



**Independent Travelers Program**

# Mekong Delta Tour



Delta. We travel the Delta region from Saigon to the Cau Ma Peninsula. If a traveler has a “special place,” perhaps a firebase, basecamp or village he served in, we will make every effort to include that location if it is close to our route. If the Veteran wants to visit a location far from our itinerary, we can make arrangements for him and his travel companions for a reasonable additional fee.

Our Mekong Delta Tours includes visa processing, all ground transportation in modern air-conditioned vehicles, all hotel accommodations, most meals, and the services of a professional English-speaking Vietnamese guide with experience guiding Americans in this region.

Select the month and approximate date that you want to start your tour and send us your Reservation Application. We will get the “ball rolling” and contact you to confirm your travel dates. We can fly you to and from Vietnam or you can make your own Trans-Pacific flight arrangements. Travel with your spouse, a friend, relative or a larger group of your buddies. The more travelers who accompany you, the better price we can offer for you and your companions. Don’t let this opportunity pass you by. Flights and hotels fill up months in advance, so act now to insure your tour!

We offer our travelers an opportunity to tour the Mekong Delta in modern Vietnam on your dates from January through May or October through December. We don’t recommend travel during the wet season (June through September).

This tour program is available for individuals, small groups or families. The cost depends on the number of travelers, whether you want Superior class hotels or Deluxe class hotels, and whether you want us to include Trans-Pacific flights. Some of our clients want to make their own flight arrangements or utilize their frequent flier points.

Our Mekong Delta Tour is designed for Veterans, families, history enthusiasts and others with an interest in this unique region of Vietnam. Many American Soldiers and Sailors served in the Delta in the 1960s and early 1970s. This tour is especially designed for them. Where their travel in the Delta was restricted by the war, we are now able to offer them an opportunity to travel freely over a wide area among a friendly populace.

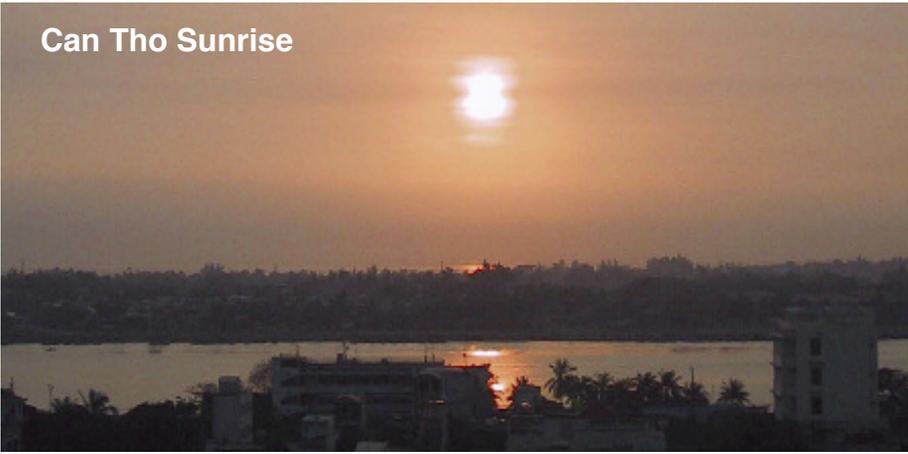
We have been planning and operating tours to Vietnam since 1993. We have seen the infrastructure of Vietnam improve by leaps and bounds. The majority of the roads that we travel are now paved. Some of the busier highways even have overpasses and some former two-lane roads are now divided highways. Many car ferries in the Delta have been replaced by bridges. Most of the hotels are comparable to the best hotels in this country.

One of the delights of our tours is the food. Vietnamese cooking is delicious! You will have an opportunity to sample regional specialties as well as classic Vietnamese dishes. The Vietnamese cuisine includes fish, pork, poultry, beef, rice, noodles, vegetables and fresh fruits.

Our itinerary covers a considerable area of the Mekong



## Can Tho Sunrise



## Itinerary

**Day 1: USA/ Aloft.**

**Day 2: Cross International Dateline**

**Day 3: Arrive Saigon**

Arrive at Tan Son Nhut where you are met by our English-speaking Vietnamese guide and escorted to our downtown hotel. Balance of the day is free at leisure. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Dinner at the rooftop restaurant of the Rex Hotel with a Folk Music and Dance Show. (D)

**Day 4: Saigon/My Tho/Can Tho**

We drive south on the former Highway 4 (now designated Highway 1A) crossing the Van Co Dong River at Ben Luc, where the US Navy and 9th Infantry Division had support bases for riverine and land based operations. Continuing on, we visit the site of the former 9th Division basecamp at Tan An, now an athletic field. We also visit the Tan An Museum with an interesting mix of war-era military weapons and relics of the ancient people's presence of the Oc Eo Civilization in the Mekong region. Continuing to My Tho, we board a boat for a cruise up the Mekong River to a fruit farm where we will sample refreshments and see how they are grown. We continue on to an island in the Mekong where a park features a look at rural life including cooking, crafts, bee keeping and other native activities. We then board small sampans for a journey through typical narrow canals back to our boat on the Mekong River. After lunch on an island in the Mekong, we go to the former 9th Infantry Division main base at Dong Tam. While most of the original site remains a military base, we will visit an



adjacent reptile zoo where we can see living examples of Mekong Delta wildlife. Continue on to Can Tho and check in to our hotel. Dinner is at local restaurant. (B, L, D)

**Day 5: Can Tho/Soc Trang/Ca Mau**

Check out of your hotel this morning and board a motorboat to visit Cai Rang Floating Market by boat. Continue drive to Soc Trang to visit the Clay Pagoda, Kh'leng

Pagoda and Bat Pagoda. After lunch in Soc Trang, we shuttle to Ca Mau for the night. Dinner is at local restaurant. (B, L, D)

**Day 6: Ca Mau**

Morning drive to the Ca Mau dock for a speedboat ride to Nam Can to visit Kien Vang Agricultural Farm. Continue to the open sea at Rach Goc where a number of flights between US Navy forces and local VCs took place during the late 1960s. Rach Goc was one of the main entrances of US Navy into the Mekong Delta. Box lunch to be furnished. Return to the dock in late afternoon and transfer to hotel. Dinner is at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

**Day 7: Ca Mau/Chau Doc**

Morning, visit to the 19 May Garden. Then drive to Chau Doc along the border with Cambodia. Here we see an island that was home to the Cham people and culture for many years. We also visit a nearby mountain that was a VC base targeted by US and ARVN forces. Nearby is a Memorial to 2,000 locals who were killed by the Khmer Rouge in a 1976 night attack. Later we check into our Chau Doc hotel. (B, L, D)



**Day 8: Chau Doc/Saigon:**

This morning we head back to Saigon. Lunch is in My Tho. After lunch, drive back to Saigon through Go Cong and Can Giuoc via My Loi car ferry. We have many "photo ops" on this leg of our journey. Returning to Saigon, we check into our hotel. Tonight, enjoy dinner at the Blue Ginger Restaurant. (B, L, D)

**Day 9: Saigon**

This morning we take a tour of Saigon to include the Notre Dame Cathedral, Colonial Post Office, Presidential Palace, War Remnants Museum, Cholon the enamelware craft workshops and the Ben Thanh Market. After lunch at the Hoa Mai Restaurant, we have the balance to the day to shop or continue sightseeing on our own. Tonight, a Farewell Dinner on a floating restaurant on the Saigon River. (B, L, D)

**Day 10: Saigon/USA**

Midmorning transfer to Tan Son Nhut for flight home, crossing the International Dateline and arriving back in the USA the same day.

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

# Independent Travelers: Mekong Delta Tour

## Reservation Application

Please PRINT clearly!

from \$1,470 per person (Cost based on double occupancy in Superior hotel category - single room additional)

Please make \_\_\_\_ reservation(s) on a 2012 Tour of the Mekong Delta. Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_ representing \$400.00 per person deposit.

(Please make checks payable to "MilSpec Tours")

Date in 2012 you wish to depart the USA to begin your tour: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ (Available January to May & October to December)

Tour Participants (Check )

- One Person \$3,098 per person (inclusive of private room)     Deluxe Hotels \$337 additional for one person  
 Two Persons \$1,983 per person (double occupancy)     Three - Four Persons \$1,750 per person (double occupancy)  
 Five - Six Persons: \$1,512 per person (double occupancy)     Seven or More Persons: \$1,470 per person (double occupancy)

Two or more persons:  Upgrade to Deluxe Hotels for an additional \$220 per person - double occupancy.

- Superior Hotel Single Room \$363 additional per person     Deluxe Hotel Single Rooms \$500 additional per person.

Trans-Pacific Air: (Check )  \$1,100 per person roundtrip     I/we will make our own airline reservations.

Payment Option (Check )

- Option A: I would like to Pay In Full. Payment enclosed.     Option B: Paying a deposit only. I will pay in full 90 days before departure.

Insurance Option (Check )

I accept the travel insurance as follows and include the insurance premium in my deposit:

*Total Tour Cost Per Person* (tour cost + single room (if selected) + Deluxe Hotel (if selected) + Trans-Pacific Air (if selected) = *Insurance Premium*

- \$1,001 to \$1,500 = \$93     \$1,501 to \$2,000 = \$129     \$2,001 to \$2,500 = \$164     \$2,501 to \$3,000 = \$200  
 \$3,001 to \$3,500 = \$235     \$3,501 to \$4,000 = \$270     \$4,001 to \$4,500 = \$305     \$4,501 to \$5,000 = \$340  
 I will obtain my own insurance.

**We require the full name (as it appears on the passport), gender and date of birth of each tour participant.**

#1 \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
#2 \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
#3 \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
#4 \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

*Attach a list for additional participants or submit additional Reservation Applications.*

- I have attached a photocopy of each person's passport data pages.  
 I do not have a passport but will apply for one (forms available at your local US Post Office)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Please furnish us with both your street address and post office box address to avoid delays in shipment of documents to you by Federal Express

Home Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Any diet/health problems? \_\_\_\_\_

*FAA regulations require emergency notification information for all international passengers. Please print the name and phone number of a person not traveling with you who is to be notified in the event of an emergency.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Special requests/places to visit: \_\_\_\_\_

I desire:  2-in-a-room.     Willing to share, 2-in-a-room basis. Roommate (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

To charge your deposit to a major credit card, please complete the following:  Discover Card     Visa     Mastercard     AMEX

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Cardholder: \_\_\_\_\_

*I agree to the terms and conditions as outlined in this tour brochure.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:

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## Your MilSpec Tour Includes...

\* Nonrefundable roundtrip coach-class TransPacific air-line transportation from the West Coast on regularly scheduled flights if selected. \* First-class and selected hotels with private bath (where available) 2-in-a-room basis. Single Room additional cost. \* Breakfast daily plus other meals as noted in the itinerary. \* Van or motorcoach transportation as required by the itinerary. \* Sightseeing as specified with a Professional English-speaking Guide & appropriate admission fees. \* Visa processing. \* Transfers between airports and hotels if traveling on group flights. \* Tips & taxes on all prepaid services.

**Tour Prices Do Not Include:** Airport/customs/departure taxes, passports, excess baggage charges, optional sightseeing, meals other than those shown in the itineraries, items not on table d'hote menus, laundry, liquor, mineral water, beverages with lunch & dinner, customary gratuities to Tour Guides, Coach Drivers & local guides, & any other expenses of a personal nature.

**Tour Prices are based** on a minimum number of tour participants as shown in the Reservation Application, and on tariffs and rates (currency & exchange) known at the time of printing; prices are subject to adjustment without notice in event of changes to such rates prior to departure.

**Airfares** are subject to change without notice. Coach-class airfares are often non-refundable and/or subject to cancellation fees. Trip Cancellation Insurance is strongly recommended.

**Hotels:** Unless otherwise stated, all tour prices are based on two persons sharing a twin/double room in a Superior Class hotel. Deluxe hotels are available at additional cost as indicated. Applicable single supplements are indicated for those wishing single room accommodations. Single rooms are limited in quantity and are sometimes not of the same size or quality as twin/double rooms. We do not recommend triple rooms as they tend to be very crowded; in most cases, triple rooms are a twin room to which a cot has been added. There is no reduction in tour cost for triple rooms. If you wish to share a room and do not have a roommate, we will place you in a twin/double room with the next same-sex participant to register for the tour who also requests to share a room. If we are unable to match you with a roommate, you will be assigned to a single room and must pay the single supplement.

**Deposits and Final Payments:** A deposit of \$400 per person is required to effect reservations. This deposit forms part of your final payment which is due when billed but not later than 90 days prior to departure. Acceptance on tour is subject to verification of payment in full to MilSpec Tours.

**Baggage:** No responsibility is incurred by MilSpec for loss or damage to baggage or any of the passengers belongings. It is recommended that all passengers purchase baggage insurance.

**Passports and Visas:** A valid passport is required for all tour participants. Visas are required for this tour program. Instructions will be sent to you.

**Smoking:** Please kindly note that for the safety and well-being of the group, smoking is not permitted in the van or on the motorcoach at any time.

**Cancellations** for unforeseen and valid reasons in advance of departure are entitled to a full refund less actual expenses incurred and a \$75.00 per person service charge, if written notice is received not later than 120 days prior to departure. If cancellation occurs between 119 and 60 days prior to departure, deposits will be refunded less \$150 per person service charge; less than 60 days prior to departure date, deposits will be refunded, less a \$250 per person service charge and any cancellation charges assessed against MilSpec Tours by hotels, transportation companies, airlines and other purveyors of services. There will be no refunds for cancellations of 30 days or less. Trip cancellation and interruption insurance is available and strongly recommended on all tours.

**Revisions and Refunds:** All changes must be confirmed in writing. A handling fee of \$50.00 per transaction will be charged for any alteration or revision made to a tour reservation. All claims for refunds must be made within 60 days after termination of the tour and must be accompanied by a statement from the Tour Manager, certifying exactly the services not taken. No refund can be made for unused transportation where group tickets or vehicles are involved. No refund can be made for services not taken unless the services omitted cover 72 consecutive hours or more.

**Tour Participants:** In order to insure the smooth operation of all tours, and to ensure congenial tour groups, MilSpec Tours reserves the right to accept or reject any person as a tour participant and to expel from the tour any person for any reason including anyone whose conduct is deemed incompatible with the interest of the tour group. Any handicapped participant who requires special assistance must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the handicapped participant's well-being.

MilSpec Tours reserves the right to exclude from the tour any handicapped participant whose physical condition impairs customary operation of the tour. Should a wheelchair or other special equipment, care, maintenance or services be required at any time, all arrangements shall be made and all costs and obligations will be borne by the tour member. All tour members must be able to make their own way on/off the van or motorcoach. Well-behaved children over 10 years of age are welcome on any MilSpec Tours tour under the same conditions as noted above.



**Responsibility:** MilSpec Tours and/or its agents act only in the capacity of agent for carriers, hotels, bus operators, and other suppliers of services and shall not be held responsible for any injury or for any loss or damage caused by accidents or events beyond their control, or by any action or negligence of attendants or third parties who are not in their employ and on their payroll. The tour operator and/or its agents can accept no responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air, sea or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, or other causes. All such losses will have to be borne by the passenger, as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. The right is reserved to substitute hotels specified for others of similar category. The right is reserved to make minor adjustments in the itinerary. Prices are based upon current tariffs and are subject to adjustment in the event of change. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour. No refund will be made for any unused portion of the tour unless arrangements are made prior to departure. The issuance and acceptance of vouchers or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the above conditions. In addition, transportation companies concerned shall not be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time that passengers are not on board their carriers. The passenger contract in use by the carriers concerned, when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation companies and the purchaser of the tour and/or passengers. The itineraries shown are planned at the time of issue of this flyer, but are subject to revision should circumstances make it necessary. Such revisions will be shown on the individual traveling itinerary you receive before departure.

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### Travel Insurance

Take advantage of our valuable insurance protection. For \$93 to \$340 you can enjoy the security of the following coverage:

#### Schedule of Coverages

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| • Trip Cancellation & Interruption     | Up to Tour Cost |
| • Travel Delay (\$100 maximum per day) | \$500           |
| • Baggage and Travel Documents         | \$1,000         |
| • Baggage Delay                        | \$100           |
| • Medical Expense                      | \$10,000        |
| • Emergency Medical Transportation     | \$20,000        |
| • Accidental Death & Dismemberment     | \$25,000        |

*This is a brief summary of the insurance plan offered. For a full description of the benefits, exclusions & conditions, an insurance brochure is available. Or, call Travel Guard International at 1-888-826-1300.*

