

LEAVING FROM CAI BE TO PHU QUOC

There are three way in which one can travel from The Durian Lodge in Cai Be to Phu Quoc Island:

1. The fastest way

Go by car from Cai Be to Can Tho Airport (1 hour 30 minutes) + catch a Vietnam Airlines airplane to Phu Quoc (50 minutes).

Flying to Phu Quoc from Can Tho Airport rather than from Saigon's Airport is faster, as the road transit distance between Cai Be and Can Tho Airport is shorter (72.2 km) than the road distance between Cai Be and Saigon Airport (129 km)

Note: During some days of the week, Vietnam Airlines flights depart only in the morning, whereas during other days of the week (variable each month) the flights depart only in the evening. Morning flights usually depart at around 9.00 am; and evening flights usually at around 18.45 pm.

However, if you preferred to depart from Saigon Airport due to not wanting to take an early flight from Can Tho Airport, we recommend that you book your tickets with JetStar Australia: <http://www.jetstar.com/vn/en/home> . Important: When booking your plane ticket with JetStar, please remember to also book at the same time your seat and suitcases online. Boarding passes should be printed immediately upon making the online payment.

2. Sightseeing Option 1: Mekong River boat tour + Airplane

Go by boat taxi to Can Tho (5 hours) along the Mekong River + take a car taxi from Can Tho Boat Station to Can Tho Airport (20 minutes) + catch an airplane to to Phu Quoc (50 minutes)

Note: Please note that evening flights from Can Tho to Phu Quoc, usually at 18.45 pm, are only available during certain days of the week, which vary from month to month. Therefore, this option is only viable, if there is an evening flight on your day of travel.

3. Sightseeing Option 2 (our recommendation): South Vietnam Road Trip + Ferry

Go by private car to Rach Gia (4 hours 30 minutes) + catch a ferry to Phu Quoc Island (2 hours 20 minutes)

For the ferry time schedule (select Rach Gia to Phu Quoc), please go to the following link: <http://superdong.com.vn/en/dich-vu/> . The latest ferry is at 13.00 pm. We therefore recommend that you leave by 7.00 am.

Note: Ferry tickets cannot be purchased online in Vietnam. These can either only be purchased directly at the ferry station in Rach Gia, or, as we recommend during peak travel seasons, at a travel agency in Saigon upon your arrival in Vietnam (a travel agency surcharge applies). It is also possible to purchase the ferry tickets directly at the ferry company's offices in Saigon at 12, Nguyen Ngoc Loc, 14 Ward, 10 District, HCM City, however, as District 10 is far removed from District 1, we do not recommend this option, as the savings are only marginal.

These are the online links for your respective bookings:

To book your private car online, either to Can Tho Airport or Rach Gia Ferry Station, please go to the following link: <http://carservice.thedurianlodge.com>

To book a boat taxi to Can Tho Boat Station online, please go to the following link: <http://boatservice.thedurianlodge.com>

To book your airplane ticket from Can Tho Airport to Phu Quoc online, please go to the following link (note: only Vietnam Airlines operates this route): <https://www.vietnamairlines.com/en/book-your-trip>