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Mekong Delta · Vietnam

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Cần Thơ is the largest city in the Mekong Delta. It sits on the Hau River and is known for its floating markets, fruit orchards and canal life. The city is a base for early boat trips to the markets.

Most visitors stay one to two nights. A typical stay has a dawn boat trip, a visit to an old house or orchard, and an evening walk by the river.

When to visit

The dry season from December to April is the most comfortable time. Days are sunny, and roads and canals are easy to use. The rainy season runs from May to November. Rain comes in heavy afternoon showers, and the orchards are green. September to November can bring high water and local flooding.

Floating markets are busiest from about 5:30 to 8:30 in the morning. Fruit is at its best from May to August.

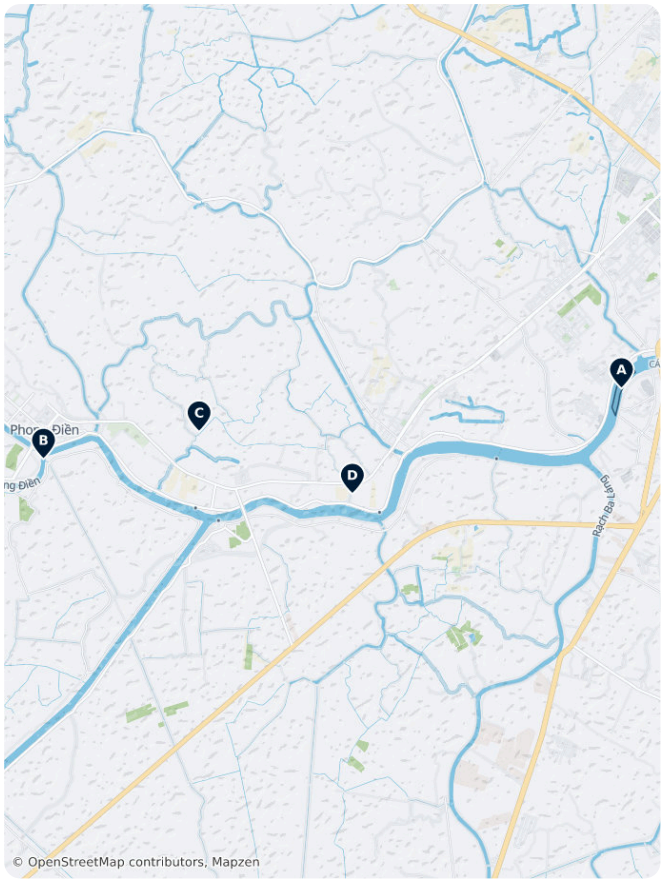
MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Good Good for sightseeing	31° / 35°	21° / 19°	Oppressive humidity · UV 8 (Very high)
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	34° / 38°	22° / 20°	Muggy, humid air · UV 9 (Very high) · Up to 12 days above 35°
March	Poor Poor for sightseeing	37° / 40°	24° / 22°	Oppressive humidity · UV 10 (Very high) · Up to 25 days above 35°
April	Poor Poor for sightseeing	36° / 41°	26° / 24°	Oppressive humidity · UV 10 (Very high) · Up to 21 days above 35°
May	Poor Poor for sightseeing	33° / 39° Feels like 37°	26° / 24°	22 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high) · Up to 7 days above 35°
June	Poor Poor for sightseeing	31° / 33° Feels like 34°	25° / 24°	23 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · UV 9 (Very high)
July	Poor Poor for sightseeing	30° / 32° Feels like 33°	25° / 24°	25 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · UV 9 (Very high)
August	Poor Poor for sightseeing	30° / 32° Feels like 33°	25° / 24°	24 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · UV 9 (Very high)
September	Poor Poor for sightseeing	30° / 32° Feels like 33°	24° / 24°	24 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · UV 9 (Very high)
October	Poor Poor for sightseeing	30° / 32° Feels like 34°	24° / 23°	27 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 8 (Very high)
November	Poor Poor for sightseeing	30° / 32° Feels like 33°	23° / 21°	19 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 8 (Very high)
December	Good Good for sightseeing	30° / 33°	22° / 19°	Oppressive humidity

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

Top sights

- A Cai Rang Floating Market is the biggest floating market in the delta. Wholesale boats hang their goods on tall poles. Visit early in the morning by boat.
- B Phong Điền Floating Market is a smaller floating market about 17 km from the city. It is quieter and has fewer visitors.
- C Fruits garden is one of the fruit gardens near Phong Điền where you can walk, taste fruit and shop.
- D Cocoa plantation is a small cocoa plantation near the city.

The Ninh Kiều waterfront and the Bình Thủy old house are also popular. The waterfront is a good place for an evening walk.



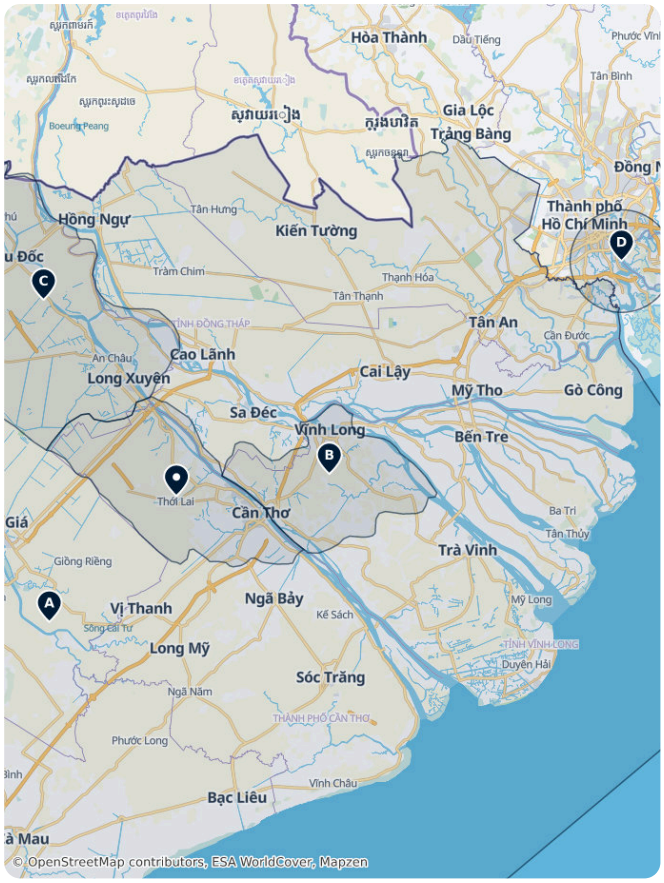
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What to experience

- **Visit a floating market at dawn**: Hire a boat for the early morning trade.
- **Taste fruit in an orchard**: Walk the gardens near Phong Điền and try seasonal fruit.
- **Take a canal boat**: Small boats go along narrow canals under coconut palms.
- **Eat on the waterfront**: Riverside restaurants serve delta fish and rice.
- **Watch the river at sunset**: The waterfront fills with locals in the evening.

Day trips

- A Mekong Delta: the wider delta, with boat trips, canals and orchards.
- B Vĩnh Long: about 1 hour by road, with river islands and homestays.
- C An Giang: about 2 to 3 hours by road, with Chau Doc and its mountains.
- D Ho Chi Minh City: about 3 to 4 hours by road.



Where to explore

- **The delta**: Mekong Delta covers the whole region.
- **Upriver**: An Giang lies towards the Cambodian border.
- **Nearby**: Vĩnh Long is close for island and homestay visits.
- **Gateway**: Ho Chi Minh City is the main city to the north-east.

Getting there

- **By air**: Sân bay Quốc tế Cần Thơ (VCA) has domestic flights. It lies a short drive from the centre.
- **By bus**: Buses and minivans run from Ho Chi Minh City in about 3 to 4 hours. Buses also run from Ca Mau, Chau Doc and Rach Gia.
- **By car**: A private car or driver from Ho Chi Minh City is an easy option.
- **By train**: The delta has no passenger railway. Vietnam Railways serves other parts of the country.

Getting around

- **Walking**: The Ninh Kiều waterfront and the old centre are walkable.
- **Taxi and Grab**: The easiest way to reach sights outside the centre.
- **Boat**: Hire a boat with a driver for the floating markets. Agree the price and the route before you start.
- **Bicycle and motorbike**: Good for the orchard roads around Phong Điền.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

The waterfront and old centre are walkable, but the markets lie outside the city.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

Flat roads suit cycling, but heat and traffic are a limit.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?** A car with a driver is useful for the trip from Ho Chi Minh City. In the city, taxis and Grab are enough.
- **Roads**: Delta roads are flat but busy with trucks and scooters. Watch for narrow bridges.
- **Parking**: Hotels offer parking. Floating market piers have small lots.

Food & drink

Cần Thơ food is based on river fish, rice and fruit. Look for hotpot with fish, grilled snakehead fish, rice noodle soups and sweet rice cakes. Fresh tropical fruit is sold everywhere.

Floating market boats serve noodles and coffee at dawn. Many locals eat breakfast on the water.

What to eat & drink

BREAKFAST

Pho · Phở
Beef or chicken noodle soup with a fragrant broth, fresh herbs, and rice noodles; commonly eaten for breakfast.

LUNCH

Bun Cha · Bún chả
Grilled pork patties and slices served with rice vermicelli, herbs, and a sweet-sour dipping sauce; a Hanoi specialty.

Bun Bo Hue · Bún bò Huế
A spicy, lemongrass-scented beef noodle soup from the city of Hue.

Cao Lau · Cao lầu
A noodle dish unique to Hoi An, with thick chewy noodles, pork, and greens, traditionally made with local well water.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Banh Mi · Bánh mì
A French-influenced baguette sandwich filled with pork, pate, pickled vegetables, and herbs.

Banh Xeo · Bánh xèo
A crispy turmeric rice-flour crepe filled with pork, shrimp, and bean sprouts, wrapped in lettuce and herbs.

Goi Cuon · Gỏi cuốn
Fresh (uncooked) spring rolls filled with shrimp, pork, herbs, and vermicelli, wrapped in rice paper.

SWEETS & DESSERTS

Che · Chè
A category of sweet dessert soups or puddings made with beans, fruit, jelly, and coconut milk, served hot or over ice.

DRINKS

Ca Phe Sua Da · Cà phê sữa đá
Strong drip coffee served over ice with sweetened condensed milk; Vietnam's signature drink.

Bia Hoi · Bia hơi
Cheap, light draft beer brewed fresh daily and sold at street-side stalls, especially in Hanoi.

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Safety & health

Cần Thơ is a safe city for visitors, but a few things need care.

- Wear a life jacket on small boats.
- Agree the boat price and length before you start.
- Mosquitoes are common near canals. Use repellent.
- Drink bottled water and eat at busy stalls.
- Keep your bag close in crowded markets.

History

Cần Thơ grew as a river trading town on the Hau River. Its markets and canals have served farmers and traders for centuries. The delta was once part of the Khmer lands, and Vietnamese settlers came later.

Today the city is the economic centre of the western Mekong Delta.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Vietnam at a glance:

CURRENCY

VND ₫

ELECTRICITY



Type A / Type C / Type F
220 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES

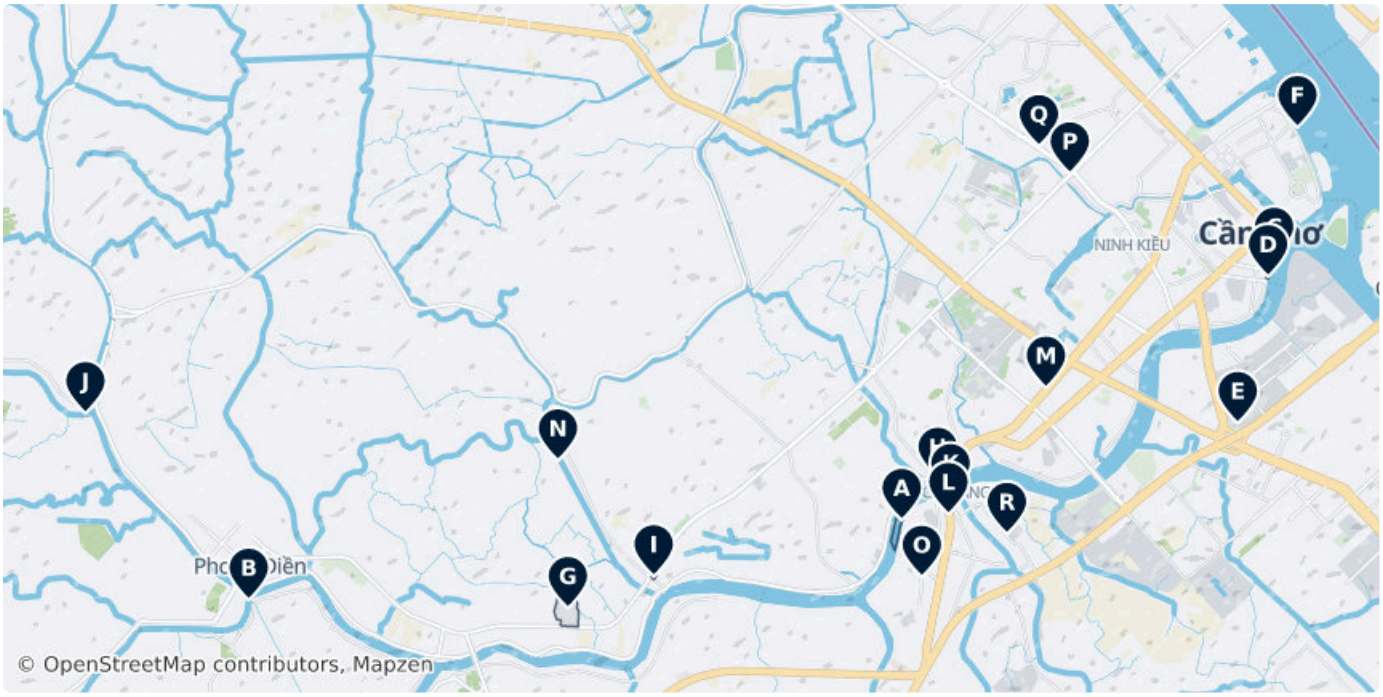
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TAP WATER

Not safe to drink

Cần Thơ Must-Sees: Mekong Delta's Vibrant Heart

Cần Thơ serves as the primary hub of the Mekong Delta, characterized by its intricate network of waterways and extensive agricultural production. This selection features the region's iconic floating markets, Cái Răng and Phong Điền, where wholesale commerce takes place directly on the water. The list also includes the historic Cần Thơ Market building, the agrotourism hub of Mỹ Khánh Tourist Village, and various local food halls specializing in regional staples like goat hot pot and traditional rice sets.



A Cai Rang Floating Market

The largest wholesale floating market in the Mekong Delta, where vendors advertise goods on tall bamboo poles. Peak activity occurs between 5:00 AM and 9:00 AM.

(10.00304, 105.74490)

Mo–Su 05:00–09:30



B Phong Điền Floating Market

A smaller, traditional floating market located 17 kilometers from the city center. It features more rowing boats and retail trade compared to the larger wholesale markets.

Nhơn Ái, Vietnam (9.99374, 105.66771)



C Floating market pier

Departure point for boat tours exploring the Hậu River and local floating markets.

48 Đường Hai Bà Trưng, Cần Thơ 901776, Vietnam
(10.03342, 105.78893)

D Can Tho market

Historic indoor market building with colonial-influenced architecture located along Ninh Kiều Wharf, housing vendors for clothing, souvenirs, and local handicrafts.

Hai Bà Trưng, Cần Thơ, VN (10.03139, 105.78820)

Mo–Su 07:00–22:00

E BIG C

Large modern supermarket and shopping complex offering groceries, electronics, and a food court.

(10.01432, 105.78464)

F Cong vien song Hau

Riverside park along the Hậu River featuring walking paths, green spaces, and views of the Cần Thơ Bridge.

(10.04874, 105.79169)

G My Khanh Tourist Village

Eco-tourism site featuring traditional Southern Vietnamese houses, fruit orchards, and demonstrations of local handicraft production.

(9.99277, 105.70543)

H Chợ An Bình

Local neighborhood market selling fresh produce, seafood, and household goods.

Cần Thơ (10.00782, 105.74917)

I Chợ Mỹ Khánh

Market serving the Mỹ Khánh area with fresh agricultural products and regional food items.

Cần Thơ (9.99649, 105.71557)

Mo–Su Open 24/7

J Floating Market

A secondary floating market location within the river network.

(10.01547, 105.64841)

K Nhà Lồng 3

Commercial market building housing various retail stalls.

(10.00592, 105.75067)

L Quán Nướng 148

Local eatery specializing in grilled meats and traditional Vietnamese barbecue.

(10.00372, 105.75044)

M phở Ý

Local restaurant specializing in Phở, a traditional Vietnamese noodle soup.

(10.01843, 105.76195)

Mo–Su 06:00–17:00

N My Thuan (arnaque)

Regional restaurant serving local Mekong Delta cuisine.

(Unnamed Road), Vietnam (10.00996, 105.70426)

O Quan an gia dinh Cam Huong

Family-style restaurant offering a variety of local Vietnamese dishes.

Đường Trường Trung Học Kinh Tế, Cái Răng, Vietnam (9.99641, 105.74729)

Mo–Su Open 24/7

P Ngọc Trân

Local food hall providing various quick-service Vietnamese meals.

(10.04336, 105.76478)

Mo–Su 08:30–12:30, 15:30–20:00

Q Lẩu Dê Phố núi 1

Restaurant specializing in goat hot pot (lẩu dê), a popular regional specialty.

(10.04653, 105.76112)

R Cơm Phần Tây Đô

Eatery serving traditional Vietnamese set meals (cơm phần) consisting of rice, soup, and various side dishes.

(10.00142, 105.75734)

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