



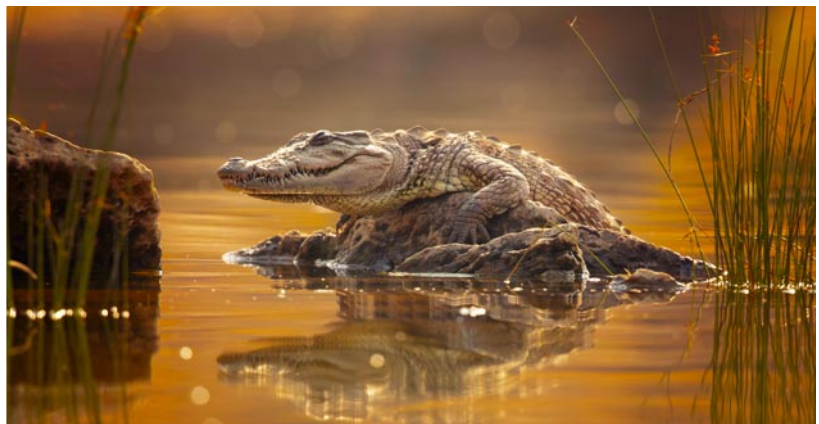
India

BENGAL TO ASSAM AND THE SUNDARBANS

GUWAHATI - KOLKATA - 21 NIGHTS

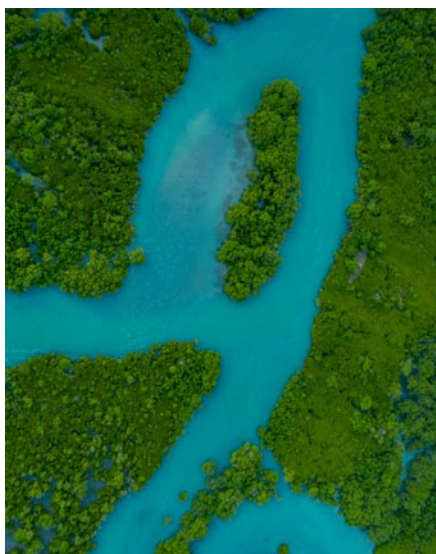
DOWNSTREAM

The eighteen cabin Kindat Pandaw will reposition between West Bengal to Assam. The ship crosses Bangladesh in a two-country reconnaissance expedition that explores the Sundarbans, one of the most ecologically diverse regions in the planet and known for its swimming tigers. It is here that the Ganges and Brahmaputra outflow into the Bay of Bengal and has 10,000 square miles of mangrove, the world's largest mangrove forest. Visits will be made to national parks with trips by tender deep into the back waters. The expedition will continue up the great Brahmaputra to re-enter India and continue through Assam to the colourful city of Guwhati with its Hindu temples, the country side around filled with tea gardens and plantation houses. Our new downstream departure will travel in the opposite direction.



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ROUTE MAP



DOWNSTREAM

ITINERARY DOWNSTREAM



DAY 1 GUWAHATI - ARRIVALS

Embark on the RV Kindat Pandaw. After lunch excursion to Nilachal Hill and visit to Kamakhya Temple, a Hindu temple in Guwahati dedicated to the mother goddess Shakti.

DAY 2 GUWAHATI

Visit Pandunath Temple in the morning before an afternoon boat trip to Peacock Island in the Brahmaputra River, a tranquil place whose Umananda Temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva and his consort Parvati.



DAY 3 SALKUCHI

Sail on to Sualkuchi known for its silk weavings, particularly muga silk, pat silk and eri silk, which have a lustrous and delicate texture and are used to make traditional Assamese dresses and sarees.

DAY 4 SALKUCHI - GOALPARA

Boat trip to Goalpara at the foot of the Garo hills. Visit Sri Surya Pahar, an important archaeological site with valuable cultural remains from Buddhism, Jainism and Hinduism. The archaeological finds confirm the long-standing assumption that a thriving civilization existed around Sri Surya Pahar several centuries ago.



DAY 5 GOALPARATO DHUBRI AND BORDER CROSSING INTO BANGLADESH

Sail downstream to the Indian border. Stop at Dhubri for Indian customs and immigration formalities. Dhubri has long been a centre of the jute trade with connections to Dundee. In the morning explore the city and visit the Gurdwara Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Temple and the marble statue of Queen Victoria on a walk through the Victoria Park of the same name. Then visit the village of Asharikandi, where traditional terracotta and ceramics are made.



DAY 6 CHILMARI - SIRAJGANJ

Morning customs and border formalities in Bangladesh in Chilmari. Chilmari is a major river port near the border with India and is also known for its mid-river sandbars (chars) where many Bengalis farm peanuts on this fertile ground. Afternoon sailing toward Sirajganj.



DAY 7 SIRAJGANJ

Explore Sirajganj, a city known for hand weaving and the Bangabandhu Bridge (Jamuna Bridge) the longest bridge in Bangladesh. Visit the unique Hatikumrul Navatna Temple with its nine towers in Navaratnapara village. After will visit the weaving villages and learn about the production of traditional Bangladeshi clothing such as gamchas (cotton scarves), lungis for men and saris.

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DAY 8 SIRAJGANJ – TANGAIL - ARICHA

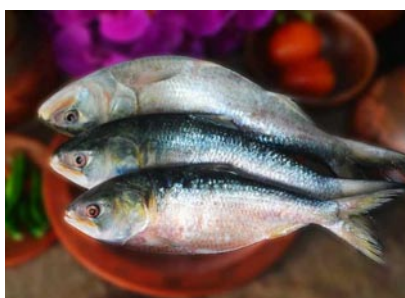
Sail to Aricha. En route visit the 17th century Atia Mosque in Tangail. The mosque features architectural elements from the pre-Mughal and Mughal eras.

DAY 9 RIVER DAY TO SONARGAON

Full day sailing downstream on this bustling waterway to Sonargaon.

DAY 10 SONARGAON

Visit the lost city of Sonargaon exploring Goadi mosque then on to the Painam merchant village, with its museum and bamboo school. Lunch at a local restaurant then drive to Jamdhani village to see weaving, visiting houses, interacting with the artisans and visiting the Murapara Zaminder's house.



DAY 11 DHAKA

Panoramic tour of the capital of Bangladesh with its sights and monuments such as Dhaka University and Curzon Hall, the National Assembly and the Old High Court. You will also visit the Dhakeswari Temple, which is considered the center of the Hindu faith and the National Museum.



DAY 12 BARISAL

Sail to Barisal via Chandpur. In the afternoon visit the floating market in Barisal.

DAY 13 BARISAL - MORRELGANJ

In the morning, visit the Anglican Oxford Mission Church. It is said to be the second largest church in Asia and one of the oldest. In the afternoon we sail for Morrelganj.



DAY 14 MORRELGANJ - HARBARIA

Sail through the narrow rivers and canals of as we head towards Harbaria.

DAY 15 HARBARIA - KOTKA

Canoe ride in the mangrove forests. Here you can experience the flora and fauna up close and enjoy the peace and beauty of the sea beach of Kotka Jamtola. Deer and other native animals can be found in the Kotka forest area.



DAY 16 MONGLA - ANTIHARA

Drive to Mongla and visit the Sixty Dome Mosque in Bagerhat (UNESCO World Heritage Site). It is the largest Sultanate-era mosque in Bangladesh and one of the most impressive Muslim monuments in the entire Indian subcontinent. After, visit the museum in Bagerhat.

ITINERARY DOWNSTREAM



DAY 17 ANTIHARA - BORDER CROSSING - HEMNAGAR

After completing customs formalities in Antihara on the Bangladesh side, proceed upstream to Hemnagar on the Indian side of the Sundarbans for further immigration and customs formalities.

DAY 18 BANGAR ISLAND - BHAGABATPUR

Sail through the mangrove forests of the Sundarbans toward Bhagabatpur. In the afternoon visit the "Bhagabatpur Crocodile Project", a breeding and protection area of the estuary crocodiles.



DAY 19 BHAGABATPUR - NAMKHANA - HOOGLIE RIVER

Today we leave the Sundarbans and sail up the Hoogly towards Kolkata. We pass the fishing port of Namkhana, considered the gateway to the Sundarbans.

DAY 20 HOOGLIE - KOLKATA

Sail up toward Kolkata. After lunch visit the splendid of the Victoria Memorial in the maidan and then St John's Anglican church, with its splendid 18th century memorials, Zoffany's Last Supper and Job Charnock's mausoleum (1690).



DAY 21 KOLKATA

Visit the National Museum, the largest and oldest museum in India with a cross section of art and archaeology from different eras of Indian history (over 1 million items are in the collection!). After lunch on the ship, visit the house and tomb of the canonized Mother Teresa and learn more about the work of her still active foundation. Then a short walk the the "Sishu Bhawan", a children's home run by the sisters of Mother Teresa's order.



DAY 22 KOLKATA - DEPARTURE

Disembark after breakfast and transfer to hotel or airport in Kolkata.

WHATS INCLUDED & TRANSFERS DOWNSTREAM

Cruise Price Includes: Transfer to/from/between Ship, entrance fees, guide services (English language), gratuities to crew, main meals, local mineral water, jugged coffee, teas & tisanes.

Cruise Price Excludes: International flights, laundry, all visa costs, fuel surcharges (see terms and conditions), all beverages except local mineral water, jugged coffee, teas & tisanes, tipping for guide and drivers.

Transfers & Joining

DAY 1 GUWAHATI - ARRIVALS

Transfer from your hotel or airport in Guwahati at 10:30am to the port by group transfer to embark cruise.

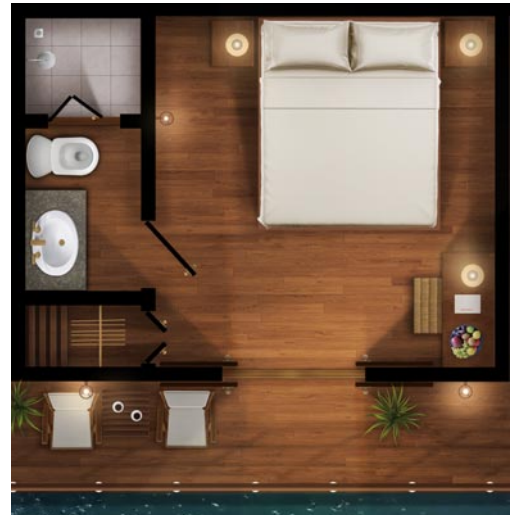
DAY 22 KOLKATA - DEPARTURE

After breakfast transfer to your central hotel or airport for your onward journey.

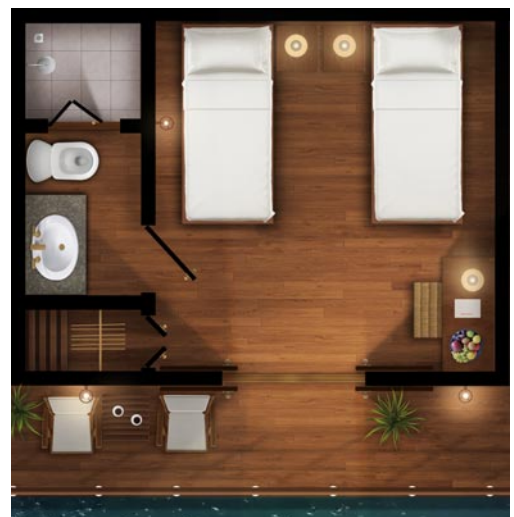
PANDAW STATEROOMS

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

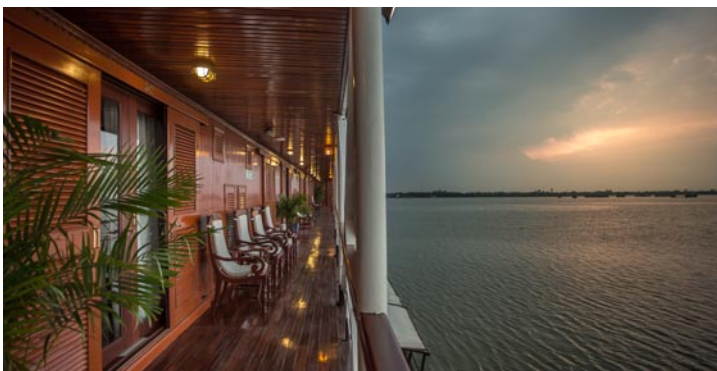
Finished in brass and teak, the main and upper deck rooms are a spacious 168 square feet (15.6 sqm), with the exception of the Zawgyi Pandaw which is 150 square feet (14 sqm). As the space is much loved by all our passengers, we have ensured that with each ship we build, the stateroom remains essentially 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

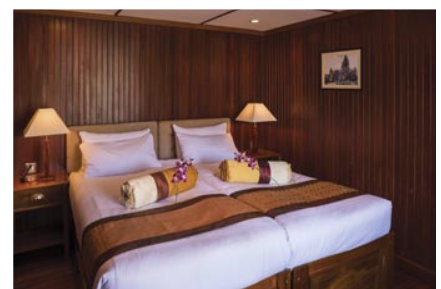
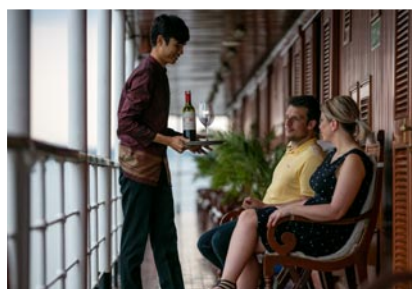


TWIN CONFIGURATION



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

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



PANDAW SHIPS

RV Kindat Pandaw

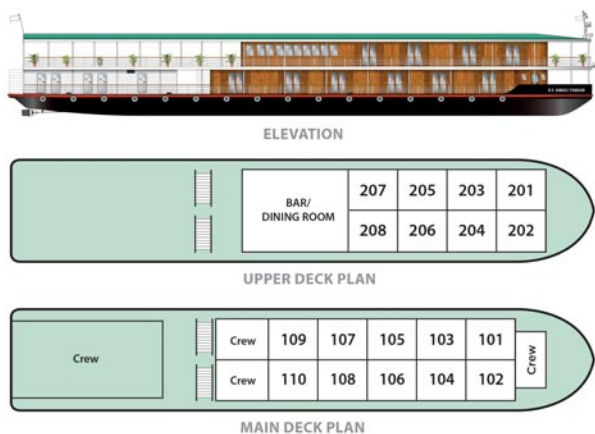
The original Kindat was built in 1886 by Yarrows in London and sank in 1920. She was named after a small Upper Chindwin town. Following experiments with the Katha and Angkor Pandaws, in this build we perfected this concept of a two deck shallow draft vessel and repeated the formula again with her sister the Kalaw.

What we managed to produce in 2014 was a very shallow draft vessel that could go just about anywhere anytime that was big enough to carry 30-40 passengers with lots of outdoor deck space. We did this by reducing weight and stripping both hull and superstructure down to the bare essentials.

We had found with the experimental Katha that about half our passengers want to eat outside and the other half inside so we created a flexible bistro space offering passenger indoor or outdoor dining depending on inclination, often prompted by the season. This makes for a very happy ship!

The ship has quality mountain bikes for your independent exploration.

[View images of RV Kindat Pandaw](#)



- **Build:** Built in 2014 in Yangon
- **Length:** 187ft / 57m
- **Beam:** 29ft / 8.8m
- **Draft:** 3ft / 90cm
- **Berths:** 36 pax

ACCOMMODATION

- 8 upper deck staterooms and 10 main deck staterooms
- 170 square feet, finished in teak and brass
- Panoramic French window
- Kimonos and slippers
- Spa-branded amenities
- Unlimited mineral water
- Electric mini safe
- AC with individual control
- Imported quality linens with duvet and two kind of pillows
- 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

WINING & DINING

- Bistro style dining room with outside seating and air-conditioning inside
- 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
- 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
- 1st aid trained assistant guide to follow all tours and excursions
- Quality mountain bikes available for independent exploration

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 superintendant
- 24 hrs watch on duty

ONBOARD STAFF

- Captain
- River Pilot
- First Officer
- Chief Engineer
- 1st Engineer
- Electrician
- Bosun & nautical crew
- Ship manager
- Housekeeping
- Dining
- Bar keeper
- Chefs
- Local tour guides

PUBLIC SPACES

- Guest relation desk
- Library with contemporary and classic literature

OPTIONAL PACKAGE ADDONS & OTHER INFORMATION

Optional cruise add ons

PRE-BOOKABLE HOUSE WINE PACKAGE INDIA [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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