Mekong Delta Discovery: Ben Tre, Can Tho & Chau Doc – 4 Days

4D / 3N	Easy	Private	USD 599 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

Explore the authentic Mekong Delta over four days, venturing from Ho Chi Minh City to the lush coconut groves of Ben Tre, the vibrant floating markets of Can Tho, and the scenic landscapes around Chau Doc. Experience local life, diverse cuisine, and unique riverine culture.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Ben Tre → Can Tho → Chau Doc → Ho Chi Minh City

TOUR OVERVIEW

Embark on a captivating 4-day private journey through the heart of Vietnam's Mekong Delta, starting and ending in the vibrant Ho Chi Minh City. This meticulously crafted tour offers an intimate exploration of the region's unique riverine culture, lush landscapes, and authentic local life. You will travel by private vehicle, boat, and even motorbike, ensuring a diverse and engaging perspective on this fascinating area. From traditional craft villages in Ben Tre to the bustling floating markets of Can Tho and the serene natural beauty around Chau Doc, this itinerary promises a deep dive into the Mekong's charm.<□r>

Tour Highlights
Cruise through the intricate waterways of Ben Tre, observing coconut processing and local fishing.
Experience a tranquil paddle boat ride through small, verdant canals.
Savor the flavors of Can Tho on an exciting evening street food tour by motorbike.
Witness the vibrant spectacle of Cai Rang Floating Market at sunrise from a traditional boat.
Explore the ecological wonders of Tra Su Cajuput Forest, home to diverse bird species.
Ascend Sam Mountain near Chau Doc for breathtaking panoramic vistas and spiritual sites.
Gain insights into local industries, from brick making to traditional mattress production.
Enjoy authentic regional cuisine, including meals served in unique local settings.
Route Overview
Your adventure begins with a morning pickup from Ho Chi Minh City, heading directly to Ben Tre, known as the "land of coconuts." After exploring its crafts and waterways, you will transfer to Can Tho for two nights, immersing yourself in its urban charm and river life, including an unforgettable floating market experience. The journey then continues west to Chau Doc, a border town offering cultural richness and natural beauty, before concluding with your return transfer to Ho Chi Minh City.<□r>

Ideal for Travelers Who
This private tour is perfect for those seeking an in-depth cultural immersion away from larger group settings. It caters to travelers interested in authentic local interactions, diverse culinary experiences, and exploring unique natural environments by various modes of transport. A moderate level of physical activity, including some walking and cycling, is involved.<□r>

Practical Information
The tour departs daily at 8:00 AM from your hotel or a designated meeting point in Ho Chi Minh City. Transportation throughout the tour is private, utilizing comfortable cars for longer transfers, along with local boats, paddle boats, bicycles, and motorbikes

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for specific excursions. Accommodation for three nights is provided in 4-star resorts, ensuring comfort after days of exploration. Daily breakfast and lunch are included, alongside an English-speaking tour guide and all entrance fees, providing a hassle-free travel experience.<□r>

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

* Cruising through Ben Tre's coconut groves and small canals by paddle boat.
* Engaging in local fishing activities and visiting traditional craft workshops.
* Savoring Vietnamese street food during an evening motorbike tour in Can Tho.
* Witnessing the bustling Cai Rang Floating Market at sunrise from a boat.
* Exploring the tranquil Tra Su Cajuput Forest by sampan, observing diverse birdlife.
* Ascending Sam Mountain for panoramic views and visiting ancient temples.
* Discovering floating fish farms and an Islamic village near Chau Doc.
* Enjoying authentic regional meals, including breakfast on the water.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Ho Chi Minh City to Ben Tre & Can Tho Riverine Exploration

Meals: Lunch | Stay: Con Khuong resort | Transport: Private car, boat, paddle boat, bicycle

The journey begins with an early morning departure from Ho Chi Minh City, heading south into the heart of the Mekong Delta. Your first destination is Ben Tre, a province renowned for its abundant coconut industry. Upon arrival, you will embark on a scenic boat trip along the river, observing the daily life of local fishermen. There's an opportunity to participate in catching prawns, a seasonal activity, and even enjoy them cooked fresh on the boat (at your own expense).<□r>
Later, the tour delves into local craftsmanship with visits to a traditional coconut candy factory, where you can witness the process of making this regional delicacy, and a chocolate-making facility. A highlight of the afternoon involves a tranquil paddle boat ride through narrow, quiet canals, offering serene views of the surrounding landscapes. You'll also enjoy a delightful lunch at a local fruit garden, savoring fresh produce.<□r>
The cultural insights continue with stops at a brick factory, observing traditional brick-making methods, and a local house specializing in mattress production. As the day concludes, you will be transferred to Can Tho, where you'll check into the 4-star Con Khuong resort for your overnight stay.<□r>

Activities: Depart from Ho Chi Minh City for Ben Tre
Take a boat trip along the Ben Tre river
Observe or participate in local fishing for prawns
Visit a coconut candy factory
Explore a chocolate making place
Enjoy a paddle boat ride on a small canal

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Have lunch at a fruit garden
Visit a traditional brick factory
Discover a local mattress production house
Transfer to Can Tho and check into your resort

Day 2 Can Tho Relaxation & Evening Street Food Adventure

Meals: Breakfast, Food trial | Stay: Con Khuong resort | Transport: Motorbikes

Today offers a more relaxed pace during the daytime, allowing you to unwind and enjoy the amenities of the Con Khuong resort in Can Tho. This provides a perfect opportunity to recharge before an exciting evening.<□r>
As dusk settles, prepare for an immersive culinary experience with a guided motorbike food tour. Starting around 6 PM, your personal driver will navigate you through the city's lively streets for approximately three hours. This unique journey allows you to experience Can Tho's nightlife from the back of a scooter, feeling the city's pulse.<□r>
The food tour includes sampling a variety of local delicacies. You will taste savory Banh Xeo and Banh Khot, traditional Vietnamese pancakes, and refresh yourself with local fruit juice or Nuoc Mia My Tho, a special sugarcane juice. Other culinary highlights feature crispy burnt rice with caramelized sauce (cơm cháy kho quẹt), a flavorful island hotpot, and a comforting combination of soya milk with sticky rice. This evening provides an authentic taste of Can Tho's vibrant food scene and urban atmosphere.<□r>

Activities:
Relax at Con Khuong resort during the day
Embark on an evening motorbike food tour
Taste Banh Xeo and Banh Khot (Vietnamese Pancakes)
Enjoy fruit juice or Nuoc Mia My Tho (sugarcane juice)
Sample burnt rice with caramelized sauce (cơm cháy kho quẹt)
Try an island hotpot
Savor soya milk and sticky rice
Experience Can Tho's city nightlife from a scooter

Day 3 Can Tho Floating Market & Tra Su Sanctuary Expedition

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Victoria Nui Sam Lodge | Transport: Boat, private car, paddle boat

Begin your day with an early morning visit to the renowned Cai Rang Floating Market, a quintessential Mekong Delta experience. You'll board a boat and navigate through the bustling waterways, observing vendors selling a vibrant array of fruits, vegetables, and other goods directly from their vessels. A unique highlight is enjoying a traditional Vietnamese breakfast, such as Hu Tieu noodles, served directly on the boat amidst the market's lively atmosphere.<□r>
Following the market, the tour continues with stops at a local noodle house, where you can see how traditional rice noodles are made, and a serene Khmer pagoda, offering a glimpse into the region's diverse cultural heritage. You'll also explore a local market on land before embarking on a scenic drive towards Chau Doc.<□r>
The journey includes passing thousands of picturesque rice fields, showcasing the agricultural heartland of Vietnam. A significant stop is the Tra Su Cajuput Forest, a protected natural reserve. Here, you'll enjoy a peaceful paddle boat ride deep

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into the sanctuary, surrounded by lush cajuput trees and an abundance of birdlife. Lunch will be a truly local experience at O Thum Lake, a hidden gem rarely visited by international tourists. Finally, you will check into the Victoria Nui Sam Lodge in Chau Doc for the night.<□r>

Activities:
Visit Cai Rang Floating Market by boat
Enjoy breakfast on the boat at the floating market
Explore a local noodle house
Visit a Khmer pagoda
Discover a local market
Travel towards Chau Doc, passing rice fields
Explore Tra Su Cajuput Forest by paddle boat
Have lunch at O Thum Lake
Check into Victoria Nui Sam Lodge in Chau Doc

Day 4 Chau Doc Cultural Sites & Return to Ho Chi Minh City

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Transport: Private car

Your final day begins with breakfast at the lodge before embarking on a tour of Chau Doc's significant cultural and natural landmarks. The first stop is Sam Mountain, a prominent peak offering expansive panoramic views of the surrounding delta landscape and beyond, into Cambodia. You'll ascend the mountain to visit various temples and shrines nestled on its slopes, including the revered Holy Mother Temple.<□r>
The exploration continues with a visit to a unique floating fish village situated directly on the Mekong River. Here, you'll witness traditional aquaculture practices, with houses built over fish farms. Afterwards, the tour takes you to an Islamic village, providing insight into the distinct culture and lifestyle of the Cham people in the region.<□r>
After immersing yourself in these diverse cultural experiences, you will begin your return journey to Ho Chi Minh City. Lunch will be provided en route, ensuring a comfortable and convenient trip back to the bustling metropolis, where the tour concludes with drop-off at your hotel or a designated meeting point.<□r>

Activities:
Drive up to Sam Mountain
Visit the Holy Mother Temple
Explore a floating fish village on the Mekong River
Visit an Islamic village
Return transfer to Ho Chi Minh City
Enjoy lunch during the return journey

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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v Daily breakfast and lunch	x Personal gifts and souvenirs
v Food tasting experiences	x Alcoholic beverages

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- v Hotel pickup and drop-off in Ho Chi Minh City
- v Private transportation (cars, boats, bicycles, sampan boats)
- v English-speaking tour guide
- v All entrance fees
- v Fresh fruits and drinks
- v Three nights accommodation at 4-star resorts
- v All applicable taxes

- x Optional activities or meals not specified

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CANCELLATION POLICY

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