



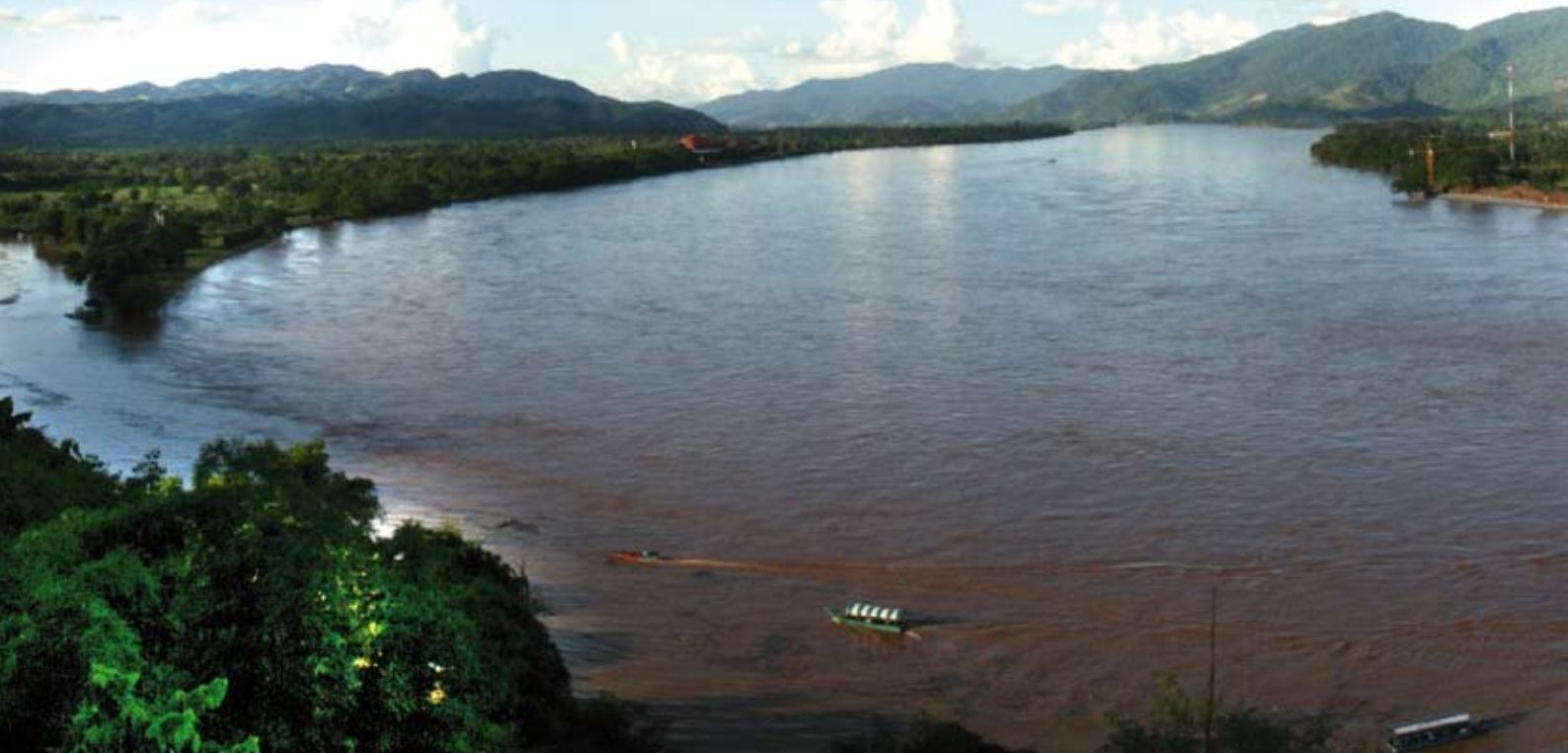
MEKONG  
RIVER CRUISES

# *Boutique Expedition Cruises on the Mekong*

*Exploring the Unspoilt Beauty of South-East Asia's Most Breathtaking River*



*Pristine, remote and captivatingly beautiful: Our truly unique and exclusive river cruises have been designed to immerse the discerning traveller in the tropical landscape and rich cultural vibrancy of Laos and Thailand.*







# *Exclusive Cruises on the Majestic Mekong*

Enter a world of absolute serenity and outstanding natural beauty!

Mekong River Cruises, a Lao-German joint venture, launched its first river cruise in 2006. When you step aboard one of our Mekong River boutique ships you will be transported into an enthralling world of pioneering exploration and picturesque enchantment. At last, the furthest and most inaccessible reaches of the mighty Mekong are waiting for you to discover the unique charms of Laos.

As you sail between the heart of the Golden Triangle and the Laotian capital of Vientiane, you are penetrating a rich ecosystem, abundant with vibrant wildlife, and encountering unspoilt villages barely altered since ancient times.

Our elegant river vessels enable you to travel up to 820 km/510 miles through a gloriously diverse riverscape. During the course of your journey, you will have the opportunity to explore prestigious World Heritage Sites and make guided excursions into riverside jungles.

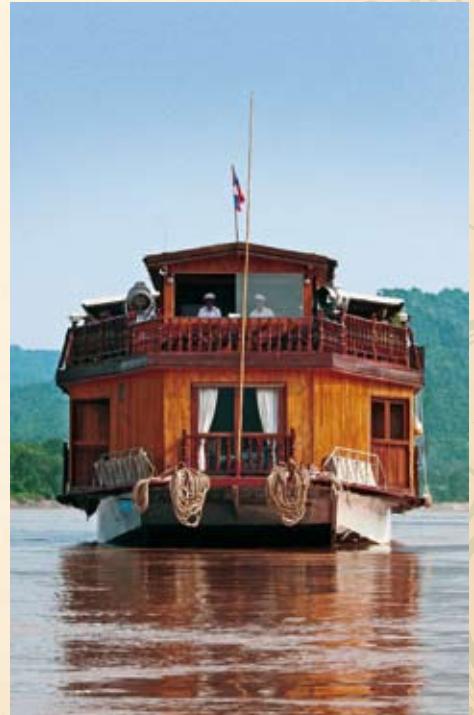
The unique Mekong river cruises allow you to discover the most fascinating regions of South-East Asia from the exclusive comfort of your floating boutique hotel.

## *A Voyage of Discovery*

The Upper Mekong is one of the most challenging rivers in the world. The experienced captain will guide your ship through awe inspiring gorges, labyrinths of pristine sandbanks and confidently navigate turbulent rapids.

Every stage of this stunning river odyssey reveals a different aspect of the Mekong's expressive character. Experience the reflective beauty of tranquil waters, marvel at the unspoilt vista of tropical jungle clad mountain peaks, impressive rock formations and secluded villages that offer visitors a warm welcome.

Mekong River Cruises operates the only cabin cruisers that sail the complete river route between Thai Chiang Sean and the Laotian capital of Vientiane. With superior air-conditioned passenger cabins and premier full board service combined with exciting background information to the region and its people during presentations and lectures to satisfy the most discerning clients, this exclusive and intimate adventure accommodates a maximum of 32 guests.

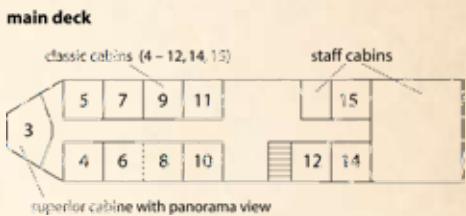
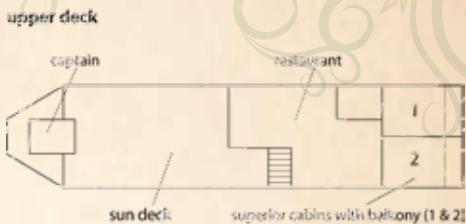


# The Mekong Sun

- ❖ Custom-designed and -built in 2006.
- ❖ 2 decks with 11 classic twin cabins on the main deck ( $12\text{ m}^2/129\text{ sq ft}$ ), all featuring waterside views and sliding windows opening to a French balcony providing a panoramic view of passing landscapes.
- ❖ 3 superior cabins: one double in the bow of the main

deck ( $16\text{ m}^2/172\text{ sq ft}$ ), two twins on the upper deck ( $18\text{ m}^2/194\text{ sq ft}$ ) with their own private balcony; the cabin in the bow has a superb panoramic view to the front.

- ❖ All cabins feature en-suite shower/WC and air-conditioning.
- ❖ Spacious sundeck with bar service and restaurant/bar area.
- ❖ All guided offshore excursions and meals are included.



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## Highlights of Northern Laos

### 6-Day River Cruise from/to LuangPrabang

Our route: LuangPrabang, Ban Kok San, Kuang Si, Pak Ou, LuangPrabang



High Season 2017	Green Season 2017
04 Jan – 09 Jan 2017*	05 Apr – 10 Apr 2017*
11 Jan – 16 Jan 2017*	13 Jul – 18 Jul 2017*
25 Jan – 30 Jan 2017*	02 Aug – 07 Aug 2017*
01 Feb – 06 Feb 2017*	30 Aug – 04 Sep 2017
08 Feb – 13 Feb 2017*	
15 Feb – 20 Feb 2017	<b>High Season 2018</b>
21 Feb – 26 Feb 2017	07 Feb – 12 Feb 2018
01 Mar – 06 Mar 2017	14 Feb – 19 Feb 2018*
08 Mar – 13 Mar 2017*	21 Feb – 26 Feb 2018
15 Mar – 20 Mar 2017	28 Feb – 05 Mar 2018*
22 Mar – 27 Mar 2017*	07 Mar – 12 Mar 2018*
	14 Mar – 19 Mar 2018*
	21 Mar – 26 Mar 2018

\*guaranteed departures. For all other departures minimum number of participants = 10 pax.

TO Net Rates in USD p. p.:	Green Season	High Season
<b>Twin Classic cabin:</b>	<b>US\$920</b>	<b>US\$1440</b>
SGL use suppl. Classic TWIN:	US\$350	US\$605
<b>Twin/DBL Superior cabin:</b>	<b>US\$1250</b>	<b>US\$1980</b>
SGL use suppl. Superior TWIN/DBL:	US\$590	US\$890

#### Day 1. Embarkation in LuangPrabang

In LuangPrabang we transfer you around 1.00pm from your hotel in town/upon your arrival at LuangPrabang airport to embark your comfortable boutique-cruise ship MV Mekong Sun for check-in at 1:30pm. This unique boutique vessel is a German-Laotian owned river ship with stylish cabins. Settle into your accommodating cabin and unpack for a six-day cruise. Begin this afternoon with a

guided city tour with visits of the famous Wat Xieng Thong temple among others. Enjoy the spacious decks, lounge on board and attend our welcome reception this evening. A selection of Asian and European food will be provided throughout the cruise.

*Overnight on board. Meals included: dinner (D).*

## **Day 2. Departure from LuangPrabang**

In the early morning you will able to observe the traditional giving of alms in the streets of LuangPrabang. Breakfast is on board before your spectacular cruise begins with the departure from LuangPrabang southbound through beautiful scenery. The night is spent on a secluded river bank or sandbank.

*Overnight on board. Meals included: breakfast (B), lunch (L) and dinner (D).*

## **Day 3. Wild Nature along the Mighty Mekong**

Further downstream you will discover some of the most remarkable, most impressive landscapes of this still-untamed river. The landscape becomes more and more spectacular: hills covered with tropical vegetation, awe-inspiring rock formations along the river banks, and a fascinating array of fast currents and slower river parts. The power of the mighty Mekong will give your cruise the feeling of a real expedition (due to sudden drops in water level on some days, it may be necessary to make the afternoon excursion down south and upstream again – the wildest and possibly most exciting part of the Mekong – in a local Lao slow boat before returning back onboard). You will visit a local village school, which is supported by guests of Mekong River Cruises. Enjoy the beautiful views and watch nature's wonders along the shores before you head north again.

*Overnight on board. (BLD)*

## **Day 4. Kuang Si Waterfalls**

After breakfast on board, enjoy the beautiful view and spot local fishermen onshore as you cruise upstream again. After a few hours of cruising up the river, you will stop and continue by local TukTuk-Trucks to visit the famous Kuang Si-waterfalls, some of the most remarkable waterfalls in Laos. After passing LuangPrabang you will stop again at a sand- or river bank for the night. This evening we enjoy our famous Mekong River Cruises BBQ dinner in a beautiful riverside location.

*Overnight on board. (BLD)*

## **Day 5. Pak Ou Caves**

After breakfast on board you will explore the famous Pak Ou Caves, with thousands of small Buddha statues inside the caverns. After a short walk through the jungle (optional) you visit a Laotian village. In the village you can observe how the local liqueur Lao-Lao is being distilled traditionally. Before returning to your Mekong vessel, you will see elephants in action (unless they are busy with an off-site contract by the time of your visit). After re-embarkation you will enjoy a few hours of cruising the Mekong River amidst beautiful landscapes before reaching again LuangPrabang, where you enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Enjoy a walk up Phou Si-hill e.g., which offers a spectacular sunset view over the Mekong as well as the Khan River and the surrounding mountains. In the evening, you can stroll along the Mekong promenade or visit the colorful night market of the local Hmong minority before celebrating this last evening on board with a farewell dinner with a traditional Lao Baci-friendship ceremony.

*Overnight on board. (BLD)*

## **Day 6. Disembarkation**

After breakfast you will say goodbye to your Laotian crew. Check-out and disembark (until 10am). End of service with the transfer to the airport. (B)

**NOTE:** Every river cruise on the upper Mekong is a pioneering experience and is subject to constantly changing river conditions, including floodwaters and shallows. Therefore please understand that we must reserve the right to alter the itinerary of this tour due to the logistical complexities involved. Small deviations in the tour program are sometimes necessary, depending on weather and river conditions. For safety reasons and according to navigating conditions, these programs may be amended without previous notice.

### **Tour prices include:**

- 5 overnights aboard your boutique river vessel Mekong Sun
- All meals and tour program as per above itinerary
- Coffee, tea and water during meal times on board
- All excursions and necessary entry fees
- Presentations and lectures by your cruise director
- Transfers from/to LuangPrabang airport or your hotel in town

### **Travel documents and vaccinations**

- Passport and visas required
- No vaccinations are prescribed

### **Not included:**

- Visa fees
- Alcoholic and soft drinks, tips, personal expenses or not mentioned services of any kind
- Any flights; Video or photography-fees (if requested during excursions)

### **Payment Conditions**

- Deposit payment of 30% of the travel price has to be paid directly upon receipt of the travel confirmation/invoice.
- Rest payment has to be made until 30 days prior to departure.

### **Cancellation Conditions**

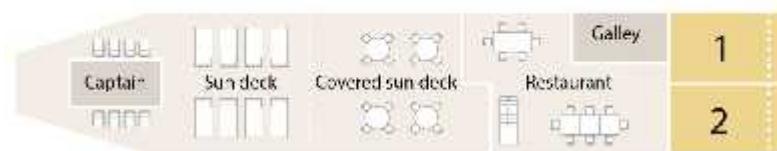
- Up to 120 days prior to the start of the cruise: 30 % of the total rate
- Up to 60 days prior to the start of the cruise: 50 % of the total rate
- Up to 30 days prior to the start of the cruise: 70 % of the total rate
- Less than 30 days prior to the start of the cruise: 90 % of the total rate

## Your Boutique Vessel: Mekong Sun

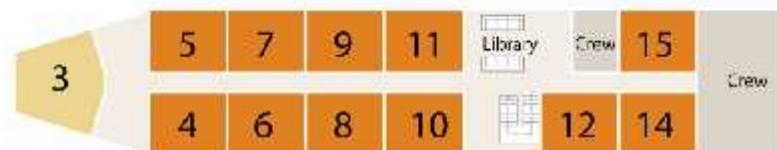


- Operating in Laos and Thailand since 2006
- 2 decks with 14 cabins
- 11 classic cabins on the main deck ( $12 \text{ m}^2/129 \text{ sqft}$ ), all facing out onto the water, with wide, sliding windows and a French balcony for an excellent view of the passing landscape
- 3 superior cabins, 2 cabins ( $18 \text{ m}^2/194 \text{ sqft}$ ) on the upper deck with small private balcony; one cabin ( $16 \text{ m}^2/172 \text{ sqft}$ ) on the bow of the Sun with panoramic view to the front
- All cabins with en-suite shower/WC and air conditioning
- Large sun deck with bar service and restaurant/bar area
- All offshore excursions guided in English

Upper Deck



Main Deck



■ Classic twin cabins (4 – 15)

■ Superior cabins

1 and 2: Twin cabins with balcony

3: Double cabin with panoramic view