



*India*

# THE SUNDARBANS

**KOLKATA - KOLKATA - 3 NIGHTS**

**CIRCULAR**

The Sundarbans, where the Ganges and Brahmaputra rivers outflow through a vast delta into the Bay of Bengal, consists of 10,000 square kilometres of mangrove, part in West Bengal and part in Bangladesh, and declared as National Parks and World Heritage Sites in each country. This is the largest mangrove forest on the planet. The excitement of any Sundarban exploration is the sighting of an often-swimming great Bengal tiger. Sailing from Kolkata down the Hoogly River we enter the Sundarban park area and over two days explorations are made by smaller country boats accompanied by experienced park rangers on the West Bengal side. There are 453 fauna in the Sundarban, not to mention varied bird and reptilian life with lots of crocodiles. Treks on foot are offered and village visits offer an insight into life in the Sundarban. In the evening locals come on board to perform folk theatre.



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# ROUTE MAP

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CIRCULAR



# ITINERARY

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## DAY 1 KOLKATA - THE SUNDARDANS

11:00am embarkation at Kolkata Botanical Garden to cruise through the splendours of riverside Kolkata and down the Hoogly River to enter the Sunderbans and explore the mangrove forested back waters. During the cruise lunch will be served and afternoon activities include yoga classes, local speciality cooking demonstrations, a lecture by our on-board naturalist and after dinner a cultural dance programme.

[More about Kolkata](#)



## DAY 2 BHAGABATPUR ISLAND - JHARKHALI TIGER REHABILITATION CENTRE

Moor off the Bhagabatpur Island to visit the crocodile project there. These are the largest estuarine crocodiles in the world. After lunch travel by country boat to the Jharkhali Watchtower and on to Jharkhali Tiger Rehabilitation Centre. It will be possible to trek into the Sunderban Tiger Reserve from here accompanied by a park ranger.



## DAY 3 SUNDARBAN TIGER RESERVE - DOBANKI DEER REHABILITATION CENTRE - BARREN ISLAND

Early rise to travel by country boat to the Sudhanyakhali Watch Tower which is also located in the Sudhanyakhali camp of the Sundarban Tiger Reserve. Return to ship for breakfast and later visit the Dobanki deer rehabilitation centre travelling by country boat through swamps. Visit a local village for a walk ashore to see the unique way of life in the Sunderban and go ashore on 'Barren Island' with its white sandy beaches for an evening barbeque and cocktails. Return to Kolkata sailing through the night.



## DAY 4 KOLKATA

After breakfast disembark by 09:00am at the Botanical Garden Jetty, Kolkata.

# WHATS INCLUDED & TRANSFERS UPSTREAM

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**Cruise Price Includes:** Main meals, coffee, tea and mineral water, entrance fees, excursion costs and entertainments on board.

**Cruise Price Excludes:** Transfers at the beginning and end of the cruise, drinks at bar, wines and personal laundry.

## Weather Condition Warning

River cruising on the Lower and Upper Ganges can be severely affected by fog during the months of December and January. This may impact the sailing schedules and the planned excursions. While every effort will be made to make up time and include all activities this is not always possible. Similarly temperatures can drop significantly overnight and in the early mornings, though during the day warmer temperatures can be expected. Winter temperatures during can be well below average with many destinations in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh experiencing long spells of cold.

## Transfers & Joining

### DAY 1 KOLKATA - THE SUNDARDANS

Embark at IWAI Botanic Garden Jetty, H822+X6H, Hooghly River, Howrah. Please meet us at the ship at 11:00am.

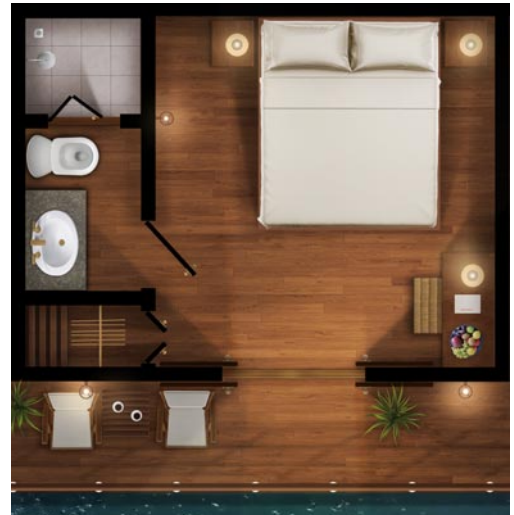
### DAY 4 KOLKATA

Disembarkation by 09:00am at IWAI Botanic Garden Jetty, H822+X6H, Hooghly River, Howrah. Please note no transfers are included.

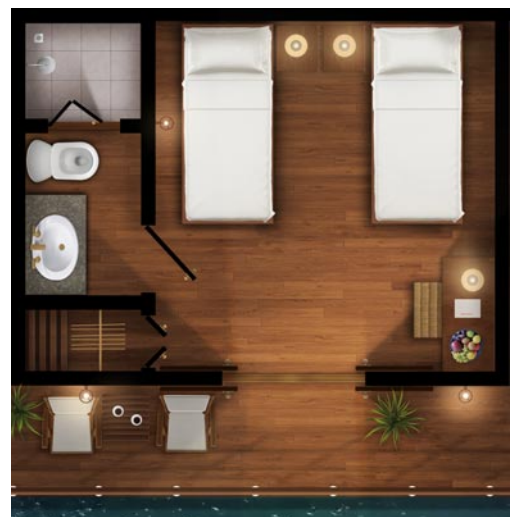
# PANDAW STATEROOMS

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

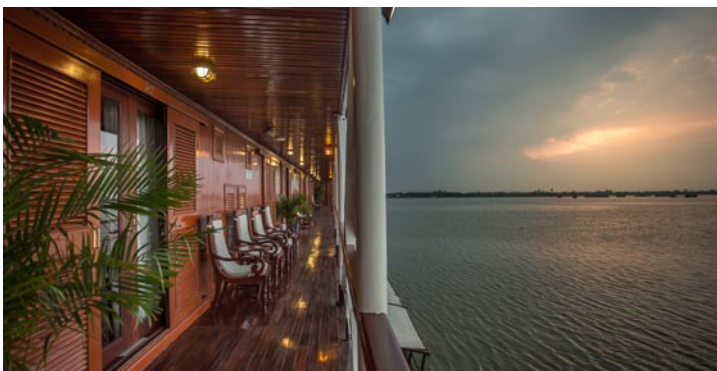
Finished in brass and teak, the main and upper deck rooms are a spacious 168 square feet (15.6 sqm), with the exception of the Zawgyi Pandaw which is 150 square feet (14 sqm). As the space is much loved by all our passengers, we have ensured that with each ship we build, the stateroom remains essentially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

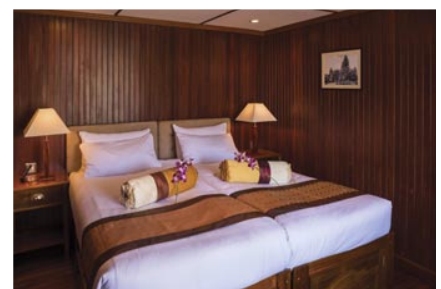
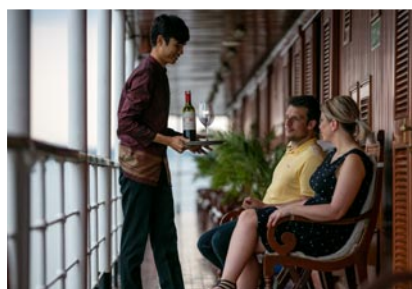


TWIN CONFIGURATION



- 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 Kalaw Pandaw

Sister to the Kindat and identical in design the Kalaw was launched with her in 2014 Kalaw is named after the PS Kalaw launched in 1917 and sunk in 1942 in the War. Paul Strachan witnessed the salvaging of the Kalaw in 1998 and managed to acquire her name plate and bell, the former of which has been reused on her namesake. Again this ultra light ship combines one of the shallowest drafts on the river with one of the highest passenger space ratios afloat.

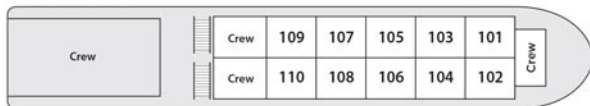
[View images of RV Kalaw Pandaw](#)



ELEVATION



UPPER DECK PLAN



MAIN DECK PLAN

- **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, juggled 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

### 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 superintendent
- 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

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## 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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## Useful Links

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