The Heart of the Mekong River Delta
Featuring the Mekong, Tonle Sap and Bassac Rivers

ABOARD the MEKONG PRINCESS
MARCH 18 – APRIL 2, 2016

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Dear Spartans,

Join us on a comprehensive 15-night journey through the heart of Vietnam and Cambodia featuring a seven-night cruise along the mighty Mekong River. Cruise aboard the 5-star, luxurious Mekong Princess specially constructed to ply the Mekong River between fabled Siem Reap and cosmopolitan Ho Chi Minh City. Embracing an elegant French-colonial design similar to the many homes that once lined the streets of old Saigon, she boasts spacious suites from 258 square feet up to expansive 584 square feet in size. From here, you will enjoy the wonders the Mekong has to offer in a sophisticated, yet comfortable style. With never more than 22 guests per expert guide, guests will enjoy enriching lectures, a comprehensive series of well-planned excursions, most meals and beverages and included air from several U.S. gateways!

Also included is a two-night stay in historic Hanoi, a three-night stay in Siem Reap including an in-depth visit to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Angkor Wat, as well as a two-night stay in bustling Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) featuring five-star centrally located hotels.

You also may opt for our two-night Hanoi/Ha Long Bay Optional Pre-Program Extension featuring the famed UNESCO World Heritage site of Ha Long Bay, including an overnight cruise aboard a traditional ‘junk’ boat; and/or a three-night Bangkok Optional Post-Program Extension for those who wish to discover this cultural city with its grand palace and bustling canals.

Sincerely,

Regina Cross
Director of Alumni Travel
MSU Alumni Association

“The Mekong River is a way of life for the people of Southeast Asia. In both rural areas and urban centers they live, work, eat, sleep, and even shop on her waters and along her shores.”
Southeast Asia is known for the quiet simplicity of its rural regions and the dazzling indulgences of its major cities. Now, Haimark unites these two worlds with the introduction of the Mekong Princess, an innovative spa-concept vessel and the first of her kind to cruise the rivers of Asia. Built exclusively for luxury river cruising, the Mekong Princess masterfully navigates the remote distributaries of the Hau-Mekong River, visiting places so off the beaten path that locals find visitors as fascinating as we find them.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

Glide in sampans along a mangrove-lined canal and tour a family-owned coconut candy making operation near Ben Tre.

Enjoy a rare cultural exchange with Khmer monks at the Loan My commune in Tam Binh, home of the ancient Ky Son pagoda.

Capture amazing photographs as you weave your way through the Cai Rang floating market near Can Tho.

Visit a local noodle-making factory and a family-owned fruit orchard.

Ride motorized trishaws to the Bang Lang Bird Sanctuary near the village of Thot Not.

In Long Xuyen, visit a Cao Dai temple and a hatchery for endangered Siamese crocodiles.

Enjoy privileged visits to family homes in Hong Ngu and a cultural exchange with weavers of the popular Khmer scarves.

Cruise upstream along the Tonlé Sap and enjoy a private excursion to the floating village at Kampong Chhnang.

Ride a cyclo through Phnom Penh to tours of the Royal Palace, the famous Silver Pagoda, and the fascinating National Museum.

Travel to Choeung Ek and see the Khmer Rouge Killing Fields, the memorial stupa, and Tuol Sleng (S-21 Prison).

Witness authentic Apsara dancing, performed by children from a local orphanage.
Day 1 & 2
HANOI, VIETNAM
Depart from your home city on an overnight flight, arriving at the Hanoi airport, where you will be greeted by a Haimark representative, who will transfer you to the tranquil InterContinental Westlake Hanoi.

Day 3
HANOI
Visit the traditional, stilted home of Ho Chi Minh and One Pillar Pagoda, within the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum complex, as well as Hỏa Lò Prison (also known as the “Hanoi Hilton”) during your morning city tour. After an included lunch, step into a cyclo for an exciting tour of the colonial area, ending your afternoon with a traditional water puppet show. This evening, enjoy a Northern Vietnamese Welcome Dinner with complimentary wine at one of Hanoi’s most charming establishments, while a famous Vietnamese band provides traditional, live music. (B/L/D)

Day 4
HANOI/SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA
Enjoy free time in Hanoi to relax, shop, explore the city on your own, or treat yourself to a luxurious spa treatment at the hotel before your flight to Siem Reap (B)

Day 5
SIEM REAP
You’ll begin your day at Angkor Wat, the most recognizable landmark in Cambodia, and the largest religious monument in the world, with the longest continuous bas-relief sculpture in existence, before enjoying lunch at a local Khmer restaurant. Tour the city center of Siem Reap by tuk tuk (motorcycle rickshaw), this afternoon for an introduction to Siem Reap’s many dining and shopping options, and a stop at a traditional artists’ workshop. (B/L)

Day 6
SIEM REAP
This morning, you’ll visit Banteay Srey, considered to be the pinnacle of artistic achievement at Angkor, and Banteay Samré. In the afternoon, you’ll see the temple of Ta Prohm, which has been overtaken by the jungle, with tentacle- like tree roots spilling over centuries- old walls and roofs, enveloping much of the structure. This evening, guests will enjoy a private dinner with Apsara show at a local venue. (B/D)

Day 7
SIEM REAP/PREAK KDAME/EMBARKATION
This morning’s excursion encompasses the south gate of Angkor Thom, once the capital of the Khmer empire, and the pyramid temple of Bayon with its iconic carved heads, rumored to be faces of King Jayavarman VII. The morning ends with a walk around Baphuon Temple, the Terrace of the Elephants, and the moss-encrusted Terrace of the Leper King. After your tour, return to the hotel to refresh and check out. Enjoy a boxed snack while you travel to Preak Kdame, where you will board the luxurios Mekong Princess. To welcome you on board this evening, our culinary staff prepares a traditional Cambodian dinner. (B/L/Reception/Welcome Dinner)
Day 8

TONLE SAP RIVER CRUISE/ KAMPONG CHHNANG

After an early morning of sailing along the Tonle Sap, you will board a private excursion boat and experience a panoramic cruise of the floating village at Kampong Chhnang. Villagers live, work, shop, and even attend church and school on the river. The return sail down the Tonle Sap provides a rare, up-close view of rural life in Cambodia, where children run down to the river to wave at the passing ships. Tonight the ship docks in Phnom Penh, and welcomes a local shadow puppet theater group for a performance and demonstration. (B/L/Cultural Performance/D)

Day 9

PHNOM PENH/OVERNIGHT

After breakfast on board this morning, meet your cyclo driver for an exciting city tour of Phnom Penh. You are transported by your driver along the riverfront to the Royal Palace complex, where you enjoy a leisurely walk through the grounds, viewing Throne Hall and Moonlight Pavilion, before visiting the famous Silver Pagoda, home of Cambodia’s Emerald Buddha and Maitreya Buddha encrusted with more than 9,000 diamonds. Return to your cyclo for the short ride to the National Museum, ending the morning with a comprehensive tour of the many Angkorian and pre-Angkorian period artifacts excavated at the Angkor Temple complex at Siem Reap. During your free afternoon in Phnom Penh, you may choose one of our optional excursions, or simply enjoy your time exploring Phnom Penh independently—shopping, sightseeing or relaxing in one of the city’s many wonderful restaurants or pubs. Before dinner, children entertain you on the Sun Deck with a cultural performance including Apsara, Cambodia’s national dance, and local, traditional folk dances. (B/L/Cultural Performance/D)

Day 10

BORDER CROSSING/ HONG NGU

Another unique stop awaits us today, with a call at a small island not far from the Vietnam-Cambodia border where, prior to the arrival of the Mekong Princess, the villagers had only encountered one western visitor! Here they make the traditional, checkered Khmer scarves that are exported to Cambodia. We’ll see the weaving process as we visit several family homes and meet with local embroidery artists whose art is also on display. Our visit to this wonderfully friendly and welcoming village is sure to be one of your most lasting travel memories! Before returning to our sampans, we’ll visit the local temple here, which is dedicated to another religion founded in Vietnam, Hoa Hao (pronounced wah how). Founded in 1939 as a reform of Theravada Buddhism, Hoa Hao simplifies Buddhist doctrine and rituals, and focuses on peasant farmers practicing in their homes, with aid to the poor replacing the funding of elaborate pagodas. (B/L/D)
**Day 11**

**LONG XUYEN/THOT NOT**

This morning, your sampans return to take you into Long Xuyen City. After a short walk around the river town, and through the market, you visit the Cao Dai temple and learn about this fascinating, Vietnamese religion that was founded as an amalgam of several different religions, in an effort to stop the infighting between the various followers. The morning excursion continues at a local crocodile farm, where you view and learn about the crocodiles that once inhabited the Mekong River, and how the farm raises and conserves this remarkable Asian wildlife. You will also be invited to sample a few of the restaurant’s crocodile dishes.

Later this afternoon, your sampans take you to the village of Thot Not, where you transfer to a Vietnamese xe loi (motorized trishaw) that takes you through the village, where you begin to hear the cacophony of a bird sanctuary. After a short walk into the sanctuary, you climb the steps to the viewing platform, and enjoy an incredible view over the treetops and down on the nesting area of a variety of protected birds. (B/L/D)

**Day 12**

**CAN THO/TAM BINH**

Your sampans return early this morning before breakfast for a cruise through the fascinating Cai Rang floating market near Can Tho. The sampan will weave in and out of the many boats that sail into the market each morning to sell produce and other items the residents of the Mekong Delta need in their daily lives. As they weave through the market, you will have many opportunities for amazing photographs, while enjoying the Vietnamese “anti-aging drink,” fresh coconut water. After the market visit, a stop is made at a local factory to see the amazing process of making instant noodles. Your final stop this morning is at a large, family-owned fruit orchard, where fruits native to Vietnam can be seen in various stages of maturity on the vine. After a fresh fruit tasting, you return to the ship for breakfast.

This afternoon, the ship sails through an area of the Mekong Delta barely touched by tourism to see Ky Son, an ancient Khmer pagoda. After a short visit, you have the chance to interact with the Khmer monks who fled to Vietnam during the Cambodian civil war. (B/L/D)

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**Nipa palm:**

*Nypa fruticans,* commonly known as the nipa palm, is a species of palm native to the coastlines and estuarine habitats of the Indian and Pacific Oceans. It is the only palm considered adapted to the mangrove biome. The long, feathery leaves of the nipa palm are used by local populations as roof material for thatched houses or dwellings. The leaves are also used in many types of basketry and thatching. Large stems are used to train swimmers, as it has buoyancy.
Day 13

BEN TRE

Today, sampans take you through a channel lined with mangroves to visit a local coconut candy maker. After watching the candy-making process and walking through the family’s orchard, a horse cart will take you on a 15-minute ride to a pier where you board small, local boats (two guests per boat) for a trip through the narrow creeks lined with Nipah palm before returning to the ship. This evening, we enjoy a Vietnamese Farewell Dinner as the ship sails into the heart of Ho Chi Minh City. (B/L/Farewell Reception/Dinner)

Day 14

DISEMBARKATION/ HO CHI MINH CITY

After breakfast, guests bid farewell to the Mekong Princess and her amazing crew, and transfer to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. After a stop at your home for the next two nights, the tranquil Intercontinental Asiana Saigon, your city tour begins with the incredible French colonial architecture at Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office, followed by a visit to the Reunification Palace and War Remnants Museum. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon and evening at your leisure to explore the city. (B/L)

Day 15

HO CHI MINH CITY

After a scenic drive outside Ho Chi Minh City, you will find the astonishing system of underground passages known as the Cu Chi Tunnels, which stretch to the Cambodian border. Following an above-ground tour of the area, learning about life in the tunnels, and an opportunity to enter a small section of the tunnels, you return to the city for lunch at one of Saigon’s excellent restaurants, with time to explore the city on your own in the afternoon. A farewell dinner with complimentary wine at a renowned restaurant ends your Indochina adventure. (B/L/ Farewell Dinner)

Days 16

HO CHI MINH CITY

Transfer to the airport for your flight home, or continue your journey with our optional, post-tour extension to exciting Bangkok, Thailand. (B)
OPTIONAL PRE/POST EXTENSION PROGRAMS

HA LONG BAY, VIETNAM

2-night Hanoi/Ha Long Bay pre-program extension from $695*
Per person based on double occupancy
Delve deeper into Vietnam’s fascinating history and breathtaking beauty with an overnight cruise aboard a traditional “junk” boat, exploring the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ha Long Bay, one of the world’s greatest natural wonders. Enjoy a one-night stay in Hanoi, at the InterContinental Hanoi Westlake Hotel before your main trip.

BANGKOK, THAILAND

3-night post-program Bangkok extension from $899*
Per person based on double occupancy
While you’re in this corner of the world, why not add a stay in one of—if not the—world’s most exotic cities? Our three-night stay in one of Bangkok’s biggest and most modern hotels will put you right in the heart of the city, with easy access to all its myriad attractions. We also include a Chao Praya river cruise and visit to the Grand Palace.

Luxury Hotels

INTERCONTINENTAL HANOI WESTLAKE, HANOI, VIETNAM
The InterContinental Hanoi Westlake Hotel is a welcome retreat from the bustling city centre, located over the serene waters of West Lake, yet only minutes from Hanoi’s Old Quarter. This luxurious urban resort offers tai chi lessons beside the outdoor pool. Savour fine cuisine at the hotel’s Café Du Lac and Milan restaurants, and relax in contemporary guest rooms and suites with a large soaking bathtub, separate walk-in rain shower and spectacular views from your own private balcony.

VICTORIA ANGKOR RESORT & SPA, SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA
The five-star Victoria Angkor Resort & Spa provides a sense of serenity with the nostalgic comfort and elegant refinement of the French Art de Vivre in the heart of Siem Reap. Conveniently close to the Angkor Archeological Area, the quaint Old Market, and the dynamic night markets, Victoria Angkor has been designed in total harmony with its natural surroundings. All accommodations have wooden floors, colonial-style furnishings, and original artifacts, adding a warm touch of local culture, and open onto large balconies overlooking the saltwater pool set in lush, tropical gardens.

INTERCONTINENTAL ASIANA SAIGON, HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM
InterContinental Asiana Saigon hotel offers 305 elegant rooms, individually-customized treatments at Spa InterContinental, and three international restaurants. This five-star luxury hotel is conveniently located in the city centre, close to Notre Dame Cathedral, Saigon Opera House, and Reunification Palace. The spacious and well-appointed rooms offer clean design, marble bathrooms featuring a walk-in shower and separate bath, as well as magnificent views of Ho Chi Minh City through floor-to-ceiling windows.

GRAND HYATT ERAWAN, BANGKOK, THAILAND
Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok is located in the heart of Bangkok and surrounded by prime lifestyle shopping centres, the business and diplomatic district, conveniently linked via sky bridge to two skytrain stations, and adjacent to shopping and commercial buildings. The hotel also offers free WiFi access, a spa, outdoor pool, ten bars and restaurants, live music in the lobby, and a 24-hour concierge service.

*Price and hotel properties are subject to change.
An innovative spa-concept vessel, and the first of her kind to cruise the remote reaches of the rivers of Asia

Featuring The Newly-Built Elegant Mekong Princess

STATE-OF-THE-ART DESIGN

The lowland countries of Vietnam and Cambodia offer an intoxicating blend of experiences all with one unifying theme, their dependence on the river. Flowing from the Lasagongma Spring high in the Tibetan Plateau through steep mountain gorges down to the South China Sea, the Mekong River is a way of life for the people of Southeast Asia. In both rural areas and urban centres they live, work, eat, sleep, and even shop on her waters and along her shores.

Onboard Amenities:

- French doors open onto a private balcony
- Spacious seating area, and writing desk
- King-size bed or two twin-size (that convert to a queen-size), with premium mattress, pillow menu, duvet, and linens
- Flat-screen television with on-demand movie system
- Universal docking station with alarm clock
- Minibar (complimentary)
- In-room electronic safe
- Multi-configuration plugs
- Individual climate control
- Spa-style soaking tub and separate shower (Angkor & Tonlé Suites)
- Hair dryer
- Luxury spa robes and slippers
- Bottled water
- Welcome flower arrangement and fresh fruit upon arrival
- Complimentary, one-hour, spa treatment per person, per cruise
- Daily butler service
Onboard wellness activities, presentations, and exquisite dining experiences ensure every moment of every journey is nothing short of amazing. Talented spa professionals join an expert crew for a staff-to-guest ratio of greater than 1:1.

Spacious Public Areas and Personalized Service

Indochine Dining Room
Crisp, white tablecloths, ethereal wall murals, and dazzling chandeliers set the scene for magnificent dining experiences in the ship’s Indochine Dining Room. Here, Culinary Director Jorg Penneke brings the onboard cuisine deliciously to life with his innovative fusion of traditional Southeast Asian cuisine and Western flavours. Using locally-sourced fresh herbs, fruits, and vegetables, some of which are rarely found elsewhere in the world, Chef Penneke’s culinary team ensures each meal is a delight for all of your senses. Sumptuous breakfast and lunch buffets offer a variety of Southeast Asian dishes and Western favourites. Each evening, exquisite multicourse dinners are paired with select wines, gracious service, and lively conversation shared in the company of like-minded travelers.

Ramvong Lounge & Observation Deck
The indoor air-conditioned Ramvong Lounge is the perfect place to sink into an overstuffed sofa and take in a stimulating lecture, an afternoon movie, or a lively cultural demonstration. Pull up a seat at the bar and toast the day’s adventures with perfectly mixed cocktails and exotic local spirits. Or curl up in a comfortable corner and read a copy of *The Quiet American*, *In the Shadow of the Banyan*, or *The Miracle of Mindfulness* borrowed from the ship’s library. On the covered, outdoor Observation Deck, thick-cushioned chaise lounges, conversation seating areas, and ceiling fans create a cool space for enjoying a morning coffee, herbal tea, or quiet meditation while contemplating life along the river banks.

Library & Internet Lounge
Sneak away to the onboard Library & Internet Lounge to delve further into the history and stories of the Mekong Delta. Choose from a thoughtfully assembled collection of books, including regional novels, geographic references, historic accounts, personal memoirs, and photographic journals. Use the ship’s WiFi network to explore and send messages on your own devices. Or log on at one of the computer stations to check messages and send photos to loved ones back home.

Spa & Wellness Center
Every guest aboard the Mekong Princess may enjoy one complimentary spa treatment during the cruise. Located on the main Mekong Deck, with floor-to-ceiling views, the Princess Spa offers the most extensive treatment menu of any ship on the Mekong River. Here, in an atmosphere of cool tranquility, skilled aestheticians and therapists pamper guests with a full range of massages, facials, scrubs, wraps, and customized treatments. Just next door, a fitness center with floor-to-ceiling windows offers daily yoga, tai chi, and meditation classes, as well as the opportunity to workout on state-of-the-art fitness equipment while you take in the passing scenery.
Elegant All-Suite Accommodations
Twelve magnificent suites spoil just 24 privileged guests with unparalleled personal space and soothing, French-colonial décor.

All-Suite Luxury Mekong Princess Features:
- French doors open onto a large, private balcony
- Generous closet space and under-bed storage
- Spacious seating area, and writing desk
- King-size bed or two twin-size (that convert to a queen-size), with premium mattress, pillow menu, duvet, and linens
- Flat-screen television with on-demand movie system
- Universal docking station with alarm clock
- Minibar (complimentary)
- In-room electronic safe
- Multi-configuration plugs
- Individual climate control
- Spa-style soaking tub and separate shower (Angkor & Tonlé Suites)
- Hair dryer
- Luxury honeycomb cotton, monogrammed, spa robes and slippers
- Bottled water replenished daily
- Welcome flower arrangement and fresh fruit upon arrival
- Complimentary, one-hour, spa treatment per person, per cruise
- Daily butler service, including:
  - Nightly turn-down service
  - Assistance with pillow menu and bathroom amenity selection
  - Explains on-demand entertainment system
  - Refreshes ice bucket
  - Polishes and conditions shoes, on request
  - Unpack and pack your luggage, on request

ANGKOR SUITES:
201–202 BASSAC DECK
- 496 square feet/46 square meters
- Large, private veranda with seating area
- Panoramic landscape views through floor-to-ceiling windows
- Fixed king beds
- Marble bath with large soaking tub and separate rain shower

Additional Amenities:
- Complimentary laundry service
- Complimentary evening canapés
- Scented bath preparation (upon request)

TONLE SUITES:
203–204 BASSAC DECK
- 306 square feet/28 square meters
- French Balcony
- Fixed king beds
- Marble bath with large soaking tub and separate rain shower

APSARA SUITES:
205–208 BASSAC DECK
- 234 square feet/22 square meters
- French balcony
- Two twin-size beds that can be converted to one queen-size bed

SAIGON SUITES:
101–104 MEKONG DECK
- 234 square feet/22 square meters
- French balcony
- Two twin-size beds that can be converted to one queen-size bed

Mekong Princess Deck Plan & Tariff Chart

15-NIGHT PROGRAM

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Port charge $199 per person

*Program pricing includes economy air and is applicable if paid in full by October 30, 2015. Singles are available in the Tonlé Suite for $8,795 and the Apsara Suite for $8,095 if booked on or before October 30, 2015.

INCLUDED AIR GATEWAYS:
- Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Montreal, New York, San Francisco, Toronto, Vancouver, Washington, DC, Dulles

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All passengers must travel with a passport valid at least 6 months beyond their return date.

**Guest 1: Full Legal Name (as it appears on your passport)**

**TITLE**      
FIRST                   MIDDLE   LAST

**EMAIL ADDRESS**

**PREFERRED NAME ON BADGE**

**BIRTH DATE**

**Guest 2: Full Legal Name (as it appears on your passport)**

**EMAIL ADDRESS**

**PREFERRED NAME ON BADGE**

**BIRTH DATE**

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**DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT:** A deposit of $850 per person (plus $250 deposit per person for each Pre- and/or Post-Cruise Extension, if applicable) is due with your reservation application. Make checks payable to Haimark Affinity Travel. To participate in the complimentary air program, full payment must be received by October 30, 2015 (otherwise final payment will be due November 15, 2015). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied with full payment at the time of booking.

Please reserve space(s). Enclosed is my/our deposit for $. Deposits and FINAL payments may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa or Discover. Make checks payable to Haimark Affinity Travel.

Accept my check made payable to Haimark Affinity Travel.

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Making a deposit or acceptance or use of any vouchers, tickets, goods or services shall be deemed consent to and acceptance of the terms and conditions stated in the applicable Terms and Conditions agreement, including limitations on responsibility and liability. All prices listed in USD.
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