

MEKONG IN CLOSE UP

Strong points | 3 days / 2 nights



Le Cochinchine Cruise offers an elegant, relaxing and fulfilling ways to explore endless water way of Mekong River. The cruise brings us into contact with people in different corner of the Delta. With Le Cochinchine Cruise, you will have ample opportunity to see Vietnam in its authenticity and sample local culture and food, in a one unpacking, unforgettable vacation where your "floating hotel" get your insight into Mekong Delta and quaint villages.

MEKONG IN CLOSE UP 3D2N – Vice-Versa

Can Tho – Sa Dec – Cai Be



DAY 1: Can Tho – Tra On – Cho Lach (L, D)

10h30 Welcome you at our pier in Can Tho

Embark on Le Cochinchine boat. Enjoy welcome drink. Then visit: The Cai Rang market - one of the most bustling floating markets in Mekong.

12h00 Lunch served on board. The river barge continues toward Tra On. Leisurely cruise down the Mekong while enjoying the beautiful scenery.

16h00 Walk or cycle on the footpaths to see local houses and green orchards, meet local people and discovery their daily life.

Board back at dusk, enjoy a pre-dinner drink together with a magnificent sunset on Mang Thit River.

Enjoy the foot massage on board. You will enjoy an aperitif at the magnificent sunset.

19h00 Dinner and overnight on board at Cho Lach.



DAY 2: Cho Lach – Cai Be – Sa Dec (B, L, D)

06h30 Wake up early in the morning to admire splendid sunrise on the Mekong River with songs of birds, the animation of the boats characterizing the life of river region.

07h30 Breakfast on board.

Cycle or walk excursion through the villages bordered by green orchards, rice fields...

12h00 Come back to our boat for lunch while the boat cruises toward Sadec, a charming and quiet town located on the bank of the Tien River.

In the afternoon, we visit:

A brickyard at the entrance of the village, the lively market of Sadec, the old house of Huynh Thuy Le - the lover of the French novelist Marguerite Duras and Trungvuong primary school founded at the beginning of the 20th century by Marguerite Duras's mother.

In the heart of the village of Sadec, we discover:

The Caodai temple and the garden of bonsai and flowers.

Return on board with an exotic aperitif on the upper deck before dinner.

Taking part in a cooking class on board, you will have the chance to try to make Pumpkin flower stuffed with That Lat fish and learn how to cut vegetables for decorating dishes.

19h00 Dinner and overnight on board.



DAY 3: CAI BE (B)

07h30 Have breakfast on board, transfer to discover the Cai Be.

08h30 Check-out Le Cochinchine boat, say "goodbye" to our friendly staff.

We transfer you by a local boat for exploring:

Cai Be floating market, local pop-rice, coconut candy and rice paper manufacturers and the old house of Mr. Ba Kiet where you may discover the garden and sample tea and seasonable fruits.

The local boat sails through tiny canals and arroyos before bringing you back to the shore.

11h00 Get off at Cai Be harbor around



Service Include:

- *3days/ 2 nights joining cruise with accommodation on board.*
- *English speaking guide.*
- *Meals as mentioned during the cruise (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner).*
- *Admission fee at visiting points as mentioned in the program.*
- *Biking and sampan boat rides.*
- *Services of crews during the cruise on board.*
- *1 complimentary foot massage on board.*
- *Pre-dinner drink (Aperitif).*

Service exclude:

- *Visa approval in Vietnam*
- *Travel insurance*
- *Roundtrip transportation HCM City-Mekong*
- *Personal expenses: souvenirs, drinks, tips*

Note:

- *The program is subject to change due to unpredictable events such as the vagaries of the weather and tide variations.*
- *Infants under 6 years-old sharing cabin with their parents are free of charge.*
- *Children from 6 to 11 years-old get a 50% discount of boat price.*

Estimated price

(According to the season)

The price of this journey is estimated from XXX \$ /pers



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 independent 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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