

SONG XANH

Strong points | 2 days / 1 night



We have launched on last Oct 07 the first of a flotilla of 4 very unique, authentic and charming Sampans named "Song Xanh Cruise", designed for travellers looking for "private" cruise experiences in the Mekong Delta. On board, two spacious spaces of 15sqm each are equipped with beautiful bamboo and rattan furniture, creating a very charming atmosphere. A very attentive service is provided by a team of 4 crew members".

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Cai Be – Sa Dec – Can Tho



DAY 1: Cai Be – Sa Dec – Can Tho (L, D)

08.00 You will be picked up at your hotel in Saigon to set off for Cai Be.

10.00 Embark on boat. The Song Xanh Sampan starts cruising from Phu An Jetty. Enjoy tea and seasonal fruit which are served by the crew while watching the landscapes and people daily life on the river sides.

The boat will stop on its way for you to visit some cottage industries of the region such as a handmade brick factory in which you can observe the brick making process, see the way that they turn raw materials into rectangular bricks. Passing Monkey Bridge is an experience that you cannot miss when visiting Cai Be. You also visit Cao Dai temple, an attraction in Tay Ninh. It was built in 1955 when the Cao Dai Army was formed following the Japanese occupation of Indochina. When you step into the temple, you seem to be removed from the bustle of the outside world and placed into a world of calmness and peace.

In Sa Dec, you take a walk around to observe an outdoor market. When coming to Sa Dec, you cannot miss exploring the highlight of this small, romantic town in Dong Thap province where the original setting of the famous novel “The Lover” by Marguerite Duras was made. The house is Huynh Thuy Le Ancient House in which the lover of the authoress lived. It is a Sino- French design with beautiful wooden furniture and floor tiles made in France.

Enjoy your lunch on board while the boat cruises to Can Tho through a canal. A small boat rowed by local people will bring you to discover the rural areas in Mekong Delta.

Before sunset, you come to an ancient house which was built in 19th century and have dinner in this authentic style house.

Return to the boat for relaxation and then, Song Xanh cruises to Hau River. Overnight on board.



DAY 2: Cai Rang – Can Tho – Saigon (B)

06.00 It time to wake up to experience Cai Rang floating market, the largest wholesale floating market in the Mekong Delta. This place is 6km away from the center of Can Tho city and it keeps growing to bring value to the locals in area in term of economy, culture and tourism. You can hear the bargain sound blend with the noise of motor engines and see the colors of agriculture products which turns the whole place into a lively picture. They sell different types of fresh fruit which were harvested from the orchards such as durian, rambutan, watermelon or jackfruit. You will find strangely comfortable moments while immersing in the simple lifestyle of the Vietnamese and breathing in the cool breeze of the great river.

You will have breakfast on board and enjoy the scenery of the market in the morning. Remember to take some photos to capture these wonderful moments.

Song Xanh Sampan keeps sailing to Victoria Can Tho. You disembark at the hotel's private jetty.



Estimated price

(According to the season)

- The price of this journey is estimated from 276 € /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 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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