Mekong Delta Speedboat Journey to Ben Tre – Full Day Tour

1D / 0N	Easy	Group	USD 110 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

Experience the serene beauty of the Mekong Delta on a full-day speedboat excursion from Ho Chi Minh City to Ben Tre. Glide along tranquil canals, discover local markets, savor regional cuisine, and engage with traditional village life, including honey farms and coconut candy workshops.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Ho Chi Minh City → Ben Tre

TOUR OVERVIEW

Overview of Your Mekong Delta Adventure

This comprehensive full-day tour offers a unique opportunity to escape the urban energy of Ho Chi Minh City and delve into the authentic rural charm of the Mekong Delta. Traveling by luxury speedboat, you'll witness the vibrant life along the riverbanks as you journey towards Ben Tre province. The itinerary is carefully crafted to provide a blend of cultural immersion, scenic beauty, and culinary delights, making it an ideal choice for travelers seeking a deeper understanding of Southern Vietnam's countryside.

Key Experiences and Cultural Insights

Highlights of this excursion include a visit to a bustling local market in Long An, offering a glimpse into daily commerce and exotic fruits. In Ben Tre, often called the "land of coconuts," you'll experience traditional river life with a serene rowing boat trip through narrow canals. Engage with local artisans at a coconut candy workshop, learn about beekeeping, and enjoy a taste of local honey tea. A special treat is listening to "Don Ca Tai Tu," the Southern traditional folk music, recognized by UNESCO for its cultural significance.

Journey Through the Delta's Heart

The route takes you from Ho Chi Minh City directly into the heart of the Mekong Delta, specifically to Long An province for a market visit, and then deeper into Ben Tre. This carefully planned journey ensures you spend less time in transit and more time experiencing the unique delta environment. The return trip by speedboat offers another chance to appreciate the changing landscapes as you head back to the city.

Who Will Love This Tour?

This tour is perfect for individuals, couples, and small groups interested in cultural exploration, natural landscapes, and authentic local interactions. It suits those who appreciate a comfortable and efficient mode of transport while desiring a genuine connection with Vietnamese traditions and rural life. Travelers looking for a day trip filled with diverse activities and delicious regional food will find this experience particularly rewarding.

Practical Information for Your Trip

Your day begins with a convenient hotel pickup in District 1 of Ho Chi Minh City, followed by a transfer to Tan Cang pier. A light breakfast is served on board the speedboat. Lunch features a traditional 7-course Vietnamese meal at Diem Phuong restaurant, including specialties like Elephant-Ear fish. The tour concludes with a return transfer to your hotel, allowing you to either relax or continue exploring Saigon independently.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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* Speedboat journey from Ho Chi Minh City, observing riverside life along the Saigon River.
* Explore a vibrant local market in Long An province, discovering unique regional produce.
* Row a traditional sampan through the tranquil, narrow canals of Ben Tre.
* Visit a local honey farm and taste freshly brewed honey tea.
* Witness the craft of coconut candy making at a family-run workshop.
* Enjoy a traditional 7-course Vietnamese lunch featuring Mekong Delta specialties like Elephant-Ear fish.
* Experience a ride on a Vietnamese Lambro tuk-tuk through rural village paths.
* Listen to "Don Ca Tai Tu," UNESCO-recognized Southern traditional folk music.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Ho Chi Minh City Departure & Ben Tre Delta Exploration

Meals: Light breakfast, 7-course Vietnamese traditional l | Transport: Car, luxury speedboat, small rowing boat, Vietnamese Lambro tuk-tuk

Your exciting day begins with a convenient pickup from your hotel in Ho Chi Minh City's District 1 at 07:30 AM. A comfortable car transfer will take you to the Tan Cang pier, where your luxury speedboat awaits. At 08:00 AM, the speedboat departs for the Mekong Delta, specifically heading towards Ben Tre. As you cruise along the river, a light breakfast of Pat' a Chou cake and Lavie water will be served, allowing you to enjoy the fresh air and observe the daily rhythm of life along the riverbanks, offering a unique perspective of the bustling city giving way to rural tranquility.

By 08:45 AM, you will arrive in the Mekong Delta area. The first stop involves stepping off the boat to explore a lively local market in Long An province. This provides an excellent opportunity to experience authentic Vietnamese daily life and discover a variety of exotic fruits and local produce, many of which you might not have encountered before. This is a fantastic moment for photography and to sample some of the region's typical fruits before continuing your journey deeper into Ben Tre province, often considered the true heart of the Mekong Delta.

Upon reaching Ben Tre, the tour truly immerses you in the peaceful atmosphere of the water region. You'll embark on a serene journey in a small rowing boat, navigating through narrow canals while wearing a traditional conical hat. An optional tasting of unique snake or scorpion wines is available for the adventurous. The exploration continues with a visit to local plantations, where you'll learn about beekeeping and enjoy a refreshing cup of honey tea made from a local family recipe. You'll also be treated to a performance of Southern traditional folk music, "Don Ca Tai Tu," an art form recognized by UNESCO for its cultural heritage, passed down for over a century.

The adventure shifts gears as you board a Vietnamese Lambro tuk-tuk, a vehicle commonly used for local transport, for a ride along winding village roads. This offers an intimate view of local houses and gardens. A visit to a small, family-run coconut candy business reveals the intricate process of making these traditional sweets and highlights how every part of the coconut is utilized in local life. At 1:00 PM, the speedboat will take you to Diem Phuong restaurant, where a delicious 7-course Vietnamese traditional lunch awaits, featuring the Mekong Delta's special Elephant-Ear fish, served with rice paper and various other regional dishes. After lunch, at 2:00 PM, the return journey to Saigon commences, with an estimated arrival back in Ho

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Chi Minh City by 4:00 PM. A car will then transfer you back to your hotel, or you may choose to explore Saigon further on your own.

Activities:
Hotel pickup in Ho Chi Minh City District 1
Transfer by car to Tan Cang pier
Depart by luxury speedboat to Mekong Delta (Ben Tre)
Enjoy a light breakfast on board
Explore a local market in Long An province
Row a small boat through Ben Tre's canals
Taste optional snake/scorpion wines
Visit a local honey farm and enjoy honey tea
Listen to Southern traditional folk music (Don Ca Tai Tu)
Ride a Vietnamese Lambro tuk-tuk through village roads
Visit a coconut candy family business
Enjoy a 7-course Vietnamese traditional lunch at Diem Phuong restaurant
Return transfer by speedboat and car to Ho Chi Minh City

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- v Insurance on boat & life jacket
- v English-speaking guide
- v Lavie water and wet towels
- v Hotel pick-up and drop-off in district 1
- v The Pat' a Chou cake & seasonal fruits at local market
- v Vietnamese traditional set lunch at Diem Phuong restaurant

NOT INCLUDED

- x Personal expenses
- x Drinks
- x Others not mentioned above

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CANCELLATION POLICY

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