



# THE BEAUTY OF MEKONG

Photography Tour

Duration: 6 days / 5 nights

Overview: Saigon - Mekong Delta





### Key Experiences:

- Best photo destinations of Southern Vietnam
- Panoramic photos of places in Saigon and Mekong towns
- Typical local and street life
- Model photo shooting
- Professional photo tour guide with coaching upon request.





### **DAY 1: SAIGON ARRIVAL, SUNSET & CITY LIGHTS** ✂

Welcome to Saigon. Check-in hotel and free time. At 3 pm, after some briefing on how the tour goes, the photo guide picks you up and takes you to the top roof of a high rise building for panoramic photos of downtown. Walking there from your hotel, you will be in the middle of the busy traffic of the streets and are offered a good chance to take pictures of the hustles and bustles of the city. Overnight in Saigon.

### **DAY 2: HIDDEN LIFE OF SAIGON** 🚗

Start the day at 5:00 am to go to Binh Dong harbor. A small river on the foreground offers a reflection of the houses on the water with the sun on the horizons. Next, go to the guitar street Nguyen Thien Thuat. You will then walk up and down the 4-story apartment buildings and later through a market with busy trading. Morning sunlight offers magnificent settings for photo taking. Go back to your hotel for breakfast and resume the tour at 11 am. The next visit is Jade Emperor Temple. At noon time, the temple is crowded with visitors and lots of incense is burned. Sun rays then come in through the windows on the ceiling. We have very nice lighting for your photos.

Lunch at a local restaurant and get back to hotel to rest or to go shopping. Resume the tour at 4:30 pm with a stop on top of Thu Thiem bridge in District 2 for panorama photos of the city center then the river's other side for photos of the twilight and sunset behind the skyscrapers. Overnight in Saigon.





### **DAY 3: HEAD FOR BAC LIEU: SALT FARMS** 🚗

Start the day at 8 am to head for Bac Lieu after hotel check out. The trip to Bac Lieu is about 6 hours. After hotel check in and some rest, start the tour with a visit to salt farms in Bac Lieu: taking photos of salt water surrounding piles of salt and workers carrying the products in baskets. Overnight in Bac Lieu.

### **DAY 4: SUNRISE IN BAC LIEU - CHAU DOC & SUNSET ON SAM MOUNTAIN** 🚗

Get up at 5 am to get to the beach where local people are fishing right on the shallow beaches using push nets. The sun rises on the background. This should be one of the highlights of the trip. Move to the Bac Lieu Wind Power Plant for more magnificent photos. Go back to have breakfast then head for Chau Doc. Lunch is served on the way. Upon arrival in Chau Doc, check in at your hotel then rest. At about 5 pm, head to the top of Sam mountain for the sunset landscape pictures. Overnight in Chau Doc.





#### **DAY 5: SUNRISE IN CHAU DOC - TRA SU PAPERBARK SWAMP** 🚗

Start the day at 5 to get to a palmyra field with the typical trees of Chau Doc. It is a marvelous scene with the trees silhouettes reflecting on the water and the rising sun on the horizons. There are also farmers going to the fields with farming tools on their shoulders or a buffalo if you are lucky. Next stop is a Khmer pagoda. You will capture photos of a very important part of the native Khmer life style. Tour guide will brief this cultural feature to you. Move to the river to have a model photo shoot with some traditionally dressed local lady working on lotus/ water lily flowers.

After lunch, go to Ta Pa Hill. The high ground here offers excellent views looking down the rice fields of Chau Doc. Use of tele lens is recommended. A wide lens is also needed for the picture of the Ta Pa Lake with water in emerald color. Last stop of the day: Tra Su Paperbarks Swamp. In this forest sanctuary, a wide variety of colorful birds and other animals can be found here: storks, bats, snakes, turtles ... The locals in this area built their houses with bamboo canes and fastened the roofs in trees. Overnight in Chau Doc.

#### **DAY 6: FISH FARM IN CHAU DOC, CHAM VILLAGE - BACK TO SAIGON** 🚗

Start the day with a walk to the market of Chau Doc. Shoot photos of local life here for about 45 minutes then hop on a motor boat to go to a Champa village. On the way, stop by the fish farm area to learn about fish farming of local people. When arriving at the village, explore the village and interact with local native Champa people for local life photos and portraits. Get back to your hotel to rest and check out. Head back to Saigon with lunch served at a restaurant on the way. Tour ends.



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