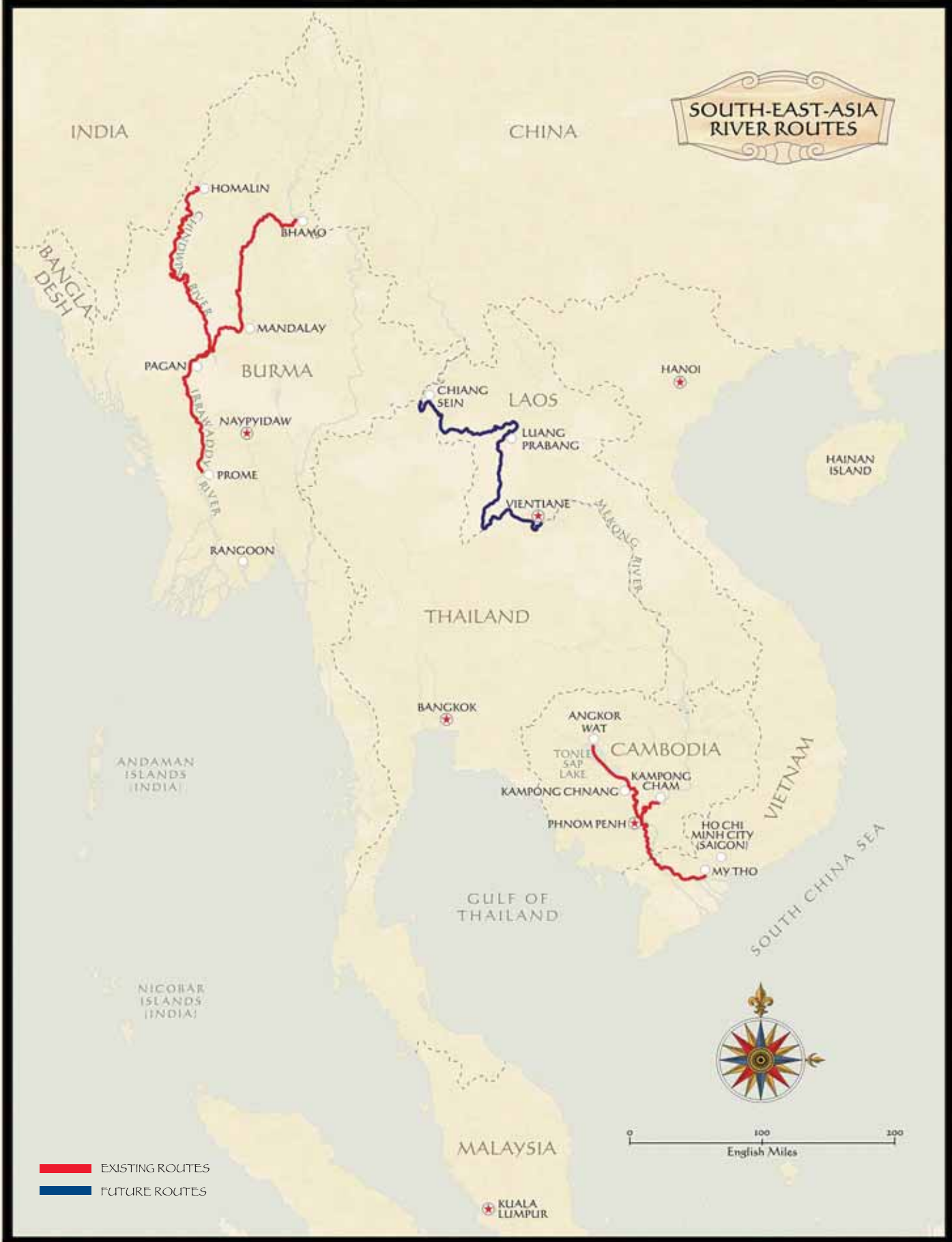


# PANDAW

*South-East Asia River Expeditions*



# SOUTH-EAST-ASIA RIVER ROUTES





# PANDAW STORY

In 1995 reviving the old colonial Irrawaddy Flotilla we pioneered cruising on the rivers of Burma. We went on to develop river expeditions on the Mekong, between Vietnam and Cambodia. Future plans include exploring the Upper Mekong from Laos into China.



# PANDAW SHIPS

All our ships are built in the same colonial style and finished in brass and teak. Broad promenades run around the decks with a vast observation deck up top. All Pandaws have cocktail bar and single sitting dining room. Our vessels draw only a meter and can penetrate remote areas that other vessels can not reach. The beauty of a Pandaw river expedition is that in considerable comfort you get to see little known regions with no accommodation or even road infrastructure ashore.









## ON BOARD

You will find all the amenities and services one would expect of a five star boutique hotel but the atmosphere of a private yacht. These are expedition cruises and the dress code is shorts by day and smart casual by night. Whilst cruising there are lectures, cooking demonstrations and film presentations. There is a welcome cocktail party when you join the ship and a farewell one followed by a gala dinner on the last night.







# PANDAW STATEROOM

These much-loved cabins are so perfect they have changed little since we started. With 220 square feet, including deck space with seating outside, they are a generous size for a ship. Bathrooms are particularly spacious. All cabins come with kimonos, slippers, flowers, fruit and mineral water.





## PANDAW DINING

Our passengers are more interested in quality than quantity. With the exception of salads and cold cuts, main dishes are served at your table from an a la carte menu featuring a choice of Asian or Western menus. Special diets can be catered for with prior notice. We source as much as possible from local markets and suppliers. River fish, prawn, exotic fruit and vegetables being the most popular choices. All local drinks and beers at the bar and house wines at dinner are included with your cruise.



# GOING ASHORE

At least once a day we stop to explore ashore, whether in a city or a village. Passengers are encouraged to make individual excursions and maps and fact sheets are provided. All the places we stop are very safe with welcoming local people. Where small boat or coach transportation is provided the excursions are led by an expert guide. In Borneo we have a high speed expedition boat to take you further up river and to explore the tributaries.







# PANDAW DESTINATIONS

The itineraries and durations of the cruises we offer depend on the season and water levels. Cruises vary from a week to three weeks and can cover distances of up to 1000 miles. We cross borders, pass from delta wet lands to dense jungles and forests. In Middle Burma we cross a desert, in Upper Burma great gorges take us through mountain ranges. We visit ancient cities like Pagan and Angkor and colonial gems like Rangoon and Phnom Penh. We are invited into colonial style Mandarin's houses in Vietnam and the great temple monasteries of Mandalay. Pandaw river expeditions are never dull.







## PANDAW COMMUNITY

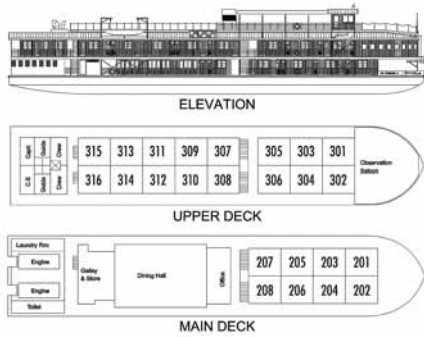
Our visits are enriched by the welcome of local people who invite us into their homes, workplaces and sacred sites. As a result Pandaw passengers are keen to give back to the communities we visit. In Burma over a dozen schools have been built in addition to a variety of healthcare projects. In Cambodia we built and support an orphanage. In Vietnam we support an NGO run hotel training school who send us interns. In 2008 when Cyclone Nargis hit Burma two of our ships were converted to floating hospitals saving lives in the most devastated areas. Pandaw passengers then raised enough money to buy and fit out a new hospital ship currently sailing in the Burmese Delta and treating over 200 patients a day.



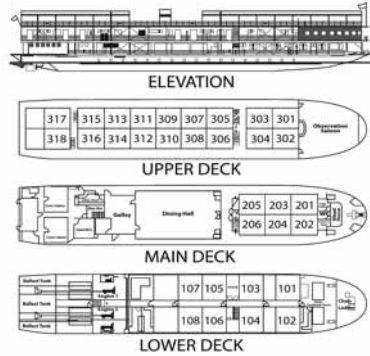




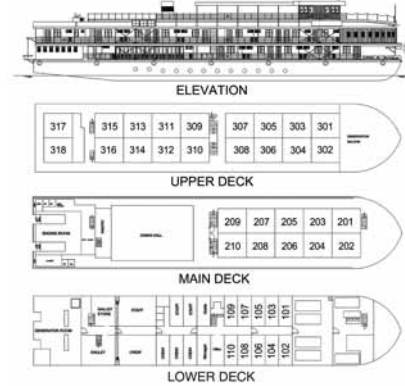
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RV MEKONG PANDAW



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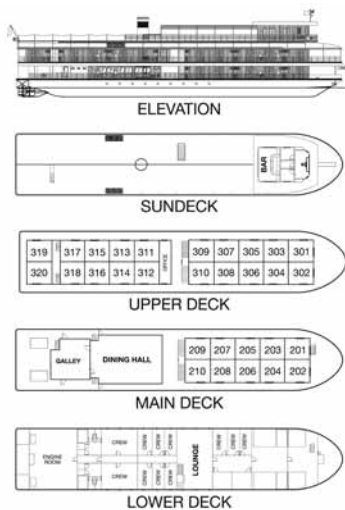


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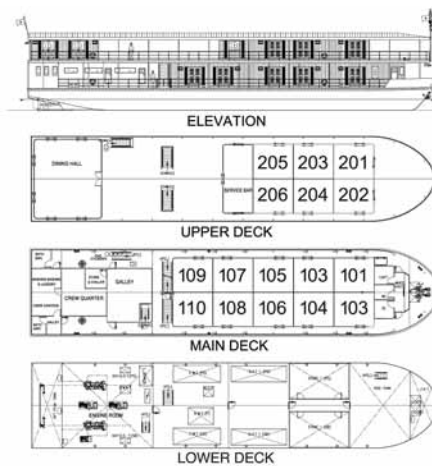
Our ships are replicas of colonial steamers developed in Scotland by the Irrawaddy Flotilla company in the early part of the last century. Each ship is finished in brass and teak by local craftsmen and is in itself an object of great beauty. All the Pandaws were built within the last 10 years in Rangoon and Saigon. They have ultra shallow drafts that enable them to ply into remote areas. Each vessel is just over 180ft long with a 34ft beam. All ships have saloon, dining room and observation decks. All Pandaws have a crew of 25 under European management. International health and safety standards are maintained.



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