Mekong Delta & Cambodia River Journey – 3 Days

3D / 2N	Easy	Private	USD 175 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

This 3-day adventure begins in Ho Chi Minh City, traversing the vibrant Mekong Delta with its floating markets and local life, culminating in a scenic speedboat transfer to Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Ho Chi Minh City → My Tho → Ben Tre → Can Tho → Chau Doc → Phnom Penh

TOUR OVERVIEW

Embark on a unique 3-day, 2-night journey from the bustling Ho Chi Minh City, through the heart of Vietnam's Mekong Delta, and across the border into Cambodia's capital, Phnom Penh. This tour offers an intimate look at the delta's intricate waterways, local industries, and vibrant daily life before a swift and scenic transfer to your next destination.

Mekong Delta Exploration

The initial days are dedicated to exploring the diverse landscapes and cultural practices of the Mekong Delta. You'll navigate natural canals, visit fruit plantations, and observe traditional crafts. Highlights include interacting with local families, sampling regional produce, and witnessing the lively atmosphere of a floating market, a quintessential delta experience.

Riverine Journey to Cambodia

The adventure culminates with a memorable speedboat ride up the Mekong River from Chau Doc to Phnom Penh. This segment provides a picturesque view of the riverbanks and a convenient way to cross into Cambodia, making it an ideal choice for travelers looking to combine a deep dive into the Mekong Delta with onward travel.

Who This Tour Suits

This tour is perfect for active travelers and families interested in cultural immersion and natural beauty. It’s also suitable for those with kids, offering engaging activities like boat rides and visits to local workshops. Private options are available for a more personalized experience.

Practical Information

Accommodation includes overnight stays in Can Tho and Chau Doc. Transportation is primarily by private car and various local boats, ensuring comfortable transfers and authentic experiences. Meals are provided as indicated in the itinerary, allowing you to savor local flavors.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

* Navigate the tranquil Bao Dinh and Tan Thach canals by boat, observing traditional stilt houses.
* Explore the bustling My Tho wholesale fruit market and sample fresh tropical produce.
* Visit a local family business in Ben Tre, gaining insight into rural Mekong Delta life.
* Experience a traditional rowing boat ride through narrow creeks on Thoi Son island.
* Witness the vibrant activity of the Cai Rang floating market, a regional highlight.
* Observe traditional vermicelli soup production and interact with villagers.
* Discover the Thot Not Bird Sanctuary near Long Xuyen, home to diverse avian species.

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* Travel by high-speed boat from Chau Doc, Vietnam, directly to Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Mekong Delta Exploration: My Tho, Ben Tre & Can Tho

Meals: L | Stay: Overnight in Can Tho | Transport: Private car, leisurely boat, motor boat, rowing boat

Your adventure begins with an early morning pickup from your Ho Chi Minh City accommodation at 8:00 AM. A comfortable transfer takes you south to My Tho, the gateway to the Mekong Delta. Upon arrival, you'll board a traditional boat for a serene journey along the Bao Dinh natural canal. This picturesque waterway is lined with distinctive stilt houses and lush fruit plantations, offering a glimpse into the local way of life.

The morning continues with a visit to the bustling My Tho wholesale fruit market, where you can observe vendors trading a colorful array of tropical produce. Afterwards, the boat proceeds to Tortoise Island. Lunch is a delightful affair, served amidst the tranquility of a local orchard, allowing you to savor regional flavors in a natural setting.

In the afternoon, you'll experience Ben Tre, known for its coconut industry. Another boat ride takes you through the narrow Tan Thach natural canal, shaded by water coconut trees. Here, you'll visit a family-run business, providing insight into the idyllic rural lifestyle and traditional crafts of the delta. The exploration continues with a trek through a fruit plantation on Thoi Son Island, followed by a unique rowing boat experience along smaller creeks, offering a closer perspective of the delta's intricate network. Finally, a motor boat returns you to My Tho.

The day concludes with a transfer to Can Tho City, passing through Vinh Long, where a stop includes a visit to a local snake market. You will then check into your hotel in Can Tho for the night, reflecting on a day filled with cultural discoveries and scenic beauty.

Activities:
Hotel pickup in Ho Chi Minh City
Transfer by private car to My Tho
Leisurely boat ride on Bao Dinh natural canal
Visit My Tho wholesale fruit market
Explore Tortoise Island
Enjoy lunch at a local orchard
Boat trip through Tan Thach natural canal in Ben Tre
Observe a family business demonstrating rural life
Trek through a fruit plantation on Thoi Son Island
Experience a traditional rowing boat ride along creeks
Return to My Tho by motor boat
Travel to Can Tho via Vinh Long
Visit a snake market in Vinh Long
Overnight stay in Can Tho

Day 2 — Can Tho Floating Market & Chau Doc Bird Sanctuary

Meals: B,L | Stay: Overnight in Chau Doc | Transport: Boat, private car

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Following breakfast, your day in the Mekong Delta continues with a captivating boat excursion. You'll navigate the picturesque tributaries of the Lower Mekong River, also known as the Bassac River, offering stunning views of the delta's serene waterways and lush surroundings. The highlight of the morning is a visit to the renowned Cai Rang floating market, one of the most vibrant and authentic markets in the region. Witness the lively scene as local merchants trade goods directly from their boats, creating a kaleidoscope of colors and sounds.

Beyond the market, you'll gain a deeper understanding of local culinary traditions. Observe the intricate process of making Vietnamese vermicelli soup, a staple dish, and learn about its preparation firsthand. Afterwards, take time to wander through the nearby village, engaging with local residents and experiencing their daily routines, providing a genuine connection to the delta's community.

An interesting cultural experience awaits as you learn to cross a "monkey bridge," a traditional bamboo structure that requires balance and agility, offering a taste of rural challenges. After a break for lunch, the journey proceeds towards Chau Doc. Along the way, a significant stop is made at Long Xuyen to visit the Thot Not Bird Sanctuary. This sanctuary is a haven for numerous bird species, providing an opportunity for birdwatching and enjoying the natural beauty of the delta's wildlife.

The day concludes upon arrival in Chau Doc, where you will settle into your accommodation for the night, ready for the final leg of your journey to Cambodia.

Activities: Breakfast at hotel
Boat trip on Lower Mekong River tributaries
Visit Cai Rang floating market
Observe vermicelli soup production
Explore a local village and interact with residents
Learn to cross a traditional "monkey bridge"
Enjoy lunch
Travel to Chau Doc
Stop at Long Xuyen to visit Thot Not Bird Sanctuary
Overnight stay in Chau Doc

Day 3 Cross-Border Transfer: Chau Doc to Phnom Penh

Meals: B | Transport: Speed boat

After enjoying breakfast at your hotel in Chau Doc, preparation for the international transfer to Cambodia begins. At 7:30 AM, you will be transferred to the local pier to board a high-speed boat. This scenic river journey will take you directly from Vietnam's Mekong Delta across the border and into the heart of Cambodia.

The boat ride offers a unique perspective of the Mekong River, allowing you to observe life along its banks as you travel upstream. This efficient and comfortable mode of transport ensures a smooth transition between the two countries. You are expected to arrive at the Sisowath tourist dock in Phnom Penh, the capital city of Cambodia, around 12:00 PM (noon).

Upon arrival, your services with the tour conclude, leaving you free to begin your exploration of Phnom Penh or connect with your onward travel arrangements. This final leg of the journey provides a memorable conclusion to your Mekong Delta experience and a convenient entry point into Cambodia.

Activities: Breakfast at hotel
Transfer to speedboat pier

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High-speed boat journey from Chau Doc to Phnom Penh
Arrive at Sisowath tourist dock in Phnom Penh

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- v Accommodation based on Double/Twin sharing room at specified hotels or similar
- v Private car transfer
- v Private boat trip in Mekong Delta
- v Express boat ticket Chau Doc - Phnom Penh
- v English or French-speaking guide
- v All entrance fees
- v Meals as indicated in the program (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch)
- v 2 mineral water/day/pax

NOT INCLUDED

- x Personal Expenses
- x Drinks
- x Others not mentioned
- x Cambodia Visa upon arrival (US$20/pax + 01 passport sized photo)

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CANCELLATION POLICY

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