

Chau Doc: gateway to the delta

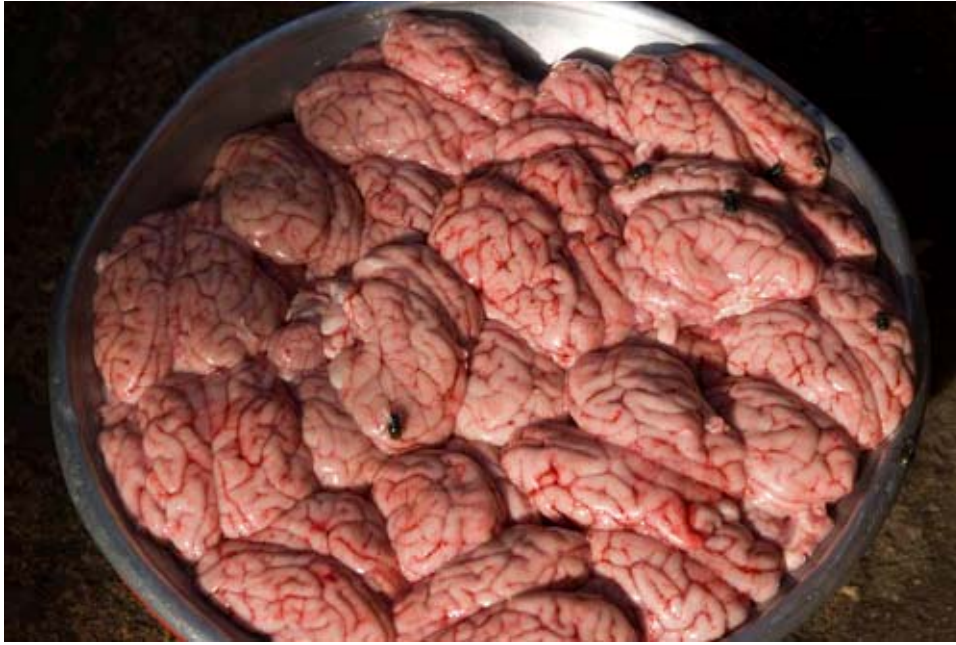
For those who cross from Cambodia to Vietnam by boat via the mighty Mekong, their first impressions of Vietnam are formed in Chau Doc a delta town just across the boarder from Cambodia, although as the river flows it's a scenic two and a half hour boat trip from the boarder. The vibrant colors of the delta are a stark contrast to the more muted colors across the boarder in Cambodia. The place has almost a Mediterranean feel to it with buildings nicely painted in bright pastel colors, Catholic churches, and Mosques. It's a cosmopolitan area, vibrating with life centered about the many rivers and canals that crisscross the region. The markets are full of activity and color abundant with photo opportunities.



**View of Chau Doc
from the river.**



**View from Sam
Mountain towards
Cambodia near
Chau Doc.**



If you are having a bowl of pig brains make sure you pick out the flies.



Propellers on sale at the market in Chau Doc.



Fish and mangos at the market in Chau Doc.



Life on the river.



Boat full of coconuts river near Chau Doc.



All the cycle taxis are men but the row boat taxis are always women.



Man fishing with multiple poles, river near Chau Doc.



Street vendor, Chau Doc.



Pulling up the fishing net with Chau Doc in the background.



Woman and dog waiting for the rain to stop, Sam Mountain near Chau Doc.



New Cham mosque in a village near Chau Doc. The Cham are a Muslim minority group in the delta.