

Salisbury Cruise Club - General Information

Luxury Mekong River Cruise 2024

Vietnam and Cambodia

With 2-Nights Pre-Cruise in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)
Thursday, February 15 - Monday, February 26, 2024

Book by
September 30, 2021 for
Special Price As Low As
\$5,000 per person

Sailing Aboard: *AmaWaterways - AmaDara*

This distinctive ship is in a class of her own! AmaDara is a deluxe vessel with 100% of accommodations featuring a balcony. Standard staterooms are 251 square feet, with Suites measuring 366 square feet and two Luxury Suites at 502 square feet. AmaWaterways' sole cruise ship on the Mekong River, the AmaDara features French Colonial décor and richly carved wood furniture inspired by the history of the region, as well as local artifacts made by native craftsmen. Air-conditioned interior corridors lead to spacious staterooms and suites, most featuring twin balconies that invite the ever-changing scenery of Southeast Asia inside. On board, the AmaDara caters to your every whim, with massage rooms, fitness room, gift shop, hair salon and sun-deck pool. Her stunning Saigon Lounge provides respite by day and unites guests over intriguing local entertainment by night. Savor authentic regional delicacies and Western cuisine in the Main Restaurant or dine at The Chef's Table specialty restaurant; and throughout your cruise, be treated to unlimited complimentary wine with lunch and dinner, as well as house brand spirits, local beer and soft drinks throughout your cruise.

Package Includes:

- Transportation from Salisbury, round trip air fare and transfers to and from the ship
- 2-Nights deluxe hotel in Saigon (likely Sofitel Hotel), including daily breakfast and daily tour
- 7-Day river cruise including all meals, tours, entertainment, activities, taxes and port charges
- The services of your hosts (Kelly and Tracy Shannahan), and several free gifts and mementos

Ship Features:

- Built 2015; length - 302 feet, only 62 staterooms, all with a balcony, 124 passengers and 52 crew
- Breakfast & lunch featuring regional cuisine; dinners made with fresh local ingredients
- Complimentary local beer, house brand spirits and soft drinks and bottled water all day
- Unlimited complimentary wine with lunch and dinner
- The Chef's Table specialty restaurant with tasting menu
- Welcome Dinner and Farewell Reception and Dinner
- Folkloric Dances and Music Performances, Culture Discussion Forums and Theme Dinners
- Panoramic Lounge with bar and piano; Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Massage rooms, fitness room, gift shop, hair salon and sun-deck pool

Cabin Features:

- Spacious cabins at 251 to 502 square feet, each featuring a balcony
- Cozy sitting area; Deluxe hotel-style bedding (can be together as a queen or separate as 2 twins)
- Spacious bathrooms with showers; bathrobe and slippers, and hairdryer
- Writing desk, mini-bar, and safe; in-house telephone; in-room temperature control
- Flat-panel screen featuring an in-house movie channel; Complimentary bottled water

Travel Itinerary:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Port/Destination</u> - (exact times to be determined)
Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024	Bus from Salisbury to Nearby International Airport; Fly to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)
Saturday, February 17	Arrive Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - ground transportation to our 5-star hotel downtown - perhaps Sofitel Hotel - for check-in followed by free time to explore on our own. Still affectionately referred to by locals as Saigon, is Vietnam's former capital. Once known as the "Paris of the Orient," it is now an industrial, cultural and educational hub.
Sunday, February 18	After breakfast at the hotel, we will enjoy a guided tour of Ho Chi Minh City . Always bustling, Ho Chi Minh City is a city of contrasts blending old and new, and east and west. In the morning, we explore some of the city's most famous landmarks, including the former Presidential Palace, the Central Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral and the War Remnants Museum. After lunch (included), we visit Chu Chi, an immense underground network built during the Vietnam War, with more free time in the evening.

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- Monday, February 19 After breakfast, we check out of our hotel and visit **Ben Thanh Market**—one of the oldest and most iconic structures in Ho Chi Minh City. We then transfer via motor coach from Ho Chi Minh City to board the *AmaDara* at My Tho Port for our river cruise and where we will meet our fellow travelers at a Welcome Dinner as the ship cruises to Cai Be
- Tuesday, February 20 **CAI BE - SA DEC, Vietnam** - Today, we take a local boat ride to Cai Be where we will have an opportunity to visit candy and rice paper making workshops, as well as the historic Kiet Old House. Later in the day, we journey to Sa Dec, a sprawling town on the Mekong Delta, where French writer Marguerite Duras spent part of her youth. We will visit the colorful market, Cao Dai Temple and the house of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, Duras' Chinese paramour, which her prize-winning novel, "The Lover," is said to be based on.
- Wednesday, February 21 **TAN CHAU, Vietnam - BORDER CROSSING** - Enjoy a visit to Tan Chau, a small Mekong River town unspoiled by tourism. Be treated to an authentic experience on a traditional "xe-loi" (trishaw) ride around the town, with stops at silk-making and rattan mat workshops, followed by a boat ride through the narrow channels of the Mekong River to "Evergreen Island." Alternatively, take a boat ride to Evergreen Island and return to Tan Chau, where you will visit a rattan mat workshop. Later in the day, we cruise from Vietnam to the Cambodian border en route to Phnom Penh
- Thursday, February 22 **PHNOM PENH, Cambodia** - This morning's excursion takes us to Cambodia's infamous Killing Fields and the Khmer Rouge's grim Tuol Sleng S21 detention center (Genocide Museum). Alternatively, you may wish to shop for unique treasures at the bustling yellow-colored Central Market. After lunch on board, we will explore the highlights of the city, followed by a visit to the Royal Palace, the spectacular Silver Pagoda and the National Museum, which has an outstanding collection of Khmer crafts. After returning to the ship, enjoy Khmer folk dancing performed by local children in the Saigon Lounge
- Friday, February 23 **ODONG - KAMPONG-TRALACH - PHNOM PENH, Cambodia** - Visit Oudong, Cambodia's former royal capital from the early 17th century until 1866. Today, Oudong is a place of pilgrimage for Cambodians. While here, be treated to a memorable Buddhist Blessing Ceremony at a monastery. You may walk around Oudong's monastery or take an active walking tour to see panoramic views of the Oudong plain. In Kampong Tralach, you will have a truly authentic excursion – an oxcart ride through a local village. Later in the day, experience Phnom Penh via a tuk ride and be enchanted by the city's French Colonial architecture & tree-lined boulevards amidst monumental Angkorian architecture
- Saturday, February 24 **OKNHATEY VILLAGE, Cambodia** - In the morning, we set sail for Oknhatey Village. Oknhatey is the "Silk Island," located on the lush banks of the Mekong River and known for its rich tradition of silk weaving. While here, you will visit a local elementary school and observe the traditional silk weaving, an art that has been preserved for centuries. Our cruise continues to sail to Angkor Ban.
- Sunday, February 25 **ANKGOR BAN - KAMPONG CHAM, Cambodia** - Go on a walking tour of Angkor Ban, one of the few villages in Cambodia that was not destroyed under the Khmer Rouge regime in the 1970s. Here people still live in their traditional wooden abodes and keep their old cultural traditions alive. Hundreds of wooden houses stand intact on stilts, shaded with banana trees, among the hustle and bustle of the daily agricultural on-going of the local villagers. After visiting here, the ship sets sail for Kampong Cham, where we will go on an afternoon excursion via motorcoach to the Twin Mountains, known as Phnom Pros and Phnom Srei (male and female mountains). In the annals of Khmer legend, the twin mountains were formed as the result of a competition between the men and women of an ancient Cambodian kingdom to resolve which gender would be responsible for wedding proposals. Cap the day off with a festive Farewell Dinner on board.
- Monday, February 26 **DISEMBARK** the *AmaDara* and board our motor coach to the airport at Siem Reap for our flight home; then board our motorcoach to Salisbury.

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Cabin Categories/Prices* (pp = per person/double occupancy): **SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY**

***Prices Increase by \$500 per person after September 30, 2021 AND BOOKED BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

	<u>Current Special Price*</u>	<u>Availability</u>
Balcony Cabin - Category C - (Deck 1 and 2 aft - 251 sq ft)	\$5,000 pp*	5 cabins
Balcony Cabin - Category B - (Deck 1 mid, or Deck 2 and 3 aft - 251 sq ft)	\$5,700 pp*	24 cabins
Balcony Cabin - Category A - (Deck 2 mid - 251 square feet)	\$6,000 pp*	18 cabins
Suite Cabin - Category S - (Deck 3 midship - 366 sq ft - with tub and shower)	\$6,500 pp*	12 cabins
Luxury Suite Cabin - (Deck 3 mid-forward - 502 sq ft - with tub and shower)	\$7,900 pp*	2 cabins

AmaWaterways Past Passenger Discount - All passengers who have joined us on a past *Salisbury Cruise Club* cruise with AmaWaterways will receive a \$100 per person loyalty discount subtracted from the referenced prices.

Payment Schedule: **Amount Due (per person)** **Date Due**

	\$1,200 Initial Deposit	Upon Registration (by check to Salisbury Cruise & Travel)
Optional Protection Plan (13% of Total Package Price)		See Notes Below - (by check or credit card)
	½ Remaining Balance	July 31, 2023 - (by check or credit card)
	Final Balance	October 31, 2023 - (by check or credit card)

Cancellation Penalties: Cruise cancellations are subject to a \$200 penalty per person from the date of booking, increasing to \$400 per person on October 18, 2023 (120 days before departure), \$1,200 per person (full deposit) on October 31, 2023, 35% of Total Package Price on November 17, 2023 (90 days before departure), 50% on December 17, 2023 (60 days before departure), 80% on January 16, 2024 (30 days before departure), and 100% on or after February 8, 2024 (7 days before departure). Your Cruise Protection Plan (see below) may reimburse these cancellation penalties for qualifying reasons.

Travel Guard Cruise Protection Plan (Optional, but recommended) - AmaWaterways is offering the **Travel Guard Cruise Protection Plan** at a cost of 13% of your Total Package Price to protect your trip in case of cancellation, interruption, trip delay, missed connection, baggage loss or delay, travel medical expense, emergency evacuation and more. To protect against unforeseen problems, we strongly recommend that everyone purchases the Travel Guard Cruise Protection Plan. In order to qualify for Pre-Existing Medical Conditions coverage, the plan must be purchased “within 21 days of the Initial Trip Payment” (deposit). Otherwise the plan must be purchased before final payment (by October 31, 2023). **Since the Travel Guard Cruise Protection Plan is non-refundable** after purchase, unless you have a pre-existing medical condition, **you may want to consider waiting to purchase the plan until final payment in October 2023** at which time Travel Guard will perform a 60-day look-back to determine any medical conditions or injuries that were diagnosed or worsened during the prior 60-day period that may affect your ability to travel. Those conditions are considered pre-existing medical conditions and are not covered for trip cancellation or trip interruption claims.

Travel Waiver Plus from AmaWaterways (Additional Cancel For Any Reason Coverage) -

AmaWaterways is also offering guests additional flexibility and peace of mind so you may continue to safeguard your cruise with “Cancel For Any Reason” coverage. Specifically, AmaWaterways is offering for a limited time, special provisions which allow guests to purchase AmaWaterways **Travel Waiver Plus** which allows cancellation for any reason, up to 24 hours prior to the start of your AmaWaterways booked services (cruise, pre-cruise land extensions, air etc.) with payments in the form of Future Cruise Credits to be used on an AmaWaterways sailing within 24 months of the cancellation date. Guests must have purchased the Travel Guard Cruise Protection Plan after which the **additional cost for Travel Waiver Plus is \$80 per person.**

Salisbury Cruise Club - Registration Form

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With 2-nights in Ho Chi Minh City and Touring in Vietnam and Cambodia

Thursday, February 15 - Monday, February 26, 2024 aboard AmaWaterways *AmaDara*

To Register: Complete the registration form below and enclose your Deposit (\$1,200 per person) by check made payable to "Salisbury Cruise & Travel, LLC" and mail to: Salisbury Cruise & Travel, 3911 Five Friars Road, Salisbury, MD 21804

Remaining Payment Schedule: July 31, 2023 (1/2 Remaining Balance), October 31, 2023 (Final Balance) Travel Guard Cruise Protection Plan and Travel Waiver Plus available for purchase until October 31, 2023 Deposit by Check Only to "Salisbury Cruise & Travel", other payments by check or credit card

Special Note About Refunds - Travel Guard Protection Plan premium and \$200 of Deposit is non-refundable

✂----- **LUXURY MEKONG RIVER CRUISE 2024 - REGISTRATION FORM** -----✂

1. _____
2. _____
Legal Name(s) (EXACTLY as they appear on your U.S. Passport) Nickname/Common Name Date(s) of Birth

Street Address City State Zip Code

E-mail Address (our preferred means of communication) Home Phone Wedding Anniversary Date

1. _____
2. _____
U.S. Passport Number (Required) Passport Expiration Date (month/day/year) AMA Waterways *Past Guest (Yes or No) Cell Phone Numbers

*Past AMA guests receive a \$100 per person credit

Category Preference:		Total Price	Travel Protection Plan Premium
(check one)	_____ - Balcony Cabin- Category C - (Deck 1 or 2 aft)	\$5,000 pp*	\$650 pp
	_____ - Balcony Cabin- Cat. B - (Deck 1 midship or 2 or 3 aft)	\$5,700 pp*	\$741 pp
pp = per person	_____ - Balcony Cabin- Cat. A (Deck 2 midship)	\$6,000 pp*	\$780 pp
* If Registered by 9/30/21	_____ - Suite Cabin- Cat. S (Deck 3 midship)	\$6,500 pp*	\$845 pp
	_____ - Luxury Suite Cabin- Cat. L (Deck 3 mid-forward)	\$7,900 pp*	\$1,027 pp

Emergency Contact (in case of emergency): Name/relation: _____ Phone #: _____

Roommate's Name - (we can try to pair singles if no roommate listed): _____

Shirt/Blouse Size(s) (Check one per person): Ladies Sizes -Sm -Med -Lg -XL -2XL -3XL -Other _____
Adult (Men's) Sizes -Sm -Med -Lg -XL -2XL -3XL -4XL -Other _____

Initial Deposit (\$1,200) payable by check only to "Salisbury Cruise & Travel, LLC" - Travel Protection and Remaining Payments payable by check or credit card. **To authorize your credit card payments, please provide the following:**

Credit Card Number - For billing to AMA WATERWAYS Expiration Date 3-digit security code on back of card

Name as it appears on card (please print) Sign here to authorize billing to your credit card Today's Date

I hereby authorize Salisbury Cruise & Travel, LLC to charge our Protection Plan and cruise payments to the above credit card.

Optional: **Protection Plan** (Recommended)- -Yes -No - Please sign here to Decline _____