

Mekong Luxury Cruise: 8-Night Upper & Lower Delta Exclusive

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Destination
Vietnam



Duration
8 Nights 9 Days



Starting from
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Overview

Experience the river, culture, and comfort on the "Mekong Luxury Cruise: 8-Night Upper & Lower Delta Exclusive" — an immersive Vietnam tour package designed for families and multigenerational travelers. This premium Vietnam Family tour package blends luxury cruising with authentic delta life: floating markets, Khmer and Cham heritage, riverside villages, and private shore excursions. Perfect for families seeking relaxed pace, cultural learning, and comfort.

Highlights:

- Ho Chi Minh City arrival & local market walk
- Cai Be Floating Market and traditional village visits
- Vinh Long island bike ride & local workshops
- Can Tho and the famous Cai Rang Floating Market (early morning)
- Tra Su Cajuput Forest wildlife sampan tour
- Chau Doc: Cham villages & Sam Mountain panoramas
- Ha Tien coastal scenery and fishing villages
- Luxury onboard amenities, family-friendly cabins, and curated shore experiences

✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ Accommodation: 1 night in Ho Chi Minh City (hotel) + 7 nights on the Mekong Luxury Cruise (family-friendly cabin)
- ✓ Meals as specified: daily buffet breakfasts, all onboard meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner), welcome and farewell dinners
- ✓ All shore excursions, guided visits, entrance fees, and cultural performances mentioned in the itinerary
- ✓ Private transfers: airport-hotel, hotel-embarkation, disembarkation-airport (as per itinerary)
- ✓ Local English-speaking guides, onboard hospitality team, and 24/7 on-call tour manager
- ✓ Included activities: sampan rides, floating market visits, village bicycle rides, cooking demonstration, wildlife excursions
- ✓ Porterage, taxes, and service charges
- ✓ Complimentary Wi-Fi in public areas and selected cabins
- ✓ Travel assistance and pre-departure documentation packet

✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International flights to/from Ho Chi Minh City
- ✗ Vietnam visa fees (unless arranged) and travel insurance (mandatory)
- ✗ Personal expenses: laundry, telephone calls, minibar consumption, spa & wellness treatments (unless pre-booked)
- ✗ Optional excursions, gratuities for guides & crew (suggested), and any services not specified under inclusions
- ✗ Peak-season surcharges, port taxes (if applicable) and government-imposed entry/exit fees
- ✗ Meals not specified in the itinerary
- ✗ Important: Gratuities are appreciated to recognize exceptional service; recommended amounts will be provided in your final travel packet.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival in Ho Chi Minh City & Welcome

Arrive at Tan Son Nhat International Airport, Ho Chi Minh City. Private transfer to your hotel. Brief orientation and time to relax. In the evening enjoy a welcome dinner with a short briefing about the cruise. Tip: If you arrive early, a quick walk through Ben Thanh Market gives a lively first taste of Vietnam.

Day

2

Embarkation at Cai Be & Floating Market Experience

Transfer from Ho Chi Minh City to Cai Be (by private coach). Embark on the luxurious river vessel and meet the crew. Afternoon visit to the Cai Be Floating Market and riverside artisan workshops – sample coconut candies and rice-paper-making demonstrations. Evening captain's welcome cocktail and a gentle sunset cruise. Note: Floating market schedules can vary; early starts yield the best activity.

Day

3

Vinh Long Villages & Island Bicycling

Explore Vinh Long islands: short sampan rides to lush orchards, a family-friendly bicycle ride on quiet village paths, and visits to local farms and homestays. Enjoy a cooking demonstration showcasing southern Vietnamese specialties. Return to the ship for dinner and optional evening cultural performance onboard. Great family photo opportunities at orchard stops.

Day

4

Can Tho & Cai Rang Floating Market (Early Morning)

Very early morning transfer by tender to witness the bustling Cai Rang Floating Market – paddle sampans and private market visits arranged for intimate family experiences. Later, explore the riverside Can Tho town, its colonial architecture, and a leisurely lunch on board. Afternoon workshop with local artisans or free time to enjoy ship amenities. Bring a light jacket for early river breezes.

Day

5

Tra Vinh & Tra Su Cajuput Forest Excursion

Cruise toward the Lower Delta. Visit Tra Vinh to learn about Khmer culture and temples, followed by a serene sampan ride through Tra Su Cajuput Forest – ideal for birdwatching and gentle nature walks. Return to the ship for an onboard family movie night or stargazing on the sundeck. Wildlife sightings are seasonal.

Day

6

Chau Doc: Floating Village & Sam Mountain Panorama

Arrive in Chau Doc and meet local guides for a visit to floating fish farms, a Cham minority village, and panoramic views from Sam Mountain. Optional cable car ride (subject to availability) or short hikes to temples and viewpoints. Enjoy a themed dinner celebrating Mekong flavors. Respect local customs when visiting religious sites.

Day

7

Ha Tien Coastal Stop & Fishing Villages

Cruise toward the delta mouth and stop at Ha Tien — explore coastal rock formations, fishing harbors, and nearby quiet beaches. Family-friendly beach time or village walks to meet local fishermen. Return to the vessel for a farewell gala and live entertainment. Sunscreen and hats recommended for coastal walks.

Day

8

Rach Gia & Farewell Brunch

Short morning cruise to Rach Gia. Disembark and enjoy a leisurely brunch onboard or at a local riverside restaurant. Final sightseeing options depending on schedule: Rach Gia town visit, pearl farms, or free time to relax. Evening transfer back to Ho Chi Minh City or continuation travel arrangements. Flexible transfer times can be arranged on request.

Day

9

Disembarkation & Departure

After breakfast, complete disembarkation procedures and private transfer to Tan Son Nhat Airport, Ho Chi Minh City (or to your chosen onward destination). Assistance provided for airport check-in and onward travel. If extending your stay, concierge can recommend family-friendly hotels and activities in Ho Chi Minh City or beach extensions.

? Frequently Asked Questions

? What is the best time to visit Vietnam?

Vietnam's best time depends on your region preferences. November to April is generally ideal, offering cooler, drier weather. Northern Vietnam (Hanoi, Ha Long Bay) is pleasant from November to March but can be chilly in December-January. Central Vietnam (Hoi An, Da Nang) enjoys perfect beach weather from February to August, while September-November brings heavy rains and potential typhoons. Southern Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh City, Mekong Delta) is great November-April with sunny, dry conditions. Avoid September-October in Central Vietnam due to monsoons. For mountain areas like Sa Pa, October-November and March-April offer clear views and comfortable temperatures. Summer (May-August) is hot and humid nationwide but still manageable with proper preparation.

❓ **How can I reach Vietnam from India?**

Flying is the most convenient option with multiple daily flights from major Indian cities. Direct flights operate from Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Bengaluru to Hanoi (HAN), Ho Chi Minh City (SGN), and Da Nang (DAD). Flight time is typically 4.5–6 hours for direct routes. One-stop connections via Bangkok, Singapore, or Kuala Lumpur offer more scheduling flexibility. Major airlines include VietJet, Vietnam Airlines, IndiGo, and regional carriers. Book early for better fares, especially during peak season (November–February). Phu Quoc and Nha Trang airports serve beach destinations directly. Compare prices across different entry points as sometimes flying into Da Nang or Phu Quoc can be cheaper than Hanoi or Ho Chi Minh City.

❓ **Do Indian citizens need a visa for Vietnam?**

Yes, Indian citizens require a visa for Vietnam. The easiest option is applying for an e-visa online through the official government portal. E-visas are typically processed within 3–5 working days and allow single or multiple entries for up to 30 days. Ensure your passport has at least 6 months validity and blank pages. Print your e-visa approval letter and carry it during travel. Visa on arrival is available at major airports but requires pre-approval letters from travel agents. Tourist visas can be extended once inside Vietnam if needed. Always verify current visa requirements before travel as policies can change. Apply early to avoid last-minute complications, especially during peak travel seasons.

❓ **What are the best local transportation options in Vietnam?**

Vietnam offers diverse transportation options. For intercity travel, domestic flights connect major cities affordably and quickly. The scenic Reunification Railway runs along the coast from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City – book soft sleeper berths for overnight journeys. Luxury buses and minivans provide comfortable intercity connections. Within cities, use Grab (ride-hailing app) for reliable, app-based pricing. Traditional taxis are widely available but negotiate fares beforehand. Scooter rentals are popular but only for experienced riders – traffic can be chaotic. Cyclos (three-wheeled rickshaws) offer charming short rides in old quarters. For coastal areas and islands, boats and ferries are essential. Train journeys offer beautiful countryside views and are perfect for meeting locals.

❓ **Where should I stay in Vietnam's major cities?**

In Hanoi, stay in the Old Quarter for atmosphere and walkability to attractions, or the French Quarter for upscale hotels near Hoan Kiem Lake. Hoi An's Ancient Town offers charming boutique hotels within walking distance of lantern-lit streets, while An Bang Beach area provides resort-style accommodations. Da Nang's beachfront hotels along My Khe Beach offer ocean views and easy access to attractions. In Ho Chi Minh City, District 1 is ideal for first-time visitors with proximity to major sights and restaurants. For beaches, Phu Quoc's Long Beach has the best resort selection. Book accommodations well in advance during peak season (November–April). Consider homestays in rural areas like Mekong Delta or Sa Pa for authentic cultural experiences.

❓ **What are the must-visit attractions in Vietnam?**

Ha Long Bay is Vietnam's crown jewel – take an overnight cruise among limestone karsts with kayaking and cave visits. Hanoi's Old Quarter offers street food tours and water puppet shows. Hoi An Ancient Town enchants with lantern-lit streets, tailor shops, and nearby An Bang Beach. The Imperial City in Hue showcases royal Vietnamese history along the Perfume River. Ho Chi Minh City features the War Remnants Museum and Cu Chi Tunnels for historical insights. Ninh Binh, dubbed 'Ha Long Bay on land,' offers boat rides through karst landscapes. Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park houses spectacular caves including Paradise Cave. Sa Pa provides mountain trekking among rice terraces and ethnic villages. The Mekong Delta offers floating markets and rural cycling experiences.

❓ **What Vietnamese dishes should I definitely try?**

Pho (pronounced 'fuh') is Vietnam's signature noodle soup – try both Hanoi and Saigon styles. Bun cha, grilled pork with herbs and noodles, is a Hanoi specialty famously enjoyed by Obama. Banh mi, crusty baguettes with various fillings, make perfect quick meals with excellent vegetarian options. Fresh spring rolls (goi cuon) offer healthy, herb-packed bites with peanut dipping sauce. Bun bo Hue delivers spicy beef noodle soup from the former imperial capital. Hoi An's cao lau noodles are unique to that town. Don't miss banh xeo (crispy crepes) and com tam (broken rice dishes). For drinks, try egg coffee in Hanoi and coconut coffee in Saigon. Vietnamese coffee culture is exceptional – the slow-drip phin filter creates incredibly strong, flavorful coffee perfect with sweetened condensed milk.

★ **Traveller Reviews**



Aditi Sharma

★★★★★ 5/5

Beautiful Vietnam Trip

I recently booked a 10-day Vietnam tour package and it was amazing! The landscapes are breathtaking and the service was top-notch. Highly recommend!



Rahul Mehta

★★★★☆ 4/5

Amazing Culture of Vietnam

The cultural experiences in Vietnam were delightful. From the bustling markets to serene countryside, we saw it all!



Sita Joshi

★★★★★ 5/5

Memorable Halong Bay Cruise

The Halong Bay cruise included in our package was simply stunning. The views were surreal and the food was delicious!



Vikram Singh

★★★★☆ 4/5

Vietnam Trip Balancing Adventure and Relaxation

This tour package offered a perfect mix of adventure and relaxation. The trekking in Sapa was exhilarating!



Preeti Nair

★★★★★ 5/5

City Tours were Informative

Our guided city tours were very informative and engaging. We learned so much about Vietnam's history and heritage. Kudos to the tour guides!

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