

## Follow in Sue Perkins' footsteps along the Mekong with Travel Indochina





**24**<sup>th</sup> **November 2014** – Leading Asia specialist, <u>Travel Indochina</u>, is offering guests the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of television presenter Sue Perkins whose new BBC2 documentary sees her embarking on a life-changing, 3,000-mile journey up the Mekong River.

The Mekong River with Sue Perkins, which debuted on BBC2 earlier this month, features inspiring footage of The Great British Bakeoff presenter's journey upstream through Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and China. Travel Indochina, which offers the largest range of tours and departures to the Indochina region than any other UK tour operator, boasts an unrivalled selection of genuinely small river boats, providing an ideal and authentic mode of transport that afford greater access and deeper insights into local life along one of Asia's most incredible main rivers.

The specialist tour operator's 12-day 'Saigon to Angkor – Saigon to Siem Reap' journey features an eight-day luxury river cruise on the Jayavarman - a magnificent 'floating hotel' with 27 spacious cabins all with private balconies and floor-to-ceiling sliding doors that reveal amazing views of the ever-changing Mekong landscape - with the opportunity, amongst other touring highlights, to discover the colourful floating villages of Tonle Sap Lake in Cambodia. Prices start from just £2,715 per person including international flights from London Heathrow.

Additionally, Travel Indochina's 21-day 'Inside Vietnam & Cambodia' small group journey offers travellers an opportunity to scratch beneath the surface of Vietnam and Cambodia. Highlights include an eco fishing tour with a local fisherman in Hoi An to learn how to paddle a basket boat; a special stay with a hilltribe family in the upland valley of Mai Chau; and a memorable journey through the Mekong Delta

taking in Cai Rang's boisterous floating market. The tour culminates with a magical sunrise experience via the little-visited eastern gate of Angkor Wat in Cambodia. Prices start from just £2,835 per person including international flights from London Heathrow.

Another boat journey sets the scene for a glorious adventure through Laos on the operator's 'Laos Experience with 4,000 Islands'. This 14-day journey of discovery travels from Northern Thailand and glides down the Mekong River on a private slow boat, offering extraordinary scenery of this region along the way, as it ventures to the UNESCO-heritage listed city of Luang Prabang and then on to the little-visited 4,000 Islands in the Mekong River in Southern Laos, where guests of Travel Indochina can glimpse the elusive Irrawaddy river dolphin. Prices start from just £2,550 per person including international flights from London Heathrow.

All Travel Indochina small group journeys operate with 16 travellers or fewer to provide a personal and more authentic insight into the 'real' Asia. What's more, each tour has the added benefit of a Western tour leader as well as local English-speaking guides to charm guests with their tales of local life, enabling them to return home with stories to retell for years to come.

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## Editor's notes:

Travel Indochina has been operating Small Group Journeys and tailor-made travel to the "real" Asia for 21 years. Today, the company features the widest range of itineraries and departures to <u>Vietnam, Cambodia</u> and <u>Laos</u> than any other tour operator in the UK, as well as a large variety of journeys to <u>Thailand, Burma, China and Tibet, India, Japan, Bhutan, Mongolia</u> and <u>Sri Lanka</u>. Unlike many other travel companies, Travel Indochina limits its group size to a maximum of 16 people. These smaller groups enable travellers to gain the best from both worlds – greater access to the local culture and plenty of opportunities for independent exploration.

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