



Cambodia & Vietnam

CLASSIC VIETNAM & CAMBODIA TOUR

SAIGON TO SIEM REAP - 11 NIGHT

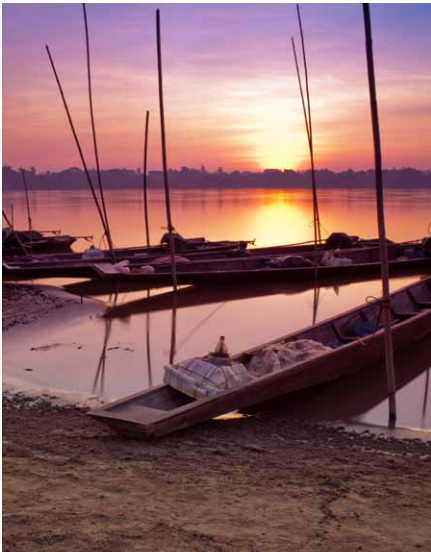
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Explore all the wonders of Southern Vietnam and the temples of Angkor in Cambodia in this new extended river & land tour from Pandaw. Combining our timeless 7-night river expedition between Saigon and Siem Reap with specially selected pre and post-cruise tours to enhance your journey, it has never been easier to book your Vietnam and Cambodia adventure with Pandaw.



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ROUTE MAP



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DAY 1 ARRIVAL IN SAIGON

Our guide will be waiting for you at the airport to transfer you to your hotel. Free time in the evening, we suggest heading to Nguyen Hue walking street 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 SAIGON - MY THO - BEN TRE

After breakfast, check out and transfer to the ship at My Tho. Meals: Breakfast. Transfer from Saigon to the river port for embarkation. After lunch, 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. In the evening you will be entertained by a Vietnamese dance troupe on deck.



DAY 4 CON PHUOC

Sailing through the delta offers a real insight into life along this vast waterway. After lunch, we pass through a small canal and head ashore to Con Phuoc Island where we visit local craftspeople weaving bamboo baskets the traditional way. After a demonstration, we try our hand at making our own. We then take a local tuk tuk for a drive through this peaceful village, stopping at a 100 year old church and meeting more of the friendly local community.



DAY 5 CHAU DOC - VIETNAM/CAMBODIA BORDER

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 before 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. Upon return to ship, we navigate a web of canals before dropping anchor on the Vietnam/Cambodia border to undergo Immigration formalities. During high water periods, we will instead visit Long Thuan village.

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DAY 6 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. Overnight in Phnom Penh city port with its lively bars, restaurants and night life.



DAY 7 KAMPONG TRALACH

We leave the dock at Phnom Penh early morning and sail up 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 along the river. In the evening cocktails are round a village fire pit where we will be joined by village folk keen to show us their traditional dancing show us more of the delightful Khmer culture.



DAY 8 OUDONG - SILK ISLAND

In the morning, travel by coach to the ancient capital of Cambodia, Oudong. On the way we stop to visit the Vipassana Dhura Meditation Centre before taking a drive around the old capital. We re-join our ship at Prek Kdam before returning to the Mekong. After lunch we sail to Koh Nghe Tei (Silk Island) to study the entire silk-making process from worms to weavers. We visit silk makers and can buy from them their lovely silk scarves and other fabrics. This village is a centre of the ancient martial art of L'bokator which roughly translates as 'pounding a lion'. It includes weapons techniques and is one of the oldest combat techniques in Cambodia and believed to date back to the Angkor empire.



DAY 9 ANGKOR BAN VILLAGE & WAT HANCHEY

Sunrise cruise to Angkor Ban village to see how local villagers live and visit the library which was donated by Pandaw to Angkor Ban secondary school.

NOTE: if you want to donate books, please bring along some Children's books in English language (suitable for age 8 to 15 yrs) which you can personally gift to the library.



In the afternoon we sail north to Wat Hanchey, an important centre of worship during the Chenla period located on top of a hill above the mighty Mekong River with some of the best Mekong views in Cambodia. Visit 8th century structures some destroyed by American bombings during the Vietnam War.

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DAY 10 ARRIVAL SIEM REAP - ANGKOR WAT

Disembark and travel by coach from Kampong Cham through stunningly lovely countryside to reach Siem Reap, adjacent to Angkor Wat. Your guide will meet you upon arrival to Siem Reap then arrange lunch before check in. 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: Dinner.

DAY 11 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 12 DEPARTURE

After breakfast check out of your hotel and head to the airport for your onward flight. Meals: Breakfast

WHATS INCLUDED, TRANSFERS & VISAS UPSTREAM

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 at the start and end of a voyage, hotel accommodation as specified (or similar), excursions and meals as outlined in the itinerary.

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. NOTE: Drink packages are only available on the cruise section.

Transfers & Joining

DAY 1 ARRIVAL IN SAIGON

Please take note your driver/guide will be waiting for you at Column No 12 outside the arrival area (either the International Arrival area or Domestic Arrival area, depending on your flight). Upon exiting the Arrival Terminal please look for column No 12. In case you do not see the driver/guide at column No 12, please call the Pandaw hotline number and remain standing at the column No 12 in order for the guide/driver to locate you. Please be on the lookout for the Pandaw welcome sign in front of Column No 12.

DAY 3 SAIGON - MY THO - BEN TRE

Transfer from your hotel in Saigon to the port of My Tho by small group transfer to embark cruise.

Pick up will be between 10:30am and 11:00am. Our representative will call you on the evening before or leave a message with the hotel to reconfirm the exact pick-up time.

Please note transfers are only available for central Saigon hotels and surcharges will apply for private transfers or transfers from hotels outside of District 1 and District 3.

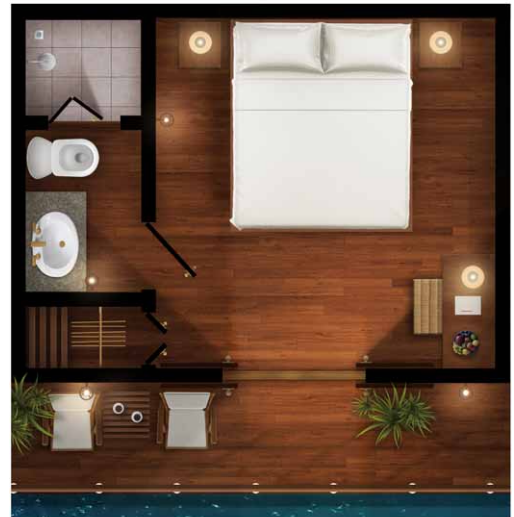
DAY 10 ARRIVAL SIEM REAP - ANGKOR WAT

Early morning coach transfer to the FCC Angkor by Avani hotel in Siem Reap, arriving mid-afternoon (approx. 13.30). Transfer by coach from Kampong Cham to Siem Reap takes approx 4 hours.

PANDAW STATEROOMS

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

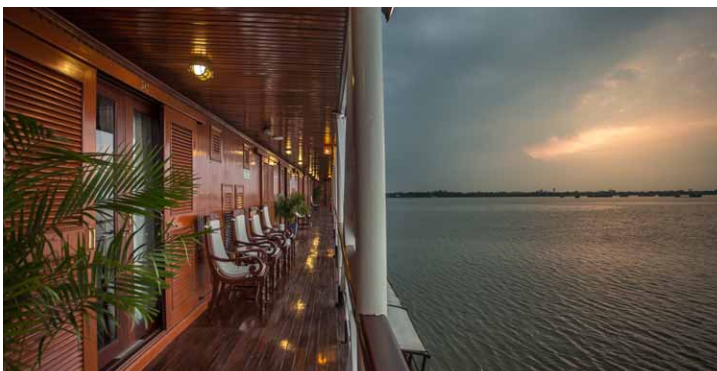
Finished in brass and teak, the main and upper deck rooms are a spacious 168 square feet (15.6 sqm), with the exception of the Zawgyi Pandaw which is 150 square feet (14 sqm). As the space is much loved by all our passengers, we have ensured that with each ship we build, the stateroom remains essentially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



DOUBLE CONFIGURATION

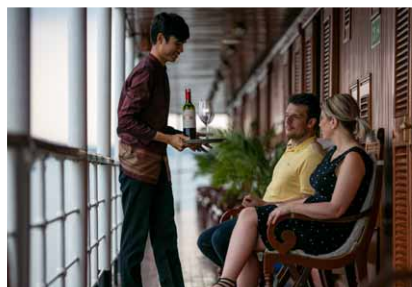


TWIN CONFIGURATION



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

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



PANDAW SHIPS

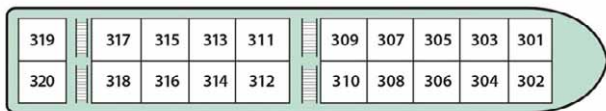
RV Bassac Pandaw

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.

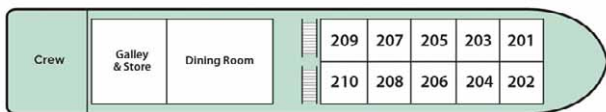
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ELEVATION



UPPER DECK PLAN



MAIN DECK PLAN

- **Build:** 2012 in Saigon
- **Length:** 167ft / 50.9m
- **Beam:** 33.50ft / 10.20m
- **Draft:** 3ft / 1.5m
- **Berths:** 60 pax

ACCOMMODATION

- 20 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, 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 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

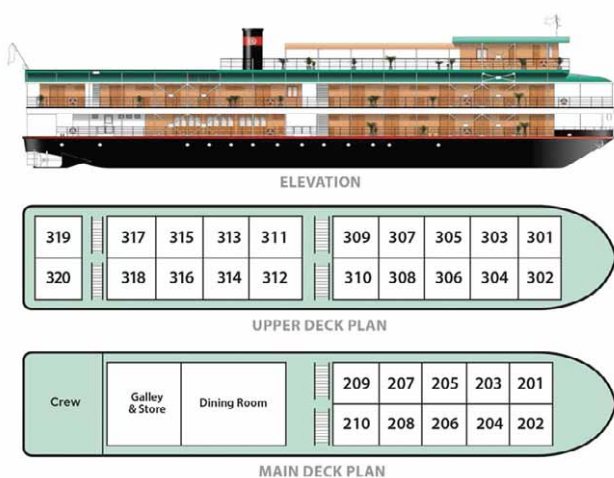
- Guest relation desk
- Fair-trade shop
- Lecture and meeting room with over sized flat screen TV, LSD projector and sound system
- Art gallery featuring local art and artists
- Library with contemporary and classic literature
- Wireless internet in all public areas

PANDAW SHIPS

RV 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:** Built in 2009 in Saigon
- **Length:** 170.27ft / 51.90m
- **Beam:** 33.46ft / 10.20m
- **Draft:** 5.20ft / 1.60m
- **Berths:** 60 pax

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- 170 square feet, finished in teak and brass
- Panoramic French window, leading to personal deck space
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- Spa-branded amenities
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- Electric mini safe
- Central AC with individual control
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- Premium mattresses
- 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

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PRE & POST EXTENSIONS

Pre & Post Bookable via Pandaw.com as add on

Pre Tour

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



UPSTREAM

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.

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

Your trip ends in the Oriental Pearl Saigon with tour and overnight stay before your cruise.

This is a Pandaw group tour.

DAY 1 ARRIVAL IN HUE

Welcome to Vietnam. After arrival at Hue Airport meet your guide and driver for the transfer to your hotel. Rest of day at leisure. **Meals:** none.

DAY 2 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 3 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 4 HOI AN

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

DAY 5 HOI AN - DANANG - SAIGON

Transfer to the airport for a flight from Danang 08.00 to Saigon 09.25 (flight times subject to change). Upon arrival, drive to the extraordinary Cu Chi tunnels, about 65 Km (1½ hours' drive) from Saigon. This complicated underground network was built by Viet Cong guerillas. En route, you have the chance to see how rural people live and work 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, 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 hotel, Lunch at local restaurant.

DAY 6 SAIGON DEPARTURE

Morning at leisure. Transfer with your fellow Pandaw passengers to My Tho to embark your ship. **Meals:** Breakfast at hotel

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PRE & POST EXTENSIONS

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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 Danang to Saigon, hotels as advertised, transportation by AC vehicle, daily breakfast, and entrance fees.

Rates exclude

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

Extension Code: LTM-PANDAW-12

PRE & POST EXTENSIONS

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Post Tour

KRATIE AND THE DOLPHIN GROUNDS 2 NIGHT POST TOUR



UPSTREAM

Explore the northern reaches of the Cambodian Mekong with a visit to Kratie, one of the few remaining places to spot the endangered Irrawaddy Dolphin. From your French Colonial base in Chhlong, journey upriver to discover this charming area, its people and get a chance to spot the elusive river dolphins.

Please note: this tour will only be offered on departures from December onwards as high waters will mean our ship will reach Kratie during our sailing itinerary in these months.

DAY 1. KAMPONG CHAM TO CHHLONG

Our driver will pick you up from the ship in Kampong Cham and transfer you to your hotel, the renovated French colonial mansion Le Relais De Chhlong Boutique Hotel. Check in have lunch on the terrace. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure and relax for the evening with dinner overlooking the Mekong.

Meals: Breakfast onboard, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 2 KRATIE & DOLPHIN GROUNDS

Journey by boat along the Mekong toward Kratie before continuing to visit the dolphin grounds at Kampi. Have a chance to spot the Irrawaddy dolphin on a small boat operated by the local villagers before returning to Kratie and enjoying lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon we visit Koh Trong Island, a community based ecotourism site. Plant a tree to support the local community and explore this charming island before returning to Chhlong and your hotel for dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3 SIEM REAP

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and journey to Siem Reap. On the way we stop for lunch at a local restaurant arriving at the airport (16:30) or your hotel in Siem Reap (17:30) in the afternoon.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Le Relais De Chhlong

Le Relais De Chhlong is beautifully restored customs house on the banks of the Mekong River. This wonderful boutique hotel with rooms evocative of French Indochina provide a perfect base for exploration of nearby Kratie.

Road 308, Chhlong, Kratie Province

Tel: +855 12 347 309

[Visit Hotel Website](#)



Rates include

2 nights accommodation at Le Relais De Chhlong or similar, 2 breakfast, 3 lunch, 2 dinner, English speaking guide on tours, transportation by AC vehicle, local boat fees, entrance fees.

Rates exclude

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

Extension Code: LTM-KRA-DOL-POST-1

OPTIONAL PACKAGE ADDONS & OTHER INFORMATION

Optional cruise add ons

PRE-BOOKABLE HOUSE WINE PACKAGE [Read more](#)

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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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