

BASSAC

Strong points | 2 days / 1 night



The Bassac take you into the greener areas of the Mekong Delta, overnight on the river and into the middle of the life about the river. They are entirely built of wood in the Mekong delta and according to the local marine traditions, and adapted for discovery cruises, open to outside and offering an immediate contact with the green surrounding of the ship. All three Bassac are built of wood according to the tradition of the rice barges of the Mekong delta, with amendments where safety standards require. Bassac I, which actually is a rice barge, is bought and overhauled into the cozy cabin cruiser it is today, and although Bassac II and III are entirely new hull designs, more adapted to their present purpose, they were built with the same craftsmanship and according to the same tradition.

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WAY CAN THO - CAI BE:

DAY 1: SAIGON – CAN THO – TRA ON – MANG THIT (L, D)

We will leave your hotel in Saigon and drive for Cần Thơ (transportation is not included in the cabin price, only on request). Embark on our boat at Cần Thơ around midday. Welcome drink, introduction of the boat and the staff, check-in. Departure to the downstream of the Bassac River. Lunch will be served aboard during the journey. Tour around the floating market of Trà Ôn. The Bassac enter the Nicolai canal toward the Măng Thít and Cổ Chiên River. Relax on the sundeck while enjoying the scenery of rice field, sugar cane and wooded banks. In the middle of the afternoon, the Bassac will anchor for a visit: behind curtains of tree, discover a simple and peaceful life of the Vietnamese countryside, rice fields, orchards and welcoming farmers. Come back aboard. Relax on the sundeck, sipping a drink during the dusk. The staff will serve dinner while the Bassac is cruising on Măng Thít to join the place for anchor during night.



DAY 2: MANG THIT – CAI BE – SAIGON (B)

At 6.30am, the boat will set sail toward Cái Bè. Have breakfast while watching the banks. The Bassac will cross the Cổ Chiên River upstream then enter Chợ Lách canal for a 30 minutes trip across small boat traffic transporting rice and sand, in a scenery of drying rack full of fruit and shipyard. Arrival near Cái Bè, check-out and go aboard a rowing boat for a peaceful visit of small

waterway. Meeting with a local for traveling to the banks and visit Cái Bè craft. End of our services in the middle of the morning at Cái Bè.



WAY CAI BE - CAN THO

DAY 1: AIGON – CA BE – MANG THIT – TRA ON (L, D)

In the morning, driver picks you up at the meeting point and transfers to Cai Be. You board at Cai Be at noon, enjoy welcome drink. Have introduction to the ship and crew, check in the cabins. You depart towards Cho Lach in Tien Giang. Enjoy lunch, en route. Rest on the deck. The Bassac slips into the Chợ Lách canal, in the middle of the hustle and bustle of the river traffic, between markets and churches, a unique opportunity for a glimpse of the very varied life on the banks as well as on the water. Spend a visit to a village on the banks of river Mang Thit, an opportunity to appreciate the way of life and hospitality of the local inhabitants. Visit of the orchard or rice fields nearby. Board back, complimentary drink as a welcome back on board. Rest on the deck enjoying the sunset. The crew will serve dinner while the Bassac is cruising Mang Thit River. The Bassac sets anchor just downstream from the little Tra On Floating Market for overnight.



DAY 2: TRA ON – CAN THO – CAI RANG FLOATING MARKET – SAIGON (B)

Breakfast is served from 6:30 AM, while the ship is cruising towards Tra On Floating Market. Then, continue to depart towards Can Tho. Arrival in Cai Rang Floating Market, check out and transfer

onto a local boat to visit the floating market, the nearby arroyos and gardens and return to the Ninh Kieu pier. And, you are transferred to HCMC. End of the trip.

***End of our services ***

Price includes

- *Transportation on board;*
- *Accommodation of each passenger in a twin-share cabin, double- or twin-bedded;*
- *Meals as mentioned*
- *Vietnamese coffee, tea; mineral water;*
- *Two visits on shore or on a small skiff;*
- *Access to all services on board;*
- *Access to and from the board on a longboat;*

Price excludes

- *Road*
- *Speedboat transfer*
- *Except if specifically mentioned in the booking confirmation*
- *Bar services*
- *Personal travel insurance*
- *Tips*
- *Gratuities*
- *Vietnam Visa*
- *Others not mentioned*

Remark:

- *Cruise itinerary and schedule are subject to change due to weather and operating conditions. Unused services are not subject to a refund.*
- *Meals on board are fusion: Vietnamese, Cambodian & international. Guests should advise of any special food preferences, allergies or dietary requirements at least three days prior to the cruise date.*
- *Advance registration is required with full name, date of birth, nationality, gender, passport number and visa expiry date for all passengers. A valid passport is required upon check-in. Otherwise, boarding may be denied by port authority.*
- *Surcharge on Christmas and New Year & on Lunar New Year.*

Estimated price

(According to the season)

- The price of this journey is estimated from 269 € /pers
- Talking about fixed prices when discussing a tailor-made trip makes little sense. Indeed, it varies depending on many factors (quality of services, period, reservation response time and many more).
- The only exact price will be the one of your personalized quote.



Information

Information given in this document is valuable at the preparation time of the journey and might be subject to change during its fulfillment for reasons independents of Mandarin Road's will (poor weather...)

Your trip will be considered as final, and so contractual, after your registration at the reception of your deposit.

For your safety:

Health: No vaccine are mandatory, still, we advise you have your **normal vaccine uploaded** (diphtheria, tetanus, typhoid, poliomyelitis, and hepatitis).

An antimalarial treatment might be necessary. Ask more advices to your own doctor. Moreover, don't forget to check your dentist before your departure – you can check our *general information rubric on our website*.

Food and water: Vietnamese food is healthy, varied and light. Occidental people can find some common point with their own daily food, but it also have typical Asiatic tastes.

About the **water**, we advise you to buy bottle of water (mineral or purified, but always unopened) or to take pastille of Mirco Pur. Keep in mind that tap water in hotels is not always drinkable.

Be aware that we are bringing all our attention to make your journey a success and to make you enjoy!

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