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Scenic Unveils 2021/2022 Southeast Asia Cruise Season Offering

<u>Truly Immersive Experiences and Five-Star Conveyance – and New Booking with Confidence Plan</u>

October 2020 – Floating canal villages, verdant paddy fields, ancient temples, Buddhist monks in bright orange robes, bustling markets, the fragrance of jasmine in the countryside and the rich aromas of street foods in the cities all offer a experiential feast for the senses of guests on Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours Southeast Asia vacation offerings, detailed in a new 2021/2022 "Exotic Wonders of Southeast Asia River Cruising" brochure. Coupled with these offers is the company's *Book with Confidence* program, providing guests with additional booking flexibility, a free Deposit Protection Plan (value \$125) and deposits reduced 50%; and its <u>Cruise in Confidence</u> plan, which details the new health and safety policies and practices in place to keep guests and crew safe while cruising.

Scenic is the only river cruise line to design, build, own and operate their SE Asia luxury river ships to strict European safety standards. The company's five-star boutique ships - the 68-guest *Scenic Spirit* on the Mekong and the 44-guest *Scenic Aura* on the Irrawaddy - act as the perfect sanctuary for relaxing after a day of cultural discovery. With Scenic staffed offices in each key city, the company is able to set a standard of consistency and training that is unmatched as well as offer an array of unique local experiences, drawn from the staff's wealth of regional knowledge.

Highlights on a Mekong cruise/land adventure include making use of multiple forms of transport bicycles, ox carts, Tuk Tuks, long tail boats, speed boats and sampans; learning the art of Vietnamese and Cambodian cooking; meeting with novice Buddhist monks; sitting with survivors of the Khmer Rouge; and enjoying lunch at a local NGO restaurant that teaches local street kids hospitality skills.

Along the Myanmar's Irrawaddy, guests spend time with locals on the 'Circle' train that travels around Yangon; take in Salay's mix of old Burmese and British architecture and visit Youqson Kyaung, a beautiful teak monastery; partake in early morning alms for the local monks; and learn about life at home with a visit to a Intha family for lunch at Inle Lake.

Scenic Enrich are exclusive-to-Scenic excursions and truly make every journey special and memorable. Possibilities include a magical themed gala dinner at Cambodia's Angkor Wat, with a unique and outstanding show featuring the alluring Apsara dancers; vintage Vespas rides in Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh, taking in the energy of the nightlife and an array of delicious street foods; and, in Myanmar, an opportunity to interact with novice monks, nuns and orphans at a monastic-supported school.

Scenic's truly all-inclusive cruise fares (cruise portion only) means everything except massages and the hair dresser is included: private butler service, unlimited complimentary beverages, gratuities, transfers, cultural entertainment, regional cuisine as well as Western dining in customized settings: poolside to cabin, al fresco to fine dining. And Scenic Freechoice activities help create remarkable memories from the regions' kaleidoscope of customs and cuisine.

Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours has grown over its 34-year history to include award-winning, allinclusive river and ocean cruises and handcrafted land tours that take participants to many of the world's most fascinating destinations. Since 2008, Scenic has offered river cruises in Europe, SE Asia and Russia on its 15 Space-Ships and Egypt on a luxury charter. In 2019, Scenic introduced the world's first luxury Discovery Yacht, the 228-guest *Scenic Eclipse*.

Additional information can be obtained via travel agents; or in the US: <u>www.scenicusa.com</u>; phone 844-788-7985; or email: <u>info@scenicusa.com</u> and in Canada: <u>www.scenic.ca</u>; phone (866) 689-8611; or email: <u>info@scenic.ca</u>.

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