Cross-Border Mekong Delta Exploration: Phnom Penh to Ho Chi Minh City – 3 Days

3D / 2N	Easy	Private	USD 215 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

Begin your adventure in Cambodia's capital, traveling by speedboat into Vietnam's vibrant Mekong Delta. Discover floating markets, traditional villages, and scenic waterways before concluding your trip in the bustling Ho Chi Minh City.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Phnom Penh → Chau Doc → Can Tho → Vinh Long → My Tho → Ho Chi Minh City

TOUR OVERVIEW

Overview: Mekong Delta Discovery

This three-day expedition offers a unique cross-border passage, commencing in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and leading deep into the heart of Vietnam's Mekong Delta. Experience the authentic rhythm of life along the river, from bustling floating markets to serene rural communities, culminating in the dynamic urban environment of Ho Chi Minh City. This tour provides a comprehensive glimpse into the distinct cultures and landscapes of the region.

Tour Highlights

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Explore traditional floating fish farms and a vibrant Cham minority weaving village.

Observe diverse birdlife at the Thot Not Bird Sanctuary near Long Xuyen.

Navigate the lively Cai Rang Floating Market by boat, witnessing local trade.

Discover the craft of vermicelli noodle making in a Mekong Delta village.

Cross an authentic "Monkey Bridge" and interact with local residents.

Route Summary

The journey commences in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, with a high-speed boat transfer to Chau Doc in Vietnam. From there, the route continues by road, exploring the provincial towns of Long Xuyen and Can Tho, offering various facets of the Mekong Delta's daily life and natural beauty, before reaching the final destination of Ho Chi Minh City.

Who This Tour Suits

This tour is ideal for families, couples, and individual travelers interested in cultural immersion, natural landscapes, and a blend of riverine and urban experiences. It's particularly well-suited for those who appreciate guided explorations, comfortable private transport, and a desire to witness local traditions firsthand.

Practical Information

Travelers will experience various modes of transport, including a high-speed boat for the international crossing, local motorboats for river excursions, and private car transfers between towns. Accommodation is provided in hand-picked hotels in Chau Doc and Can Tho, offering comfort after each day's exploration. Meals are included as specified in the itinerary, providing a taste of authentic local cuisine.

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Phnom Penh Departure & Chau Doc River Arrival

Meals: D | Stay: Chosen hotel in Chau Doc | Transport: Hotel pick up, transfer to pier, Hang Chau Express boat, transfer to hotel

Your journey begins with a convenient pickup from your hotel in Phnom Penh at 11:30 AM. From there, you will be transferred to the boat pier to board the Hang Chau Express boat, departing promptly at 12:00 PM. This high-speed vessel will carry you across the border and down the Mekong River into Vietnam.

Upon arrival in Chau Doc around 4:30 PM, a local representative will meet you and provide a transfer to your pre-selected accommodation. Later in the afternoon, prepare for a captivating hour-long cruise along the serene Lower Mekong River, offering initial glimpses into the region's unique aquatic lifestyle. The day's exploration continues with a visit to Sam Mountain and its distinctive cave pagoda, a significant spiritual site.

Ascend to the summit of Sam Mountain to witness a breathtaking sunset, casting vibrant hues over the vast, flat rice fields stretching towards the Vietnamese-Cambodian border. This panoramic vista provides a perfect end to your first day. A welcome dinner is arranged for you, allowing you to savor local flavors before settling into your hotel for the night in Chau Doc.

Day 2 — Mekong Delta Life: Floating Villages & Traditional Crafts

Meals: B/L | Stay: Chosen hotel in Can Tho | Transport: Motor boat, private car/van

Start your day with breakfast at your hotel before embarking on a motor boat excursion. This trip will take you to explore the fascinating floating fish farms, where locals raise various aquatic species directly on the river. You'll also visit a vibrant floating village, offering a unique insight into the daily lives of communities sustained by the Mekong's waters.

The cultural exploration continues with a visit to a traditional weaving village inhabited by the Cham minority. Here, you can observe their intricate craftsmanship and learn about their unique heritage. Following these enriching experiences, you will depart from Chau Doc and travel towards Long Xuyen, a provincial city further into the delta.

In Long Xuyen, the itinerary includes a stop at the Thot Not Bird Sanctuary, a haven for various bird species, providing an opportunity for nature observation. You will also visit a local village renowned for its incense stick making, witnessing the traditional process. Upon arrival in Can Tho, you'll check into your hotel. Dinner this evening is at your own expense, allowing

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for personal dining choices, followed by an overnight stay in Can Tho.

Day 3 Cai Rang Floating Market & Ho Chi Minh City Journey

Meals: B/L | Transport: Boat trip, private car/van

After enjoying breakfast at your hotel, embark on a leisurely boat trip to navigate the picturesque tributaries of the Lower Mekong River, specifically exploring the Bassac River. This scenic journey leads you to the Cai Rang floating market, widely recognized as the most active and vibrant market in the entire region. Witness the lively trade as vendors exchange goods directly from their boats.

During your market visit, you'll have the opportunity to see how Vietnamese vermicelli soup, a staple dish, is traditionally made. Following this, you'll wander through the surrounding village, engaging with local residents and gaining a deeper understanding of their daily routines and customs. A unique cultural experience awaits as you learn to cross a "Monkey Bridge," a simple yet iconic bamboo structure common in the delta.

Return to Can Tho for a delicious lunch at a local restaurant, savoring authentic Vietnamese cuisine. In the afternoon, you will depart for Ho Chi Minh City, with planned stopovers in the towns of Vinh Long and My Tho along the way. These stops offer additional glimpses into the delta's charm. Your memorable journey concludes upon arrival in Ho Chi Minh City, approximately at 5:00 PM.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- v Private car transfer & sightseeing as per program
- v Private boat trip in the Mekong delta
- v Express boat ticket Phnompenh – Chau Doc
- v English or French-speaking guide
- v All entrance fees
- v Meals as indicated in the program (L = Lunch; D = Dinner)
- v 2 mineral water/day/pax

NOT INCLUDED

- x Personal Expenses
- x Drinks
- x Others not mentioned

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CANCELLATION POLICY

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