

“3-Day Journey to Explore the Mekong Delta From HCM City”

**Ho Chi Minh City – Dong Thap Province- Can Tho City – An Giang Province
– Can Tho City – Ho Chi Minh City**

Code tour: DCR. SGMK.03.03.26



Duration: 3 days 2 nights.

Transportation: Tourist vehicle + Boat.

Depart: Ho Chi Minh City

Tour highlight:

Day 01: On the way to **Can Tho**, guests will have the opportunity to experience **flower arranging at Sa Dec Flower Village** – the largest flower village in the Mekong Delta. Visit the **Huynh Thuy Le Ancient House**, a unique East–West architectural masterpiece featured in the world-famous film **The Lover**. Continue exploring **Kien An Cung Pagoda (Ong Quach Pagoda)**, a significant spiritual and cultural site of the Chinese community in Sa Dec). Day 02: Discover the highlights of An Giang with a visit to Ba Chua Xu Temple on Sam Mountain, one of the Mekong Delta’s most sacred sites. Stop for photos at the picturesque Ta Pa Rice Field before cruising by traditional boat through the serene Tra Su Cajuput Forest, home to lush landscapes and diverse birdlife. A perfect blend of culture, spirituality, and nature.. Day 03 in **Can Tho**, guests will Explore **Cai Rang Floating Market**, the most iconic floating market in the **Mekong Delta**. Experience the **lively trading activities on the river**, where daily life takes place on boats. Enjoy **breakfast on a floating boat** such as noodle soup or Vietnamese coffee (at guests’ own expense). Experience at **Cồn Sơn Community Tourism**, Watch the **unique flying snakehead fish** performance, Visit the **seasonal fruit orchards** and enjoy **fresh fruits directly from the garden**. Guests have the opportunity to try your hand at **making traditional Southern Vietnamese cakes** and interact with the **local community**.

DAY 01 : HO CHI MINH CITY – SA DEC FLOWER VILLAGE

7:00 | GUEST PICK-UP – DEPARTURE - BREAKFAST

- Our tour guide welcomes guests at their hotel in Ho Chi Minh City.
- Boarding procedures, tour briefing, and safety instructions.
- Depart for **Sa Dec**, Đồng Tháp. On the way, light games and activities will be organized to create a friendly and engaging atmosphere.

10:00 | VISIT SA DEC FLOWER VILLAGE

- Arrive at **Sa Dec Flower Village**, a traditional flower village over 100 years old, supplying ornamental flowers to the entire Mekong Delta region.
- Take a walk along narrow paths between hanging flower gardens, flower beds, and bonsai trees.
- Listen to local artisans share insights into the techniques for growing and caring for ornamental flowers in the Mekong Delta.
- Enjoy a cup of **flower tea** or refreshing local drinks (at your own expense).
- Learn about the process of growing flowers on trellises and aquatic flowers cultivated in water..
- Take photos at picturesque spots, such as the flower boat scene or wooden bridges.

ARTISTIC FLOWER ARRANGE EXPERIENCE

- Local artisans will guide you on selecting flowers, preparing stems, and creating color combinations.
- Guests will have the opportunity to arrange their own **miniature Southern Vietnamese-style flower vase**, with the finished piece carefully wrapped to take home as a keepsake.
- Experience wearing the traditional “**Áo Bà Ba**” (Southern Vietnamese attire) and **conical hat** for a fun photo session (*rental fees not included*).

LUNCH

12:00

- Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant in **Sa Dec**.
- The menu features traditional **Mekong Delta** flavors: **clay pot fish**, **sour soup (canh chua)**, **garden vegetables**, and **Mekong-style banh xeo** (Vietnamese pancakes)...
- Relax and unwind after lunch.
- Depart for **Can Tho** at **13:00**.

AFTERNOON: HUYNH THUY LE ANCIENT HOUSE – KIEN AN CUNG PAGODA – CAN THO CITY

13:30 | HUYNH THUY LE ANCIENT HOUSE

- Visit the **Huynh Thuy Le Ancient House**, a historic architectural masterpiece over 100 years old, blending **French and East Asian** styles in perfect harmony.
- Hear the famous, borderless love story between **Huynh Thuy Le**, a Vietnamese man of Chinese descent, and Marguerite Duras, the renowned French writer.
- Discover the unique fusion of **French, Chinese, and Vietnamese** architectural elements.
- Capture memorable photos in the timeless, historic atmosphere.

KIEN AN CUNG PAGODA (ONG QUACH PAGODA)

- Explore **Kien An Cung**, a significant **Chinese heritage site** in **Sa Dec**.
- Admire the intricate craftsmanship of **wood carvings, reliefs, and fine ceramics**.
- Gain insight into the **cultural and religious life** of the **Southern Chinese community** in Vietnam.

16:00 | CAN THO CITY BY NIGHT

- The bus departs for **Can Tho**.
- Our tour guide introduces you to **Tay Do** (Can Tho), highlighting the unique **waterway culture** of the Mekong Delta.
- Upon arrival in **Can Tho**, check in at your **homestay** or a **3-star standard hotel** and relax.
- Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant, featuring **Can Tho's signature dishes**.
- After dinner, you have free time to explore: The **Ninh Kieu Wharf**, beautifully lit up at night, visit the **Can Tho night market** and shop for local specialties.
- Optionally, take a **boat cruise** to enjoy traditional “**Đờn ca tài tử**” (southern folk music) (*at your own expense*). Overnight stay in **Can Tho**.

DAY 02: CAN THO – CHAU DOC – BA CHU XU TEMPLE – SAM MOUNTAIN -TRA SU CAJEPUT FOREST – TA PA TEMPLE – TA PA RICE FIELD & LAKE – CAN THO

7:30 | GUEST PICK-UP – DEPARTURE (CAN THO CITY – CHAU DOC CITY)

- Guests have breakfast at the hotel.
- Our tour guide welcomes guests at their hotel. Tour briefing: itinerary, timing, and safety notes.
- Depart for **Chau Doc City** via National Highway 91, passing through Long Xuyen City, the capital of **An Giang Province** and hometown of former **President Ton Duc Thang**. Along the way, enjoy views of **expansive rice fields** and **iconic sugar palm** landscapes typical of the **Southern Khmer** culture.

10:30 | VISIT BA CHUA XU TEMPLE – SAM MOUNTAIN

- Arrive at **Ba Chua Xu Temple**, the most important pilgrimage center in the Mekong Delta, famous for the Ba Chua Xu Festival (lunar April 24), recognized as a national cultural festival in 2001.
- Guests may pray for peace, good health, and prosperity for themselves and their families.
- The tour guide provides guidance on worship rituals (for pilgrimage groups).

11:30 | CHECK-IN AND ENTERING THE FOREST – LUNCH

- The bus will take the group to **Trà Sư Cajeput Forest**
- Our tour guide will provide an overview of **safety regulations** for the boat trip and the **tour route**
- Enjoy a **traditional lunch** in the cajeput forest, featuring local specialties.
- Relax and unwind freely within the tranquil **cajeput forest**

AFTERNOON

13:00 | TRA SU CAJUPUT FOREST EXPLORATION

- Photo stop at the scenic **Kieu Bridge**, a popular check-in spot.
- Board a traditional **motorboat (Tắc Răng)** to cruise deep into the flooded forest, recreating the ancient freshwater wetland ecosystem of the **Mekong Delta**. Glide through fragrant lotus ponds and lush green duckweed-covered waterways.

- Walk through the forest on the **2-kilometer bamboo bridge**, recognized as a Vietnam Guinness record.
- Optional experience: ride a **traditional sampan (three-plank boat)** (*rowing fee at guests' own expense*) to visit nesting areas of storks and herons.
- Visit the **observation tower** for panoramic views of the vast cajuput forest and flocks of birds flying freely overhead.

TA PA PAGODA – TA PA RICE FIELD & TA PA LAKE

- Transfer by vehicle to the **Ta Pa Mountain area in Tri Ton**
- Our tour guide introduces **Khmer culture** and explains the unique geography of the **Seven Mountains (Bay Nui) region**.
- Visit **Ta Pa Pagoda**, also known as **Nui Pagoda** or **Chun Num Pagoda** in Khmer
- Admire the pagoda's distinctive architecture and learn about **Theravada Buddhism** practiced by the **Khmer community**.
- Enjoy fresh air and panoramic views, as the pagoda sits atop **Ta Pa Hill (45 meters high)**, rising gracefully amid vast, unspoiled rice fields and enhancing the majestic beauty of this sacred site.
- At the foot of the mountain, enjoy photo opportunities at **Ta Pa Paddy Field**, located between **Ta Pa and Co To Mountains**. This field is considered one of the most unique in the Mekong Delta, shaped by the traditional **communal farming practices of the Khmer people**.
- Continue to **Ta Pa Lake**, often referred to as the “**Hidden Valley** of the Mekong Delta.” Formed from a former stone quarry, the lake is renowned for its crystal-clear water, dramatic rocky cliffs, and scenic surroundings of **Ta Pa** rice fields..

16:45 | RETURN TO CAN THO CITY

- Depart for Can Tho City
- Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant, featuring **Can Tho's signature dishes**.
- Overnight stay in **Can Tho**.

DAY 03: CAI RANG FLOATING MARKET – HO CHI MINH CITY

06:00 | Pick up guests - Departure

- A **DCR Travel** tour guide will pick up guests at their hotel near the city center and transfer them to the pier for a visit to Cai Rang floating market.
- A small boat (shrimp-tail boat) will depart, beginning the journey to explore the waterways of Can Tho at sunrise.

Visit Cai Rang Floating Market

- Explore **Cai Rang Floating Market**, one of the largest and most iconic floating markets in the Mekong Delta.

- Learn about the history of the floating market, river-based trading culture, and the unique “bèo tree” – a traditional way local traders advertise their goods on boats.
- Experience the vibrant atmosphere of bustling boats, enjoy breakfast on the river such as hủ tiếu, bún riêu, take photos, and interact with friendly local traders.

Visit a traditional noodle factory.

Discover the centuries-old tradition of making rice noodles at a family-run noodle workshop. Observe master artisans transforming simple rice grains into soft, pliable noodles using time-honored techniques passed down through generations. The experience includes:

- A demonstration of the entire noodle-making process, from rice to finished product
- Participating in the process of spreading the noodles, carrying them to the drying rack, and cutting them into strands
- In addition, visitors can enjoy “**noodle pizza**”, a unique local specialty
- Exploring the cultural significance of rice noodles in Vietnamese cuisine

Visiting small canals

- Tracing your way through the small canals, you'll enjoy a peaceful cruise through the enchanting waterways of the Mekong Delta. The boat glides gently beneath the cool green trees, immersing you in the tranquil and relaxing countryside.
- These intimate waterways offer the perfect opportunity to capture beautiful moments, showcasing the serenity of traditional Vietnamese rural life. Relax, enjoy the peace and tranquility as you drift along the water, past picturesque landscapes that hold the timeless charm of the “**hidden gems**” of the Mekong Delta.

Traditional market

- Explore the daily life and activities of the local people.
- Visit stalls and buy fresh tropical fruits and vegetables, as well as specialties of the Mekong Delta such as dried seafood, pickled fish, and traditional cakes.
- Traditional Market Challenge: Participate in the “**market challenge**” game, buying fruit for **50,000 VND** to see who can buy the most fruit, then enjoy the fruit you bought yourself on the way home.

10:00 | End of tour

- Transfer back to the Ho Chi Minh City
- The guide from **Dat Chin Rong Travel** sincerely thanks you for joining the tour and wishes you a pleasant onward journey.

Pricing & Packages:

GROUP TOUR (MIN 2 PERSONS)	ADULT (From age 11 and up)	CHILD (06-10)	KID (01-05)
Price/person	290 USD	218 USD	FOC

SERVICES INCLUDED:

- Air-conditioned tourist vehicle (7, 16, 29, or 45 seats), provided throughout the tour according to group size.
- Meals: 02 breakfast at the hotel, 02 lunch
- Entrance fees to all attractions as per the itinerary.
- Travel insurance (applicable when a complete guest list is provided).
- Complimentary amenities: 1 cold towel and 1 bottle of mineral water per guest per day.
- **Special souvenir: each guest receives one traditional Mekong Delta checkered scarf (Khan Ran).**
- English-speaking Tour guide to assist guest during the tour.
- **VAT**
- **Life jackets:** Each person will be provided with **one**.

SERVICES NOT INCLUDED:

- Personal expenses not mentioned in the itinerary...
- Tips for the tour guide and driver.
- Single room surcharge.
- Breakfast at floating market.

CHILD POLICY:

- Children under 5 years old: Free of charge (any additional expenses to be covered by parents).
- Each two adults may accompany one child free of charge; the second child onwards will be charged 50% of the adult tour price.
- Children aged 06–09: Charged at 75% of the adult tour price.
- Children from 11 years old and above: Charged at the adult tour price.
- **75% ticket inclusions: Includes 01 meal, 01 seat on the coach, and 01 seat on the boat.**

TOUR CANCELLATION POLICY:

- 1–7 days before departure: 100% tour fee.

- 8–15 days before departure: 80% tour fee.
- 15–30 days before departure: 50% deposit.
- More than 30 days before departure: 30% deposit.

NOTES :

- Comfortable clothing, easy-to-wear footwear, a hat, and sunscreen are recommended.
- The schedule may be flexible depending on guests' preferences and actual conditions.

More than just a Journey

For more details, please feel free to contact us:

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