

Phu Quoc Cable Car: The World's Longest Over-the-Sea Ride

You know that feeling when you look out over the ocean and think, “*Man, I wish I could just float out there*”? The Phu Quoc Cable Car makes that happen and then some. Stretching a wild 8 kilometers over open sea, this thing isn't just a ride. It's a proper adventure.

We're talking Guinness World Record stuff here: Recognized worldwide, it's the longest continuous sea-crossing cable car on the planet. But stats aside, what really hits you is the view. Below? Glassy turquoise water dotted with fishing boats. Ahead? The little green humps of the An Thoi archipelago, Thom Island glowing in the distance. And around you? Nothing but sky and silence, except maybe the occasional squeal from someone realizing just how high up you are.

Oh, and your ticket? It's not just for the ride. You're getting a full day out of it, and access to Aquatopia Water Park and Sun World Hon Thom has been thrown in. A lot of people call this a must-do in Phu Quoc, and yeah... I get it. It's part thrill, part chill, and honestly, one of the best ways to soak in the island's wild, sprawling beauty.

What Makes It Special

Let's clear this up, it's not just any old cable car. This thing is a beast. Stretching a crazy 7.9 kilometers across open sea, it's officially stamped in the Guinness World Records as the longest non-stop three-rope cable car *on the planet*. Pretty wild, right? You're basically floating from An Thoi to Hon Thom Island, with nothing but ocean and scattered islands beneath you. The whole trip takes about 15 minutes... but trust me, you'll wish it didn't end so soon.

Why Everyone's Obsessed

Views for Days

I mean, where do you even look first? Below, you've got that glassy turquoise sea, dotted with tiny fishing boats. Off in the distance, the An Thoi archipelago rises up, all green and rugged. And the sky? On a clear day, it feels endless. You're basically inside a moving postcard.

Smooth Ride, No Sweat

One of the best parts? How smooth it is. No jolts, no weird wobbles that make your stomach flip. The cabins are big and breezy, so even if heights aren't your thing (hi, same), you'll feel pretty chill once you're up there.

It's Not *Just* a Ride

The ticket? Golden. Once you step off at Hon Thom, you'll have a free run at Aquatopia Water Park and Sun World Hon Thom. Slides, pools, lounging spots, you can easily make a whole day of it. For what you pay, it's kind of a steal. You get adventure, killer views, and a bonus beach day all rolled into one.

The Ride Experience

What You'll See

The second you lift off, it's like stepping out of real life and into one of those dreamy travel ads. Below? The sea stretches out in shades of turquoise you didn't know existed. Tiny fishing boats drift between the scattered islands, Hon Dua, Hon Roi, and the whole rugged lineup of the An Thoi archipelago. If the water's clear (which it usually is), you might even spot coral patches glowing just beneath the surface. Off in the distance, Phu Quoc's coastline fades into this hazy mix of green and blue.

Cabin Comfort & Features

First thing you'll notice? These cabins are *spacious*. No elbow wars here, big windows wrap all the way around, so you've got uninterrupted views wherever you stand (or sit, if you can tear yourself away from the window). The glide is buttery smooth, with no rattles or stomach-dropping wobbles. Inside, it's breezy and fresh. No air-con, but with the natural wind flowing through, you won't miss it for a second. Fun bonus: free Wi-Fi. So yep, you can post that ocean shot to your story *while* you're still up in the air. And if you're rolling in with a stroller or wheelchair? That is no problem; these cabins are designed to be totally accessible.

Best Time to Ride

If you're after *that* magic moment, aim for early morning. The light's soft, the crowds are thinner, and the sea below looks extra glassy and bright. More of a sunset chaser? Late afternoon, around 4 PM, is where it's at. Watching the sun sink behind the islands from way up high? Unreal. Just one heads-up: midday tends to get packed *and* scorching hot, so if you can, steer clear of that rush. The cable car usually runs in two shifts (morning and afternoon), so it's worth double-checking the schedule and timing your ride for max chill.

How to Get to the Phu Quoc Cable Car Station

Heading to the Phu Quoc Cable Car Station? Super easy, and honestly, half the fun is choosing *how* you want to roll up.

Taxi: Quick & Comfortable

Want to keep things simple? Grab a taxi. The ride takes about 30 minutes from Duong Dong or other central spots, and you're looking at around 300,000 to 600,000 VND (roughly \$12 to \$25),

depending on where you start - and, let's be real, how good you are at haggling. Air-conditioned, smooth, and zero stress.

Free Shuttle Bus: Budget-Friendly & Easy

Yep, there's actually a free option. Sun World runs shuttle buses from several popular hotels straight to the station. It's perfect if you're watching your budget or don't like dealing with directions.

Tip: Check with your hotel ahead of time to confirm pickup spots and times.

Motorbike: For the Adventurous

If you're like me and prefer to *feel* the journey, rent a motorbike. It's around 100,000 to 200,000 VND a day (I usually land a deal at 150,000) and super flexible - Honda, Yamaha, you name it. You'll get ocean views, little beach stops, and total freedom to roam. Best part? You're on your own schedule.

Tour Packages: All-In-One Convenience

New here? Don't want to overthink it? Tour packages often include round-trip transport, so you just hop on the bus and let someone else handle the details.

Whichever route you pick, one thing's guaranteed: once you're up in that cable car, every bit of effort to get there feels so worth it.

Tickets, Times & Money-Saving Tips

A little planning goes a long way here, trust me. The cable car *looks* chill, but show up at the wrong time and you'll find yourself in a long, sweaty line of people with the same idea. Save yourself the headache and time it right.

Cable Car Schedule

- Morning: 09:00 – 11:30
- Afternoon: 13:30 – 17:00

It doesn't run *non-stop* all day, so heads up: there's a midday break between the two sessions. Miss that morning window? You'll be hanging around until after lunch.

Best Ways to Save Some Cash

- **Book online.** Seriously, do this. Not only will you skip the ticket queue, but Sun World also often offers online-only deals.
- **Go with a group.** Some tour agencies offer discounted group rates, so if you're traveling with friends or family, it might be worth bundling up.
- **Think combos.** If you're planning to hit Aquatopia Water Park (and you should, it's fun), grab a combo ticket. It's way cheaper than buying everything separately.

Is It Worth It?

Every. Single. Dong. You're not just paying for a lift across the sea - you're in for the *longest* over-water cable car ride in the world. The views, the sheer scale of it, and the bonus fun waiting at Hon Thom? Absolutely worth it. Get your ticket, hop in, and soak up one of Phu Quoc's most epic experiences.

What to Do After the Ride

So, you've floated across the sea on the world's longest cable car, stepped off at Hon Thom, and now you're standing there thinking... *now what?*

Make a Splash at Aquatopia Water Park

First stop? Aquatopia. This isn't your average water park, it's one of the best in Southeast Asia. Over 20 slides and rides, lazy rivers, splash zones, wave pools... the whole shebang. It's a blast whether you're with kids or just feeling like a big kid yourself. The perfect way to cool off after that cable car ride.

Crave Thrills? Head to Exotica Village

If water slides aren't cutting it and you want more adrenaline, Exotica Village has your back. Vietnam's first wooden roller coaster lives here, plus a bunch of other rides that'll twist your stomach in the best way. Fast, fun, and yeah... a little terrifying in spots (in a good way).

Chill Out on Hon Thom's Beaches

Not into all the wild rides? No problem. Hon Thom's beaches are gorgeous, with soft white sand, ridiculously clear water, and plenty of shady palm trees to nap under. Bring a book, wade into the sea, or just lie back and do nothing. Sometimes that's the best plan.

Snorkeling & Marine Life

The coral around here? Unreal. Hon Thom is a snorkeler's dream with reefs teeming with tropical fish and colorful coral. You can join a guided boat tour or just rent gear and head out from the beach. Either way, the underwater world is worth a peek.

Fresh Seafood Feasts

All that fun works up an appetite, right? Luckily, Hon Thom's got you covered. Fresh-caught seafood, cooked up just right, grilled squid, steamed clams, buttery prawns... you name it. Some spots do buffet deals, others keep it simple, but one thing's the same: it tastes better with an ocean view.

Insider Tips from Travelers

Want your cable car day to go off without a hitch? Here's what we've learned (the easy way, and sometimes the hard way):

1. Timing Is Everything

Weekday mornings are magic. There are fewer crowds, cooler air, and way more chill. We've also done late afternoons. If you hit it right, the sunset from up there is unreal. Plus, you might score a whole cabin to yourself. Total win.

2. Pack Like You've Been Here Before

Swimsuit? Obviously. But don't forget your own towel; trust me, Aquatopia will happily charge you for theirs. Sunscreen, hat, and flip-flops? Non-negotiable. The sun hits hard out here. I always throw a dry bag in my backpack for my phone and cash; it's saved me more than once.

3. Photo Hacks

Annoyed by those window glares? Been there. A simple polarizing filter can seriously upgrade your shots. Oh, and if you want that postcard-perfect island view, grab a forward-facing seat when you board.

4. Book Smart, Save Cash

Skip the lines - book online. It's faster and usually cheaper. Some hotels also bundle tickets with transport, so ask around before paying extra.

5. Watch the Clock

This is a heads-up that the cable car takes a break midday (around 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM). Miss that cut-off, and you'll be stuck waiting. Plan ahead so you don't lose time.

6. Don't Rush Off the Island

Hon Thom's got more than just pretty views. Aquatopia's fantastic if you're into slides and the beach? An absolute paradise for a lazy afternoon. Feeling adventurous? The Exotica Village roller coaster is a blast (yep, we tried it). And if snorkeling's your thing, poke near the pier, boats are usually ready to take you straight out to the coral.