



*Cambodia & Vietnam*

# HALONG BAY, RED RIVER & LAOS MEKONG

VIET TRI TO VIENTIANE - 21 NIGHTS

DOWNSTREAM

For the first-time travelers will be able to explore the key sites of Northern Vietnam by river ship traversing the Red River delta and its main tributaries, connecting the wonders of Halong Bay with the excitements of down town Hanoi, and then on into the interior, well off the beaten track. This is a combination of scenic beauty, lively and interesting (sometimes industrial) life of the river and exploring rivers where no other tourist craft operate.

Combined this with a three-country expedition as we will traverse Laos to touch Thailand and Burma at the once notorious Golden Triangle. From Vientiane, the old French capital, and so redolent of L'Indochine, beyond Luang Prabang, Pandaw is the first river expedition since prewar days to cross all Laos.

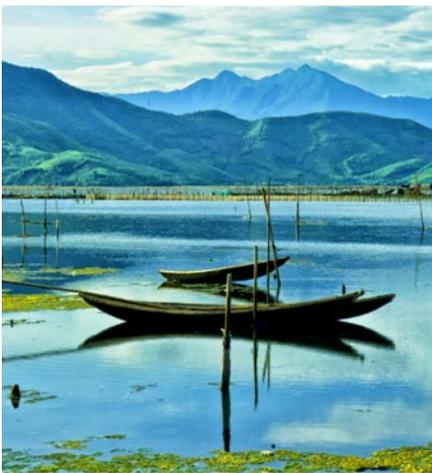
This trip included flight between Hanoi and Vientiane or v.v. with a one-night hotel stay.



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# ROUTE MAP



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# ITINERARY DOWNSTREAM

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## DAY 1 VIET TRI

Transfer from Hanoi to your ship moored along the Red River in Viet Tri. After lunch we visit Lac Long Quan or the Hung Kings Temple and learn about the history of the Hung Kings and the founding of the first nation in Vietnamese history. We return to the ship for your welcome dinner and introduction to your crew.

[More about Viet Tri](#)



## DAY 2 THE LO RIVER

A day of exploring the various crafts produced throughout the delta. We start with a visit to Hung Lo temple where we will be serenaded with traditional folk music as well as enjoy an exploration this quaint traditional town. In the afternoon we visit the smith village of Ly Nhan to witness first-hand the traditional production methods still being used to this day.



## DAY 3 UPPER RED RIVER

We visit the UNESCO praised village of Duong Lam an ancient village that is a well preserved example of a traditional Vietnamese village from centuries ago with intricate architecture and fascinating culture. After lunch we continue downstream on the Red River and visit a timeless Arcadian Vietnam with emerald green rice paddies punctuated by lime stone rock formations. We make a stop at a small village dedicated to the handmade production of Vietnam's most famous headwear, the Non La conical hat before continuing to Thay Pagoda. Hardly known, yet with exquisite temples dating from the 11th century, we visit this beautiful temple beside a lake and explore the village that surrounds the pagoda.



## DAY 4 HANOI

Dropping anchor in the bustling city of Hanoi, passengers will visit some highlights of this Asian metropolis including must-sees like the notorious Vietnam war prison known as the Hanoi Hilton and the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first University that is dedicated to the Chinese Philosopher Confucius. We also stop outside The Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum along the way to discuss the work required to preserve the body of 'Uncle Ho.' In the afternoon we take a walking tour of Hanoi old quarter, a bustling maze of food and shopping that is an assault on the senses. We visit a coffee shop to learn about Vietnam's famous coffee making industry and try an authentic coffee.



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## DAY 5 **BAT TRANG CERAMIC VILLAGE**

This morning we visit Bat Trang ceramic village, a hub of ceramic production for generations. The ceramics made here are famous throughout Vietnam and adorn many homes both north and south. Before returning to the ship, a local dance troupe will treat us to a lion dance on the pier. This colourful and energetic dance is customary during festivals throughout Vietnam, most notably during Tet. We sail through the maze of waterways this afternoon and are entertained onboard by your Pandaw Chef with a cooking class and fruit carving.



## DAY 6 **DAY RIVER**

After breakfast we head ashore to Co Chat village, Nam Dinh. Here we visit local craftspeople making silk by hand and the local markets filled with exotic produce. After lunch onboard we moor at Khanh Thien Village, a quaint town known for its skilled craftspeople. We explore this cultural hub by local transportation or bicycle and discover a host of handicrafts including water hyacinth weaving and a variety of rice paper and cakes. We end the evening with a performance by the locals of 'Chau Van' singing, an ancient art form local to this area.



## DAY 7 **NINH BINH**

Discover 'Halong on Land' today as we visit Ninh Binh and take small bamboo rowing boats through the magnificent limestone caves. Visitors in September and October or April and May will witness the valleys shine golden as the rice fields prepare for harvest. After lunch we continue our exploration of the Red River Delta with a journey to Phat Diem, home to Phat Diem Cathedral, a 19th-century Roman Catholic church built in an eclectic blend of Vietnamese and European architectural styles. We continue upstream on our journey to Halong.



## DAY 8 **LUOC - THAI BINH - KINH THAY RIVERS**

Observe the lively and interesting life on the river as we spend a morning sailing the delta. Enjoy an exploration of your vessel with a ship tour before lunch. In the afternoon we visit Thanh Ha Commune, considered the origin of water puppetry in Vietnam. After a stroll or bicycle through the quaint village, we enjoy a private water puppet show set under shade by a beautiful pond of lotus and lilies, as it has been enjoyed for centuries. We drop anchor near Hai Phong Port, the gateway to Halong Bay.



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## DAY 9 HALONG BAY

Cast off early morning along the river before entering Halong Bay's amazing island scenery with its 2,000 dramatic limestone islands and extraordinary rock formations dating back 20 million years. Exploring Halong Bay, we stop at the so called "Dark and Bright Cave" where we take a kayak or a local basket boat rowed by fishermen and enter this remarkable cave into an enclosed area similar to a crater. Bats can be heard in the cave and massive stalagmites hang from the ceiling. We continue our cruise through Halong Bay until we drop anchor in a quieter part of the bay.

[More about Halong Bay](#)



## DAY 10 HALONG BAY

Continuing our sailing we make a stop at Viet Hai Village. We continue our journey by mountain bike or electric buggy to visit the village's vegetable farm and typical village houses. It is a breath-taking trip along a small road winding its way through the limestone rocks. In the afternoon we will continue cruising towards Lan Ha Bay for a visit to a floating fishing house. Weather dependent, we will end the day with cocktails at a beautiful secluded beach.



## DAY 11 HALONG BAY

Morning sail to Tuan Chau Jetty. Disembark and transfer to Hanoi Airport with stop for lunch at a local restaurant. Fly to Chiang Mai and be transported to your hotel where you will have the rest of the evening for self-exploration.



## DAY 12 CHIANG KHONG

Transfers from airports or any city hotel in Chiang Rai (2 hours) and Chiang Mai (6 hours) including Lunch at Ban Rai Sabaidee Farm plus guided visit to the Golden Triangle and the now infamous opium museum. Embark your ship by 16.00 and enjoy welcome drinks on the sundeck with traditional Thai dancing.

[More about Golden Triangle](#)



## DAY 13 INTO LAOS

Pass through immigration formalities at the Thai/Laos border and re-join the ship. Set sail downstream on the beautiful Upper Mekong River, Morning presentation on the Lao language. After lunch, if time allows, sightseeing on foot in Pak Sith.

[More about Into Laos](#)

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## DAY 14 PAK BENG ELEPHANT SANCTUARY

Morning walk at Ban Luang Tong Lao Lowland village. Laos is known as 'The land of a million elephants' and after Lunch we will visit a rescue sanctuary that is helping to preserve the elephants of Laos and provide sustainable alternative employment for Mahouts who once trained and rode these beautiful creatures. In the evening we moor at a sandbank for a special riverside barbecue and cocktail party. Light paper lanterns with the crew and enjoy a dance in remote Laos.



## DAY 15 BAN BOR AND YOI HAI KHMU VILLAGES

Today we discover the Khmu minority group and learn about their remote way of life. In the morning we will visit Ban Bor village, home to the Lao & Khummu people. We will have the opportunity to support locally produced handicrafts and walk through the Khummu village of Yoi Hanoi in the afternoon.



## DAY 16 PAK OU CAVES

Continue cruising downstream to Pak Ou, sightseeing by local boat exploring the unique Pak Ou Caves, a Buddhist sanctuary with spectacular limestone cliff faces. See the production of local Laos whisky at the Whisky village and shop for locally produced handicrafts before sailing into the World Heritage City of Luang Prabang. Moor overnight in central Luang Prabang.

[More about Pak Ou Caves & Nam Ou River](#)



## DAY 17 LUANG PRABANG CRAFTS & CULTURE

Today we explore the various handicrafts of Laos in more detail. We start with a morning walk up the 228 steps to Phousi temple where the best views of Luang Prabang can be found. After lunch aboard the ship, we visit Ock Pop Tok, a social enterprise providing sustainable employment and training for the women of local weaving villages. We then head to TAEC (Traditional Arts and Ethnology Centre) to understand more about Laos musical instruments. Cocktail hour is accompanied by a traditional Bacci ceremony onboard highlighting some of the instruments seen in the afternoon.



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## DAY 18 LUANG PRABANG

Early morning walking tour to observe the morning alms offering by local people to the hundreds of monks who walk around the city every morning. We continue after breakfast to the morning market before taking tuktuks for a city tour of this well preserved and unique world heritage site with its many Buddhist temples, libraries and royal palace. The afternoon is free to explore the beauty and unique atmosphere of Luang Prabang.

[More about Luang Prabang](#)



## DAY 19 KUANG SI WATERFALL

After breakfast sail downstream to Ban Chan where we take part in a pottery demonstration at the local pottery workshop. After Lunch we moor at Ban Mouang Khai and take a short drive to see the deep jungle pools at the Khaung Si Waterfall where you can swim in the crystal-clear waters. We then stop at the Laos Buffalo Farm, a social enterprise utilizing the abundant buffalo in Laos before rejoining the ship. We sail downstream for a sunset cruise and moor overnight at Ban Na San.

[More about Kuang Si Waterfall](#)



## DAY 20 XAYABOURI DAM

Morning walk through Ban Na San Hmong Village. In the afternoon we pass through Xayabouri Hydroelectric Dam and take an inside look of the workings of this somewhat controversial attraction as we pass through the locks. Afternoon walk at Ban Khok Fark and moor overnight.



## DAY 21 BAN PAK YUN TO PAK LAY

Explore Ban Pak Yun Mixed minorities tribe in the morning, a rural local village before setting sail to Pak Lay, our final destination. Enjoy a tour of your Pandaw ship and fruit carving demonstration on the sundeck in the afternoon before farewell cocktails and dinner in the evening.

## DAY 22 VIENTIANE

Disembark at 08:30am followed by a local long-tail boat expedition downstream to Vientiane. Lunch and drinks will be provided on the local boat by your Pandaw chef and bar staff. Arrival to Vientiane around 17:30 with drop off at your hotel or Vientiane airport.

[More about Vientiane](#)

# WHATS INCLUDED & TRANSFERS DOWNSTREAM

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**Cruise Price Includes:** One overnight hotel in Hanoi, one flight between ships, entrance fees, guide services (English language), gratuities to crew, main meals, local mineral water, jugged coffee, teas & tisanes. Transfers between ports of embarkation and Hanoi International Airport at the start and end of the voyage.

**Cruise Price Excludes:** International flights, port dues (if levied), laundry, all visa costs, fuel surcharges (see terms and conditions), all beverages except local mineral water, jugged coffee, teas & tisanes and tips to tour guides, local guides, bus drivers, boat operators and cyclo drivers.

## Transfers & Joining

### DAY 1 VIET TRI

#### TRANSFER FROM HANOI AIRPORT

We pick you up at Hanoi Noi Bai International Airport – Seat in coach. Last departure is no later than 12.00 noon. Pandaw guide will be waiting for you with a Pandaw Sign at column No12, on the right hand sided of the international arrival exit.

**Please note:** Guides and drivers are not allowed inside the terminal building. We will be waiting for you outside with a Pandaw sign. Hanoi Airport has two exits; if you don't see us, please try the other exit on the same level (30 meters).

#### TRANSFER FROM HANOI CITY

Meeting point for embarkation in Hanoi will be the Pan Pacific Hotel (1 Thanh Nien Road, Ba Dinh Dist., Hanoi 10000, Vietnam) and registration will be at 09:30am in Song Hong Bar. Please ensure you are checked out and ready on time, departure 10:00am.

For those not staying at the Pan Pacific Hotel, please ask your hotel reception support by arrange a taxi to the meeting point at 09.30am for registration.

### DAY 12 CHIANG KHONG

Hotel pick-ups from city hotels in Chiang Mai can be as early as 06.00 or as late as 08.00. From Chiang Rai hotels can be as early as 08.30 or as late as 10.00. Timing varies according to the docking place of the Pandaw vessel. Our representative will call you on the evening before or leave a message with the hotel to reconfirm the exact pick up time. If your arrival is after the above mentioned time we will pick you up from the airport Chiang Rai (arrival must be before 13.00) or airport Chiang Mai (arrival must be before 13.00) and transfer you to the ship. This transfer will not include any visits to Golden Triangle, Opium House and Lunch due to time limit.

**Please note:** There is a surcharge for private transfers if you are not able to meet us at above scheduled pick up times.

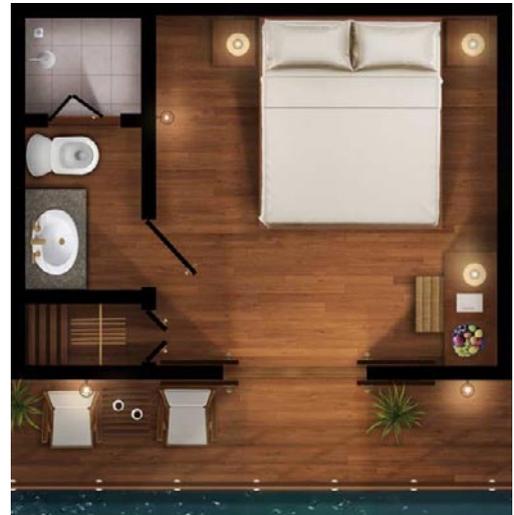
### DAY 22 VIENTIANE

Disembark 08.30 in Pak Lay after breakfast and transfer to Vientiane by Pandaw's local long-tail boat. Arrival in Vientiane approx 17:30 at your chosen hotel or VTE airport.

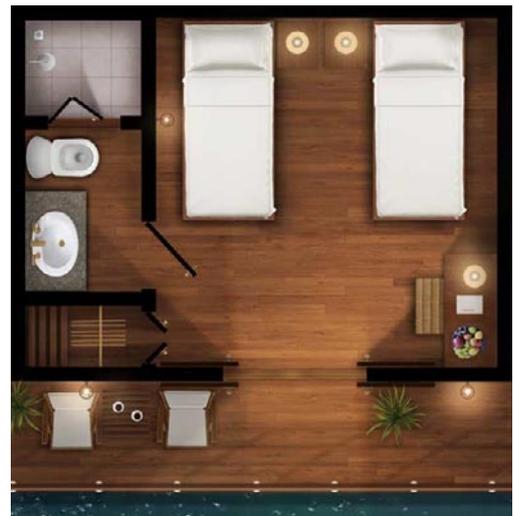
# PANDAW STATEROOMS

The Pandaw stateroom is the most celebrated feature of our ships, combining splendid colonial-era character with exquisite contemporary comfort.

Finished in brass and teak, the main and upper deck rooms are a spacious 168 square feet (15.6 sqm), with the exception of the Zawgyi Pandaw which is 150 square feet (14 sqm). As the space is much loved by all our passengers, we have ensured that with each ship we build, the stateroom remains essentially the same. Be advised: our cabins do not have mini-bars, satellite TV's, internet access or telephones. Passengers tend to choose Pandaw in order to escape from the tiresome features found in international business hotels.



DOUBLE CONFIGURATION



TWIN CONFIGURATION



- Fruit and flowers on arrival
- Kimonos and slippers
- Spa-branded amenities
- Unlimited mineral water

Bedroom	12' x 10'
Bathroom	6' x 4'
Showeroom	2' 8" x 3' 4"
Single Bed	6' 7" x 3' 3"



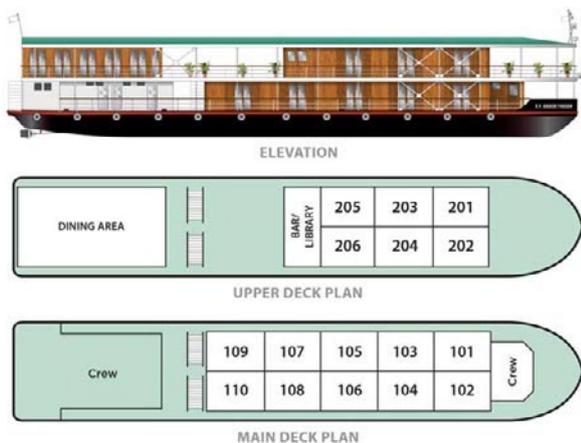
# PANDAW SHIPS

## RV Angkor Pandaw

Sister to the Katha and from the same yard delivered in 2013, the only difference with the Katha is an enclosed air conditioned dining room insisted on by an American charterer. Originally on the Mekong in 2015 we transferred her to the Red River in North Vietnam. In fact the enclosed dining room has proved useful as it can be cold up there in winter.

The ship has quality mountain bikes for your independent exploration.

### Images of RV Angkor Pandaw



- **Build:** 2012 in Saigon
- **Length:** 138.61ft / 42.25m
- **Beam:** 8.50ft / 8.70m
- **Draft:** 3ft / 90cm
- **Berths:** 32 pax

### ACCOMMODATION

- 10 main deck staterooms and 6 upper deck staterooms
- Air-conditioned panorama dining room
- Spacious, open-air lounge
- Observation deck
- Lounge bar
- 24hrs hospitality bar
- Fair-trade Shop
- Guest relation desk
- Library with contemporary and classic literature
- Hair Dryers in all cabins

### WINING & DINING

- Local master chef heading an experienced international culinary team
- Semi-buffet breakfast, Semi-buffet lunch, and seated theme dinners
- Daily lean & light menu options
- Complimentary local mineral water, jugged coffee, teas & tisanes
- Extensive wine list with premium wines
- Series of cultural performances, educational talks, cooking classes, and ship tour
- Welcome drink on arrival
- Welcome cocktail
- Farewell reception
- Theme dinners
- Lounge bar
- 24hrs hospitality bar
- Onboard bakery with daily freshly baked breads and rolls

### ON EXCURSIONS

- Admissions
- Shoe cleaning after excursions
- Bottled drinking water
- We give away aluminium water bottles
- Cold towel service after excursions
- Refreshing drink following excursions
- Full-size motor coach on all excursions
- 1st aid trained assistant guide to follow all tours and excursions

### SAFETY & SECURITY

- All onboard crew is trained and certified as per international marine standards
- Fire alarm system in all cabins, public areas and back areas
- Firefighting system in all ship areas
- Expert marine superintendent
- 24 hrs watch on duty
- Certified hygiene standards for all areas (Johnson & Diversey)

### ONBOARD STAFF

- Captain
- River Pilot
- First Officer
- Chief Engineer
- 1st Engineer
- Electrician
- Bosun & nautical crew
- Ship manager
- Housekeeping
- Dining
- Bar keeper
- Chefs
- Spa therapist
- Local tour guides

### PUBLIC SPACES

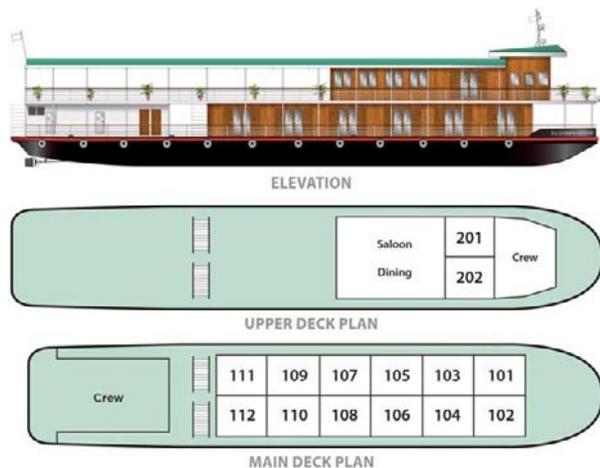
- Guest relation desk
- Shop, supporting fair trade
- Library with contemporary and classic literature
- Wireless internet in all public areas

# PANDAW SHIPS

## RV Champa Pandaw

The Champa Pandaw, sister ship of the Laos Pandaw, began cruises on the Upper Mekong from September 2016. The ship has quality mountain bikes for your independent exploration.

[Images of RV Champa Pandaw](#)



- **Built:** 2016 in Thailand
- **Length:** 44.50 m
- **Beam:** 8.90 m
- **Draft:** 1.20 m
- **Berths:** 28 pax

### ACCOMMODATION

- 12 main deck staterooms
- Staterooms are 14 square meters (150 sqf), finished in teak and brass
- Panoramic sliding door
- Kimonos and slippers
- Spa-branded amenities
- Unlimited mineral water
- Electric mini safe
- Imported quality linens with duvet and two kind of pillows
- Premium mattresses
- Convertible bed configuration
- Welcome flower arrangement and welcome gift
- Mirror
- Multi-configuration plugs
- Generous closet space and under-bed storage
- Hair dryer
- Nightly turndown service
- 24hr laundry service
- Complimentary evening canapés

### WINING & DINING

- Local master chef heading an experienced international culinary team
- Personalized meal services
- Daily lean & light menu options
- Complimentary local mineral water, jugged coffee, teas & tisanes
- Extensive wine list with premium wines
- Series of cultural performances, educational talks, cooking classes, and ship tour
- Welcome drink on arrival
- Welcome cocktail
- Farewell reception
- Theme dinners
- Open air lounge and bar
- Bistro style al fresco dining
- 24hrs hospitality bar
- Onboard bakery with daily freshly baked breads and rolls

### ON EXCURSIONS

- Admissions
- Shoe cleaning after excursions
- Bottled drinking water
- Cold towel service after excursions
- Refreshing drink following excursions

### SAFETY & SECURITY

- All onboard crew is trained and certified as per international marine standards
- Fire alarm system in all cabins, public areas and back areas
- Firefighting system in all ship areas
- Expert marine superintendent
- 24 hrs watch on duty

# PRE & POST EXTENSIONS

Pre & Post Bookable via Pandaw.com as add on

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## Pre Tour

### HANOI

(SOFITEL LEGEND  
METROPOLE)

#### DOWNSTREAM

Hanoi is a magical and charming city. You will find that the character, history and romance of the Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi may add a little extra special something to your journey here. Savour the French art de vivre blended with elegant Vietnamese touches and enjoy this wonderful place.



#### DAY 1 ARRIVAL IN HANOI

Our guide will pick you up at the airport and bring you to your hotel. Enjoy this bustling Asian metropolis at your own leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

**Please note:** Guides and drivers are not allowed inside the terminal building. We will be waiting for you outside with a Pandaw sign. Hanoi Airport has two exits; if you don't see us, please try the other exit on the same level (30 meters).

#### DAY 2 DEPARTURE

Transfer and embark your Pandaw cruise.

#### Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi

Located in the heart of the old city, the Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi is an iconic award-winning luxury Hanoi old quarter hotel. Blending a heritage colonial style with neo-classical luxury and a dash of modernity, you'll find an elegance during your stay you're unlikely to experience anywhere else. Located only 35km away from Hanoi Noibai airport, and mere steps from the Opera House in Hanoi's culturally rich French Quarter, one of Hanoi's prime locations for leisure and business trips.

15 Ngo Quyen Street, Hoan Kiem District, 15 Ngo Quyen, Hoan Kiem 100000, Hanoi  
Tel: +84 24 3826 6919

[Visit hotel website](#)

#### Rates include

All transfers as above by coach or car with local guide, 1 night accommodation with breakfast included.

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## Pre Tour

### HANOI

(SILK PATH BOUTIQUE)

#### DOWNSTREAM

Welcome to this charming boutique hotel situated a stone's throw from Hoan Kiem Lake, the historical center of Hanoi. Silk Path Boutique Hanoi is an oasis of distinguished design and serenity in the bustling heart of the city, putting you on the doorstep of the capital's most inspiring sights, top shopping areas and the street food delights that have put Hanoi on every foodie's bucket list.



#### DAY 1 ARRIVAL IN HANOI

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#### DAY 2 DEPARTURE

Transfer and embark your Pandaw cruise.

#### Silk Path Boutique Hanoi

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21 Hang Khay, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi

Tel: +84 24 3938 5555

[Visit hotel website](#)



#### Rates include

All transfers as above by coach or car with local guide, 1 night accommodation with breakfast included.

Extension Code: LTM-PANDAW-06

# PRE & POST EXTENSIONS

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## Pre Tour

### SAPA & HANOI

#### DOWNSTREAM

Explore Sapa with Pandaw in combination with your Red River expedition. Famous for its terraced rice paddies & highlands, Sapa is home to more than 30 colorful hill tribes and close to Vietnam's highest peak, Mount Fansipan. During colonial times Sapa - surrounded by what is referred to as the "Vietnamese Alps" - was a hill station where the French escaped the Hanoi heat, and this heritage is reflected in our elegant, regal interior design and architecture.



#### DAY 1 ARRIVAL IN HANOI

Our guide will pick you up at the airport and bring you to the hotel. Enjoy this bustling Asian metropolis at your own leisure. Overnight at the Silk Path Boutique Hanoi.

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#### DAY 2 HANOI - SAPA

Check out after breakfast and enjoy Hanoi further with a full day tour. We visit the Royal Palace, the Ethnic Minority Museum as well as the house of Uncle Chuong to learn more about ancient Hanoi. We then take dinner in a local restaurant before heading to the train station for your overnight train to Sapa. Stay in a VIP cabin aboard the luxury Chapa train.

#### DAY 3 SAPA

Arrive to Lao Cai Train Station early in the morning and drive 1.5 hours to your hotel in Sapa for check in. After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Fansipan Cable Station for an amazing trip to reach the Indochina Roof, 3143m above the sea level. Starting by cable car and step up to the Peak, enjoy the fresh air and the beautiful landscapes from what so call "the roof of Indochina".

Overnight: Silk Path Grand Sapa  
Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

#### DAY 4 SAPA

Today we explore the various hilltribe peoples that reside in this mountainous region with trekking through the breathtaking terraced mountainsides and local village visits. We enjoy a picnic lunch amidst the dramatic scenery before continuing to visit the H'mong people and Red Dao people but exact stops are dependent on weather conditions and physical ability and can be tailored with your local guide.

Overnight: Silk Path Grand Sapa  
Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

#### DAY 5 TRANSFER TO SHIP

In the morning after breakfast transfer from Sapa to the Angkor Pandaw.

Meals: Breakfast

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Tel: +84 24 3938 5555

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## Silk Path Grand Sapa

Welcome to our mountain resort, perched on a private spot atop one of Sapa's highest hills. Here time stands still, giving you ample opportunities to stroll through the flower gardens and absorb captivating views of the surrounding mountain range. During colonial times Sapa – surrounded by what is referred to as the "Vietnamese Alps" - was a hill station where the French escaped the Hanoi heat, and this heritage is reflected in our elegant, regal interior design and architecture.

Doi Quan 6, Group 5, Sapa, Lao Cai, Vietnam

Tel: +84 214 3788 555

[Visit hotel website](#)



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## Rates include

Transfers and tours as per itinerary, accommodation at the Silk Path Boutique Hanoi and the Silk Path Grand Sapa, with daily breakfast and three lunches and one dinner during the tour.

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# PRE & POST EXTENSIONS

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## Pre Tour

## HUE & HOI AN

4 NIGHTS

DOWNSTREAM



Hue and Hoi An are two of Vietnam's scenic and historic highlights and a 'must see;' on most people's visit to this most wonderful country. Our included trip on the Perfume River and visit to the enormous Hue Citadel are fascinating. Hoi An is best explored independently and retains a charming village feel which comes alive after sunset with the glow of red lanterns and the senses of Asia. And, of course, enjoy time to relax at your beach resort.

We are pleased to offer a pre and post extension staying in delightful and specially selected boutique hotels, including a connecting domestic flight, all transfers, excursions in Hue, a scenic journey from Hue to Hoi An and 2-nights in Hoi An. It is possible to extend your stay in Hoi An if required.

This is a Pandaw group tour.

### DAY 1 ARRIVAL IN HUE

Individual arrival at Hue airport, meet your local guide and transfer to your hotel for a 2-night stay on a bed and breakfast basis. The rest of the day is free to enjoy the hotel and relax. **Meals:** none

### DAY 2 HUE

This morning we take a boat trip on the serene Perfume River to the best-known pagoda in Middle Vietnam, Thien Mu. Then we visit to the impressive tomb of former Emperor Tu Duc and a beautiful garden once belonging to the royalty followed by a royal style lunch at a local restaurant (included). In the afternoon, visit Hue citadel including Noon Gate, Thai Hoa Palace, Royal Urns and the ruins of the Forbidden Purple City. **Meals:** Breakfast at the Hotel, Lunch at local restaurant.

### DAY 3 HUE - HOI AN

After breakfast we leave Hue for Hoi An. En route we'll travel through the Ocean Clouds Pass, visit Non Nuoc Beach and the fascinating Cham Museum. We continue to your hotel in Hoi An. In the afternoon, you will have time to explore this charming and wonderfully preserved merchant town that retains Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese and European influences from its flourishing old days. **Meals:** Breakfast at hotel.

### DAY 4 HOI AN

Day at leisure. Explore the beautiful old town of Hoi An or relax at the beach. **Meals:** Breakfast at hotel.

### DAY 5 HOI AN - HANOI

Transfer to Danang Airport for morning flight to Hanoi Airport, followed by transfer to the Angkor Pandaw. It is possible to extend your stay in Hoian - please email [information@pandaw.com](mailto:information@pandaw.com) for availability and prices. **Meals:** Breakfast at hotel.

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## Silk Path Grand Hue

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02 Le Loi Street, Hue, Vietnam

Tel: +84 234 397 5555

[Visit hotel website](#)



## Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort & Spa

Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort & Spa replicates a traditional fishing village with small streets, water ponds and village houses with clay tiled roofs. The resort offers comfortable rooms incorporating unique design features inspired by traditional Vietnamese, Japanese and French colonial elements. Combining the elegance of local handicraft with the comfort of an international hotel.

Cua Dai Beach, Hoi An Town, Quang Nam

Tel: 0235 3927 040

[Visit hotel website](#)



## Rates include

English speaking guide on tours, 1x lunch at local restaurant, economy one-way domestic air ticket Danang - Hanoi, hotels as advertised, transportation by AC vehicle, daily breakfast, and entrance fees.

## Rates exclude

International flights, visa, travel insurance, not mentioned beverages and meal.

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## Post Tour

## HUE & HOI AN

### 4 NIGHTS

#### DOWNSTREAM



Hue and Hoi An are two of Vietnam's scenic and historic highlights and a 'must see;' on most people's visit to this most wonderful country. Our included trip on the Perfume River and visit to the enormous Hue Citadel are fascinating. Hoi An is best explored independently and retains a charming village feel which comes alive after sunset with the glow of red lanterns and the senses of Asia. And, of course, enjoy time to relax at your beach resort.

We are pleased to offer a pre and post extension staying in delightful and specially selected boutique hotels, including a connecting domestic flight, all transfers, excursions in Hue, a scenic journey from Hue to Hoi An and 2-nights in Hoi An. It is possible to extend your stay in Hoi An if required.

This is a Pandaw group tour.

#### DAY 1 HANOI - HUE

Disembark and fly from Hanoi to Hue. On arrival at Hue airport, meet your local guide and transfer to on a bed and breakfast basis. The rest of the day is free to enjoy the hotel and relax. **Meals:** none

#### DAY 2 HUE

This morning we take a boat trip on the serene Perfume River to the best-known pagoda in Middle Vietnam, Thien Mu. Then we visit to the impressive tomb of former Emperor Tu Duc and a beautiful garden once belonging to the royalty followed by a royal style lunch at a local restaurant (included). In the afternoon, visit Hue citadel including Noon Gate, Thai Hoa Palace, Royal Urns and the ruins of the Forbidden Purple City. **Meals:** Breakfast at the Hotel, Lunch at local restaurant.

#### DAY 3 HUE - HOI AN

After breakfast we leave Hue for Hoi An. En route we'll travel through the Ocean Clouds Pass, visit Non Nuoc Beach and the fascinating Cham Museum. We continue to your hotel in Hoi An. In the afternoon, you will have time to explore this charming and wonderfully preserved merchant town that retains Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese and European influences from its flourishing old days. **Meals:** Breakfast at hotel.

#### DAY 4 HOI AN

Day at leisure. Explore the beautiful old town of Hoi An or relax at the beach. **Meals:** Breakfast at hotel.

#### DAY 5 HOI AN - DANANG

Transfer to Danang Airport for your onward flight. It is possible to extend your stay in Hoian – please email [information@pandaw.com](mailto:information@pandaw.com) for availability and prices. **Meals:** Breakfast at hotel.

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## Post Tour

### THE PLAIN OF JARS

#### DOWNSTREAM

The Plain of Jars offers fascinating insights into Phuan, Hmong, Khmu and Tai Dam culture. Very little is known about the civilization that created The Plain of Jars, but you can only imagine the greatness of the ruler who constructed these unusual and enormous storage jars.

This is a Pandaw group tour depending on how many guests booked this extension.



#### DAY 1: VIENTIANE

Welcome to Vientiane! After your afternoon disembarkation in Vientiane our guide and driver will transfer you to your hotel. We recommend enjoying a walk at the night market. **Meals:** none

#### DAY 2: VIENTIANE - PHONSAVANH

After breakfast at the hotel, we commence a city tour of the Laos capital, visiting Vat Sisaket, the oldest original temple in Vientiane, Ho Phra Keo, once the royal temple of Lao monarchy and Patousay, the victory gate also known as Anousavari whose architecture is inspired by the Arc of Triumph in Paris. After lunch in a local restaurant transfer to the airport for your flight to Phonsavanh. Upon arrival, our guide and driver will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel. **Meals:** Breakfast at hotel, lunch at local restaurant.

#### DAY 3: PLAIN OF JARS

A full day to explore the famous Plain Of Jars, a vast area extending around Phonsavanh where over 300 huge stone jars carved out of solid rock from 1 to 3.25 meters high and weighing up to six tons each. And estimated to be 2,500 to 3,000 years old. According to local legend, King Khun Chuang had them constructed in order to store wine for the celebration of his conquest of the province in the 6th century. We visit Site I, II and III. Continue to Ban Na Pia (War Spoon Village) before returning to Phonsavanh. **Meals:** Breakfast at hotel, Lunch at local restaurant.

#### DAY 4: PHONSAVANH - VIENTIANE

Morning visit to scenic Muang Khoum, surrounded by mountains, the ancient capital that was founded by Chao Noi Muang and was a stronghold for the Xieng Khouang royal family was destroyed during the Indochina War. The town was rebuilt after 1975 with rows of wooden Lao houses and a market area. We also visit the ruins at Wat Phia Wat, That Foun and That Chomphet.

Transfer to Phonsavanh airport for flight to Vientiane and your onward journey.

Scheduled flight arrival to Vientiane at 15:45

**Meals:** Breakfast and Lunch.

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## Vansana Plain of Jars Hotel

Conveniently located just 30 minutes from the Plain of Jars and 15 minutes from the Airport, the Vansana Plain of Jar Hotel is a simple hotel and the best option in Phonsavan City – Capital of Xiengkhouang Province. The hotel with 44 guestrooms (38 standards rooms and 6 executive suites) is located on a hilltop near the center of the city with 360 degree beautiful views on Phonsavan and the chain of mountains surrounding the Plain of Jars.

### Facilities

Rooms come with fan (no AC), bathroom, tea and Coffee making facilities, minibar and safe deposit box, snack bar and restaurant, cable TV, meeting room for 40 persons, shuttle service from the hotel to the airport and the center of the city and laundry service.

Phonsavanh, Xieng Khouang, Laos

Tel: +856 61 213170

[Visit hotel website](#)



## Salana Boutique Hotel

The Salana Boutique hotel has a Lao contemporary style, finished in real timber wood promoting a sense of comfort and class. Guests can take pleasure in experiencing the outstanding level of service and the attention to detail ensuring your stay is comfortable and carefree.

Chao Anou Rd, 112 Wat Chan Village Chanthabouly District, Vientiane Capital, Lao

Tel: +856 21 254 254

[Visit hotel website](#)



### Rates include

English speaking guide, 2-nights at a hotel in the Plain of Jars and 1 night at a hotel in Vientiane on a bed and breakfast basis, 1x lunch at local restaurant, return domestic flights from Vientiane to Phonsavanh, taxes, all transfers and excursions as described and entrance fees.

Extension Code: LTBJ3-VTE-JAR-POST-O

# PRE & POST EXTENSIONS

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## Post Tour

### EXPLORING VIENTIANE 2 NIGHT POST TOUR (LA SEINE HOTEL)



#### DOWNSTREAM

Vientiane, the capital city of Laos has been given many evocative nicknames, such as the City of Sandalwood and the City of the Moon, at certain points in its history. Explore this French colonial city with a 2 night extension to your Pandaw expedition.

This tour may be operated on a private basis or as a group tour with your fellow passengers depending on bookings.

#### DAY 1: VIENTIANE ARRIVAL

Check in to your hotel after your disembarkation transfer from the ship.

**Meals:** none.

#### DAY 2: VIENTIANE FULL DAY CITY TOUR

Depart with your local guide for a full day city tour exploring Laos' French colonial capital. Visit Talaat Sao - Vientiane's Morning Market, Wat Sisaket, Haw Phra Kaew and Putousay, the victory gate inspired by the Arc of Triumph in Paris. After lunch at a local restaurant, head out of town to visit one of Laos' slightly stranger attractions - Xieng Khuan Buddha Park.

**Meals:** Breakfast and Lunch.

#### DAY 3: VIENTIANE DEPARTURE

Check out of your hotel and our driver will transfer you to the airport for your onward flight.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

#### La Seine Hotel

La Seine Hotel by Burasari offers boutique accommodation in the Laos capital that reflect Vientiane's rich French colonial history and enduring, romantic charm. Located directly on the Mekong River it is ideally placed for visits to the nearby night market.

160 Quai Fa Ngum, Ban Sithan Neua, Sikhottabong District n13, Vientiane

Tel: +856 (0)21 253800

[Visit Hotel Website](#)

#### Rates include

English speaking guide, 2-nights at La Seine Hotel Vientiane on a bed and breakfast basis, 1x lunch at local restaurant, taxes, all transfers and excursions as described and entrance fees.

#### Rates exclude

International flights, visa, travel insurance, not mentioned beverages and meal.

**Extension Code:** LTM-VIN-SEINE-POST

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## Post Tour

### EXPLORING VIENTIANE 2 NIGHT POST TOUR (SETTHA PALACE)



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**Meals:** Breakfast and Lunch.

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**Meals:** Breakfast.

#### Settha Palace Hotel

Located in central Vientiane, Settha Palace Hotel is a luxury escape steeped in history. Built in the 1930's it was painstakingly renovated in the 1990's to become the idyllic escape it is today by the Theodas family who still own and run the hotel to this day.

6 Pangkham Street, Vientiane

Tel: +856 (21) 217 581

[Visit Hotel Website](#)

#### Rates include

English speaking guide, 2-nights at La Seine Hotel Vientiane on a bed and breakfast basis, 1x lunch at local restaurant, taxes, all transfers and excursions as described and entrance fees.

#### Rates exclude

International flights, visa, travel insurance, not mentioned beverages and meal.

**Extension Code:** LTM-VIN-SETTHA-POST

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## River Conditions Warning!

The rivers you will sail on are subject to seasonal rises and falls of water level, in some places as much as 30 metres. Water levels can change dramatically overnight and a sudden rise can impede our progress upstream considerably and even prevent us from passing under certain bridges. A sudden fall can result in our being unable to get into certain places or go as far upstream as we would hope. Groundings on sandbars are not infrequent and are part of the excitement of any Pandaw expedition. Published itineraries are indicational only and subject to sudden change. In such events alternative itineraries will be provided and we do our best to ensure that if a stop is missed we make up for it with another stop. Passengers are thus forewarned and expected to be flexible and patient. River cruising in Asia can be a dramatic and adventurous experience - not like cruising the controlled waterways of Europe or America. Note also that we operate in areas with little or no developed infrastructure and subject to the strictures of local officialdom. Be prepared for this and it is all more the fun!

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