

## **7DAYS\_ ROAD THROUGH MEKONG DELTA**

### **VIETNAM (Ho Chi Minh – Cai Be – Vinh Long – Tra Vinh – Can Tho)**

#### **1. OVERVIEW:**

The southernmost region of Vietnam is known as Mekong Delta, often referred to as Vietnam's rice basket. This biking trip is a truly an opportunity to explore this region. You'll join in the everyday local life, pedal amid verdant fruit orchards, ride across rural villages past endless rice paddies and discover bustling floating market and intricate waterways. You'll meet farmers in conical hats waving as you ride by. Join us and you will surely have a wonderful holiday in Mekong.

#### **2. ITINERARY IN BRIEF**

DAY 1: HOCHIMINH – ARRIVAL

DAY 2: HO CHI MINH – CU CHI TUNNELS

DAY 3: HO CHI MINH – BEN TRE – CAI BE – VINH LONG – HOMESTAY

DAY 4: VINH LONG – MO CAY – TRA VINH

DAY 5: TRA VINH – TIEU CAN – TRA ON – BINH MINH – CAN THO

DAY 6: CAN THO – CAI RANG FLOATING MARKET – BINH THUY – CAN THO

DAY 7: CAN THO – DEPARTURE

#### **3. THE TOUR**

##### **DAY 1: HOCHIMINH – ARRIVAL**

Welcome to Ho Chi Minh city, the pearl of Far East, the biggest city of Vietnam! You are transferred to town by private car & guide. The transfer from airport to hotel is approximately 30 minutes. Check in & relax

Enjoy welcome dinner with Vietnamese food at a local restaurant.

##### **Meals: Dinner**

##### **Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Ho Chi Minh City**

##### **DAY 2: HO CHI MINH – CU CHI TUNNELS**

Morning, meet your guide and transfer about 75 km North-west of downtown Ho Chi Minh City. Discover the famous Cu Chi Tunnels, which were once a major underground hideout and resistance base of Viet Cong forces during the two wars against the French and the Americans. The tunnels, entirely hand-dug, formed a highly intricate network of interlinked multilevel passageways at times stretched as far as the Cambodian border and totaling over 120 km in length. Its complexity was beyond imagination containing meeting rooms, kitchens, wells, clinics, schools, depots, trenches and emergency exits all aimed for guerrilla warfare. The tunnels were deep and strong enough to withstand destructive bombings and self-contained enough to outlast prolonged sieges. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant

Afternoon, tour in the city starting with the War Remnants Museum, Saigon Notre-Dame Basilica, a neo-Roman cathedral built over 130 years ago by the colonial French with materials entirely imported from Marseilles and stained-glass windows from Chartres. Next, visit Sai Gon Post Office, a fine colonial building which was designed and built in the early 20th Century by the famous French architect Gustave Eiffel. Move on to Cho Lon or the city's China Town where you will visit the Jade Emperor Temple (Phuoc Hai), a rare Taoist structure in Vietnam built in 1909 in dedication to the Lord of Heaven. It's filled with smoky incense and fantastic carved figurines and still buzzing with worshipers, many lounging in the front gardens.

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Ho Chi Minh City**

**DAY 3: HO CHI MINH – BEN TRE – CAI BE – VINH LONG – HOMESTAY**

Biking distance/time: 35km – Terrain: Rural roads

Biking attractions: Rural villages, fruit orchards

We will meet each other at your hotels in Ho Chi Minh city. Then, we will spend an hour and a half transporting to the countryside of Ben Tre- a province very famous for its sweet coconuts and all products made of coconuts. Starting your very first day of biking is from a local ferry to Cai Be via Cai Mon and Cho Lach Districts. Both of these places are famous for their nurseries, ornamental gardens, and fruit orchards. Stop en route for lunch at a local restaurant in Cho Lach. After lunch, continue to ride to the beautiful peaceful island named An Binh. Stay a night at the real home-stay on the Island.

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

**Accommodation: Overnight at home-stay on the Island**

**DAY 4: VINH LONG – MO CAY – TRA VINH**

Biking distance: 40km – Terrain: Rural roads

Biking attractions: Mekong River, city pass

Have breakfast with your host and leave for Tra Vinh city today. This's a great opportunity to meet and mingle with local on bike alongside Mekong River to Cho Lanh. We continue cycling on paved paths to Cai Mon town which very well-know with nursery garden, ornamental plants and bonsai trees. Have lunch at a local family

Afternoon, continue to enjoy your riding on unique routes to Tra Vinh via Ben Tre. We'll stop sometimes to relax and take photos of countryside life. Arrival Tra Vinh, check in hotel and have dinner

**Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Tra Vinh**

**DAY 5: TRA VINH – TIEU CAN – TRA ON – BINH MINH – CAN THO**

Biking distance: ~ 30km – Terrain: Rural roads

Biking attractions: Mekong River, city pass

Morning, we cycle on smooth paths to Khmer communities in countryside of Tra Vinh. There are so many things that shouldn't be missed and so many interesting of farming activities need to be seen in the homeland of Khmer over here in Mekong Delta.

Afternoon, we will wander through fruit gardens to Tra On and crossing the lower river branch of Mekong to Can Tho

**Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Can Tho**

**DAY 6: CAN THO – CAI RANG FLOATING MARKET – BINH THUY – CAN THO**

Biking distance: 30km – Terrain: City backroads

Biking attractions: Binh Thuy ancient house

After breakfast, check-out hotel. Get a local boat to explore the colorful Cai Rang floating market, where number of boats laden with fruit, vegetables and fish for trade. Sellers advertise their goods by crying out across the river or hanging them to tall sticks that are visible from distance. Disembark at Cai Rang market and go by bus to My Khanh orchard, where we will start cycling to Binh Thuy for some 30km along the river on narrow land way and explore hidden water landscape of the delta. Upon arrival in Binh Thuy, have lunch by your own during tour and transfer back to your hotel in Can Tho.

**Meals: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Can Tho**

**DAY 7: CAN THO – DEPARTURE**

Check out the hotel then private transfer to Can Tho airport or HCMC airport for your departure flight. End of services.

**Meals: Breakfast**

**4. EXTENSION TOURS:**

Add-on other destination in Vietnam or tours to neighbor countries

**5. PRICE: All rates are per person sharing DBL or TWN/FB Basis, in US dollar, net and non-commissionable.**

**Date: 01 Oct 2015 – 30 Apr 2016**

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supp
First Class	\$ 910	\$ 908	\$ 697	\$ 620	\$115

**Date: 01May 2015 – 30 September 2016 (PROMOTION RATE)**

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supp
First Class	\$ 898	\$ 896	\$ 685	\$ 608	\$ 115

**WHAT IS INCLUDED**

- Private car/van/minibus throughout the tour
- Hotel accommodation and homestay overnight
- 1 local English speaking guide with excellent biking skills
- Meals as indicated: B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D= Dinner
- 1 liter of mineral water/person/day
- All entrance fees
- Private bikes and helmets
- Private boat trips on Mekong river
- First-aid kit
- Insurance

**WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED**

- Visa, flight tickets
- Biking gears
- Other personal expenses

**Best time to travel:**

- All months because weather in South Vietnam is hot and dry most of the time

**6. HOTEL USED IN THIS TOUR:**

Destination	First Class – 3*
Ho Chi Minh	<b>Golden Rose Hotel – Deluxe room</b> <a href="http://www.goldenrosehotel.com.vn">www.goldenrosehotel.com.vn</a> (Deluxe room)
Vinh Long	<b>Homestay</b>
Tra Vinh	<b>Gia Hoa II Hotel - Deluxe room</b> (Deluxe room)

<b>Can Tho</b>	<b>Hau Giang Hotel – Superior room</b> <a href="http://www.canthotourist.vn/">www.canthotourist.vn/</a> (Superior room)
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**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

- All prices are quoted in USD/ per person, based on Double/Twin occupancy
- Private services & daily departure
- Quotation is quoted based on English speaking guide: Surcharge for other guide
  - Supplement for German Speaking guide: USD 15/day per group
  - Supplement for Spanish Speaking guide: USD 20/day per group
  - Supplement for Italian Speaking guide: USD 35/day per group
- Surcharge for Compulsory dinner for Xmas and New Year Eve
- Surcharge for Peak Season at above mentioned hotels (if have)
- Surcharge for Vietnamese Lunar (TET) New Year from 6 – 14 Feb 2016 - 25% of adult prices

**FREE OFFER**

- Mineral water is available during transfers
- Vietnam visa approval letter on arrival (this fees isn't refundable even clients don't need)