



Cambodia & Vietnam

DEEPER AND FURTHER ON THE MEKONG RIVER

SAIGON - SIEM REAP - 10 NIGHTS

Sailing port to port from central Saigon to Siem Reap inland port, venture deep into Vietnam's vast Mekong Delta, explore the norther reaches of the Mekong River at the dolphin grounds at Kratie and discover the picturesque Tonle Sap as we cross the the 150 mile-long lake. This is a new itinerary never attempted in total before and only operable aboard Pandaw's ultra-low draft vessels and only during the high water season until October.

No ship could be more appropriate for this expedition than the much-loved Mekong Pandaw that was the first ship to pioneer the river in 2002 and historically open the river border between Vietnam and Cambodia. Only the Mekong Pandaw has the shallow draft to go so far on these rivers and the low air draft to get under recently constructed bridges. Thanks to improvements in inland water navigation in these countries we can now take the ship from Saigon to Siem Reap with no long road transfers required on arrival or departure, something unimaginable in previous years.

This pioneering route is very much aimed at Pandaw club members who seek more immersive experiences in the countries Pandaw ships ply and wish to spend more days in the comfort and lively atmosphere of our beautifully crafted ships.

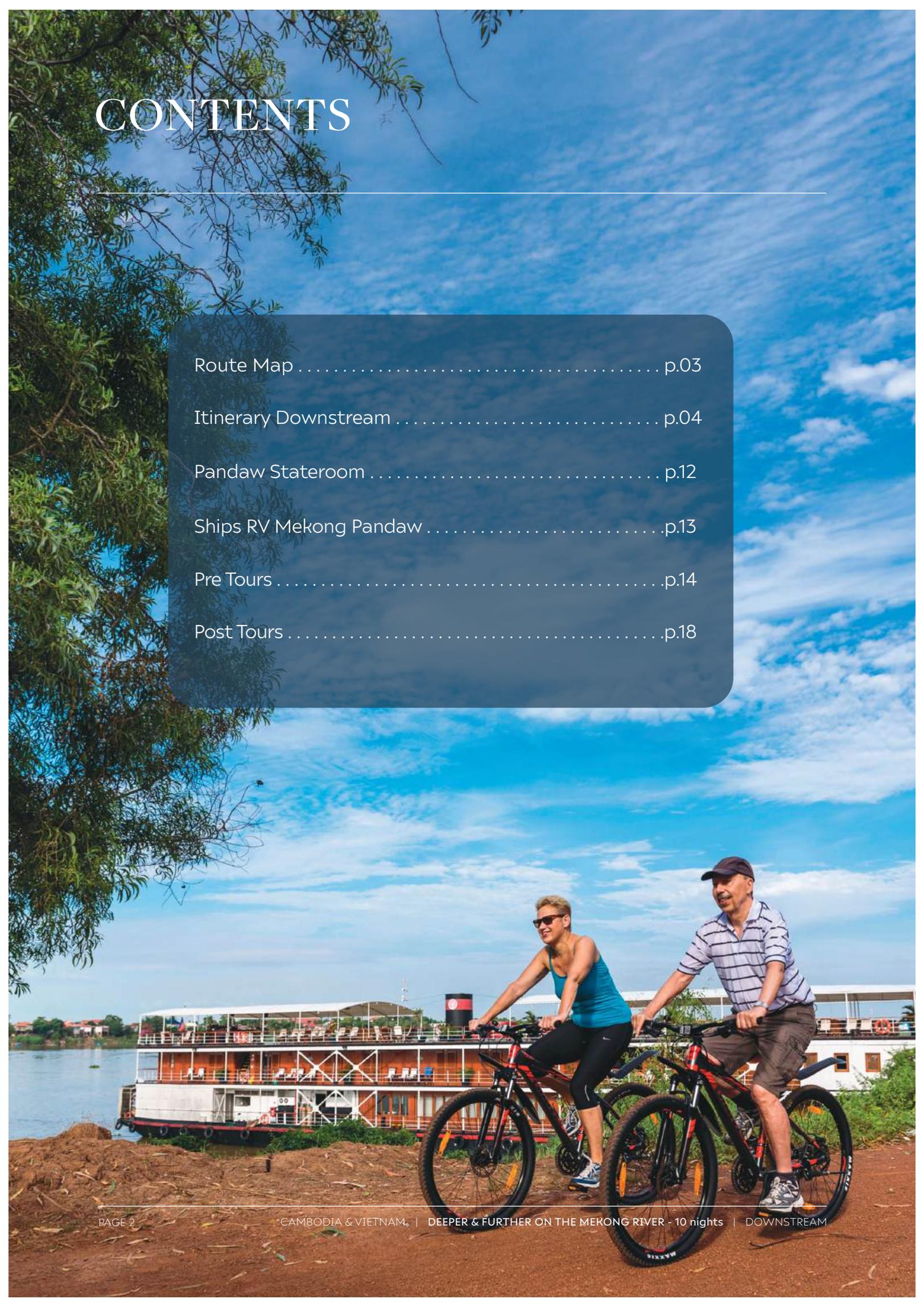
With 24 staterooms the Mekong Pandaw has been refitted with a sumptuous spa, library and gym this ship, built in Burma from golden teak. This is the most spacious of all Pandaw's nineteen ships with broad promenades running around each deck and a vast sun deck of over 600 square meters on top.



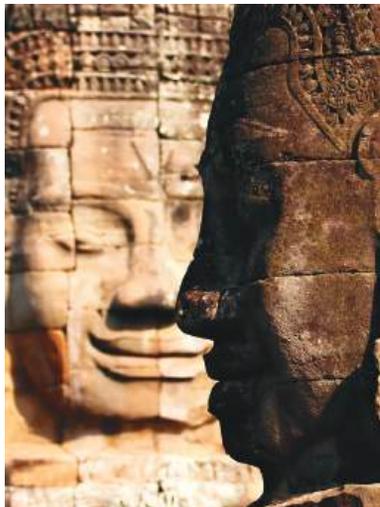
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ROUTE MAP



HIGH WATER ROUTE MAP



LOW WATER ROUTE MAP



ITINERARY DOWNSTREAM

High Water - October



DAY 1 **SIEM REAP TO THE TONLE SAP**

After a short 45 minute drive to Siem Reap inland port, we embark and set sail into the Tonle Sap lake. This is the perfect chance to spot the various bird life along the lake's edges as well as crocodiles and snakes that are abundant in these shallow waters. Not to forget also the giant Mekong catfish, the largest ever caught being 648 pounds in May 2004. There are 148 other species of fish in the lake which provide the main source of protein for the entire Cambodian population. In the afternoon we visit a floating village where houses, schools and restaurants are all accessed only by boat. Learn more about how these communities survive on the water and how their lives are changing with the development of Cambodia.

DAY 2 **THE TONLE SAP LAKE AND KAMPONG CHHNANG**

Wake up on the open waters savoring the peace and tranquility of this lake that in high water covers 6,200 miles and in low water shrinks to 1,000 square miles. We continue sailing before reaching Kampong Chhnang, an important trading town that focusses on fishing and creating local pottery. We explore the back waters by local boat before sailing downstream to moor alongside a remote fishing village. Enjoy evening cocktails around a fire pit in the village where we will be joined by village folk keen to share tales and show us their traditional dancing.

DAY 3 **LIFE ON THE TONLE SAP RIVER**

We sail early morning along the winding channels of the Tonle Sap River to Kampong Tralach. We travel by ox-cart around the river-side villages, markets and temples to get a sense of life in rural Cambodia. Over lunch we sail past Phnom Penh and onto the Mekong River. In the afternoon we step ashore at Pak Russei, a small and remote village on the banks of the Mekong. We will explore on foot and visit local craftspeople weaving silk and producing handmade noodles. Before returning to the ship, we learn about the ancient art of Bokator, a traditional form of martial art with a private performance in the village.

ITINERARY DOWNSTREAM

High Water - October



DAY 4 PEAM CHI KORNG POTTERY VILLAGE

Enjoy morning Tai Chi or just a coffee on deck as we take a sunrise cruise to Peam Chi Korng, an untouched gem that is a hub of pottery in Cambodia. After a short tuk tuk ride from the banks of the Mekong, we witness the local potters in action before continuing to explore the village and local fresh market where you can test your language skills. In the afternoon we continue sailing along the mighty Mekong.



DAY 5 KOH TRONG ISLAND TREE PLANTING

Visit Koh Trong Island, a community-based tourism site since 2008. We explore the island's fruit orchards by local transportation or bicycle and sample the local delicacies before we head to a community reforestation project and plant trees to support the island.



DAY 6 KRATIE AND THE DOLPHIN GROUNDS

After breakfast we head to Kampi by coach to spot the Irrawaddy dolphins abundant in the waters below Stung Trang. We board small fishing vessels now used to monitor the dolphin populations and provide dolphin spotting for tourists to raise awareness of their plight. Whilst numbers have increased in recent years, they remain endangered and we learn more about the work of locals to support dolphin numbers and how Pandaw is supporting. This is a real highlight of the expedition. In the afternoon, we set sail downstream along the Mekong back toward Phnom Penh.



DAY 7 PHNOM PENH

Morning orientation of Phnom Penh by cyclo visiting the Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda followed by the National Museum with its marvellous collection of Angkorian statuary. In the afternoon we visit the Killing Fields and Genocide Museum to learn more about the brutal Khmer Rouge regime. We dock overnight in Phnom Penh city port with its lively bars, restaurants and nightlife. Feel free to explore the city before returning to your hotel on the water.



ITINERARY DOWNSTREAM

High Water - October



DAY 8 INTO VIETNAM

We up anchor early in the morning and cruise downstream along the Mekong River to the Vietnam border for immigration formalities. The ship sails toward Chau Doc where we talk an evening stroll along the river before dinner aboard.



DAY 9 CHAU DOC AND THE FERTILE WATERWAYS

In the morning, we take minivans for a short drive to Sam Mountain, the location of Phuoc Dien Tu or the Hang Pagoda. After climbing the steps we are greeted with stunning views across the Mekong. For those not keen on the stairs, explore the local market instead. Afterwards, we visit the nearby floating fish farms by Sampan before being treated to a private Lion dance performance at a local Village. After lunch aboard we continue sailing into the heart of the Mekong delta and enjoy on-deck entertainment from your crew.



DAY 10 BEN TRE AND SAILING INTO SAIGON

In the morning, we journey by sampans through mangroves and bamboo forests to the fruit orchards of Ben Tre. This is a fertile farming region with half of Vietnam's rice production coming from the Mekong Delta. It also hosts a rich artisanal culture which we will witness at a local village specialising in handicrafts. After returning to the ship enjoy lunch onboard as we sail through the Cho Gao Canal toward Saigon. The Cho Gao Canal is a vital waterway link for the transportation of goods to and from the city which was constructed in 1876 by the French and offers a fascinating insight to life along the water. In the evening we sail into central Saigon and enjoy the stunning skyline over dinner.



DAY 11 DISEMBARK SAIGON

After breakfast, disembark in the heart of Saigon for your onward journey.



WHATS INCLUDED

Cruise Price Includes: Entrance fees, guide services (English language), gratuities to crew, main meals, local mineral water, jugged coffee, teas & tisanes. Transfer to Siem Reap from Ship on Day 11 (Upstream) or Transfer from Siem Reap to Ship on Day 1 (Downstream).

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TRANSFERS & JOINING

DAY 1 **SIEM REAP TO THE TONLE SAP**

Transfer from our Meeting Point at the FCC Angkor Hotel in Siem Reap to Siem Reap inland port and your Pandaw vessel (approx. 45 minutes). Please meet directly at our meeting point between 08:00am for departure at 08:30am. Hotel address : Next to the Royal Residence, Pokambor Avenue, Krong Siem Reap, Cambodia.

DAY 11 **DISEMBARK SAIGON**

After breakfast, disembark your Pandaw vessel at 08:30 AM and take a shared bus from Saigon port to your hotel in central Saigon (district 1 or district 3).

Dock address: Cruise Passenger Port, No. 5 Nguyen Tat Thanh Street, Xom Chieu Ward, Ho Chi Minh City.

Please note: if you have your own transfer directly to your hotel, please inform us.

ITINERARY DOWNSTREAM

Low Water - December



DAY 1 SIEM REAP - STEUNG TRANG

We gather at the meeting point at the FCC Angkor in Siem Reap and transfer by coach to the ship at Steung Trang. After embarkation, we sail upstream towards Kratie, passing through the scenic Cambodian countryside.



DAY 2 KRATIE - DOLPHIN GROUND

We arrive near the charming colonial town of Kratie. We take a local boat trip to the dolphin grounds at Kampi to spot the rare Irrawaddy dolphins (seasonal/subject to permit). In the afternoon, we explore the town or relax on board as we enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of this northern stretch of the river.



DAY 3 KOH TRONG

We take an excursion to Koh Trong, a community-based eco-tourism site located on an island in the middle of the Mekong. We explore the island by bicycle or ox-cart, visiting fruit orchards, local temples, and observing rural crafts. Guests also have the opportunity to plant a tree to support the local community reforestation project. We sail back downstream towards Steung Trang.



DAY 4 STEUNG TRANG - PEAM CHI KORNG

We arrive back at Steung Trang where we spend the morning visiting the local area or relaxing on board. We then sail downstream towards Peam Chi Korng.



DAY 5 PEAM CHI KORNG - PAK RUSSEI CRAFTS

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DAY 6 OUDONG - KAMPONG TRALACH

In the morning, travel by coach to the ancient capital of Cambodia, Oudong where we visit the Vipassana Dhura Meditation Centre. Walk around the vast complex with its impressive Khmer architecture and experience a short meditation class to quieten your mind. Rejoin your ship in Kampong Tralach for lunch aboard. In the afternoon we travel by ox-cart around the riverside villages, markets and temples to get a sense of life in rural Cambodia. In the evening cocktails are served around a fire pit at a small fishing village where we will be joined by village folk keen to share tales and show us their traditional dancing.

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TRANSFERS & JOINING

DAY 1 SIEM REAP - STEUNG TRANG

Join us at the meeting point to check in and transfer to your Pandaw. Check in will be at the FCC Angkor by Avani hotel in Siem Reap with registration at 08:00am. Address: FCC Angkor by Avani, Pokambor Ave (next to Royal residence), Siem Reap. Tel: +855 63 760 280.. Latest departure from the hotel at 08:30am with an approximate transfer time of 4 hours. Lunch is included onboard.

DAY 11 SAIGON DISEMBARKATION

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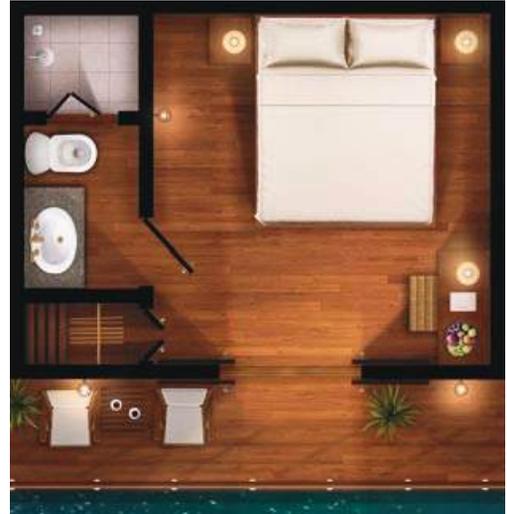
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PANDAW STATEROOMS

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 RV Kindat 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	Bedroom	12' x 10'
• Kimonos and slippers	Bathroom	6' x 4'
• Spa-branded amenities	Showroom	2' 8" x 3' 4"
• Unlimited mineral water	Single Bed	6' 7" x 3' 3"



PANDAW SHIPS

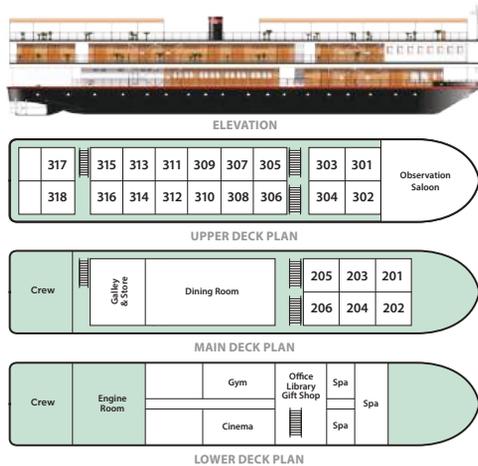
RV Mekong Pandaw

Built in Rangoon in 2002 she was sailed round to Saigon under her own power and many a drama described in Paul Strachan's Pandaw Story. This ship was designed specially for the Mekong and unlike our other P class ships does not have a flying bridge. The reason was so she could get under a road bridge. She did actually scrape under on her maiden but it was so scary that Paul Strachan, then standing on the bridge, never dared attempt it again. As a result, we ended up with this incredible 750 square meter teak deck that even has a full size billiard table.

The MP as she is affectionately known is our most spacious ship with wider promenades, a larger dining hall and more public space per passenger than any known ship afloat. Seriously!

In 2012 she was refitted and lower deck cabins removed in favour of a professional spa, gym, library lounge and office. She is quite justifiably the most splendid ship on the Mekong and the envy of anything that floats by.

[view images of RV Mekong PANDAW](#)



- **Build:** Build 2003 in Yangon, refit 2013
- **Length:** 200ft / 60m
- **Beam:** 36ft / 11m
- **Draft:** 4ft / 1.5m
- **Berths:** 48 pax

ACCOMMODATION

- 18 upper deck staterooms and 6 main deck staterooms
- 170 square feet, finished in teak and brass
- Panoramic French window, leading to personal deck space
- New bathrooms with natural stone shower and branded quality fittings
- Kimonos and slippers
- Spa-branded amenities
- Unlimited mineral water
- Electric mini safe
- Central AC with individual control
- 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
- 24h laundry service
- Complimentary evening canapés
- Yoga mats 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
- Spacious, air-conditioned saloon bar with nightly entertainment
- Sundeck bar
- Pool table on sundeck
- 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
- Deluxe sampans with cold towel service, fresh fruit, and tea/coffee
- Comfortable "Pandaw Explorer" excursion boat
- 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 (VIREs)
- Fire alarm system in all cabins, public areas and back areas
- Firefighting system in all ship areas
- Expert marine superintendant
- 24 hrs watch on duty
- Certified hygiene standards for all areas (Johnson & Diversey)

ONBOARD STAFF

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

PUBLIC SPACES

- Guest relation desk
- Library with contemporary and classic literature
- Shop, supporting fair trade
- Lecture and meeting room with oversized flat screen TV, LSD projector and sound system
- Art gallery featuring local art and artists
- Library with contemporary and classic literature
- Wireless internet in all public areas

PRE EXTENSIONS

Pre Bookable via Pandaw.com as add on

Pre Tour

EXPLORING ANGKOR (JAYA HOUSE RIVERPARK)

Explore the magnificent temples of Angkor including the world famous Angkor Wat, high on any bucket list destination. With our specially selected hotels and local guide at your service throughout, this 2-night add-on to your Pandaw expedition it is the perfect choice for your trip in Cambodia.



DAY 1 ARRIVAL SIEM REAP - ANGKOR

Our guide will pick you up at Siem Reap International airport or local Hotel in Siem Reap and transfer to the Jaya House Hotel for lunch before check in at the hotel. In the afternoon we visit the most famous temple of Cambodia, Angkor Wat. It is visually, architecturally and artistically breathtaking with a massive three tiered pyramid crowned by five beehive-like towers rising 65 meters from ground level. This temple is the centerpiece of any visit to the temples of Angkor. Take in the romantic view at sunset from Bakheng Hill. Overnight at hotel.

Meals: Lunch at hotel

DAY 2 TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

Following breakfast in your hotel, set out for a day of exploration amongst the various temples and ruins of the Angkor Empire. The morning we will cover the large complex surrounding the imposing Bayon Temple. After lunch at a local restaurant, we discover more secluded temples including the awe inspiring and overgrown Ta Prohm, made famous by the Tomb Raider movie.

In the evening we experience a true highlight of Cambodia and meet talented young performers in a breathtaking and original Cambodian show at Phare Ponleu Selpak's Circus. Not just for entertainment, Phare is also a social enterprise supporting the youth of Cambodia gain skills and employment. Overnight at hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 3 ANGKOR - DEPARTURE

Check out the hotel and transfer to the meeting point at 09:00am for registration and transfer to your Pandaw ship.

Meals: Breakfast at your hotel

CONT'D

PRE EXTENSIONS

Pre Bookable via Pandaw.com as add on

Jaya House Riverpark

Peacefully located alongside the Siem Reap River, surrounded by fully grown trees, is a hidden gem. A small hotel with only 36 rooms, two swimming pools, a Spa and an all-day-dining restaurant. The hotel is located about a 6-minute tuk-tuk journey from town in the direction of the magnificent temples of Angkor Wat. Each of our 36 rooms has either a balcony or direct garden & pool access.

River Road, Treang Village, Siem Reap - Slor Kram Commune

Tel: +855 639 62 555

[Visit Hotel Website](#)



Rates include

One way transfer (airport to hotel and hotel to ship), two nights accommodation at Jaya House Riverpark, meals and excursion as per itinerary, English speaking guide and air-conditioned transportation throughout the tour.

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FCC Angkor

FCC Angkor by Avani is one of the most illustrious hotels in Siem Reap, playing host to foreign correspondents, archeologists, celebrities and dignitaries from around the world. This historic mansion has been renovated in neo-colonial style, with contemporary local touches including artisanal textiles, Apsara sculptures, and the scent of fresh lemongrass in the air.

Pokambor Ave, next to Royal residence, Siem Reap, Cambodia

Tel: +855 63 760 280

[Visit Hotel Website](#)



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One way transfer (airport to hotel and hotel to ship), two nights accommodation at the FCC Angkor by Avani, meals and excursion as per itinerary, English speaking guide and air-conditioned transportation throughout the tour.

Meals included

Land tour includes meals as follows; Day 1: Lunch at hotel, Day 2: Breakfast & Lunch, Day 3: Breakfast at your hotel.

CONT'D

POST EXTENSIONS

Post Bookable via Pandaw.com as add on

Post Tour

5 NIGHT VIETNAM'S HERITAGE ROAD: HUE, HOI AN & SAIGON PRE TOUR



Start this extension after your cruise at Saigon with a two-night stay and full day tour of the city.

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 trip includes a fascinating ride along the Perfume River and a visit to the enormous Hue Citadel. 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, plenty of time to relax at your beach resort.

It is possible to extend your stay in Hoi An if required.

This is a Pandaw group tour.

DAY 1 DISEMBARKATION - SAIGON CITY TOUR - CU CHI TUNNELS

Arrive Hotel des Arts Saigon after disembarkation. Upon arrival at Hotel des Arts Saigon, meet your local guide and drive to extraordinary Cu Chi tunnels, about 65 Km (1.5 hours drive) from Sai Gon. The complicated system of underground network was built by Viet Cong guerillas. En route, you have chance to see rural people live and work. View occupations such as cashew nut farming, duck breeding, rice farming and production of rice paper, a key ingredient in Vietnamese cuisine. After lunch in local restaurant, return to Saigon. In the afternoon, visit to Reunification Hall, Notre Dame Cathedral, General Post Office, Former US Embassy, City Hall, War Museum of Remnants. Shopping at Ben Thanh market.

DAY 2 SAIGON - HUE

A morning flight from Saigon to Hue. Arrive Hue airport, meet your local guide and transfer to the hotel. The balance of the day is free at leisure.

DAY 3 HUE

Embark on a guided journey through Hue's captivating past and present by car. This morning, we'll immerse ourselves in the vibrant atmosphere of Dong Ba Market, a bustling commercial center teeming with local life and traditional goods since the 19th century. Next, find tranquility at the iconic Linh Mu Pagoda, a seven-story Buddhist temple dating back to 1601, renowned for its intricate architecture and serene ambiance. We'll then delve into the grandeur of the Nguyen Dynasty with a visit to the impressive tomb of Emperor Tu Duc, surrounded by a beautiful royal garden, arriving by car. Savor a delicious royal-style lunch at a local restaurant before exploring the historic Hue Citadel, including the Noon Gate, Thai Hoa Palace, Royal Urns, and the ruins of the Forbidden Purple City. This afternoon promises an unforgettable immersion in Vietnam's imperial heritage.

CONT'D

POST EXTENSIONS

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DAY 4 HUE - HOI AN

After breakfast, we leave Hue for Hoi An. En route we pause to unwind on top of the Ocean Clouds Pass, on the Non Nuoc Beach and then visit the fascinating Cham Museum. We then proceed to the quaint town of Hoi An for check in and to relax. In the afternoon, there is time to explore this charming and wonderfully preserved merchant town that retains Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese and European influences from its flourishing old days.

DAY 5 HOI AN

Day at leisure. Explore the beautiful old town of Hoi An or relax at the beach.

DAY 6 HOI AN - DEPARTURE

Morning at leisure. Transfer to Danang airport.

Hotel des Arts Saigon

Embark with Hotel des Arts Saigon, MGallery on a journey back in time to Vietnam in 1930s to relive the romance of this bygone era while luxuriating in all the comforts of the 21st century. Combining the classical charm of French Indochina with a sense of timeless chic, the hotel is as much an art museum as a 5-star boutique hotel. The hotel blurs the boundaries between a hotel that is simply a luxurious escape and one that creates a memorable lifestyle experience for its discerning guests.

76 78 Nguyen Thi Minh Khai St, District 3, 70000, Ho Chi Minh City
Tel: +84 28 3989 8888

[Visit Hotel Website](#)



Silk Path Grand Hue

Hue is unlike anywhere else in the country. Tree-lined streets branch from the winding Perfume River. Tombs and temples lay embedded in the countryside. Pagodas and palaces offer mysterious and enticing atmospheres. The Silk Path Grand Hue Hotel captures all of these elements, wrapped by a broad French boulevard and a snaking canal. The character of the neighborhood – colonial mansions, traditional garden houses and the city's historic train station – inspired the hotel's concept and design.

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

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POST EXTENSIONS

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Rates include

English speaking guide on tours, 2x lunch at local restaurant, economy one-way domestic air ticket Saigon to Hue, hotels as advertised, transportation by AC vehicle, daily breakfast, and entrance fees.

Meals included

Land tour includes meals as follows; Day 1: Breakfast at ship. Lunch at local restaurant, Day 2: Breakfast at the hotel, Day 3: Breakfast at the hotel, lunch at local restaurant, Day 4: Breakfast at the hotel, Day 5: Breakfast at hotel, Day 6: Breakfast at hotel.

Rates exclude

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

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POST EXTENSIONS

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Post Tour

SAIGON & SURROUNDINGS PRE TOUR

Discover the vibrant and dynamic Ho Chi Minh City, the largest and most populous city in Vietnam. On this two-night pre or post-cruise tour, you will experience the city's rich history, culture, and cuisine staying in our specially selected hotel partners. Visit the iconic landmarks such as the Notre-Dame Cathedral, the War Remnants Museum, and the Cu Chi Tunnels as well as soaking up the hectic atmosphere of central Saigon.



DAY 1 ARRIVAL IN SAIGON

Disembark your ship and transfer to your hotel in Saigon. After Lunch at 1400h at the lobby your guide will wait. Explore the city with the guide and car, we suggest heading to Nguyen Hue walking street in the evening to see the various artists, performers and local residents relaxing in true Vietnamese style.

Overnight Saigon
Meals: none

DAY 2 SAIGON CITY TOUR - CUCHI TUNNELS

In the morning, drive to the extraordinary Cu Chi tunnels, about 65 Km (1.5 hours drive) from Saigon. The complicated system of underground network was built by the Viet Cong guerillas. We return to the city for lunch at a local restaurant before taking in the sights of Saigon. Visit the Reunification Hall, Notre Dame Cathedral, General Post Office, Former US Embassy, City Hall and War Museum of Remnants. End the day with some shopping at Ben Thanh market, one of the earliest surviving structures in Saigon and symbol of the city turned tourist shopping hotspot.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 3 DEPARTURE

After breakfast, check out and transfer to the ship.

Meals: Breakfast

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POST EXTENSIONS

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HOTEL OPTION 1

Hotel des Arts Saigon

Embark with Hotel des Arts Saigon, MGallery on a journey back in time to Vietnam in 1930s to relive the romance of this bygone era while luxuriating in all the comforts of the 21st century. Combining the classical charm of French Indochina with a sense of timeless chic, the hotel is as much an art museum as a 5-star boutique hotel. The hotel blurs the boundaries between a hotel that is simply a luxurious escape and one that creates a memorable lifestyle experience for its discerning guests.

76 78 Nguyen Thi Minh Khai St, District 3, 70000, Ho Chi Minh City

Tel: +84 28 3989 8888

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HOTEL OPTION 2

Mia Boutique Saigon Hotel

Uncover the one-and-only riverside boutique luxury hotel in Ho Chi Minh City, named among Asia's Best Boutique Hotels by DestinAsian.

Just 15 minutes from the city centre, our urban sanctuary offers a resort-like ambience, featuring the city's largest outdoor saltwater swimming pool overlooking the tranquil Saigon River.

No. 2-4, Street 10, An Khanh Ward, Ho Chi Minh City

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Rates include

Transfer from ship to hotel, two nights accommodation with daily breakfast, one lunch at local restaurant and excursion as per itinerary, transfer from hotel to Saigon Airport.

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OPTIONAL PACKAGE ADDONS & OTHER INFORMATION

Free Drinks On Board

Pandaw is happy to announce that our India expeditions are now all inclusive experiences, including local soft drinks, mixers, spirits and beers free of charge. Also included free of charge is our onboard house wine during lunch and dinner only. Onboard purchases of alcoholic beverages will not be possible.

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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