



THE RIVERS EDGE
PHOTOGRAPHY DAY TOUR

SAIGON THE RIVERS EDGE



As Ho Chi Minh City rapidly modernizes, one thing remains constant—life along the edges of the Saigon River. In the adjoining canals, riverboats still ply a route to and from the great Mekong, as they have for centuries. Join us in this bustling waterworld, where you'll find photographic opportunities unlike anywhere else in the city. We start out with a canal-side wander to capture photos of working river life. Tugboats arrive here carrying coconuts and other goods from the Mekong, and we'll document these classic scenes from the Saigonese riverside. The route then takes us past a Buddhist temple and onto a floating village, with rickety houseboats anchored along the path. The owners often come out for a chat, giving us a chance to take portraits and shots of them at work and play. We finish up with a dramatic view of Saigon's 21st century skyline over the river, and a walk through a traditional market offering beautiful light for people photography.





EXPECTATIONS



On this street photography tour you'll look at aspects of composition including leading lines, framing, layers and depth, and color theory. You'll also explore approaches useful in this genre of photography like the 'fishing technique' and the search for recurring patterns. Expect to walk, shoot and shoot some more, with plenty of stops to review the pictures taken along the way.

Tour Length: Evening: 8:30am till 12:30pm

Level of Difficulty: Moderate Physical activity (Walking)

ITINERARY



8:30 am Hotel Pick up and make our way to the “The Coffee Ship” We’ll have a coffee while running through the tour and our camera settings. Then it’s time to explore the area under the bridge and port, keeping an eagle eye out for tugboats working on the river.

9:00 am We’ll move along the river to take photos looking east and west along the canal, then photograph the old shanty-style buildings along the canal and river boats from above as they navigate the canal. Boats arrive from the Mekong Delta along this canal bringing all kinds of goods, but especially coconuts.

9:30 am We’ll explore the canal bank and head into a small alleyway leading to Buu Quang Buddhist Temple. This is a great place to chat with locals and do some portraits.

10:00 am Next we dive into a narrow but very busy and intense street with interesting characters, as well as shops and markets selling fish, meat, flowers, fruit, vegetables and clothes.

10:30 am We’ll make a short refreshment stop then return to the Canal where you will see the houseboats and floating market. Now it’s time to head in an easterly direction along the waterfront and do some portraits of people selling their produce, fishing, sitting on their boats or having a sleep.

11 am We continue along the waterfront under bridges and into a very old traditional market. We will use the beautiful morning light and capture the many friendly characters in the river market. At the far end of the market we can take in the vast view of the Saigon river, ships in the port and Saigon's city skyline from a very different perspective.

12 pm We have lunch, and a quick review of photos before returning to your Hotel by 12:30.





EQUIPMENT

Please bring equipment that is readily available to you and that you are comfortable with. Training and photography tips will be provided on tour by our professional photographers based on the locations, lighting and the type of shots you would like to capture. Our photographers will tailor their knowledge to your skill level or interests.



- DSLR Camera / Film Camera
- Smart phone
- Memory Cards
- 8-30mm Lens (Wide Angle)
- 45-75mm Lens (Standard or Zoom)
- Fully Charged Battery (spare batteries if available)





INCLUDES



Hotel Pickup ([Hotel pickups commence approximately 15 minutes prior to this time.](#))
Non-alcoholic beverages
Breakfast
Professional Photographer Guide

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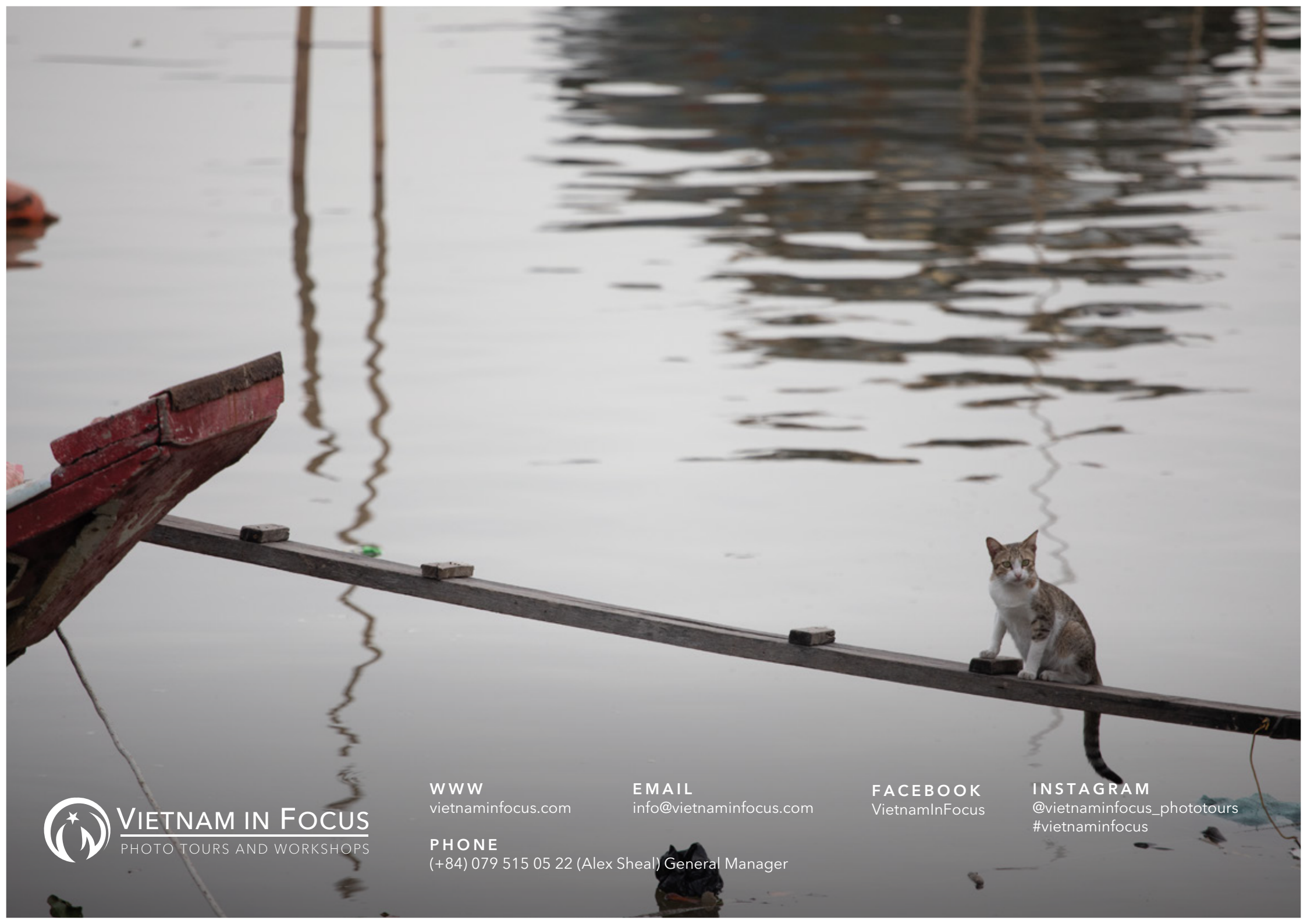


Gratuities

FITNESS



A general level of fitness is required as this is a walking and Photography tour with long periods of standing and crouching.



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