



**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.*







CHINA

VIETNAM

LAOS

MYANMAR

THAILAND

CAMBODIA

VIETNAM

Mandalay

Jinghong

Hanoi

**Golden Triangle**

**Luang Prabang**

Chiang Rai

Chiang Mai

Vientiane

Udon Thani

Mukdahan

Savannakhet

Yangon

Udon Ratchathani

Pakse

**4,000 Island Region**

Bangkok

**Angkor Wat**

Phnom Penh

Ho Chi Minh City  
(Saigon)

## *Exclusive Cruises on the Majestic Mekong*

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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*

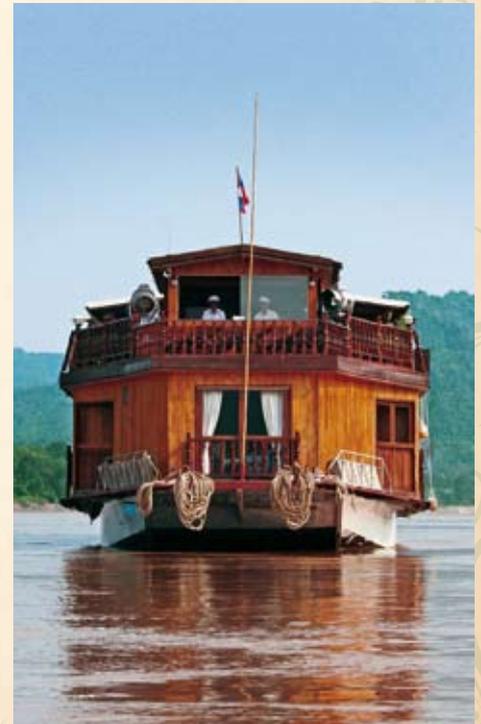
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The Upper Mekong is one of the most challenging rivers in the world. The experienced captain will guide your ship through awe inspiring gorges, labyrinths of pristine sandbanks and confidently navigate turbulent rapids.

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.



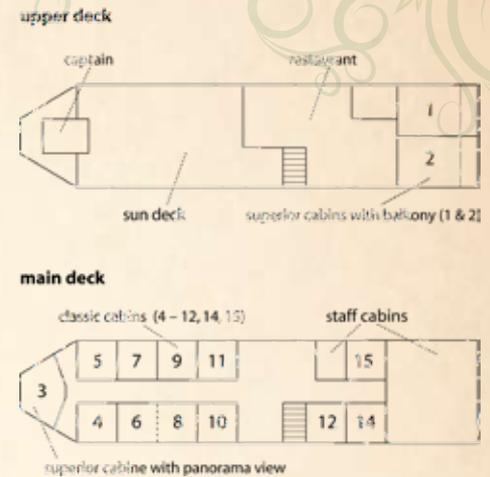
# The Mekong Sun



- ❖ Custom-designed and -built in 2006.
- ❖ 2 decks with 11 classic twin cabins on the main deck (12 m<sup>2</sup>/129 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 m<sup>2</sup>/172 sq ft), two twins on the upper deck (18 m<sup>2</sup>/194 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.



Experiential Journeys



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## Golden Triangle – LuangPrabang

### 8-Day Cruise through Northern Laos

**Our route: Golden Triangle, HuayXai, Pak Tha, Pakbeng, Pak Ou, LuangPrabang, Kuang Si, LuangPrabang**



2017
06 July – 13 July 2017
26 July – 02 Aug 2017
22 Aug – 29 Aug 2017
12 Sep – 19 Sep 2017

Rates in USD p. p.	
<b>Twin Classic cabin:</b>	US\$1820
SGL use suppl. Classic TWIN:	US\$690
<b>Twin/DBL Superior cabin:</b>	US\$2420
SGL usesuppl. Superior	US\$890

*Minimum number of PAX in order to operate a departure is 10guests, max. 28 guests.*

#### Day 1. Chiang Rai – The Golden Triangle - Embarkation

Meet and greet at 11:30am in Chiang Rai city. Transfer by Bus to the Golden Triangle area at Chiang Saen. You will enjoy lunch in a local restaurant overlooking the Mekong before visiting the Golden Buddha of Sop Ruak and the modern Hall of Opium. This fascinating museum, sponsored by the royal family of Thailand, gives a deep background on the history and politics of the opium trade and the health effects of opium abuse using multimedia exhibitions. In the evening embark on the RV Mekong Sun, a comfortable German-Laotian Boutique Cruise ship. Settle into your comfortable cabin and unpack for a seven night cruise. Tonight you can enjoy the spacious decks, lounge on board and attend your evening welcome reception.

*Overnight on board. Meals included:Lunch (L) and Dinner (D).*

## **Day 2. Welcome to Laos**

This morning your cruise will take you from the Golden Triangle region between Burma, Laos and Thailand into the People's Democratic Republic of Laos (Most nationalities can obtain visa on arrival here against USD in cash plus passport sized picture, pls. inquire with your local embassy about visa regulations). From the town of HuayXay on the Laotian - Thai border your voyage leads into northern Laos amidst beautiful scenery. Continue to the small village of Pak Tha, where we join a longtail boat for a trip up the NamThaRiver to visit a remote Khmu village. You will visit a small village school sponsored by guests of Mekong River Cruises.

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

## **Day 3. Pakbeng**

The river traffic increases as you pass through a densely populated region accessible only by water. Relax on deck, in your comfortable cabin or in the lounge and soak up the remote scenery. Our voyage continues to the small town of Pak Beng, where we hope to meet elephants in a nearby camp. Once back on your Mekong cruise you will continue downstream and anchor at a sand bank.

*Overnight on board. (BLD)*

## **Day 4. Pak Ou Caves**

After a relaxing morning onboard we stop at a small riverside village for a visit and to see their local distillery. From here, you can optionally go on a short jungle trek through the forest to the famous Pak Ou Caves, with thousands of small Buddha statues inside the caverns. Alternatively you can reach the caves comfortably by boat as well. This evening we enjoy our famous Mekong River Cruises BBQ dinner in a beautiful riverside location.

*Overnight on board. (BLD)*

## **Day 5. UNESCO World Heritage City of LuangPrabang**

Today you reach LuangPrabang, the former royal capital of Laos, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Begin with a walk up Phou Si-hill, which offers a spectacular view over the Mekong as well as the Khan river and the surrounding mountains. Among other highlights during this full day excursion through LuangPrabang, the famous Wat Xieng Thong temple with its Golden tiled roofs will surely leave you in awe. In the evening, enjoy strolling along the Mekong promenade or visiting the colorful night market of the local Hmong minority. As LuangPrabang offers many opportunities for fine dining, tonight you are free to choose from the numerous offerings in town or along the Mekong River.

*Overnight on board. (BL)*

## **Day 6. The Mighty Mekong**

In the early morning you will be able to visit the traditional giving of alms in the streets of LuangPrabang. Breakfast is on board. Today you will experience more of the town during a morning visit and enjoy the unique atmosphere provided by the abundance of well-preserved French colonial architecture mingling with traditional Buddhist temples. After returning back on board for lunch your cruise will take you further downriver, where 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 on the river. The power of the

mighty Mekong will give your cruise the feeling of a real expedition. Enjoy the beautiful views and watch nature's wonders along the shores before you stop at a remote sandbank for the night.

*Overnight on board. (BLD)*

### **Day 7. Kuang Si Waterfalls**

An excursion by local TukTuks will take you to the Kuang Si-falls, one of the most attractive waterfalls in Laos. Back aboard your cruise returns northbound reaching LuangPrabang after lunch. This afternoon you are free to explore the beautiful town on your own pace, rent an E-bike to reach some of the lively outskirts of the town (optionally against premium) or spend some time shopping for souvenirs or presents for your loved ones at home. In the evening enjoy a traditional Lao Baci Ceremony and watch some local dances on board before celebrating with your local crew your farewell dinner.

*Overnight on board. (BLD)*

### **Day 8. Disembarkation**

After breakfast you will say goodbye to your Laotian crew. Check-out and disembark.

End of services with your transfer to the airport or your hotel in LuangPrabang (within city limits) (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:**

- 7 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 Chiang Rai airport or your hotel in town and 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

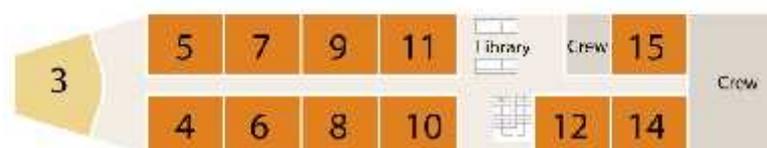


- Operating in Laos and Thailand since 2006
- 2 decks with 14 cabins
- 11 classic cabins on the main deck (12 m<sup>2</sup>/129 sqft), all facing out onto the water, with wide, sliding windows and a French balcony for an excellent view of the passing landscape
- 3 superior cabins, 2 cabins (18 m<sup>2</sup>/194 sqft) on the upper deck with small private balcony; one cabin (16 m<sup>2</sup>/172 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