

DOWNSTREAM ITINERARIES – VICTORIA MEKONG

4D/3N (DOWNSTREAM 1) - FROM PHNOM PENH TO HO CHI MINH CITY

Day 1 – Phnom Penh

The charming capital of Phnom Penh was once known as the “Pearl of the Orient” for its French colonial buildings, tree-lined boulevards and scenic riverwalk. From 4pm onwards, board the Victoria Mekong Cruise Ship at Sisowath Quay, Phnom Penh’s downtown riverside promenade. As the sun sets on the Tonle Sap River, linger over a sundowner on the sundeck while taking in a performance of Khmer Apsara dancing by a troupe of disadvantaged children with the opportunity to meet them afterward. As day turns into night, sit down to a gala dinner to officially welcome you aboard your Victoria Mekong Cruise. Tonight, the ship overnights at Sisowath Quay.

Day 2 – Phnom Penh – Vam Nao (133km, 6.5hrs cruising)

As the ship begins cruising towards the Cambodia-Vietnam border, enjoy breakfast in the restaurant. After, select from the many on-board activities including a ship’s tour, cocktail competition and cultural lecture while the ship sails into Vietnamese waters. At the border area of Vam Nao in the Mekong Delta, go offshore by sampan to visit a few traditional cottage industries, such as traditional clay pottery and local rice cakes. Return on board in time for a traditional Vietnamese lion dance. Overnight on the river in Vam Nao.

Day 3 – Vam Nao – Long Xuyen – Tan Loc Island (80km, 4hrs cruising) / Tan Loc – Can Tho (46km)

Wake up to another leisurely breakfast as the ship cruises towards the provincial capital of Long Xuyen in the Mekong Delta. Tender ashore to visit the colorful Long Xuyen Floating Market and the An Giang Museum, with fascinating exhibits on Vietnamese, Chinese, Khmer and Cham cultures in the region. Return to the ship and enjoy lunch as we cruise towards Tan Loc Island where a selection of shore excursions awaits, including tea served in a historic century-old house featuring Chinese, French and Vietnamese architectural elements and traveling by local motorcart to a local distillery where plum wine is made. Return to the ship and cruise towards Can Tho, the beating heart of the Mekong Delta. Enjoy a final farewell dinner accompanied by a traditional Southern Vietnamese folk music performance known as *đờn ca tài tử*. Overnight on the river in Can Tho.

Day 4 - Can Tho (Disembarkation) – Cai Be – Ho Chi Minh City

After an early light breakfast, travel by sampan to experience Can Tho’s famed floating market, the largest in the Mekong Delta with dozens of boats laden with fruit and vegetables from the region. Return to the ship and enjoy a full breakfast while the ship sails towards Can Tho Harbour. Disembark at the Harbour and board a coach for Cai Be where lunch is served at the elegant Le Longanier Restaurant set amidst lush fruit trees by the river. Continue to Ho Chi Minh City by coach, arriving in late afternoon.

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4D/3N (DOWNSTREAM 2) - FROM PHNOM PENH TO CAN THO

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DOWNSTREAM CRUISE (4D/3N):

Day 1:

- Apsara Dances performance on board the ship
- Sundowners cocktail on sundeck followed by Gala dinner

Day 2:

- 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)
- Movie night

Day 3:

- Morning offshore excursions:
 - o Visit of Long Xuyen Floating Market and the Traditions Museum in Long Xuyen
- Afternoon offshore excursions to Tan Loc Island:
 - o Visit of an Ancient House where tea will be served
 - o Visit of a Plum Wine Distillery. Tasting session. Walk across a typical small village along the river.
- *Đờn ca tài tử* performance (traditional Mekong instrumental music) on board the ship followed by cocktail & farewell dinner.

Day 4:

- Cruise to Floating Market by sampans.

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