

Cai Be, Tien Giang, Vietnam

Drift into the heart of the Mekong Delta on a narrow sampan, past palm-shaded canals, fruit orchards, and family workshops where coconut candy and rice paper have been made for generations.

River pier (docked)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Vietnamese Dong (VND)

Vietnamese

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River pier on the Mekong; river cruise ships dock directly

Best For: Sampan rides, local workshops, cycling village paths

Walk to center: Cai Be town is steps from the pier; canals explored by boat

Don't Miss: Cai Be Floating Market (early morning), Dong Hoa Hiep Old House

Getting around: **Taxi** 30,000–50,000 VND (~\$1–2 USD) for short hops

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Cai Be Floating Market by Sampan** — Board a small sampan at dawn to drift through the Cai Be Floating Market, where vendors sell tropical fruit and produce directly from their boats.
 - Mekong Delta Workshop Trail** — Visit family-run workshops producing Mekong specialties — watch coconut candy being pulled, rice paper dried in the sun, and puffed rice popped over...
 - Narrow Canal Sampan Ride** — Glide through a network of palm-shaded arroyos on a traditional wooden sampan, passing stilted
- houses, fruit orchards, and children playing on the...

 - Dong Hoa Hiep Ancient Houses** — Explore Dong Hoa Hiep village near Cai Be, home to several beautifully preserved century-old merchant houses with French-influenced architecture...
 - Cycling Through Fruit Orchards** — Rent a bicycle and pedal through the shaded lanes of Tan Phong Island or surrounding villages, stopping at longan, mango, and rambutan orchards to...

BEST WALKS

- Cai Be Town Stroll** ~1 km · 20 min · flat — From the pier, walk through the riverside market area to the striking Cai Be Catholic Cathedral — built in Gothic style between 1929 and 1932 — then on to the Cao Dai...
- Tan Phong Island Orchard Loop** ~3 km · 45–60 min · flat — Cross to Tan Phong Island by sampan, then follow the shaded village paths through fruit orchards and past ancient houses.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		92°	78°	12d
Jun		88°	77°	27d
Aug		87°	77°	29d
Sep		86°	76°	29d
Oct		86°	76°	28d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:45AM–6:06PM · Jun 5:34AM–6:17PM · Aug 5:46AM–6:13PM · Sep 5:45AM–5:56PM · Oct 5:44AM–5:38PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Go early for the floating market. Activity peaks before 7 AM; by mid-morning most vendors have dispersed. Ask your ship to schedule departure accordingly.
- Bring insect repellent. The canal areas are lush and beautiful but mosquitoes are active year-round in the delta. DEET-based repellent is recommended.
- Cash is king. Carry Vietnamese Dong (VND) for market purchases, workshop tips, and local snacks. ATMs are scarce near the pier — exchange at your ship or before disembarking.
- Wear shoes you don't mind getting wet. Gangplanks and sampan boarding can be slippery, and village paths after rain are muddy.
- Sun and heat. The delta is hot and humid year-round. Wear light, breathable clothes and bring a hat — there's little shade on open boat decks.
- Workshop tasting etiquette. Coconut candy and puffed rice samples are free, but a small purchase is appreciated — prices are very low and the income matters to these families.

Cai Be, Tien Giang, Vietnam — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1

Văn Thánh Miếu
Văn Thánh Miếu is a historic Temple of Literature.
- 2

Khu Du Lịch Vinh Sang
Vinh Sang Tourist Area offers eco-tourism, fruit orchards, and activities.
- 3

Nhà cổ Ông Kiệt
Ông Kiệt's Ancient House is a traditional Mekong Delta home.
- 4

Ba Duc Ancient House
Ba Duc Ancient House showcases traditional Vietnamese architecture and history.
- P

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