

# Cambodia & Vietnam

## **CLASSIC MEKONG**

#### SIEM REAP TO SAIGON - 7 NIGHT

#### DOWNSTREAM

There can be no tapestry of river life as fascinating and varied as the River Mekong. Indeed there can be no more striking a cultural contrast as that between the bustling Vietnam delta and the tranquility of Cambodia. We pass from the vibrant French colonial port of Saigon, through the vast delta so rich in human life and endeavour, to travel along the main channel into the rich countryside of Cambodia. With a full day in charming Phnom Penh we then explore remoter waterways as we progress to the great monuments of Angkor.



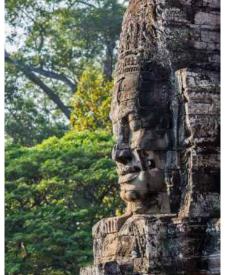




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## ROUTE MAP



#### DOWNSTREAM







## ITINERARY DOWNSTREAM











#### DAY 1 SIEM REAP TO THE MEKONG

Travel by coach from Siem Reap to the riverside town of Steung Trang for embarkation. Enjoy a sunset cruise on the Mekong and meet your crew for the next 7 nights before your welcome dinner is served.

More about Siem Reap

#### DAY 2 PEAM CHI KORNG AND PAK RUSSEI CRAFTS

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. This 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.

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

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 it's impressive Khmer architecture and experience a short meditation class to quieten your mind. Rejoin your ship in Kampong Tralach for lunch abaord. In the afternoon we travel by oxcart around the river-side 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.

#### DAY 4 PHNOM PENH

Morning orientation of Phnom Penh by cyclo visiting the Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda followed by the National Museum with its marvelous 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.

More about Phnom Penh

## ITINERARY DOWNSTREAM











#### DAY 5 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 6 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.

**Note**: During high water periods in October and November, navigation into Chau Doc may be hampered by low bridges meaning today's excursion will be replaced with a local village visit at Long Thuan.

#### DAY 7 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 8 SAIGON DISEMBARKATION

Disembark in central Saigon after breakfast for your onward travels.

More about Saigon

# WHATS INCLUDED, TRANSFERS & VISAS DOWNSTREAM

**Cruise Price Includes:** Entrance fees, guide services (English language), gratuities to crew, main meals, 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.

### **Transfers & Joining**

#### DAY 1 SIEM REAP - KAMPONG CHAM

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 09:00am.

**Hotel address:** FCC Angkor by Avani, Pokambor Ave (next to Royal residence), Siem Reap

Tel: +855 63 760 280

Latest departure from the hotel at 10:00am with an approximate transfer time of 4 hours. Lunch is included along the way.

#### DAY 8 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

#### Upstream

E-visa for Cambodia are not accepted at the river border. Visa on arrival for Cambodia will be arranged for you by the crew. Please bring 1x passport photo and fee of \$35 USD. Click here for full visa information.

#### Downstream

E-visa for Vietnam are now accepted at the river border. On your application, please enter SONG TIEN LANDPORT as your arrival port.

Click here for full 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 Showeroom 2' 8" x 3' 4" Single Bed 6'7" x 3'3"



DOUBLE CONFIGURATION



TWIN CONFIGURATION





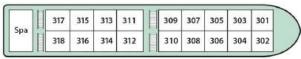


#### **RV Bassac Pandaw**

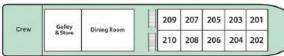
The third of these rather grand Vietnamese sisters, along with the Orient and Indochina. She is a good looker, and turns many a head as she ploughs in state across the Delta or into the bustling hub of the Phnom Penh port.

#### View images of RV Bassac Pandaw





UPPER DECK PLAN



MAIN DECK PLAN

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
- Flectric 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, 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
- 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 superintendant
- 24 hrs watch on duty
- Certified hygiene standards for all areas (Johnson & Diversey)

#### ONBOARD STAFF

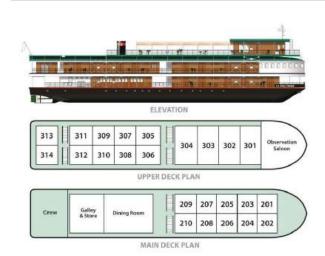
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- River Pilot
- First Officer
- Chief Engineer
- 1st Engineer Electrician
- Bosun & nautical crew
- Ship manager
- Housekeeping
- Dining
- Bar keeper
- Chefs
- Spa therapist
- Local tour guides

- · 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

#### **RV Tonle Pandaw**

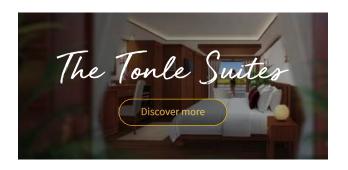
Finished in rich teak and brass, the RV Tonle Pandaw recently went a retrofit in 2025 upgrading the guest accommodations to offer four luxury cabins spanning over 40 square meters. Now sailing along the Classic Mekong route, the ship features a total of X staterooms along with the famous Pandaw upper 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

180ft / 54.8m Length: 33.13ft / 10.10m Beam: 4ft / 1.5m Draft: 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 drver
- Nightly turndown service
- 24h laundry service
- Complimentary evening canapés

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- 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
- Chief Engineer
- 1st Engineer Flectrician
- Bosun & nautical crew
- Ship manager
- Housekeeping
- Dining
- Bar keeper
- Chefs
- Spa therapist
- Local tour guides

- · 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
- Art gallery featuring local art and artists
- · Library with contemporary and classic
- · Wireless internet in all public areas

#### **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



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UPPER DECK PLAN



MAIN DECK PLAN

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

56 pax Berths:

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

- 18 upper deck staterooms and 10 main deck staterooms
- 170 square feet, finished in teak and brass
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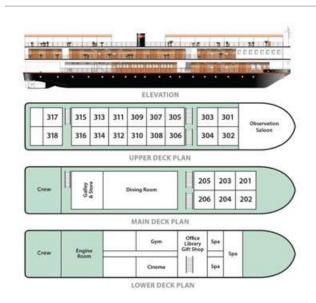
## **RV Mekong Pandaw**

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



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#### Pre Tour

## **EXPLORING ANGKOR** (FCC ANGKOR)

#### **DOWNSTREAM**

FCC Angkor Resort. This is a private tour.



#### 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 FCC Angkor by Avani for lunch then check in at the hotel. After lunch at the hotel, visit the famous temple of Cambodia, Angkor Wat. It is visually, architecturally and artistically breathtaking. Its 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 and Pimean Akas. Take in the romantic view at sun set from Bakheng Hill. Overnight at hotel.

Meals: Lunch at hotel.

#### DAY 2 ANGKOR THOM

Breakfast in hotel. With airconditioned car and guide visit South Gate of Angkor Thom, Bayon, Baphoun, Terrace of Elephant, Terrace of Leper King and Preah Khan, NeakPean.

After lunch at a local restaurant, visit Thommanon, Chau Say Teveda, Ta Keo, Ta Promh, BanteayKdei and SrasSrang & East Meborn. In the evening experience a highlight and meet talented young performers in a breathtaking, entertaining and original Cambodian show at PharePonleuSelpak's Circus. Pandaw guests receive a special VIP treatment. Meals: Breakfast at your hotel, Lunch at local restaurant.

#### DAY 3 ANGKOR - DEPARTURE

Check out the hotel and transfer to the FCC Angkor hotel for check in point. Meals: Breakfast at your hotel.

#### **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



#### Rates include

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.

Extension Code: LTM-AGK-FCC-PRE

Pre & Post Bookable via Pandaw.com as add on

#### Pre Tour

## **EXPLORING ANGKOR** (JAYA HOUSE RIVERPARK)

#### **DOWNSTREAM**

Jaya House Riverpark This is a private tour.



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Meals: Dinner at your hotel.

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#### DAY 3 ANGKOR - DEPARTURE

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#### 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 (ship to hotel and hotel to airport), two nights accommodation at Jaya House Riverpark, meals and excursion as per itinerary.

Extension Code: LTM-03JAYA-PRE

Pre & Post Bookable via Pandaw.com as add on

#### 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 Bookable via Pandaw.com as add on

#### Post Tour

## SAIGON & **SURROUNDINGS** THE MYST DONG

#### **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 mindat 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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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.

#### 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 seex' 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 InterContinental Asiana after disembarkation. Upon arrival at InterCon Asiana 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. Meals: Breakfast at ship. Lunch at local restaurant.

#### 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. Meals: Breakfast at the Hotel.

#### 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 Moon 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 - HOLAN

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 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 HOLAN

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

#### DAY 6 HOIAN - 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



#### 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



#### 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

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 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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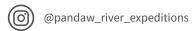
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