcontinent by the colonial powers.

### KHUSHBAGH & MURSHIDABAD

We'll walk to Khushbagh, the Garden of Happiness, packed with history and beauty. We'll then visit Baranagar Village to get a good feeling of rural life in the area and explore a bit of authentic India off the beaten path. In the afternoon, we'll visit Murshidabad and tour Hazar Duari Palace, known as the Palace of 1000 doors, which is now a museum containing fascinating artifacts. The vast, brick Katra Masjid, built in just one year in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, is regarded as the top tourist attraction in

the city for its beauty and history.

### CHANDERNAGORE

Chandernagore is a former French colony that has been able to preserve its unique identity over the years. We'll visit the house that once belonged to the governor for the French East India Company in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. We'll then visit Sacred Heart Church, one of the most beautiful examples of architecture during the French period.

### KOLKATA: FLOWER MARKET & PARESHNATH JAIN

Enjoy a stroll through the splendid flower market under the Howrah Bridge, where Indians buy flowers for worship. Our trek will continue to the ghats along the banks of the Ganges. These are the steps leading to the water where people come to participate in a number of rituals. We'll spend some time visiting the Pareshnath Jain Temple, one of the most important in the city.

### VARANASI: RAMNAGAR FORT & SARNATH MUSEUM

After an early morning cruise and a walk all the way to Alamgir Mosque and Kashi Vishvanath Temple, enjoy a tour of the grand Ramnagar Fort and its museum. We'll also visit Sarnath, where Siddhartha Gautama first taught the Dharma, and the museum which contains a magnificent collection of Buddhist writings. Hop on a cycle rickshaw for a spin through the bazaar and witness an Aarti ceremony with songs and offerings of light.

### VARANASI: BHARAT MATA MANDIR

Visit the Bharat Mata Mandir (Mother India Temple) which was built in the 1930s and inaugurated by Mahatma Gandhi. Instead of traditional statues of gods and goddesses, this temple has an impressively huge map of undivided India carved in marble.

## Extended stay

### JAIPUR & AMER

Jaipur is the capital of Rajasthan, and there is no better place to discover its charms than at its famous Palace of the Winds. We'll also visit Amer Fort, known for its artistic style

of elements and architecture. In the afternoon, we'll set out for a stroll through the bustling city. The Jantar Mantar monument is a fascinating collection of astronomical instruments built in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, and features to world's largest sundial.

### JAIPUR

We'll visit the white marble Birla Temple, built in 1988 and dedicated to Lord Vishnu, the preserver, and his consort Lakshmi, the Goddess of wealth. After, we'll enjoy a moment of cultural sharing during a visit to one of the city's schools. In the afternoon, we'll visit the Nahargarh Fort, which stands on the edge of the Aravalli Hills and once helped form a strong line of defense for the city. We'll then enjoy a rickshaw ride through one of the busy markets in the area.

### AGRA & FATEHPUR SIKRI

We'll leave for Agra by bus, traveling through village after village where you'll be able to glimpse the everyday life of the inhabitants. In the afternoon, we'll visit the gated city of Fatehpur Sikri. Founded in 1571, it was completely abandoned by its inhabitants within 40 years. It is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

### THE TAJ MAHAL

At daybreak, we'll leave by pedi-cab for the Taj Mahal, the gorgeous white marble mausoleum built by Shah Jahan to hold the tomb of his favorite wife, Mumtaz Mahal. We'll then visit the fort, the main residence of the emperors of the Mughal Dynasty until 1638. In the afternoon, we'll discover the Tomb of Itimad-ud-Daulah, as known as the "Baby Taj".

### DELHI

Enjoy a panoramic tour of New Delhi, the bustling capital of the country. We'll see the India Gate, Humayun's Tomb, and the Red Fort, among other sites, and we'll stop to visit the Gurudwara Bangla Sahib house of worship. The grounds include the Gurudwara, a kitchen, a large pond, a school,

## Practical information

### FORMALITIES

Please consult the competent authorities (consulate / embassy) before your trip.

### HEALTH FORMALITIES

This cruise and tour are not recommended for PERSONS WITH REDUCED MOBILITY or those who have difficulty walking. There is no elevator on the ship. You must be in good physical condition to participate.

Vaccines are not mandatory for this trip. It is nevertheless advisable to be up to date with the following vaccinations: tetanus, polio, hepatitis A and B, diphtheria and typhoid fever. The use of mosquito repellent is highly recommended.

### CURRENCY

The Indian rupee: please consult websites such as [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com) or [www.oanda.com/currency/converter/](http://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/).

Payment using credit or debit cards is not current practice, but you will be able to withdraw money easily. The currency accepted on board is the rupee. There is no currency exchange service on board.

### CLIMATE

- In West Bengal: the best months are January to March and October to November. The temperature is about 77° to 95° F (25° to 35° C) and the dry season begins in October.
- In Rajasthan: the best months are January to March and September to December when the average temperature is about 86° F (30° C).

### THE GANGES RIVER

The banks of the river we will set foot on can be steep and slippery depending on the water level.

The itinerary, stopovers, and visits can be modified by the cruise company and our local representatives if needed.

The captain of the ship is the sole authority who can modify the ship itinerary for safety or navigational reasons.

### EXCURSIONS

- Excursions will alternate between air-conditioned buses, small local boats, or rickshaws. Certain visits in villages will be tours on foot.
- The excursions will be narrated by an English-speaking tour guide, and you will have earphones for easier listening.
- Frequent traffic jams in Kolkata, Varanasi, and New Delhi, caused by intense traffic or religious events, can disturb the sequence of certain excursions.

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