


CroisiEurope Launches New RV Indochine II River Ship in Phnom Penh



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CroisiEurope inaugurated its newest river ship, the RV Indochine II, on Sept. 16 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Vietnamese shipyard built the new ship working in partnership with SDI in Nantes, directed by Thibaut Tincelin, under the leadership of Patrick Schmitter of CroisiEurope's owning family. The RV Indochine II was designed by Stirling Design International, based in Nantes, France, which was assisted by Ship-ST on the structural elements of the ship.

RV Indochine II's design is inspired by the style of the commercial fleets cruising on the Mekong. The ship has prominent sheers on the outside decks covered in exotic wood and encircled with gangways, as well as a wheelhouse in top position on the bow. The RV Indochine II's design uses red Vietnamese wood and the interior decor reflects the French colonial era with a touch of contemporary trends.



The main salon and bar on the new RV Indochine II.

The ship accommodates 62 passengers in 31 cabins each measuring 194 square feet with 43-square-foot private balconies. The vessel measures 213-feet long and 43-feet wide and has a 3.2-foot reduced draft. Cabins are spacious, located behind colonial slatted doors, with separate bathroom and toilet facilities. Wide decks include multiples areas where guests can relax and have fun on the bow, near the restaurant and the water, and at the bar on the stern of the upper deck. A large outside lounge surrounds a raised, cool-water pool shaded by one of the ship's two awnings.

RV Indochine II's restaurant is located at the stern and the panoramic lounge bar is at the bow. Both have large windows and lead to an atrium. Cruises feature international and local cuisine, drinks included with meals are de?ned in the program (tea, coffee, bottled water), unlimited

beverages and snack during the day. An outside bar and lounge sits alongside the pool on the upper deck. On the main deck, massage services will be available to passengers.

RV Indochine II, which has a Cambodian crew of 29, has a next-generation, low-emission engine for propulsion, while a bow thruster guarantees maneuverability in the narrow canals connecting Ho Chi Minh City to the Mekong. Respecting the environment and the river was taken into consideration with the installation of two large water treatment units, each having a seven-ton daily capacity. Fresh water production is done by two osmosis units at a rate of 848 cubic feet per day. Moreover, climate control and ventilation in the ship are the latest state-of-the-art technology.

Similar to other CroisiEurope ships on the Mekong, the RV Indochine II will cruise both directions between Siem Reap in Cambodia and Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) in Vietnam, via Phnom Penh from August to April. The 11-day trip includes a tour of the temples of Angkor Wat, the floating villages on Tonle Sap Lake, the fish farms on the Mekong Delta, a cruise along the Cho Gao canal. CroisiEurope says RV Indochine II is the only cruise vessel that can dock in the heart of Saigon, giving guests access to the city center by foot. Ports of call include Siem Reap, Angkor, Tonle Sap, Kampong, Chhnang, Kampong Tralach, Koh Chen, Phnom Penh, Chau Doc, Sa Dec, Cai Be, My Tho and Ho Chi Minh City. Prices start at \$2,668 per person cruise only.