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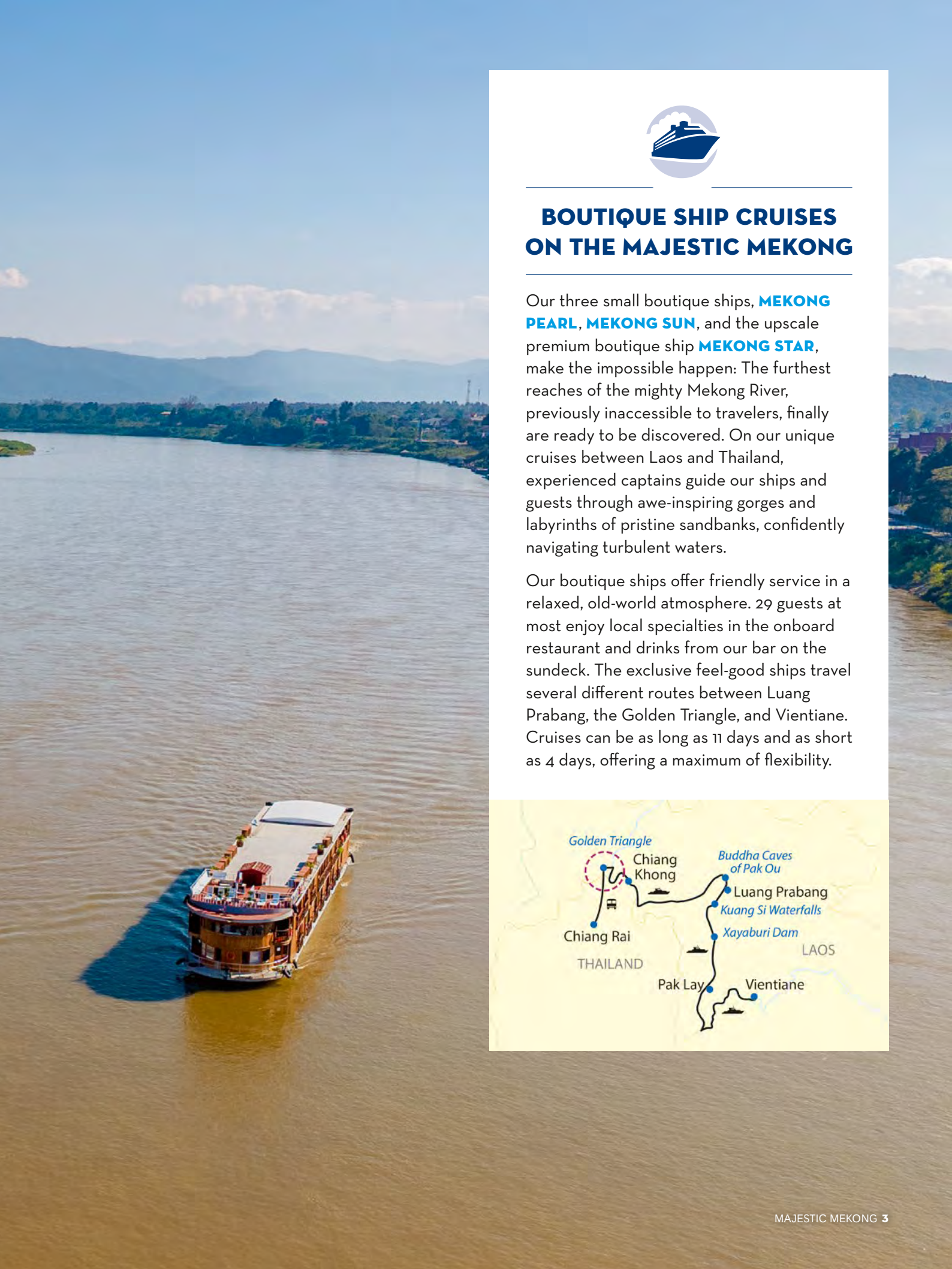
Boutique Ship Cruises in Lovely Laos



BOUTIQUE SHIP CRUISES ON THE MAJESTIC MEKONG

Our three small boutique ships, **MEKONG PEARL**, **MEKONG SUN**, and the upscale premium boutique ship **MEKONG STAR**, make the impossible happen: The furthest reaches of the mighty Mekong River, previously inaccessible to travelers, finally are ready to be discovered. On our unique cruises between Laos and Thailand, experienced captains guide our ships and guests through awe-inspiring gorges and labyrinths of pristine sandbanks, confidently navigating turbulent waters.

Our boutique ships offer friendly service in a relaxed, old-world atmosphere. 29 guests at most enjoy local specialties in the onboard restaurant and drinks from our bar on the sundeck. The exclusive feel-good ships travel several different routes between Luang Prabang, the Golden Triangle, and Vientiane. Cruises can be as long as 11 days and as short as 4 days, offering a maximum of flexibility.

BOUTIQUE SHIP CRUISES ON THE MEKONG: A SNEAK PEEK

Enter a world of absolute serenity and outstanding natural beauty—pristine, remote, and captivating. The truly unique **MEKONG RIVER** cruises on board our three boutique ships immerse travelers in the tropical landscape and rich culture of Laos. Explore the beauty of the Mekong's tranquil waters, marvel at unspoiled vistas of tropical jungles, and get to know everyday life in secluded villages.

The gigantic Golden Buddha on top of a boat marks the Tri-State area where Laos, Myanmar, and Thailand meet: the **GOLDEN TRIANGLE**. The area was once notorious for cross-border drug deals—today, the Opium Museum gives visitors a vivid impression of those wild days.

GREEN TEA may be associated with China and Japan, but some say that plantations in Thailand and Laos deliver the best quality.

Even though Laos is a landlocked country, Laotians get most of their proteins from fish—courtesy of the **MEKONG RIVER**.

Beautiful clothes, hair, and make-up are very important in Thai culture. Looking dapper is a sign of respect for your fellow humans.

PAK OU in Laos is famous for its curious Buddha caves filled with thousands of Buddha statues in all shapes and sizes.

EVERY BOY IN LAOS between the age of eight and twenty is expected to serve as a novice monk to work, pray, and study at a monastery for at least three months. For some families from the more rural areas, the monasteries provide the only form of education available.

Enjoy visits to the Wat Xieng Thong temple, a striking example of Buddhist architecture, Mount Pho Si, a hill with panoramic views, and the lively Hmong night market in **LUANG PRABANG**, the former capital of Laos.

Profound insights into the **EVERYDAY LIFE IN THE VILLAGES** along the riverbanks create some of the most memorable experiences of a Mekong cruise.

Said to possess Buddha-like wisdom and patience, every **ELEPHANT IS SACRED** for Buddhists and has to be treated with respect. It could be a reincarnation of Buddha himself.

LUANG PRABANG, once the royal capital of the Kingdom of Laos that lasted from 1953 to 1975, is said to be the most beautiful city in Laos, some even say in Southeast Asia. Most parts of the little town of only 66,000 inhabitants were declared UNESCO World Heritage in 1995.

The unique multilevel **KUANG SI FALLS** near Luang Prabang are a favorite of travelers because of the gorgeous natural pools.

A delicious **SPECIALTY DISH** from Thailand: two-colored sticky rice wrapped in banana leaves and then steamed.

STREET MARKETS in Laos are one of the few ways for mountain tribes to exchange their handicrafts for money.

The **SINH** is a traditional Laotian costume still worn today. The colorful patterns on the garment often serve as a cultural code, revealing the region or community the wearer comes from.

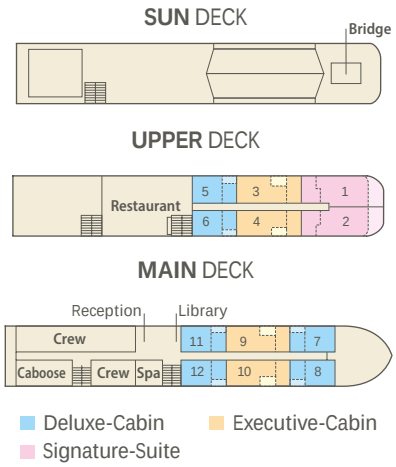
The **PATUXAI** in Vientiane, a monument erected to commemorate Laos's independence from France in 1949, is ironically nicknamed the Laotian *Arc de Triomphe* today.

The modern-day capital of Laos, **VIENTIANE**, is home to the Pha That Luang temple, a symbol of the nation. Legend has it that the breastbone of Buddha was kept here over 2,000 years ago.

MEKONG STAR

THE MEKONG STAR: OUR NEW PREMIUM BOUTIQUE SHIP

- 12 elegantly appointed cabins for a maximum of 24 guests, creating a private and exclusive atmosphere
- A variety of spacious cabins and suites, ranging from Deluxe Cabins with 225 sq ft (21 m²) to Signature Suites with 420 sq ft (39 m²)
- All cabins feature a private balcony and floor-to-ceiling windows, minibar, safe, and air-conditioning
- All bathrooms are equipped with rain shower, WC, hair-dryer, and premium bathroom amenities
- Daily gourmet meals with delights of international and local cuisine freshly prepared on board plus coffee, tea, water, snacks, and fresh fruit
- Free house wine, beer, and soft drinks during meals, a sundowner in the evening, one spa treatment per guest
- Comfy library area, relaxing spa room, a restaurant with indoor and covered outdoor seating, two elegant bars with first-rate service offering cocktails and spirits as well as beer and a selection of wines



MEKONG SUN

THE MEKONG SUN: YOUR HOME ON AN UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY

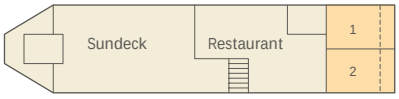
CLASSIC CABINS

- 11 Classic cabins on the main deck
- Size: 129 sq ft/12 m²
- 2 twin beds per cabin
- French balcony with sliding glass door and floor-to-ceiling window for wonderful views of the Mekong and the lush landscapes along its banks
- Private bathroom, shower, and air-conditioning

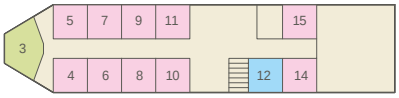
SUPERIOR CABINS

- 3 Superior cabins, 1 in the bow of the main deck and 2 on the upper deck
- Sizes: 194 sq ft/18 m² (upper deck) and 172 sq ft/16 m² (main deck)
- 2 twin beds per cabin (exception: 1 double bed in cabin #3)
- Small private balcony (upper deck)
- Panoramic view from bow (main deck)
- Private bathroom, shower, and air-conditioning

UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK

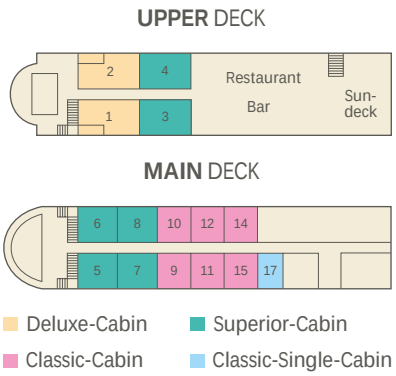


Superior-Cabin with private balcony
Superior-Cabin with panoramic view
Classic-Cabin
Economy-Cabin

THE MEKONG PEARL: THE BIG LITTLE SISTER OF THE MEKONG SUN

CLASSIC CABINS

- 6 Classic cabins and 1 Single Classic cabin on the main deck
- Size: 129 sq ft/12 m²
- 2 twin beds per cabin (excluding Single Classic)
- French balcony with sliding glass door and floor-to-ceiling window for wonderful views of the Mekong and the lush landscapes along its banks
- Private bathroom, shower, and air-conditioning

SUPERIOR/DELUXE CABINS

- 4 Superior cabins on the main deck; 2 Superior cabins and 2 Deluxe cabins on the upper deck
- Sizes: 172 sq ft/16 m² (Superior) and 237 sq ft/22 m² (Deluxe)
- 2 twin beds per cabin
- French balcony (Superior) with sliding glass door and floor-to-ceiling window for wonderful views of the Mekong and the lush landscapes along its banks
- Small private balcony (Deluxe)
- Private bathroom, shower, and air-conditioning