



UPSTREAM ITINERARIES – VICTORIA MEKONG

5D/4N (UPSTREAM 1) - FROM HO CHI MINH CITY TO PHNOM PENH

Day 1 – Saigon – Cai Be – Can Tho – Tiger Island (62km, 4hrs cruising)

Depart Saigon via coach and drive towards Can Tho, the beating heart of the Mekong Delta. Stop at the rustic, riverside town of Cai Be where lunch is served at the elegant Le Longanier Restaurant set amidst lush fruit trees by the river. Continue to Can Tho, arriving mid-afternoon and board the Victoria Mekong Cruise Ship. As the ship cruises towards Tiger Island, watch the sunset over the Hau River, sundowner in hand. As day turns into night, sit down to a gala dinner to officially welcome you aboard your Victoria Mekong Cruise, accompanied by a traditional Southern Vietnamese folk music performance known as *don ca tai tu*. Overnight on the river, between Long Xuyen and Tiger Island.

Day 2 – Long Xuyen – Tiger Island – Vam Nao (32km, 2hrs cruising)

After breakfast head ashore to visit the provincial capital of Long Xuyen in the Mekong Delta. Discover the colourful Floating Market and the An Giang Traditions Museum, with fascinating exhibits on Vietnamese, Chinese, Khmer and Cham cultures in the region. Return to the ship and enjoy lunch while cruising towards Tiger Island. Explore the island by sampan, visiting cottage industries such as net weaving, incense crafters and wood carvers and a pagoda locally known as “Mr. Tiger’s Temple”. Return on board in time for dinner and the evening’s entertainment as the ship continues cruising to Vam Nao where we overnight.

Day 3 - Vam Nao – Tan Chau (32km, 2hrs cruising)

Enjoy breakfast as the ship makes its way to the border town of Tan Chau. Travel by local rickshaw to a silk village to witness all the labor-intensive steps to producing this fine textile, including the use of natural dyes made from tree bark, leaves and fruit. After lunch on board, visit more Mekong Delta attractions, including some of the area’s floating fish farms. Travel up river by sampan to a rare Taoist Temple where Fortune Tellers practice their art using sticks in front of the altar. There is also an option to travel by speedboat to Chau Doc to see the submerged forest of Tra Su, known for its abundant birdlife and picturesque mangroves. Return to the ship in time for a traditional Vietnamese lion dance, followed by dinner and the evening’s entertainment. Overnight near Tan Chau.

Day 4 – Tan Chau – Phnom Penh (110km, 8hrs cruising)

As the ship begins cruising towards the Vietnam-Cambodia border, enjoy a leisurely breakfast in the restaurant. After, select from the many on-board activities including a ship’s tour, cocktail competition and cultural lecture. We arrive late afternoon in the charming capital of Phnom Penh, once known as the “Pearl of the Orient” for its French colonial buildings, tree-lined boulevards and scenic riverwalk. Before the farewell gala dinner, take in a performance of Khmer Apsara dancing by a troupe of disadvantaged children with the opportunity to meet them afterward. Overnight in Phnom Penh.

Day 5 – Phnom Penh (Disembarkation)

Enjoy a final breakfast on board before disembarking at Sisowath Quay, Phnom Penh’s downtown riverside promenade.

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5D/4N (UPSTREAM 2) - FROM CAN THO TO PHNOM PENH

Day 1 – Can Tho – Tiger Island (62km, 4hrs cruising)

Board the Victoria Mekong Cruise Ship at Can Tho Harbour. As the ship cruises towards Tiger Island, watch the sunset over the Hau River, sundowner in hand. As day turns into night, sit down to a gala dinner to officially welcome you aboard your Victoria Mekong Cruise, accompanied by a traditional Southern Vietnamese folk music performance known as *don ca tai tu*. Overnight on the river, between Long Xuyen and Tiger Island.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE UPSTREAM CRUISE (5D/4N):

Day 1:

- Lunch at Le Longanier Restaurant (for Upstream 1)
- *Đờn ca tài tử* performance (traditional Mekong instrumental music) on board the ship
- Sundowners cocktail and gala dinner on board

Day 2:

- Morning offshore excursions:
 - o Visit of Long Xuyen Floating Market and the Traditions Museum in Long Xuyen
- Afternoon offshore excursions:
 - o Visit of Tiger Island (net weavers workshops, incense making, wood carvers, Tiger Temple). Travel by sampans and local motorcart (*xe loi*)

Day 3:

- Morning offshore excursions:
 - o Visit of Silk Farm village, to observe the whole process of producing silk in the traditional way, using only natural products (silk thread, dyes made of tree bark, leaves and fruit)
(*) Note: The renowned black silk “*mac nua*” is only produced at the Village from July to February. The rest of the year, the visit is slightly shorter (1 hour instead of 1h30) and will be followed by a visit to the local market and to the Cau Dai Temple by *xe loi* (local rickshaws).
- Afternoon offshore excursions:
 - o Visit of fish farms around Tan Chau by sampan
 - o Visit to a Taoist Temple with Fortune Tellers
 - o Visit of Tra Su Forest (optional)
- Lion Dance performance on the ship

Day 4:

- Day cruise to Phnom Penh, including border crossing. Many activities will be organized on board to entertain passengers (cocktail competition for instance)
- Apsara Dances performance on board the ship upon arrival in Phnom Penh

Day 5:

- Disembarkation at Phnom Penh Port.

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