

Chau Doc, An Giang, Vietnam

Where the Hau River meets the Cambodian border, Chau Doc is a mosaic of Cham fishing villages, Buddhist pagodas, and steaming bowls of bún cá — a gateway to authentic Mekong Delta life.

- River anchorage / tender
- Typical call: 6–8 hrs
- Vietnamese Dong (VND)
- Vietnamese (Cham, Khmer spoken locally)

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Vessels anchor in the Hau River and tender ashore to a pier near the town waterfront

Best For: River culture, floating villages, pilgrimage temples, Cambodian border atmosphere

Walk to center: Tender drops passengers at the riverside — market and main streets are steps away

Don't Miss: Sam Mountain temples and the panoramic sunrise view over rice fields toward Cambodia

Getting around: Taxi 15,000–30,000 VND · Rideshare Grab

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Cham Floating Village Boat Tour** — Board a local boat and cross the Hau River to the Cham villages of Chau Giang and Chau Phong.
- Sam Mountain Temples & Summit Hike** — Nui Sam (Sam Mountain) rises 284 m from the flat delta plain 6 km from town — the highest peak in the Mekong Delta.
- Trà Sư Cajuput Forest** — A flooded melaleuca forest 25 km from Chau Doc, best visited by rowboat through mirror-still waterways shaded by white-barked cajuput trees.
- Chau Doc Central Market** — The riverside wet market is a sensory dive into Mekong Delta produce — towers of fresh herbs, live fish, mắm (fermented fish paste) jars, and stalls...
- Speedboat to Phnom Penh (Full Day / Overnight)** — For ships with a generous port call or overnight stay, Chau Doc is the classic overland-river gateway to Cambodia.

BEST WALKS

- Riverside Stroll & Market Loop** 1.5 km · 30–45 min · Easy — From the waterfront tender drop at 30 Tháng 4 Park, walk south along the Hau River embankment past fishing boats and vendor stalls to Chau Doc Market.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:48AM–6:10PM · Jun 5:37AM–6:22PM · Aug 5:49AM–6:18PM · Sep 5:49AM–6:00PM · Oct 5:48AM–5:41PM	
Apr	87°	75°	9d		
Jun	94°	80°	15d		
Aug	93°	79°	18d		
Sep	88°	77°	24d		
Oct	83°	75°	26d		

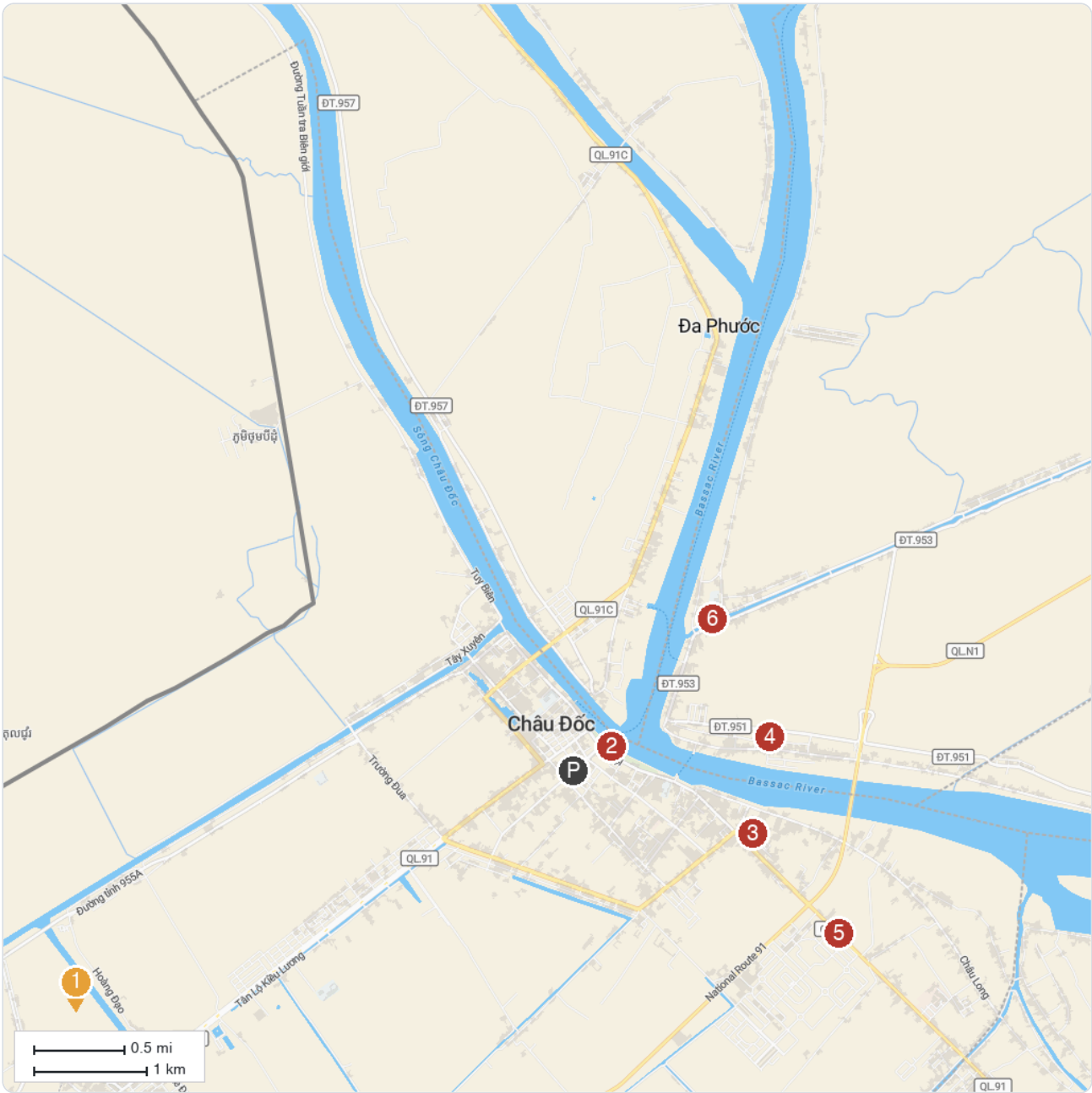
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Vietnamese Dong only in the market — bring small bills. USD is occasionally accepted near the tourist waterfront but rates are poor. Grab cash at a Vietcombank or Agribank ATM near the market before heading out.
- Start early. Bà Chúa Xứ Temple and the market are most atmospheric before 9 am, and Sam Mountain's summit is unbearably hot by midday.
- Negotiate all boat fares at the pier before boarding. Quote a price, expect a counter, and settle before you push off — changing the price mid-river is common with unscrupulous operators.
- Cover shoulders and knees for temple visits on Sam Mountain. Light scarves work for both modesty and sun protection.
- Try mắm. Chau Doc's fermented fish paste is famous across Vietnam. The local market sells several varieties — the anchovied mắm nêm is pungent but unforgettable. Pick up a vacuum-packed jar as a souvenir.
- Wet season (May–Nov): afternoon downpours are brief but heavy. A packable rain jacket is worth more than an umbrella on a boat.

Chau Doc, An 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

Thoai Ngoc Hau Mausoleum
Visit the tomb of a revered Vietnamese mandarin.
- 2

Cá Basa Statue See the iconic statue of a giant Basa fish.
- 3

Chau Long Market Experience a bustling local market with fresh produce and goods.
- 4

Jamuil Azhar Mosque Discover a beautiful mosque, a spiritual center for Cham people.
- 5

Cổng chào Thành phố Châu Đốc Pass through the grand welcome gate to Chau Doc City.
- 6

Masjid Nia'mah Visit another significant mosque, reflecting Cham culture and faith.
- P

Cruise port / terminal