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### **Pandaw Announces New Ship for Vietnam's Red River & Halong Bay Route**

Pandaw Cruises is delighted to announce the construction of a brand-new ship, the RV Hanoi Pandaw, to serve its increasingly popular ten-day river expedition through North Vietnam's Red River and Halong Bay region. With sixteen staterooms, the new vessel will be a sister ship to the well-loved Angkor Pandaw, which has operated on this route for over a decade.

Sailing beyond the reach of typical tour boats, the Red River and Halong Bay itinerary takes travellers from the limestone karsts of Halong Bay through a network of canals and rivers across the Red River delta, into the heart of Hanoi, and on to the hill country around Viet Tri. Along the way, guests visit rural villages, artisan workshops, and farms, offering a glimpse into daily life in northern Vietnam. Time in Hanoi includes visits to major cultural landmarks such as museums, temples, and French colonial architecture.

With demand for this itinerary at an all-time high, Pandaw has begun construction of the RV Hanoi Pandaw at a shipyard in Haiphong. Designed in Pandaw's signature colonial style, the new vessel will feature elegant brass and teak finishes, offering guests the charm and comfort of a bygone era. Once complete, the ship will allow more travellers to experience this off-the-beaten-path route through northern Vietnam in true classic Pandaw fashion.

"North Vietnam is one of the last frontiers for river exploration in Asia," said Pandaw Founder Paul Strachan. "Much of this region remains untouched by mainstream tourism, and it's been incredibly rewarding to offer travellers a more intimate and immersive journey through its rivers and rural communities. The RV Hanoi Pandaw will allow us to deepen that experience, bringing our guests even closer to the cultural and natural richness of this extraordinary region."

The inaugural sailing of the RV Hanoi Pandaw is scheduled for 1st November 2026, and departure dates and rates are now available online. For more information and bookings, visit [www.pandaw.com](http://www.pandaw.com).

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**About Pandaw Cruises:**

Founded in 1995, Pandaw Cruises is renowned for its unique, innovative and immersive river cruise experiences across Asia. With a fleet of 17 beautifully crafted ships, designed with a distinctive colonial charm, Pandaw Cruises provides travellers with intimate access to the heart of Asian culture, heritage and natural beauty.