

MEKONG DELTA



The mighty Mekong, one of a dozen longest rivers in the world, cross the far south of Vietnam before spilling over the ocean. After bordering Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia with sufficient resources of fish, irrigation water, cross-country transportation, it brings into Vietnam alluvium and make the Mekong Delta the biggest paddyfield of Vietnam, the world's second rice exporter. To deeply go into the history and current life of the region, things can be very relaxed and swimmingly sitting on board a cruise and contemplate life of the delta day by day.

Life along the Mekong attaches with it. People here earn their livings by fishing, pisciculture, farming and trading on their boats at floating markets despite of the presence of curious visitors. Villages here are more accessible from river tributaries and canals, rather than roads. Orchards here can keep you several days with sufficient varieties. We can also leave our cruise to land at riverside towns and study the history of the

development of the South of Vietnam, since it was a part of Funan Kingdom and Khmer Empire to the current territory of Vietnam nowadays.

The most renowned places in the Mekong delta are My Tho and Cai Be near Ho Chi Minh City, then, more to the heart of the region, Vinh Long and Can Tho, from where it is possible to reach the remotest confines of the delta. South towards the mangrove forests and the East sea, North towards Chau Doc and Cambodia with mystical Angkor, or West towards the tropical island of Phu Quoc.

What follows is an ideal exploring the Mekong delta in a clockwise direction, beginning south of Ho Chi Minh City at Mytho. Threeland Travel offers and recommends different river journeys from 2 to 16 days by RV La Marguerite, Bassac and Le Cochinchine, the most deluxe cruises on the Mekong.

MEKONG 2-DAYS RIVER CRUISE



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Tour code : **VNCM02**

Price : from US\$

Features : Enjoying the best highlights when traveling along the Mekong, one of the longest rivers in the world, enjoying fascinating floating markets, ordinary life of the locals and charming landscape of the countryside from Bassac Cruise

DAY 1: SAIGON - VINH LONG – BASSAC CRUISE (-/L/D)

Leave Saigon for Cai Be. Board a cruise on the Mekong visiting villages, local shipyards and orchards. Dinner and overnight on board.

DAY 2: Can Tho - Saigon (B/-)

Kayak on the Mekong river and visit a floating market. Disembark the cruise and transfer back to Saigon. End of services.

Tour code : **VNCM03**

Price : from US\$

Features : Just getting far apart from hectic Saigon and contemplating life along the Mekong with its fascinating local markets, sampan trip to villages, garden of fruits, fish farms and fertile paddy fields within several relaxing days on the Le Cochinchine

DAY 1: SAIGON – CAIBE – MYTHUAN – SADEC (-/L/D)

1st day on the Mekong with visit to Cai Be floating market, explore the river, stop at Cao Dai temple, the school of write Marguerite Duras, etc. Dinner and overnight on board.

DAY 2: CAITHIA – VINHLONG – TRAON (B/L/D)

Full day discover Mekong delta with visits to islets of orchards, green paddyfields, fishfarms and handicraft local factories. Dinner and overnight on board.

DAY 3: TRAON – CAN THO – SAIGON (B)

Head to Can Tho, enjoy morning floating market in Cai Rang. Disembark at 11am to return to Saigon. Ends of services.

BASSAC CRUISE

LE COCHINCHINE

BASSAC CRUISE



Twin Cabin



Restaurant & Bar



Sun Deck



Double Cabin

The Bassac are three cabin cruisers entirely built of wood in the Mekong delta and according to the local marine traditions, without compromising on the standards or comfort and safety. They are built for short to medium range cruises and are particularly adapted for discovery cruises, open to outside and offering an immediate contact with the green surrounding of the ship

Accommodation:

- 6 cabins in the front of the main deck: 4 with twin bedding, 2 with a double bed. Heat and sound insulation in each cabin.
- Air conditioning, private access. - En suite bathroom with shower and toilet
- The comfortable cabins are set in the front of the Bassac and well insulated so as to provide the passengers with a good night's sleep

even if under way. They are entirely fitted with wood, and equipped as rooms in a good hotel.

Restaurant and bar:

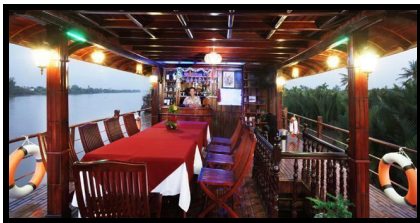
The 500 square feet at the stern of the main deck accommodate the restaurant and the bar can be completely opened to outside for you to enjoy the evening.

Upper deck 1500 square feet, mostly shaded.

The front is fit for sunbathing and rest on sunbathing couches;

The bar at the back welcomes you for a drink outside as the sun sets

LE COCHINCHINE



Overview

Le Cochinchine is a modern and tastefully designed river barge. Built in traditional style Le Cochinchine measures around 30 meters long from bow to stern and has two 420 HP engines , one in back up, making Le Cochinchine a very powerful and safe river vessel.



Le Cochinchine 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, 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 you insight into Mekong Delta and quaint villages.



Aboard Le Cochinchine you will enjoy the continuous and ever-changing scenery as you encounter a lively world of legendary waterways and picturesque landscapes, floating markets, lush bonsais garden, rice fields, villages, pagodas and temples, fruit-filled orchards, boat laden bazaar and a host of smiling children.

Cabin

Each cabin has its own air-conditioning unit, which can be adjusted for your comfort. We recommend you do not over- cool your cabin as the sudden change from the outside temperature to a chilled cabin can bring on colds, respiratory illnesses and even stomach upsets. When you go out, we recommend you turn the setting to 'Lo Cool', set at about 4, and then when you return you can readjust the temperature to your preference without having to wait for cool air.

At night you may prefer to use the fan only, and have the windows open. Insect netting covers the windows to enable you to do this. Please do not leave your air-conditioner on with the window open - this results in energy loss (the equivalent of switching on the heating and opening the windows in a cold country!