



AQUA EXPEDITIONS

Press Release

AQUA EXPEDITIONS ANNOUNCES NEW AQUA MEKONG HIGHLIGHTS

New itineraries, an exclusive Explorer-led expeditions, and seasonal offers across 2026, 2027, and 2028 sailings.



January 28 2026 — Recognized among the world's leading luxury expedition cruise brands — including Top 3 Best River Cruise Line by Travel + Leisure for three consecutive years and #1 Cruise Line in Cruise Critic's 2025 Cruiser's Choice Awards — Aqua Expeditions offers a deeply immersive river expedition experience aboard Aqua Mekong, sailing through Cambodia and Vietnam.

Flowing through a region shaped by more than 2,000 years of human history, the Mekong River reveals Southeast Asia at its most layered and profound. Expert-led excursions include kayaking through floating villages, visiting ancient Buddhist temples, cycling along rice fields, and connecting with local artisans, all guided by highly experienced local naturalists. Year-round itineraries depart from Ho Chi Minh City, Phnom Penh, and Siem Reap, complemented by a 1:1 guest-to-crew ratio, personalized service, and world-class cuisine. During the low-water season, Aqua Mekong is the only luxury Mekong River cruise offering complimentary flight extensions to Siem Reap, providing seamless access to Angkor Wat and surrounding temple complexes.

NEW AQUA MEKONG ITINERARIES

Aqua Mekong introduces new low-water itineraries, traversing lesser-explored stretches of the river and offering deeper cultural and wildlife immersion across Cambodia.

Launching in **2026, Kratie itineraries** (4- and 7-night sailings, July–August) explore the Upper Mekong region, including the Kampi River, home to the endangered Irrawaddy dolphin, and Koh Trong Island, where daily life unfolds among fruit orchards and traditional stilt houses. The journey continues to Kampong Cham, with visits to the 12th-century Angkorian temple Nokor Bachei, guided cycling and hikes, including ascents to Phnom Hanchey, a sacred hilltop with sweeping Mekong views.

Launching in **2027, Phat Sandai itineraries** (3-, 4-, and 7-night sailings, December–February) focus on the Tonlé Sap region, with immersive visits to the Phat Sandai floating village, where life exists entirely on water. Guests explore the waterways by kayak, visit a community-led fishery conservation initiative supported by FACT, hike Phnom Neang Kangrey (the "Sleeping Lady") overlooking Tonlé Sap Lake, and cycle through the biodiversity-rich Phnom Touk Meas area.

EXPERT-LED EXPEDITIONS: THE EXPLORERS CLUB EXCLUSIVES



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In collaboration with The Explorers Club, Aqua Expeditions presents an exclusive one-off expedition to the Mekong Delta, enriched by the insights of leading researcher and conservationist **Andrés Ruzo**. Travelling in his company, guests will benefit from his personal insights and deep knowledge of the region, enriching each moment of the journey.

Andrés Ruzo is a geothermal scientist, conservationist, and educator whose work explores the intersection of geoscience, culture, and conservation. He is the founder of the Boiling River Project, an international non-profit dedicated to protecting culturally significant geothermal systems worldwide. His honors include Explorers Club EC50 Fellow, Rolex Expedition Leader, TED Speaker, and Lowell Thomas Awardee.

The Vietnam & Cambodia Expedition departs **April 16-23 2027**, sailing from **Ho Chi Minh City to Phnom Penh** aboard **Aqua Mekong**.

SEASONAL OFFERS

Early Bird Savings – select 2026, 2027 & 2028 departures: Guests can enjoy 30% savings on Aqua Mekong suites 101-108 for bookings made by 31 March 2026. The offer excludes Christmas and New Year departures, is not valid for solo travelers, and cannot be combined with other promotions (except loyalty benefits).

Solo Traveler Special – select 2026 & 2027 departures: Aqua Expeditions is offering a waiver of the single supplement fee (normally +25%) on select sailings in April, August, and September. The offer applies to suites 109 and 110, is valid for new bookings only, and must be booked by 31 March 2026. This offer cannot be combined with other promotions or loyalty benefits.

EXTEND YOUR AQUA MEKONG EXPERIENCE

Aqua Mekong itineraries may be booked as a 3-night or 4-night sailing or combined into a continuous 7-night expedition. **Guests booking the full 7-night sailing benefit from a 5% saving**, while enjoying a more immersive journey through Cambodia and Vietnam along the Mekong River.

For trade enquiries and reservations please contact reservations@aquaexpeditions.com or visit www.aquaexpeditions.com.

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About Aqua Expeditions:

A recognized global leader in luxury small-ship expeditions, Aqua Expeditions explores the world's most biodiverse and culturally significant destinations aboard best-in-class vessels of stylish contemporary design. Expect tailored five-star itineraries, a highly exclusive 1:1 crew- to-guest ratio with personalized service, world-class dining, and small group expert-guided activities and excursions, with a maximum of 16-40 guests per ship. Aqua Expeditions currently operates river explorations in the Peruvian Amazon and the Mekong Delta (Cambodia and Vietnam), and coastal yacht voyages in East Indonesia — Komodo National Park, Ambon and the Spice Islands, Raja Ampat, and Asmat — and the Galapagos Islands. Launching in February 2026, Aqua Lares will become the brand's sixth vessel—an ice-class expedition yacht sailing East Africa (Seychelles, Aldabra Atoll, Zanzibar, and coastal Tanzania) from November to April, and Svalbard & The Arctic Circle from June to September.

Aqua Expeditions is proud to be a part of PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP, a portfolio of brands renowned for their expertise and destination-focused exploration cruises.