

# Mekong River Cruising & Backroad Biking Expedition



Set off from your hotel at 7:00 AM for an immersive full-day adventure into the captivating Mekong River Delta, a vibrant region inhabited by over 25 million people.

*The Mekong, celebrated as one of the world's great rivers, flows 2,790 miles to the South China Sea. As you journey through Vietnam, you'll be enchanted by the picturesque river delta, where a colorful tapestry of lush green rice paddies, sprawling sugarcane fields, and fragrant orchards of bananas, coconuts, and mangoes unfolds before you. Your adventure begins with a comfortable van ride through charming farming communities, showcasing the rich agricultural life that defines this area. After approximately an hour's drive, enjoy a brief stop to stretch your legs before mounting your bicycle for a leisurely exploration of the Mekong Delta's serene backroads. Embrace the gentle breeze as you pedal past verdant landscapes and scenic waterways.*



Next, board a traditional long boat, with a shaded canopy and open sides, so you can soak in the beauty of your surroundings. Drift along the tranquil canals, enveloped by vivid greenery, and marvel at the lively villages that line the riverbanks, each one brimming with culture and charm.

As you continue your bike journey, discover the hidden gems of the delta, where islands are adorned with vibrant fruit gardens and meandering canals. Stop at the Cai Be floating market (availability permitting), where colorful boats laden with fresh fruits, vegetables, and local products converge on the river, creating a lively scene of commerce and exchange. Afterward, cross the Mekong River to visit the quaint Binh Hoa Phuoc village, where you will be welcomed into a local farmer's home. Wander through their flourishing garden filled with an array of flowers and fruit-bearing trees, and indulge in delightful local fruits and aromatic tea while enjoying the warm hospitality of your host and their family.

Your adventure continues at a workshop where the fascinating process of popping rice or corn in a large iron vat filled with blackened sand is demonstrated. Experience the delightful aromas as the treats are sweetened with honey, sugar, and peanuts, and don't hesitate to sample a few delicious morsels.

For lunch, savor the flavors of the Mekong with dishes like fried fish and other traditional Vietnamese delicacies at the inviting Mekong River Resort. After a leisurely meal that rejuvenates your spirit, hop back into your transportation for the scenic journey back to the city.

Please note: The floating market in Cai Be is characterized by an intimate gathering of trade boats from local farmers selling their harvest. It is smaller in scale compared to the famous floating markets of Thailand or other provinces. On certain occasions, the trader boats may not be in attendance. Additionally, due to the changing tides, your cruise may navigate through smaller canals or along the broader Mekong River.

Expect the travel time to the Mekong Delta to be approximately two to two-and-a-half hours each way, subject to traffic conditions. This tour presents a thoughtfully curated sample itinerary crafted by our destination specialists, designed to be fully customizable to suit your preferred travel dates, time frame, hotel location, and unique interests.

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**Date of operations:** We operate this tour daily and on request. We highly recommend booking in advance, ideally 72 hours, to ensure we can provide the best service for you. This trip can be fully tailored to meet your preferred departure time, dates, group size, and travel interests.

**Price per person:** from US\$385/person; maximum group size: 6.

**What's included:**

- > Experienced, knowledgeable English-speaking tour guide escort
- > Round-trip transferred on a comfortable air-conditioned vehicle
- > Cruising tour on a private wooden boat with fresh coconut
- > Biking tour in Cai Be
- > A nice lunch at the local house + 1 unit of drink: mineral water/soft drink/juice/local beer
- > Complimentary pick up at your hotel lobby in district 1, 3, or Nha Rong port gate in district 4.

**What's not included:**

- > Gratuities for your tour guide & driver
- > 3.5% extra for tour payment made via Credit card or Payment link

**Extra information that you need to know before you book this trip:**

- > Pick up and drop off will be at hotels in districts 1 & 3, or at the Saigon port gate in district 4
- > Guest, to let our travel advisor know if there's a food allergy or special food request upon placing your booking

For a group request of more than 30 guests, please contact our hotline at (+84) 901-388-555 for assistance.