Mekong Delta Homestay & Floating Markets – 3 Days

3D / 2N	Easy	Private	USD 160 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

Discover the authentic charm of the Mekong Delta over three days, staying with local families, exploring vibrant floating markets, and cruising through serene waterways.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Ho Chi Minh City → My Tho → Vinh Long → Can Tho

TOUR OVERVIEW

Overview: This three-day journey takes you deep into the heart of Vietnam's Mekong Delta, offering a unique opportunity to connect with local culture and witness daily life along the river. From the bustling energy of Saigon, you'll venture into a world of lush islands, traditional villages, and vibrant floating markets. The experience is designed to provide an intimate look at the region, featuring homestays that allow for genuine interaction with Vietnamese families.
Highlights:
Cruise through the intricate waterways of the Mekong Delta.
Visit Thoi Son Island and sample fresh tropical fruits directly from orchards.
Enjoy a traditional "elephant ear" fish lunch at a local restaurant.
Explore the lively Cai Be floating market by motorized boat.
Learn about local crafts like rice paper and rice crispies production.
Experience authentic overnight homestays in Vinh Long and My Khanh.
Witness the vibrant trade at Cai Rang floating market, a true spectacle of river commerce.
Route Summary: The adventure begins with a road transfer from Ho Chi Minh City to My Tho, the gateway to the Mekong Delta. From there, you'll navigate the Mekong River to islands near Vinh Long for your first homestay. Day two involves exploring Cai Be's floating market and local crafts before heading to Can Tho for another homestay. The tour concludes with an early morning visit to Cai Rang floating market, followed by a return drive to Ho Chi Minh City.
Who It Suits: This tour is ideal for families and private groups seeking an authentic cultural experience away from typical tourist paths. Travelers interested in nature, relaxation, and history will appreciate the blend of river exploration, village visits, and direct engagement with local customs. It's perfect for those who enjoy rustic accommodations and a slower pace of travel.
Practical Information: The tour includes private car transfers, boat trips, an English-speaking guide, entrance fees, and mineral water. Meals specified (2 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners) and homestay accommodations are part of the package. Travelers should be prepared for basic, comfortable lodging and embrace the local way of life. Personal expenses, drinks, and items not explicitly mentioned are excluded.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

* Travel by road from Saigon to the Mekong Delta's gateway city, My Tho.
* Navigate the Mekong River by boat, exploring islands and rural communities.
* Visit Thoi Son Island to sample fresh, locally grown tropical fruits.
* Savor a traditional "elephant ear" fish lunch at a riverside eatery.

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* Experience an authentic overnight homestay on an island in Vinh Long.
* Observe the bustling trade at Cai Be floating market from a motorized boat.
* Discover local craft processes like rice paper and rice crispies production.
* Enjoy a peaceful boat ride through a quiet village, observing rural life.
* Spend a second night at a homestay in My Khanh Tourist Village near Can Tho.
* Witness the vibrant early morning activity at Cai Rang Floating Market.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Saigon Departure & Mekong River Exploration to Vinh Long

Meals: L, D | Stay: Homestay at local homestay | Transport: Private car, riverboat

The journey begins at 8:00 AM from Ho Chi Minh City, heading southwest by road towards My Tho, a key entry point to the Mekong Delta, approximately 72 kilometers away. Upon reaching My Tho, travelers will board a riverboat to commence an extensive excursion across the vast Mekong River. This scenic cruise navigates through numerous islands adorned with vibrant greenery and past quaint, traditional rural settlements, offering a glimpse into the tranquil life along the riverbanks.

The boat continues towards Thoi Son Island, where guests have the unique opportunity to visit a local residence. Here, they can sample a variety of fresh, tropical fruits directly from the island's abundant orchards, experiencing the region's agricultural richness firsthand. Lunch is served at a local restaurant, featuring a distinctive regional delicacy: "elephant ear" fish, providing an authentic taste of Mekong cuisine. Following lunch, the group proceeds to Vinh Long, where the day concludes with an overnight homestay experience on a local island, allowing for an immersive cultural exchange.

Activities:
Depart from Ho Chi Minh City by road
Board a riverboat in My Tho
Cruise the Mekong River past lush islands
Visit Thoi Son Island
Taste tropical fruits from local orchards
Enjoy a local lunch featuring "elephant ear" fish
Transfer to Vinh Long for an island homestay

Day 2 — Cai Be Floating Market & Can Tho Homestay Experience

Meals: B, L, D | Stay: Homestay at MyKhanh tourist village | Transport: Motorized boat

The morning begins with a motorized boat trip, venturing to the lively Cai Be floating market. Here, visitors will observe a bustling scene where local vendors engage in the vibrant tradition of buying, selling, and exchanging goods directly from their boats. This provides a fascinating insight into the unique commerce of the Mekong Delta.

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Following the market visit, a guided walk explores the surrounding area, offering a closer look at local industries. Guests will witness the fascinating processes of rice paper making and rice crispies production, gaining an appreciation for traditional Vietnamese crafts. A break for relaxation is included, accompanied by a complimentary Vietnamese lunch featuring an assortment of tropical fruits, highlighting the fresh produce of the region.

The afternoon continues with another boat journey, this time through a tranquil village. This serene passage allows travelers to admire the peaceful daily routines of the villagers and the remarkable natural beauty of the Mekong Delta's landscape. Afterwards, the tour proceeds to Can Tho, where the day culminates with a comfortable homestay at MyKhanh tourist village, offering another opportunity for cultural immersion.

Activities: Take a motorized boat to Cai Be floating market
Observe local trading activities from boats
Walk through orchards and local workshops
See rice paper making and rice crispies production
Enjoy a Vietnamese lunch with tropical fruits
Boat through a peaceful village
Travel to Can Tho
Check into homestay at MyKhanh tourist village

Day 3 Cai Rang Floating Market & Return to Ho Chi Minh City

Meals: B, L | Transport: Boat, car

The day begins early with breakfast at 7:00 AM, preparing for the morning's activities. By 7:45 AM, guests will embark on a boat trip specifically designed for sightseeing at the renowned Cai Rang Floating Market. This market is one of the largest and most vibrant in the Mekong Delta, where hundreds of boats gather to trade agricultural products, fruits, and local goods. Observing the lively commerce and unique marketing strategies of the vendors provides a captivating cultural experience.

Following the market visit, a delicious lunch will be served in a picturesque fruit garden, allowing guests to enjoy fresh produce in a serene setting. This offers a pleasant contrast to the morning's bustling market atmosphere. At 1:00 PM, the return journey to Ho Chi Minh City commences by road. The tour concludes with a drop-off at your hotel in Saigon, marking the end of the services provided.

Activities: Have breakfast
Take a boat trip to Cai Rang Floating Market
Observe the bustling market activities
Enjoy lunch in a fruit garden
Drive back to Ho Chi Minh City
Get dropped off at your hotel in Saigon

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- v English speaking guide
- v Entrance fees
- v Mineral water
- v Meals as mentioned (2 breakfast, 3 lunches, 2 dinners)
- v Accommodation at homestay in Vinh Long & Can Tho

NOT INCLUDED

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

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CANCELLATION POLICY

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