

TOUM TIOU

Cruise Hồ Chí Minh → Siam Rep (8 days 7 nights)

Code: VIET_CRUISES-TOMTIU_001

Program:

1° Day: Hồ Chí Minh – My Tho

15:45 Boarding on the Toum Tiou in the port of **Hồ Chí Minh** (port of Cang Nha Rong) near the Museum

16:00 Accommodation for departure

16:30 Security Briefing

19:00 Welcome drink and information meeting on the cruise, presentation of the crew. Welcome dinner. Overnight on board



1° Day: Hồ Chí Minh – My Tho

Departure of the **Toum Tiou** in the early morning.



07:00 Breakfast while sailing on the wonderful Cho Gao canal.

10:00 Arrival at **My Tho** where the **Toum Tiou** will drop anchor on the river near the island of Thoi Son.

On the banks of a northern arm of the Mekong, My Tho, which translates as "fragrant grass", where tourists come to discover the beauty of the delta. It is a peaceful and prosperous city of about 100,000 inhabitants, famous for its many orchards, gardens and the huge rice fields that surround it. The climate is warm and pleasant all year round. The surrounding countryside is home to one of the most lush gardens in Vietnam, with coconut palms, banana trees and mango trees. Local boats are joining Toum Tiou to pick up passengers and move to the mainland.

Local boats line up alongside the **Toum Tiou** to take passengers to the mainland for a short panoramic tour of **My Tho** town and visit the **Vinh Trang** Pagoda, stopping for a visit to the **My Tho Market**. Return to the dock - Passengers sailing on the river to Dragon Island by local boat to visit the island, explore the daily life of the local people and enjoy local seasonal fruit



12:00 Passengers board **Toum Tiou** again and leave **My Tho** for **Cai Be**. Lunch and free time on board.

15:30 Toum Tiou anchors at **Cai Be**. Local boats approach **Toum Tiou**, pick up passengers and cruise around the **Cai Be Floating Market**. Visit the artisan village where the workers make rice paper, rice wine, popped rice etc. In a traditional way. Continuing to **Vinh Long** - a brick and pottery factory, **Binh Hoa Phuoc** fruit tree nursery and a typical house and showroom of traditional agricultural tools.



Vinh Long, which translates as "**Majestic Dragon**", is located right in the middle of the delta, between the two arms of the **Mekong**. **Vinh Long's** soil is enriched with silt deposits, making it ideal for growing tangerines and other citrus fruits. Life is organized around water. Houses on stilts, peddlers on boats, hundreds of small boats crossed in all directions. The hospitality of the locals makes it a tourist destination par excellence.



18:00 Ritoeno al **Toum Tiou**, and departure for **Sa Dec**.

19:30 Arrival in **Sa Dec**, Toum Tiou **Anchorâ** on the river

Dinner and overnight

Day 3 Sa Dec - Chau Doc

06:00 Breakfast.



07:00 Sa Dec - Short panoramic tour and transfer to **Trung Vuong** Primary School. Continuing to **Kien An Cung Pagoda**. Stroll through the **Sa Dec market** along the bank of the **Sa Dec River**. This small town of 30,000 inhabitants is fascinating in its unspoiled authenticity and undisturbed by tourists. It provides a glimpse of the delta where some colonial houses still remain, including the "**Chinese house**" (from the novel by Duras *The Lover*, also transformed into a film).

09:00 Passengers board again; **Toum Tiou** departs **Sa Dec** for **Chau Doc**, lunch and free time on board.

16:00 Arrival in **Chau Doc**. Departure for fish breeding rafts. If time permits, watch the sunset on **Mount Sam** reaching 237 meters. Its famous Buddhist shrines offer an unobstructed view of the mosaic of glittering rice fields below. On the left is Cambodia, the flow of the Mekong on the horizon breaks into an infinity of silver ribbons. Visit on the way of **Temple Lady Chua Xu e Tay An Pagoda**.



19:30 Return on board, dinner and overnight.

Day 4 Vinh Xuong - Phnom Penh



Cambodian capital.

Dinner and overnight on board.

Toum Tiou leaves early in the morning for Vinh Xuong (Vietnamese border). Breakfast while sailing.

08:00 Arrival at **Vinh Xuong** checkpoint - Customs clearance of formalities for **Toum Tiou** to cross the border.

10:30 am **Toum Tiou** leaves **Vinh Xuong** checkpoint for **Phnom Penh**. Lunch while sailing.

17:00 Arrival in **Phnom Penh**. Passengers free to enjoy the evening in the

Day 5 Phnom Penh

07:30 Breakfast.

08:30 Visit the **Royal Palace**, **Silver Pagoda**, National Museum and **Wat Phnom**.

12:00 Lunch at local resaurant.

14:00 Visit the **old Toul Sleng Detention** Center, which was tortured and executed between 1975 and 1979. Visit to the Russian Market..

19:00 Return to the boat. The local group performs aboard the traditional APSARA show for 45 minutes.

Dinner and overnight on board.



Day 6 Phnom Penh – Kampong Tralach

07:00 Breakfast.

09:00 Free time.

11:30 Return on board.

12:00 The **Toum Tiou** leaves **Phnom Penh** for **Kompong Tralach**. Lunch while sailing..

Arrive in **Kampong Tralach** to visit its wonderful **Vihara** belonging to the **Wat Kampong Tralach Leu**



pagoda. To get there, we cross the village of **Kampong Tralach Krom** along a small road perpendicular to the river, crossing some beautiful stretches of emerald rice paddy as we leave the river behind. **The Vihara** dates back to the beginning of the last century. It was probably built on an older site, as indicated by the Latèrite foundations, and is home to some outstanding wall paintings. These, however,



are starting to suffer from atmospheric agents. They remain one of the last survivors of the cultural destruction that continues unabated due to widespread indifference. Standing alone in the middle of the rice fields, it is a modest pagoda that receives very few visitors. Its isolation could also be its undoing, as in the case of the **Wat Tani Pagoda** in the province of **Kampot**..

18:00 Passengers board again. The **Toum Tiou** drops the anchor a few miles away

Dinner and overnight on board.

Day 7 Kampong Chhnang



07:00 Departure of **Toum Tiou** in the early morning. **Sail to Kampong Chhnang**. Breakfast while sailing.

08:00 Arrive at **Kampong Chhnang**.

Located about 90 km from **Phnom Penh**, the city of **Kampong Chhnang** is one of the largest fishing ports in **Tonlè Sap**. Fish farming is also widely practiced in the area. The area is famous for its pottery, unchanged in style for centuries, which is produced in sufficient quantities to supply the entire country. And don't

overlook the products of the Thnot tree (sugar palm - a true national symbol) that abounds in the area: a sweet tasting, caramel-colored sugar sold in large cakes and palm wine.

11:30 Boarding on the **Toum Tiou**.

12:00 Lunch on board

14:00 Visit the floating village of **Kampong Chhnang**. Local ships are arriving along the **Toum Tiou** and are gathering passengers for the visit. Living on the water, they have all the comforts of a mainland village: houses, shops, petrol stations, gas stations and even a mosque.



16:00 Depart from **Kampong Chhnang** and drop anchor before Tonle Sap Lake.

19:30 Farewell cocktail (1 glass of local liquor or juice) with Master of Ship and Cruise Manager. Captain's farewell dinner (menu enriched with 1 glass of wine).

Overnight on board

Day 8 Siem Reap

Departure of the **Toum Tiou** in the early morning. It's time to pack your bags and relax for a half day crossing the **Tonlè Sap lake**.

11:00 Arrive Phnom Krom (5 miles from Siem Reap).

Transfer in Hotel

* This cross is also available in the opposite direction (Siam Rep -> Hồ Chí Minh)