



*Cambodia & Vietnam*

# SAIGON AND PHNOM PENH

PHNOM PENH TO SAIGON - 4 NIGHTS  
DOWNSTREAM

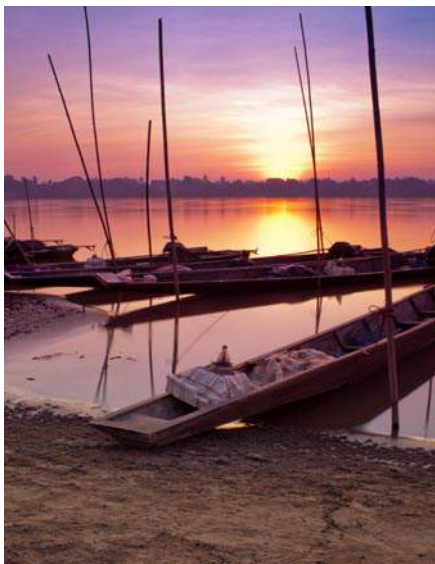
There can be no tapestry of river life as fascinating and varied as the Mekong River. Indeed there can be no more striking a cultural contrast as that between the bustling Vietnam Delta and the tranquility of Cambodia. This three night cruise passes from the vibrant French colonial port of Saigon, through the vast delta so rich in human life and endeavor, to travel along the main channel into the rich countryside of Cambodia. Your journey will end in Cambodia's capital Phnom Penh.



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# ROUTE MAP

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# ITINERARY DOWNSTREAM

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## DAY 1 PHNOM PENH

Check-in to your Pandaw Expedition at 11:00am and enjoy lunch onboard. In the afternoon we visit the Killing Fields and Genocide museum to learn more about the brutal Khmer Rouge regime. Overnight in Phnom Penh city port with its lively bars, restaurants and night life.

[More about Phnom Penh](#)

## DAY 2 VIETNAM BORDER – CHAU DOC

We up anchor early in the morning and cruise downstream along the Mekong River to the Vietnam border for immigration formalities. The ship sails to Chau Doc then. Evening lion dance takes place onboard.



## DAY 3 CHAU DOC

In the morning, taking minivans for a short drive to Sam Mountain, location of Phuoc Dien Tu or the Hang Pagoda. We climb the 400 steps to the top to visit the pagoda. Then we go alongside at the picturesque border town of Chau Doc where we visit the floating fish farms by sampan. We make a stop at a Chham Village and observe the lives of Vietnamese Muslims. After onboard lunch we continue sailing into the heart of the Mekong delta.



## DAY 4 BEN TRE

In the morning, we journey by sampans through mangroves and bamboo forests to the fruit orchards of Ben Tre. This is an area rich in birdlife which we will explore via local transport before transferring to a local rowboat. We will journey slowly through the bamboo covered canals before arriving at a village specialising in making local products. During lunch onboard, 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.



[More about Saigon](#)

## DAY 5 SAIGON

Disembark in central Saigon after breakfast for your onward travels.



# WHATS INCLUDED, TRANSFERS & VISAS DOWNSTREAM

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**Cruise Price Includes:** Entrance fees, guide services (English language), gratuities to crew, main meals (from Dinner day 1 to Breakfast Day 5 for Downstream), local mineral water, jugged coffee, teas & tisanes, transfers between the meeting point and the ship in Siem Reap.

**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. No transfers in Phnom Penh, ship docks in city center at Sisowath Quay.

## Transfers & Joining

### DAY 1 PHNOM PENH

Passengers can check-in at the ship at 11:00am. The ship will be moored at the Phnom Penh Autonomous Port, #649, Preah Sisowath Street, Sras Chork Commune, Phnom Penh.

**Please note:** If you intend on arriving to the ship later than 11am and not participating in the afternoon's activities, please let us know in advance. You are free to check in and remain onboard for the afternoon or explore Phnom Penh at your leisure.

### DAY 5 SAIGON

After breakfast, disembark your Pandaw vessel at 08:30 in central Saigon for your onward journey.

Dock address: Cruise Passenger Port, No. 5 Nguyen Tat Thanh Street, Ward 12, District 4, Ho Chi Minh City.

## Visa Information

**Please note** Vietnam e-visas are not accepted at the river border when travelling downstream from Cambodia to Vietnam.

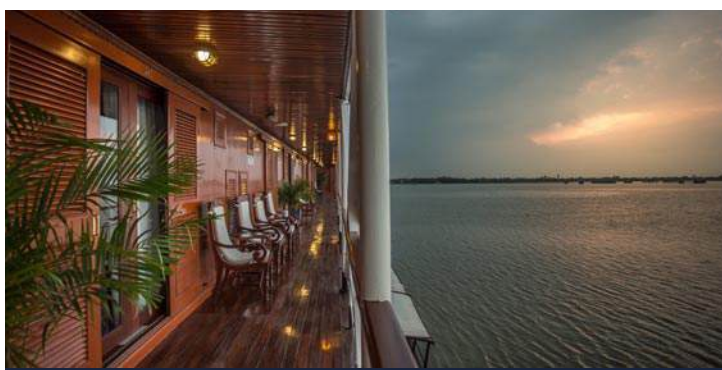
[Click here](#) for further visa information.

Please also visit [cibtvisas.co.uk](http://cibtvisas.co.uk) for VISA information.

# PANDAW STATEROOMS

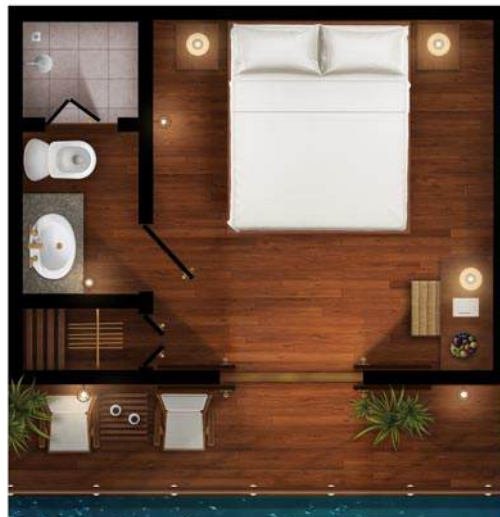
The Pandaw stateroom is the most celebrated feature of our ships, combining splendid colonial-era character with exquisite contemporary comfort.

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.

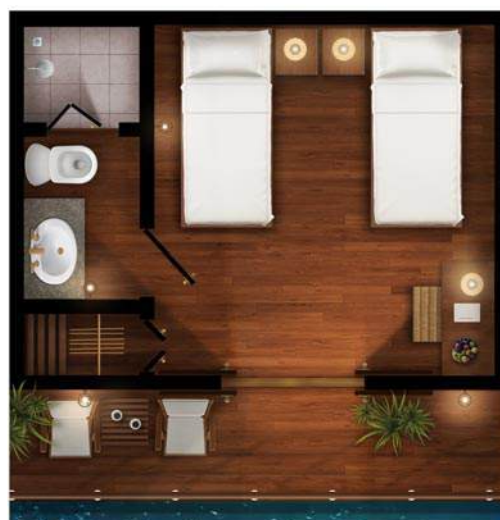


- Fruit and flowers on arrival
- Kimonos and slippers
- Spa-branded amenities
- Unlimited mineral water

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



DOUBLE CONFIGURATION



TWIN CONFIGURATION

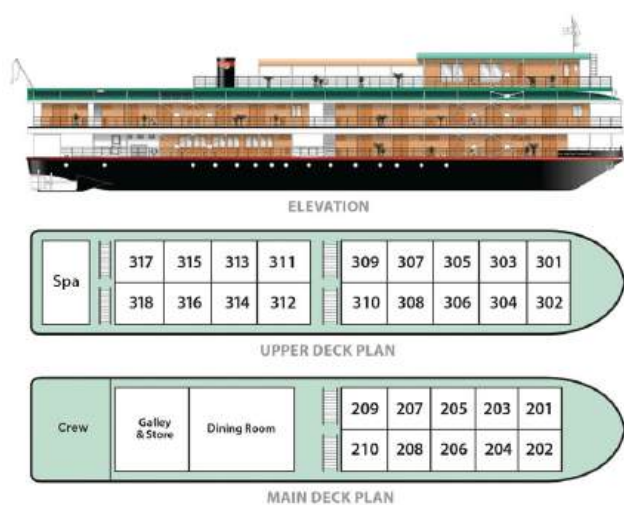


# PANDAW SHIPS

## RV Bassac Pandaw

The third of these rather grand Vietnamese sisters, along with the Orient and Indochina. She is a good looker, and turns many a head as she ploughs in state across the Delta or into the bustling hub of the Phnom Penh port.

[View images of RV Bassac Pandaw](#)



- **Build:** 2012 in Saigon
- **Length:** 179ft / 54.55m
- **Beam:** 34.50ft / 10.50m
- **Draft:** 3ft / 1.5m
- **Berths:** 56 pax

### ACCOMMODATION

- 18 upper deck staterooms and 10 main deck staterooms
- 170 square feet, finished in teak and brass
- Panoramic French window, leading to personal deck space
- 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
- Make-up mirror
- Multi-configuration plugs
- Generous closet space and under-bed storage
- Hair dryer
- Nightly turndown service
- 24h laundry service
- Complimentary evening canapés

### 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, juggled 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
- Sundek 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
- Deluxe sampans with cold towel service, fresh fruit, and tea/coffee
- 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

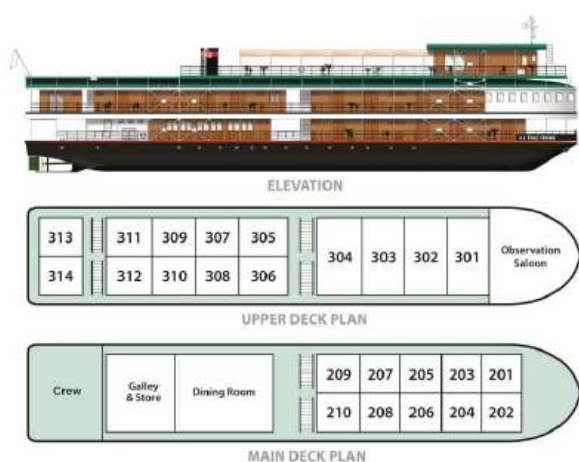
- Guest relation desk
- Fair-trade shop
- Lecture and meeting room with over sized flat screen TV, LSD projector and sound system
- Art gallery featuring local art and artists
- Library with contemporary and classic literature
- Wireless internet in all public areas

# PANDAW SHIPS

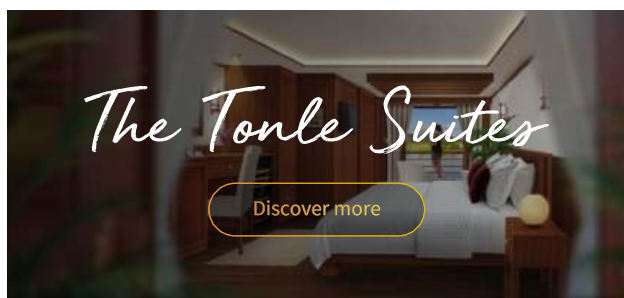
## RV Tonle Pandaw

Finished in rich teak and brass, the RV Tonle Pandaw recently went a retrofit in 2025 upgrading the guest accommodations to offer four luxury cabins spanning over 40 square meters. Now sailing along the Classic Mekong route, the ship features a total of X staterooms along with the famous Pandaw upper deck saloon, observation decks, and a formal dining room. This ship is an old favourite and has a glowing ambience complete with a professional spa and library on the lower deck. Despite being one of the larger ships in our fleet, the RV Tonle Pandaw has an ultra-shallow draft of just over a meter and can usually get up river into low water areas when other vessels are stuck well below.

[View images of RV Tonle Pandaw](#)



- **Build:** Build 2003 in Yangon, refit 2013
- **Length:** 180ft / 54.8m
- **Beam:** 33.13ft / 10.10m
- **Draft:** 4ft / 1.5m
- **Berths:** 48 pax



### ACCOMMODATION

- 10 upper deck staterooms and 10 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

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- 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

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- 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
- Largest public space to passenger ratio of any cruise ship in the world
- Shop, supporting fair trade
- Lecture and meeting room with oversized flat screen TV, LSD projector and sound system
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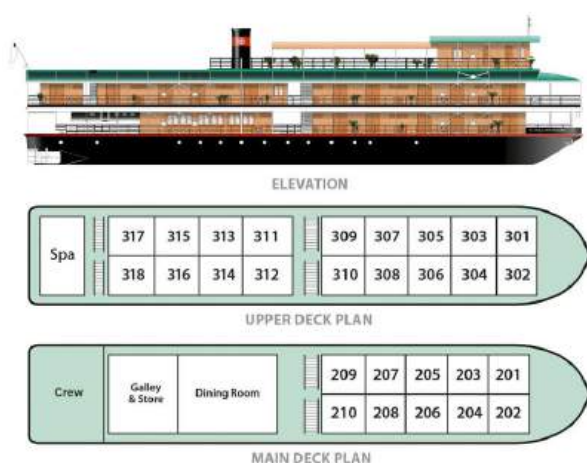


# PANDAW SHIPS

## RV Indochina Pandaw

Sister to the Orient and Bassac, the IP was built in Vietnam in 2009 and transferred over to Burma in 2011. The ship has quality mountain bikes for your independent exploration.

[View images of RV Indochina Pandaw](#)



- Build: 2009, Vietnam
- Length: 170ft / 54.8m
- Beam: 33.46ft / 10.20m
- Draft: 4ft / 1.5m
- Berths: 56 pax

### ACCOMMODATION

- 18 upper deck staterooms and 10 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
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- 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
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- Mirror
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### ON EXCURSIONS

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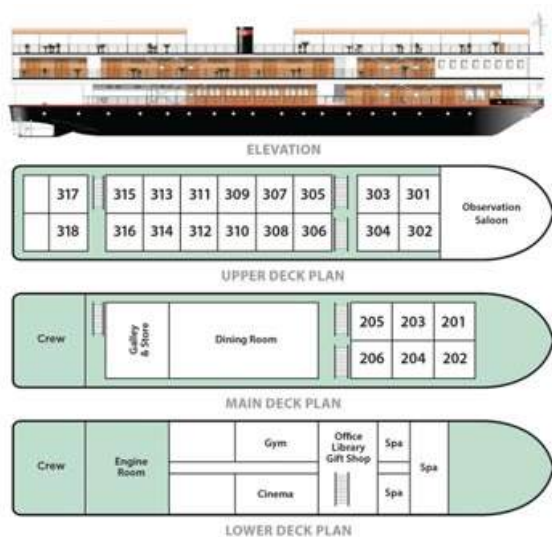
## RV Mekong Pandaw

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:** 200J / 60m
- **Beam:** 36J / 11m
- **DraJ:** 4J / 1.5m
- **Berths:** 48 pax

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# PRE & POST EXTENSIONS

Pre & Post Bookable via Pandaw.com as add on

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## Pre Tour

### PHNOM PENH 1 NIGHT - RAFFLES LE ROYAL HOTEL

#### DOWNSTREAM

Phnom Penh, Cambodia's busy capital, sits at the junction of the Mekong and Tonlé Sap rivers. It was a hub for both the Khmer Empire and French colonialists. Stroll along the riverfront boulevard, lined with parks, restaurants and bars, visit the ornate Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and the National Museum which display artifacts from around the country. At the city's heart is the enormous art deco Central Market.



This is a group tour with Pandaw guests.

#### DAY 1 ARRIVAL PHNOM PENH

Arrival at Phnom Penh airport followed by transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight at your hotel. Meals: not included.

#### DAY 2 PHNOM PENH CITY TOUR

After breakfast transfer to the ship at 08.00am. Leave your luggage and passport (for Vietnam immigration preparation) on board and join your new friends on the Phnom Penh City tour. Your private cyclo will take you to the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and National Museum. Return to the ship for lunch.

In the afternoon we will be visiting the Killing Fields and the Khmer Rouge's grim Tuol Sleng aka S21 detention centre. Overnight on board. Meals: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch & Dinner on the ship.

#### Raffles Hotel Le Royal

One of Asia's essential destination hotels, Raffles Phnom Penh has been the iconic resting place for the well travelled since 1929. Located in the heart of vibrant Phnom Penh, the hotel has been part of the history of the city and welcomes, as it has always done, a diverse clientele of entrepreneurs, writers, journalists, royalty and intrepid travellers from across the globe. Rooms and suites have been respectfully restored to reflect a distinguished blend of Khmer, Art Deco and French colonial architecture.

The hotel is located 10km from the airport and within a walking distance from the Wat Phnom, Royal Palace and Phnom Penh Riverside with plenty of bars, restaurants and cafes.

Raffles Hotel Le Royal, 92 Rukhak Vithei Daun Penh, Sangkat Wat Phnom, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Tel: +855 23 981 888

[Visit Hotel Website](#)

Extension Code: LTM-04a

# PRE & POST EXTENSIONS

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## Pre Tour

## PHNOM PENH 1 NIGHT - PAVILLION HOTEL

### DOWNSTREAM

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Meals: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch & Dinner on the ship.

### Pavilion Hotel Phnom Penh

A few steps from the Royal Palace and Wat Botum (Royal Pagoda), a collection of four period buildings, including what presumably was Queen Mother Kossamak's private residence. There is a sense of timeless tranquility among exuberant flora. Two large swimming pools and private plunge pools contribute to the oasis feel of a place where each and every one of its accommodations keeps its own character and atmosphere.

227 Street 19; Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Tel: +855 23 22 22 80

[Visit Hotel Website](#)

### Rates include

One night stay at the Pavillion Hotel including breakfast, service and taxes; transfer from airport and transfer to ship, full day city tour with lunch on DAY 2.

### Rates exclude

Lunch and dinner on Day 1 which are at your own arrangement in the hotel or in one of many restaurants in the city.

Extension Code: LTM-PANDAW-18



# PRE & POST EXTENSIONS

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## Post Tour

## SAIGON & SURROUNDINGS (HOTEL DES ARTS)

### DOWNSTREAM



Embark with Hôtel 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. This 5-star luxury Ho Chi Minh City hotel is located in the city centre, just a short stroll to famous landmarks such as Notre Dame Cathedral and Saigon Opera House. The Tan Son Nhat International Airport is 7 km away.

#### DAY 1. ARRIVAL IN SAIGON

Disembark your ship and transfer to your hotel in in Saigon. Free time in Saigon. Overnight Saigon.

#### DAY 2 SAIGON CITY TOUR - CUCHI TUNNELS (L)

In the morning, drive to the extraordinary Cu Chi tunnels, about 65 Km (1.5 hours drive) from Sai Gon. The complicated system of underground network was built by the 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.

Around 11.30am return to Sai Gon for lunch. In the afternoon, visit the Reunification Hall, Notre Dame Cathedral, General Post Office, Former US Embassy, City Hall and War Museum of Remnants. End the day with shopping at Ben Thanh market.

#### DAY 3 DEPARTURE

Breakfast at hotel. Free time until departure.

#### 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](#)



#### 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.

Extension Code: LTM-PANDAW-03

# PRE & POST EXTENSIONS

Pre & Post Bookable via Pandaw.com as add on

## Post Tour

### SAIGON & SURROUNDINGS (THE MYST DONG KHOI)

#### DOWNSTREAM



Venture deeper into The Myst and discover an oasis of calm. Relax by the swimming pool; rejuvenate at KL Spa; or energise body and mind at the fitness centre. This 5-star luxury Ho Chi Minh City hotel is located in the city centre, just a short stroll to famous landmarks such as Notre Dame Cathedral and Saigon Opera House. The Tan Son Nhat International Airport is 7 km away.

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#### The Myst Dong Khoi

Walking through the doors of The Myst Dong Khoi, you enter a timeless space. One where ylang ylang-scented air cools your skin and genuine smiles make you feel at home. Where hushed modern spaces and singular design harbour relics of Saigon's storied past – stained-glass details, wrought iron roses and cherished local artefacts. At The Myst, you feel the heartbeat of this charismatic city – the scents, the scenes, the sounds and the tastes. Xin chào, you hear – welcome.

6-8 Ho Huan Nghiep St., Ben Nghe Ward, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City  
Tel: +84 28 3520 3040

[Visit Hotel Website](#)



#### 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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## Post Tour

### VIETNAM'S HERITAGE ROAD, SAIGON - HUE - HOI AN

#### DOWNSTREAM



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 ARRIVAL IN SAIGON

Upon arrival at your hotel, meet your local guide and visit to Reunification Hall, Notre Dame Cathedral, General Post Office, Former US Embassy, City Hall, War Museum of Remnants and Shopping at Ben Thanh market. **Meals:** Breakfast on ship.

#### DAY 2 SAIGON - HUE

In the morning, drive to the extraordinary Cu Chi tunnels, about 65 Km (1.5 hours drive) from Sai Gon. The complicated system of underground network was built by the 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 a local restaurant, transfer to airport and take an afternoon flight Saigon to Hue. Transfer to hotel on arrival and rest of day at leisure. **Meals:** Breakfast at hotel. Lunch at local restaurant.

#### DAY 3 HUE

This morning we take a boat on the serene Perfume River to the best known pagoda in Middle Vietnam, Thien Mu. We then pay a visit to the impressive tomb of former Emperor Tu Duc and a beautiful garden once belonging to royalty followed by a royal style lunch at a local restaurant. 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 4 HUE - HOI AN

After breakfast, we leave Hue for Hoian. 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 Hoian 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. **Meals:** Breakfast at the hotel.

#### DAY 5 HOI AN

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

#### DAY 6 DEPARTURE

Morning at leisure. Transfer to Danang airport. **Meals:** Breakfast at hotel

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## 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](#)

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## Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort & Spa

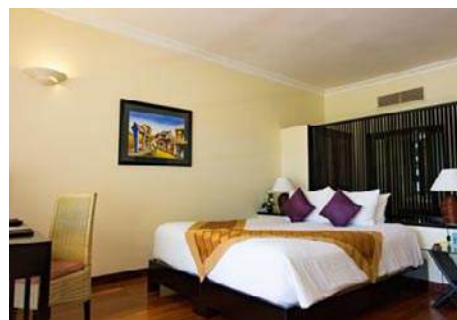
Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort & Spa replicates a traditional fishing village with small streets, water ponds and village houses with clay tiled roofs. The resort offers comfortable rooms incorporating unique design features inspired by traditional Vietnamese, Japanese and French colonial elements. Combining 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](#)

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## Hotel des Arts Saigon

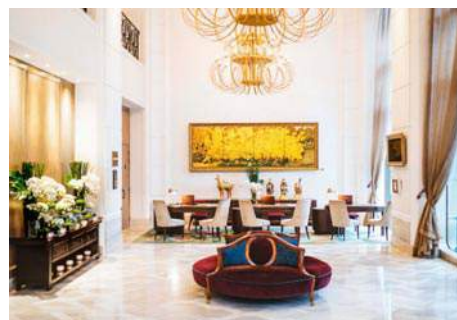
Embark with Hotel des Arts Saigon, MGallery on a journey back in time to Vietnam in 1930s to relive the romance of this bygone era while luxuriating in all the comforts of the 21st century. Combining the classical charm of French Indochina with a sense of timeless chic, the hotel is as much an art museum 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

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[Visit Hotel Website](#)

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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.

## Rates exclude

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

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# OPTIONAL PACKAGE ADDONS & OTHER INFORMATION

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## Optional cruise add ons

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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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