

14-Days Vietnam Discovery 8-Days Ho Chi Minh 3 Days Mekong Cruise 3-days Can Tho

Your Resorts Hotel Equatorial Ho Chi Minh City Muong Thanh Hotel Can Tho

Your Transportation Onboard a famous Vietnamese Sam Pan Boat

Your Experience A truly Asian cultural treat exploring Vietnam









## VIETNAM

Vietnam's reinvention as Southeast Asia's most exciting tourist destination has long since been complete. After wars for the larger part of the 20th century, the country is now a hotspot for foodies, beach bums and thrill-seekers alike. Its capital, Hanoi, has managed to retain its old-style feel despite an economic boom. Its Old Quarter is a riot of delectable food stalls, markets and labyrinthine streets. Ho Chi Minh City serves up a more modern edge, while the UNESCOprotected town of Hoi An has kept its charm despite the swathes of tourists. Vietnam's natural wonders, from Ha Long Bay to the Mekong Delta via the beaches of Da Nang, make it truly magical. (source CNN)

# **HO CHI MINH**

Ho Chi Minh City, commonly and formerly officially known as Saigon, is the largest city in Vietnam, situated in the south. In the southeastern region, the city surrounds the Saigon River and covers about 2,061 square kilometres. Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) is the business and financial hub of Vietnam, with a prominent history going back hundreds of years. A city that truly offers everything.

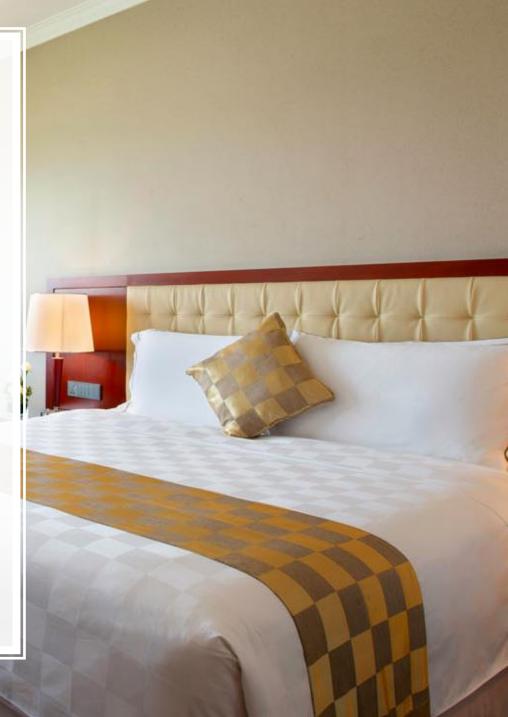
## **Hotel Equatorial Ho Chi Minh City**

Hotel Equatorial Ho Chi Minh City is an international 5-star hotel, located where the borders of the city's four main districts intersect, hence in the heart and true centre of Ho Chi Minh City. Tan Son Nhat International Airport can be reached conveniently within a 35-minute drive, while the city's major commercial and entertainment area is only a mere 8-minute drive. The hotel features 333 guestrooms and suites, beautifully and elegantly designed with attention to detail for the utmost comfort of leisure and business travellers alike.

Non-smoking floors are also available. Facilities include 6 food & beverage outlets with the signature restaurants Orientica Seafood Restaurant & Bar and Chit Chat at the Café. State-of-the-art meeting and conference facilities, which can accommodate up to 1,250 people. The hotel also houses a world-class recreational centre with an open-air swimming pool (a swim-up bar), gym, spa and massage services are also available.

Rooms in Hotel Equatorial Ho Chi Minh City are best described as highly comfortable, well-appointed and spacious. All rooms are complemented with an array of standard features:

High Speed Internet 49-inch Smart Television Minibar, Tea & Coffee Making Facilities Air Conditioning with Individual Room Temperature Control In-room Electronic Safe Hair Dryer, Toiletries





## Hotel Equatorial Ho Chi Minh City

Like most of Asia, food is an important aspect of life in Vietnam. With loads to choose from beyond just Pho and Banh Mi, Vietnamese cuisine has evolved into an eclectic mix of local Vietnamese, French and European influence. Its street fare is widely acclaimed, and some food writers have referred to it as the best street food in the world. At Hotel Equatorial, we strive to give you a choice of some of the best and most loved dishes in Ho Chi Minh City together with Western favorites across a wide range of eateries.

Here at Hotel Equatorial Ho Chi Minh City, we go to great lengths to make your stay a pleasant and memorable one. This includes spending time and effort on the little things – which we know make a big difference. From transportation, fitness, Spa & Wellness facilities, right down to the allimportant Wi-Fi service, and a whole lot more, we have it all down pat to ensure your needs and desires would be well taken care of during your stay with us.









#### Museum of Tarot

Founded in 2016, the museum is combined from six main collections related to Art and Cartomancy: Fortune-telling cards, Book and Historical Documents about Fortune-telling cards, Art of Cardmaking and Decoration of Fortune-telling cards. You will see how the Vietnamese view the Art of Magic and Divination tools, Magic Stones, Lithotherapy Crystals, Art of Demonology and Haunted Objects. The displayed objects in the museum date from as early as the 15th to the 21st century. Pitu Khosa Rangsay Pagoda The Pagoda is one of the best Khmer architectural examples in the Mekong Delta. The glimmer from the golden roof with statues of snakes and dragons is quite captivating. The pagoda's sanctum has three floors, while the upper pagoda is adorned with striking Khmer images and patterns such as Angkor dragons, fairy Keynor sacred bird Krud, and the majestic goddess Teppanom and god Hanuman. In the sanctum you will find finely carved statues of Shakyamuni made of stone or copper, images of elephants, birds, flowers, as well as legends of Buddha on the walls. Annually the major Khmer festivals such as Ok Om Bok, Chol Chnam Thmay and Dolta are often held in the pagoda.

A few worth it trips whilst in Vietnam

#### Half Day City Tour

The half day city tour will give you a quick look at the famous destinations including the Reunification Palace, the Notre Dame Cathedral, the Old Central Post Office and the War Remnants Museum. Your friendly local guide through busy main streets and back alleys as you make your way to some of Ho Chi Minh City's top attractions. You'll learn about when the French captured Saigon some 300 years ago and see European influence in both the food and culture.

Culinary Experience by Scooter

Maximize your senses with the local tastes by travelling to great eateries, sitting on the back of a scooter enjoying the fresh air, while your trusted driver helps you get a real insight into local life behind the main streets. The yummy smell of food from the smoke of food along the streets is a mouth-watering experience. From a green papaya salad served from a stall mounted on a scooter in the park to traditional cakes when you have to make the rolls by yourself and mark your products with your friends to seafood, snails, hot pots and more!

#### Cu Chi Tunnels

Travel through the vast tunnel network created by Viet Cong guerrilla fighters during the Vietnam War and learn about the role of these underground channels, Vietnamese history & discover the daily life of rural southern Vietnamese. Explore the non-touristy vast tunnel network and enjoy a specialty eaten during the war. For the adventurous types, you can crawl through the tunnels and learn about the strategies used by Viet Cong soldiers. Watch an interesting documentary movie about the tunnels system. Visit the B52 Bomb Crater, see a secret entrance and a bamboo trap, and watch how locals used to make sandals for soldiers.

The second leg of your journey will be a 3-day cruise on the famous Mekong River. To make it extra special you will be travelling on a traditional Sampan Boat.

Prepare yourself for a magical private cruising experience onboard a charming Sampan, decorated with beautiful bamboo and rattan furniture through the Mekong Delta. The attentive crew of 4 provide to your every need, creating awonderful authentic atmosphere. The boats come equipped with a comfortable bedroom, living room, bathroom with shower, toilet and toiletries and a sundeck where meals and drinks are served. The Mekong spans around 5,000km on its way to the sea, terminating at Cuu Long, the famous Mekong Delta. The name means 'nine dragons' – the nine months that wend their way across the 62,160 km2 of canals, channels, silt islets and mangrove swamps that comprise the delta, believed to have formed over 6,000 years ago. The Mekong Delta (Vietnamese Nine Dragon river delta) is in the southwest of Vietnam where the Mekong River approaches and empties into the sea through a network of distributaries, encompasses a large portion (39,000sq/km of southeastern region. The natives are generally comprising of farmers and fishermen. An endearing sight in the Mekong Delta is when you see a person making their way across one of the fascinating 'monkey bridges' (cau khi). 3-Day Sampan Cruise (Mekong River)

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## Day 1 Saigon to Cai Be Embarkation (Lunch and Dinner)

At 8am you will be picked up from your hotel and set off for Cai Be, where you embark on your luxury Sam pan around 10am. Your voyage begins from Phu An Jetty. You will enjoy a bicycle tour around the area, exploring the native peoples living. Your tour stops for lunch at nostalgic colonial style Le Longanier, surrounded by a beautiful green garden. After lunch you return to the boat to continue your journey on the Mekong Delta. You will visit local cottage industries which manufacture products from native ingredients such as coconut and rice. As the boat makes its way to Sa Dec it will stop at a handmade brick factory, here you can see how the locals fascinating process in making bricks. After your tour, its back to the boat where you can freshen up before dinner and settle down to enjoy the mighty Mekong at night.

### Day 2 Sa Dec - Can Tho (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Waken up to a scrumptious breakfast on board the boat, fueling up your energy for your tour, which begins with a visit to an outdoor market, where you are sure to find authentic Vietnamese bargains. Sa Dec is a quaint small, romantic town in the Dong Thap province, famous for the making of the novel "The Lover" by Marhuerite Duras. The Sino-French designed Huynh Thut Le Ancient House, decorated with French wooden furniture and floor tiles was once home to the lover of the authoress. Then it's back to the boat to continue your sailing through a canal to Can Tho, seeing a monkey bridge passing by. Your next tour is a visit to the Cao Dai temple in Tay Ninh, built in 1955 by the then newly formed Cao Dai Army, following the Japanese occupation of Indochina. Here you get a sense of total calmness and tranquility, removed from the outside hustle and bustle. Then you will jump onboard a local rowing boat, discovering the deeper rural area. Just before sunset you come to an ancient authentically styled 19th century house for dinner before returning to the boat to set sail for Can Tho.

### Day 3 Can Tho (Breakfast) – Disembark

An early breakfast while sailing, then it's off to explore the amazing Cai Rang Floating Market in the Mekong Delta. This continuously expanding treasure is located 6km from the centre of Can Thoy and brings much needed economic benefits to the area. The sound of motor engines, people bargaining and the massive array of colours of agricultural produce is an exhilarating experience. You can stock up on some local fruits, such as durian, rambutan, jackfruit and watermelons freshly picked from the orchids to take to your hotel. Then the boat continues sailing to Victoria Can Tho, home to Vietnam's longest spanning bridge, where you will disembark and off to your hotel.

## **Muong Thanh Hotel Can Tho**

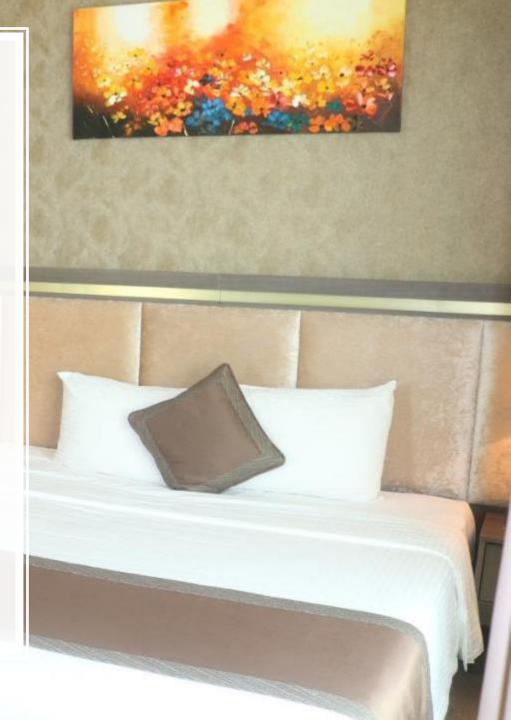
Can Tho is the biggest city of the Mekong Delta. The name comes from "Cầm Thi Giang" - river of poems. The city is famous for its floating markets, delicious food, fresh fruits and the beauty of the Mekong delta.

The only luxury hotel in the centre of the Mekong Delta, the five-star Mường Thanh Luxury Can Tho Hotel blends modern architecture with the natural beauty of the river.

The 5-star Mường Thanh Luxury Can Tho Hotel is located on Cai Khe river islet, Ninh Kieu district. The hotel is just about 10 km away from Can Tho International Airport and 169 km from Ho Chi Minh city; therefore, as a regional hub, it is easy to get to Mường Thanh Luxury Can Tho Hotel from cities in the Mekong Delta as well as from countries in the Indochina region.

Specifically, we are confident of the nicest view in Can Tho City for all kinds of rooms which promise to bring you a relaxed moment every time. The main attraction here is the large and comfortable outdoor Swimming Pool where you and your family can swim and enjoy fresh atmosphere around you.

Each room at this hotel is air conditioned and is equipped with a flat-screen TV. Certain rooms include a seating area to relax in after a busy day. Some units feature views of the river or city. The rooms include a private bathroom with a bidet and shower, with bath robes, slippers and free toiletries provided. There is a 24-hour front desk, a shared lounge and hairdressers at the property. You can play tennis here at the hotel if you wish to.





## **Muong Thanh Hotel Can Tho**

Offering three restaurants which bring three styles of cuisine Vietnamese, European, and Asian creating a tasty atmosphere for guests.

Escape into a world of total comfort, relaxation and rejuvenation. Treat yourself to a luxurious experience. Our friendly and professional staff will pamper you, renewing your mind, body and soul.

Opening hours: 09:00 - 22:00

Our 700-metre square outdoor swimming pool is a sunny and spacious area for guests to enjoy the blue water and their leisure time by the pool.

Opening hours: 06:00 - 20:00

Also, a shuttle service is available for airport drop offs (a surcharge will apply)as well as room service and a highly recommended concierge team.

Highly trained and motivated staff are on hand round the clock to ensure your stay is the best it can be in every event.





It's worth the early morning start to see Can Tho's morning markets heaving with colourful boats and exotic produce. Cai Rang is the most famous in the area but search for smaller floating markets where you can engage with the vendors. There's nothing like a breakfast of steaming hu tieu noodles served on the water in the early morning. Sticky tapioca noodles, crunchy bean sprouts, and thinly sliced pork blend together in a tasty savory broth. Slurp it up surrounded by the sounds of the market.

At first glance, Can Tho seems to be a bustling city, with a stream of commerce flowing continuously down the Hau River. But treat yourself to a room on its leafy banks, dine on its sun-ripened fruits and fresh river fish, glide on sampans through its sultry canals, and you'll soon realize Can Tho's big city facade is just half the story. The other half? Misty sunrises over the water, lazy afternoons swaying in a hammock, and balmy evenings announced by a chorus of insects. Under the Mekong Delta's blazing blue skies, Can Tho leaves a vivid impression. (source Vietnam Travel Advisory)

