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New Pandaw Ship for Burma

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.

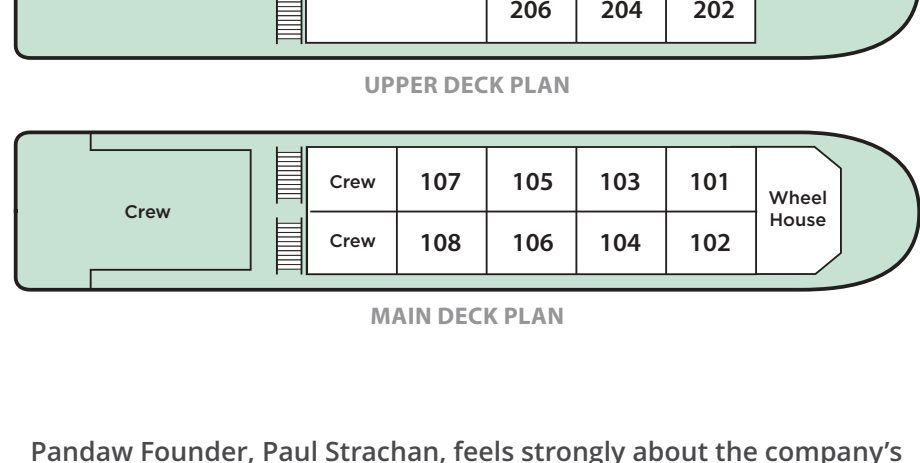
Despite the political situation in Burma and a decline in mainstream routings the demand for small ship expeditions in Burma has actually increased.

With the recent departure of three K-class vessels to India it has proved necessary to order one more to meet this demand, principally on the Upper Irrawaddy, Chindwin and Delta expeditions into remoter untouristed parts of the country. Many of these are now fully booked for the coming season and a support vessel urgently needed.

In the tradition of naming all K-class ships after original Irrawaddy Flotilla vessels, the new build is to be named the KANEE PANDAW, and is being built in Pandaw's own yard in Mandalay.

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.

Like all Pandaw's expedition ships the KANEE will carry mountain bikes and is being aimed at a younger demographic and family travel into these remote reaches.



Pandaw Founder, Paul Strachan, feels strongly about the company's commitment to Burma:

".... we began in Burma twenty-five years ago and remain attached to the country and its people. Since we started the Pandaw Charity in 2008 the company has funded the Pandaw Clinics programme providing essential health care to a whole region of the country; to me it is a personal mission to ensure that our business in Burma, despite recent political setbacks, continues to prosper so that we can maintain these funding commitments".

Pandaw enjoy one of the highest repeat rates in the industry and much of the growth in remote river cruising is coming from within the Pandaw Community. Two years ago, the company launched its Pandaw Member's Club and now has over 10,000 members seeking new adventures on the rivers of Asia.

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About Pandaw

Pandaw is the pioneer of boutique river expeditions throughout Southeast Asia. The unique design of Pandaw's small but powerful shallow-draft ships, beautifully hand-crafted in teak and brass, allows them to sail through a tapestry of remote rivers and coastal routes in Burma, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, China and India.

The original company, known as the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company, founded in 1865, was acquired by Paul and Roser Strachan in 1995. Renamed Pandaw, following the discovery and acquisition of this last remaining Clyde-built steamer, the company has consistently cruised through new frontiers, pushing the boundaries beyond its original home of Burma. Pandaw brought its unique concept and style to expeditions along the Mekong River through Indochina in 2003, and pioneered the first routes on both the Red River in Northern Vietnam and the Upper Mekong through Laos into China in 2015.

Pandaw believes in giving back to society. Paul Strachan, Founder & CEO, established the Pandaw charity in 2008 to support education and healthcare efforts in Burma. The charity is entirely sponsored by donations from Pandaw passengers and a profit share from Pandaw's expeditions.

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