

*The Mekong Delta is the bottom half of Vietnam's two rice baskets. This vast delta is formed by silt deposits from the multiple tentacles and tributaries of the mighty Mekong River. From its source in the Tibetan highland plateau 2,800 miles away, the river makes its way through China, Myanmar (Burma), Laos, Cambodia and South Vietnam. The Mekong's Vietnamese name, Cuu Long, means Nine Dragons for the nine mouths where the flow of this great river is absorbed into the sea. Cruising the Mekong Delta with a lazy waterway tour is very unique way to get closeup view of local people in the delta. Experience a better understanding of local life and culture of those that live along the canals and waterways.*

## Angkor Wat and Sampan Mekong Cruise

10 days / 09 nights

Siem Reap – Phnom Penh – Chau Doc – Long Xuyen – Sa Dec – Vinh Long – Cai Be – Saigon



### Day 1/ Arrive Siem Reap

Arrive Siem Reap, meet our guide and transfer to hotel check in. The rest of day is at leisure.

### Day 2/ Siem Reap - Angkor Wat - Angkor Thom (B,D)

Morning, visit the National Museum. Then explore the Angkor Complex including Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom, the Terraces of Elephant, Leper King, Bayon and Ta Prohm. Lunch will be served at local restaurant.

Have dinner with Apsara show at Angkor Village Resort.



### Day 3/ Siem Reap – Banteay Srei – Ta Prohm (B,L)

Drive to Banteay Srei, the Citadel of Women with its very attractive carvings, the Royal bathing place – Srah Srang, and the unique brick sculptures in Prasat Kravan. Then Ta Prohm – the 12th century temple that has been left largely un-restored and is in its natural state surrounded by jungle with massive Banyan roots and limbs enveloping the stone-like tentacles. Return back to Siem Reap visit Les Artisan D'Angkor and Siem Reap Market (if time permits).

### Day 4/ Siem Reap - Phnom Penh (B,L) Flight

Transfer to the airport for the morning flight to Phnom Penh. Upon arrival, visit to Toul Sleng Museum and killing fields of Choeung Ek.

### Day 5/ Phnom Penh - Chau Doc (B,L)

We have a half day city tour to visit Independence Monument, National Museum, Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda located within the Royal Palace compound. Take Hang Chau Express boat to Chau Doc departs 1:30pm (4.5 hours). Arrive at Chau Doc, transfer to your hotel by the bus of Hang Chau boat. Free time. Overnight in Chau Doc

### Day 6/ Chau Doc - Long Xuyen (B,L)

Get on board your private Sampan then cruise through the floating village in Chau Doc to visit a fish farm. Then we make our way down stream, along the route we will stop and learn about local industry.

Upon arrival Long Xuyen, you will have soft biking on Ong Ho "Tiger" Island had been formed by the silt of Hau River.

Especially, there is the wooden house built on the island in which many artifacts of President Ton Duc Thang are being presented. Overnight in Long Xuyen

### Day 7/ Long Xuyen - Sa Dec - Vinh Long (B,L,D)

Another lazy day cruise downstream. Arrival Sa Dec, you will visit the local market and the Trung Vuong primary school where well known writer Marguerite Duras spent her childhood...

Continuing cruise to Vinh Long with lots of opportunities for great pictures - Upon to Binh Hoa Phuoc island for your home-stay in the village.



The activities includes: biking around the village, check in, make friend with the members of the family. Walk around the village or garden, and do cooking for your diner.

### Day 8/ Vinh Long - Cai Be - Saigon (B)

Cruise from Vinh Long to Cai Be (approx 50 minutes) well-known for its floating market. Visit local workshops where you can see how rices paste, coconut candy, popped rice, pop-corn and other products are made. Disembark and meet driver to depart for Sai Gon. Drop off at your hotel. Overnight in Saigon

### Day 9/ Saigon city tour & street food by night on scooters (B,L,D)

Morning tour includes the War Remnants Museum, City Post office building and Ben Thanh Market. Late afternoon, sit on our scooters riding through the busy lit boulevard to Chinatown and along "Tau Hu canal". Enjoy the real local tastes and blend yourself in local life. We end tour at local coffee shop.

### Day 10/ Saigon departure (B)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. Have a safe journey!

*Please feel free to contact us if you wish to depart from Saigon to Siem Reap instead.*

#### Tour cost included:

- Private transportation as in program
- Accommodation on Double/Twin room with breakfast
- A private cruise from Chau Doc to Cai Be
- Speed boat from Phnom Penh to Chau Doc
- Meals as indicated in program (excluded drinks)
- All sight-seeing fees as in program
- Local English speaking guide as described
- Complimentary 01 bottle of mineral water per person per day tour

#### Tour cost excluded:

- Drinks - private expenses
- Travel insurance of all types
- Tips - All airfares and visa
- All types of bank fees for payment
- Other services not mentioned