



PRESS RELEASE

# Pandaw in India

We are proceeding with our plans for a full opening with two original Pandaw ships for October 2019. However, the soft opening with an initial small ship planned for January this year has had to be postponed due to issues with exporting the vessel from Myanmar.

We are confident that the ships will cross from Myanmar in good time for the October opening and on the India side we are more than pleased with our partner's advance preparations.

Pandaw, who pioneered river expeditions in India back in 2009, remain committed to re-engaging with the this most appealing of destinations and in the words of Pandaw Founder, Paul Strachan: "The Ganges is the 'mother' of all rivers, there is no other river on the planet with so much cultural interest along her banks combined with very varied scenic beauty".

Sailings on both the Lower Ganges, out of Kolkotta, and the Upper Ganges, as far as Varanasi, are now nearly fully booked and Pandaw remain very excited about future prospects in India, which will be the seventh country they navigate through.

Last October Pandaw launched a third vessel in Laos, which sails up river to China. With near full occupancy of its Mekong ships, the company plans to launch a fourth vessel in Vietnam and Cambodia for the 2019-20 season.

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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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