

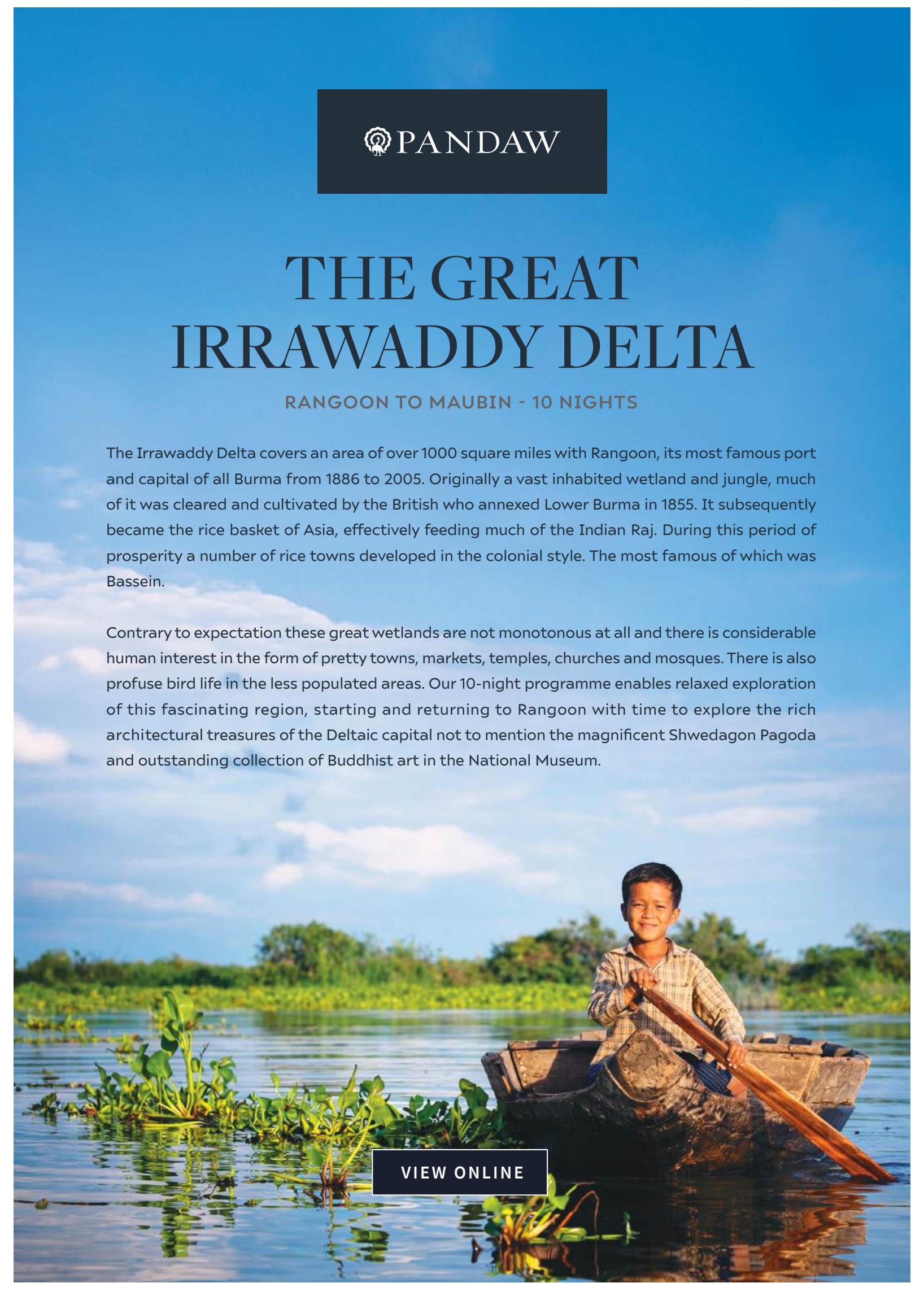
 PANDAW

# THE GREAT IRRAWADDY DELTA

RANGOON TO MAUBIN - 10 NIGHTS

The Irrawaddy Delta covers an area of over 1000 square miles with Rangoon, its most famous port and capital of all Burma from 1886 to 2005. Originally a vast inhabited wetland and jungle, much of it was cleared and cultivated by the British who annexed Lower Burma in 1855. It subsequently became the rice basket of Asia, effectively feeding much of the Indian Raj. During this period of prosperity a number of rice towns developed in the colonial style. The most famous of which was Bassein.

Contrary to expectation these great wetlands are not monotonous at all and there is considerable human interest in the form of pretty towns, markets, temples, churches and mosques. There is also profuse bird life in the less populated areas. Our 10-night programme enables relaxed exploration of this fascinating region, starting and returning to Rangoon with time to explore the rich architectural treasures of the Deltaic capital not to mention the magnificent Shwedagon Pagoda and outstanding collection of Buddhist art in the National Museum.

A photograph of a young boy in a traditional wooden boat on a river. He is smiling and holding a long wooden oar. The boat is surrounded by green reeds and plants. The background shows a lush, green landscape under a blue sky with some clouds.

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# ROUTE MAP



# ITINERARY UPSTREAM

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## DAY 1 RANGOON

Transfer from airport to the Strand Road jetty and embark on your Pandaw. Evening visit to the Shwedagon Pagoda followed by dinner on board.

[More about Rangoon \(Yangon\)](#)



## DAY 2 RAGOON HERITAGE TRAIL

Morning tour of Rangoon's colonial architectural heritage with the highlight of a private tour of the Secretariat, the heart of government for colonial Burma and post Independence the place where General Aung San and his cabinet were martyred. Visit the RC cathedral, the largest church in Asia.

Lunch in one of Rangoon's smart new 'tea houses' followed by a visit to the National Museum.

## DAY 3 RANGOON - PYAPON

Early morning departure from Rangoon via the Twante Canal stopping at Twante to view the potteries and on to Pyapon (64miles) a delightful delta town and seaport with lively docks and markets.

[More about Pyapon](#)



## DAY 4 PYAPON - BOGALE

Bogale is at the heart of the delta and once a Mon capital and trading port connected to international trading routes between the 15th and 18th centuries. It features the only mangrove ecosystem reserve in the Delta. A visit to the monastery of the town will be organized.

[More about Bogale](#)



## DAY 5 BOGALE - MYAUNGMYA

This will be the most fascinating day's sailing as we weave through creeks and channels cross-country across the heart of the delta. We will stop for a walk about in a suitable village.

[More about Myaungmya](#)



# ITINERARY UPSTREAM

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## DAY 6 MYAUNGMYA - BASSEIN

Morning cruise across the final section of delta to join the great Bassein River that takes us up to Bassein, the capital of the delta and an important seaport too. Of interest here are the traditional umbrella manufactories, where the typical monk's waxed cloth umbrellas are made. On foot we will explore the town, its shrines and vibrant markets.



## DAY 7 BASSEIN

Pathein or Bassein is the second largest port in Burma, where the river meets the sea and is full of interest.



## DAY 8 BASSEIN - WAKEMA

Morning departure with lunch to follow, taking the more usual upper delta route of the old IFC 'launch service' between Rangoon and Bassein. Evening exploration of this attractive river port.

[More about Wakema](#)



## DAY 9 WAKEMA - MAUBIN

On these busier channels there will be a variety of shipping whilst the riverbanks team with life and activity. Maubin is a very pleasant place to enjoy a sunset walk along its colourful strand.

[More about Maubin](#)



## DAY 10 MAUBIN - RANGOON

Morning run crossing the Twante Canal and home to the Rangoon River in time for lunch. Afternoon at leisure for a downtown walkabout or drive to the Scott Market. Farewell dinner with classical musicians on your Pandaw.

## DAY 11 DEPARTURES FROM RANGOON

Transfers to airport for outbound flights. Lunch on board for afternoon flyers.

# WHATS INCLUDED

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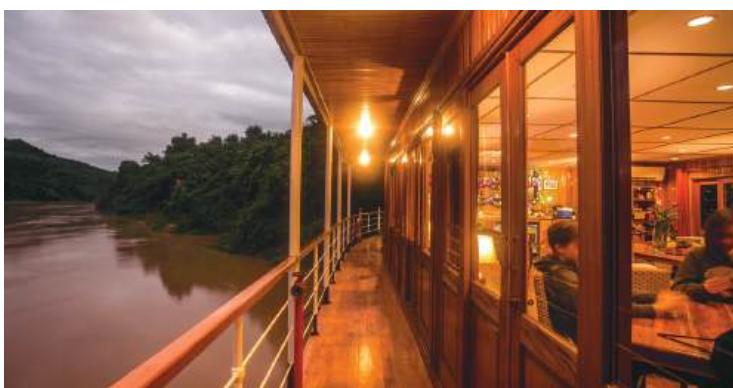
**Cruise Price Includes:** Entrance fees, guide services (English language), gratuities to crew, main meals, local mineral water, jugged coffee, teas & tisanes plus our Burma complimentary drinks package.

**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.

# PANDAW STATEROOMS

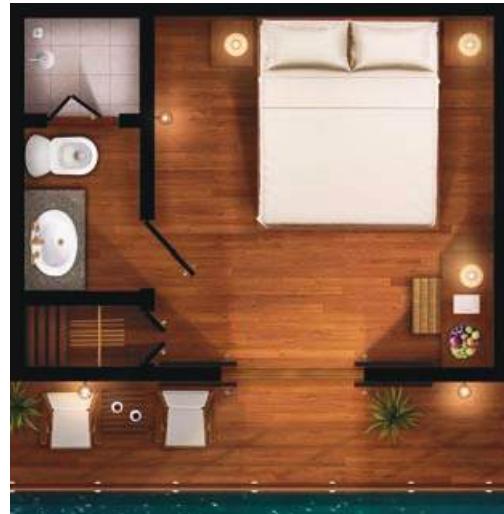
The Pandaw stateroom is the most celebrated feature of our ships, combining splendid colonial-era character with exquisite contemporary comfort.

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 Kanee 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'
Showroom	2' 8" x 3' 4"
Single Bed	6' 7" x 3' 3"



DOUBLE CONFIGURATION



TWIN CONFIGURATION



# PANDAW SHIPS

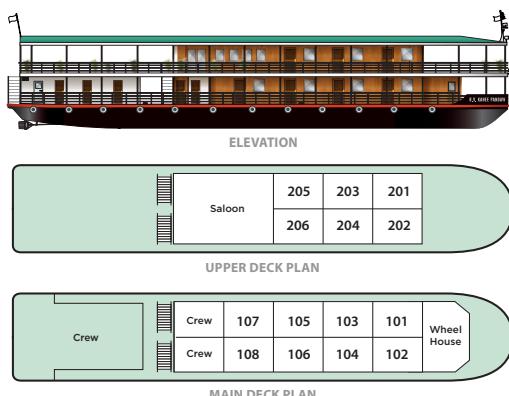
## RV Kanee Pandaw

Pandaw are delighted to announce the construction of a new fourteen cabin K-class ship for Burma, now renamed Myanmar. These ultra-shallow twin decked K class vessels can go where other ships cannot and are perfect for Pandaw's style of soft adventure river expeditions.

These much-loved, safari-style vessels offer outdoor or indoor dining, run-round promenades and ample indoor and outdoor living space. The cabins are slightly smaller than on Pandaw's larger ships but cleverly designed and very comfortable with roomy bathrooms.

The ship has quality mountain bikes for your independent exploration.

[view images of RV Kanee PANDAW](#)



- Build: 2019
- Berths: 28 pax

### ACCOMMODATION

- 6 upper deck staterooms and 8 main deck staterooms
- 170 square feet, finished in teak and brass
- Panoramic French window
- 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
- Personalized meal services
- Daily lean & light menu options
- Complimentary local mineral water, jugged coffee, teas & tisanes
- Extensive wine list with premium wines
- Series of cultural performances, educational talks, cooking classes, and ship tour
- Welcome drink on arrival
- Welcome cocktail
- Farewell reception
- Theme - and gala dinners
- Open air lounge and bar
- Al fresco bistro style dining

### 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
- 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 superintendent
- 24 hrs watch on duty

### 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

# PRE EXTENSIONS

Pre Bookable via Pandaw.com as add on

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## Pre Tour

### THE STRAND HOTEL

Step into a living legend. Built in 1901 by the legendary Sarkies brothers—the visionaries behind Singapore's Raffles—The Strand Yangon is more than a hotel; it is the soul of the city. As the only hotel in Myanmar honored with the prestigious Blue Plaque for cultural heritage, we offer a rare opportunity to sleep within the walls of history. Experience the same timeless colonial elegance that has captivated world travelers for over a century.



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#### DAY 1 ARRIVE RANGOON

Our guide will pick you up at the airport and bring you to your hotel. Enjoy Rangoon city at your own leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

#### DAY 2 EMBARK YOUR PANDAW VESSEL

Transfer to the jetty opposite the hotel to join your Pandaw vessel.

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#### Rates include

Hotel accommodation only, including breakfast, for your specified number of nights.

#### Meals included

Land tour includes meals as follows; Day 2: Breakfast at the hotel.

#### Rates exclude

Meals & drinks.

CONT'D

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## Pre Tour

### YANGON EXCELSIOR HOTEL PRE HOTEL STAY

Spanning five floors of architectural grace, our 74 rooms and suites serve as a sanctuary for the discerning traveler. Each space is defined by soaring five-meter ceilings and expansive floor-to-ceiling windows that invite an abundance of natural light to dance across smoked-oak parquet floors.



The aesthetic is a curated dialogue between colonial grandeur and modern minimalism. Bespoke furnishings, rich leathers, and honed marble create a tactile landscape of luxury, while soft ambient lighting ensures a seamless transition from day to evening. This is more than a stay; it is an immersion into the warmth and splendor of the late 19th century, reimagined with contemporary precision.

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# POST EXTENSIONS

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#### DAY 1 DISEMBARK YOUR PANDAW VESSEL

Depart your Pandaw vessel in time to check into your hotel. Enjoy Rangoon city at your own leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

#### DAY 2 RANGOON

Transfer to the airport for your onward journey.

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#### Rates include

Hotel accommodation only, including breakfast, for your specified number of nights.

#### Meals included

Land tour includes meals as follows; Day 2: Breakfast at the hotel.

#### Rates exclude

Meals & drinks.

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# OPTIONAL PACKAGE ADDONS & OTHER INFORMATION

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## 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.

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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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## Useful Links

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