

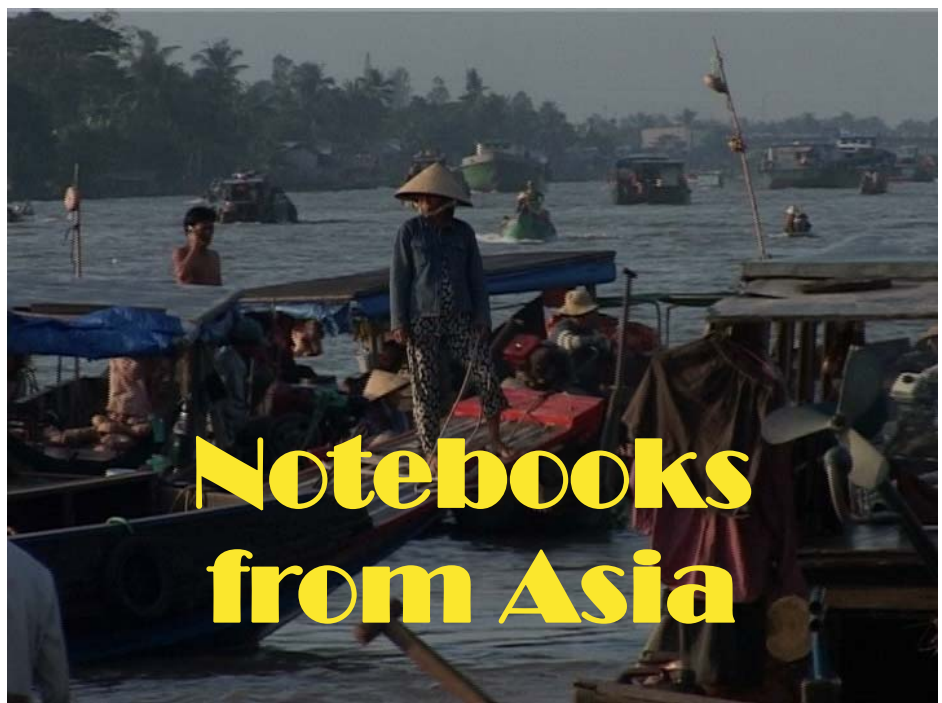
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Notebooks from Asia

'Notebooks from Asia' invites us to discover the daily life of two southeast Asian countries, Vietnam and Cambodia, and their distinct cultures.

Ep. 1 Vietnam – Spring rolls, papayas and vermicelli

This documentary sets out for Vietnam, from north to south, through its culinary traditions, its countryside and its villages. Rice pancakes, spring rolls, rice alcohol, rice in bamboo and *pho* come from the northern regions. In the more central areas the cooking of Hué predominates. In the south, criss-crossed by rivers, canals and tributaries, this is the land of papayas and durians, jackfruit and mango trees, star fruit, kumquats and litchis.

Ep. 2 Vietnam – From the Red River to the Mekong delta

Stretching for over 1,000 miles from north to south, Vietnam can be crossed by train, boat or coach by following the same historic roads taken by the Vietnamese peoples in their conquest of the country.

Ep. 3 Cambodia – Palaces, bonzes and lady dancers

Cambodia has been rebuilding since 1999 and aspires once again to become the land of smiles. Temples buried deep in the forest, dancers with such supple fingers and monks with golden parasols have figured prominently in the country's past, and they are still an important part of its heritage. This movie reveals the stunning Khmer civilisation and its symbolically prominent sites such as Angkor Wat.

Ep. 4 Cambodia – Water buffalos, rice paddies and elephants

Not far from the classic touristy regions, the landscapes and mountains make Cambodia a land of discovery. A mountainous region, the Ratanakiri is covered by a dense, impenetrable forest. The inhabitants can only cross the forest by travelling the rivers in pirogues. These people are the Brus, the Laos,

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