



Pandaw Cruises

EXPEDITION No 3

PHNOM PENH AND SIEM REAP

3 OR 4 NIGHTS

Combine the ancient temples of Angkor in Siem Reap with Cambodia's bustling capital city Phnom Penh with this expeditions on the Tonle and Mekong Rivers.

There can be no tapestry of river life as fascinating and varied as the River Mekong. Indeed there can be no more striking a cultural contrast as that between the bustling Vietnam delta and the tranquility of Cambodia. We pass from the vibrant French colonial port of Saigon, through the vast delta so rich in human life and endeavour, to travel along the main channel into the rich countryside of Cambodia. With a full day in charming Phnom Penh we then explore remoter waterways as we progress to the great monuments of Angkor.

HIGH WATER NOTICE: During the months September to November, water levels may rise significantly leading to issues accessing the Tonle Sap River. During this time, we may replace itinerary points on the Tonle Sap with sailing north to Kratie and excursions at the dolphin grounds.

YOUR SHIP - [RV BASSAC PANDAW](#) / [RV MEKONG PANDAW](#)

[MORE IMAGES OF THE RV BASSAC PANDAW](#)

[MORE IMAGES OF THE RV MEKONG PANDAW](#)

Cruise Price Includes: Entrance fees, guide services (English language), gratuities to crew, main meals (from Dinner day 1 to Breakfast Day 5 for Downstream), local mineral water, jugged coffee, teas & tisanes. Transfer from Meeting Point in Siem Reap to ship or v.v.

Cruise Price Excludes: International flights, port dues (if levied), laundry, all visa costs, fuel surcharges (see terms and conditions), all beverages except local mineral water, jugged coffee, teas & tisanes and tips to tour guides, local guides, bus drivers, boat operators and cyclo drivers. No transfers in Phnom Penh, ship docks in city center at Sisowath Quay.

UPSTREAM ITINERARY

DAY 1

PHNOM PENH

Check-in to your Pandaw Expedition at 11:00am and enjoy lunch onboard. In the afternoon we visit the Killing Fields and Genocide museum to learn more about the brutal Khmer Rouge regime. Overnight in Phnom Penh city port with its lively bars, restaurants and night life.

Please note: Your cabin may not be available until early afternoon.

[MORE ABOUT PHNOM PENH](#)

DAY 2

KAMPONG TRALACH

We leave the dock at Phnom Penh early morning and sail up the winding channels of the Tonle Sap river to Kampong Tralach. We travel by ox-cart around the river-side villages, markets and temples to get a sense of life along the river. In the evening cocktails are round a village fire pit where we will be joined by village folk keen to show us their traditional dancing show us more of the delightful Khmer culture.

DAY 3

LOUDONG - SILK ISLAND

In the morning, travel by coach to the ancient capital of Cambodia, Oudong. On the way we stop to visit the Vipassana Dhura Meditation Centre before taking a drive around the old capital. We re-join our ship at Prek Kdam before returning to the Mekong. After lunch we sail to Koh Nghe Tei (Silk Island) to study the entire silk-making process from worms to weavers. We visit silk makers and can buy from them their lovely silk scarves and other fabrics. This village is a centre of the ancient martial art of L'bokator which roughly translates as 'pounding a lion'. It includes weapons techniques and is one of the oldest combat techniques in Cambodia and believed to date back to the Angkor empire.

DAY 4

WAT HANCHEY - ANGKOR BAN VILLAGE VISIT

Sunrise cruise to Angkor Ban village to see how local villagers live and visit the library which was donated by Pandaw to Angkor Ban secondary school.

NOTE: if you want to donate books, please bring along some Children's books in English language (suitable for age 8 to 15 yrs) which you can personally gift to the library.

In the afternoon we sail north to Wat Hanchey, an important centre of worship during the Chenla period located on top of a hill above the mighty Mekong River with some of the best Mekong views in Cambodia. Visit 8th century structures some destroyed by American bombings during the Vietnam War.

DAY 5**SIEM REAP**

Disembark and travel by coach from Kampong Cham through stunningly lovely countryside to reach Siem Reap, adjacent to Angkor Wat.

STATEROOM

The Pandaw stateroom is the most celebrated feature of our ships.

Finished in brass and teak, the main and upper deck rooms are very spacious at 168 square feet (15.6 sqm). Much loved by all our passengers we have ensured that with each ship we build the stateroom remains the same. Our cabins do not have mini-bars, satellite TV's, internet or phones. Pandaw passengers usually want to escape from the tiresome features found in international business hotels.

Many passengers describe life on board a Pandaw more like being a guest on a private motor yacht than a cruise ship. Where we go and what we see is intrepid in extreme. What you come back to is a floating base of discreet comfort, caring service and all the good things one looks for in life. All our cabins have the same size and Pandaw signature amenities. Choose from Main Deck, Upper Deck or Premium Upper Deck (Mekong only).

Special to Your Stateroom

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

PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

DAY 1

ARRIVAL PHNOM PENH

Arrival at Phnom Penh airport followed by transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight at your hotel.

Meals: not included

DAY 2

PHNOM PENH CITY TOUR

After breakfast transfer to the ship at 08.00am. Leave your luggage and passport (for Vietnam immigration preparation) on board and join your new friends on the Phnom Penh City tour. Your private cyclo will take you to the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and National Museum. Afterwards, head to your Pandaw ship for check in and lunch.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch & Dinner on the ship



5 STAR

Pre Phnom Penh 1 night - Raffles Le Royal Hotel

Phnom Penh, Cambodia's busy capital, sits at the junction of the Mekong and Tonlé Sap rivers. It was a hub for both the Khmer Empire and French colonialists. Stroll along the riverfront boulevard, lined with parks, restaurants and bars, visit the ornate Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and the National Museum which display artifacts from around the country. At the city's heart is the enormous art deco Central Market.

This is a group tour with Pandaw guests.

Rates include:

One night stay at Raffles Le Royal Hotel including breakfast, service and taxes; transfer from airport and transfer to ship, full day city tour with lunch on DAY 2.

Rates exclude:

Lunch and dinner on Day 1 which are at your own arrangement in the hotel or in one of many restaurants in the city.

Note

- Please advice arrival flight details in order to arrange the transfer accordingly

- Check in time at hotel is 1400hrs
- Check out time from hotel at 1200hrs
- Early check in and late check out are subject to hotel room availability

* Please note that your hotel will be confirmed after we have received your deposit payment. Prices are subject to change. Hotel subject to availability. We will try to offer you alternative accommodation if the requested hotel would not be available.

RAFFLES HOTEL LE ROYAL

Raffles Hotel Le Royal

92 Rukhak Vithei Daun Penh

Sangkat Wat Phnom

Phnom Penh

Cambodia

Tel: +855 23 981 888

[Visit Hotel Website](#)

PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

DAY 1

ARRIVAL PHNOM PENH

Arrival at Phnom Penh airport followed by transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight at your hotel.

Meals: not included

DAY 2

PHNOM PENH CITY TOUR

After breakfast transfer to the ship at 08.00am. Leave your luggage and passport (for Vietnam immigration preparation) on board and join your new friends on the Phnom Penh City tour. Your private cyclo will take you to the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and National Museum. Afterwards, head to your Pandaw ship for check in and lunch.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch & Dinner on the ship



DISCOVER

Pre Phnom Penh 1 night - Pavillion Hotel

Phnom Penh, Cambodia's busy capital, sits at the junction of the Mekong and Tonlé Sap rivers. It was a hub for both the Khmer Empire and French colonialists. Stroll along the riverfront boulevard, lined with parks, restaurants and bars, visit the ornate Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and the National Museum which display artifacts from around the country. At the city's heart is the enormous art deco Central Market.

This is a group tour with Pandaw guests.

Rates include:

One night stay at the Pavillion Hotel including breakfast, service and taxes; transfer from airport and transfer to ship, full day city tour with lunch on DAY 2.

Rates exclude:

Lunch and dinner on Day 1 which are at your own arrangement in the hotel or in one of many restaurants in the city.

Note

- Please advice arrival flight details in order to arrange the transfer accordingly
- Check in time at hotel is 1400hrs
- Check out time from hotel at 1200hrs
- Early check in and late check out are subject to hotel room availability

* Please note that your hotel will be confirmed after we have received your deposit payment. Prices are subject to change. Hotel subject to availability. We will try to offer you alternative accommodation if the requested hotel would not be available.

PAVILION HOTEL PHNOM PENH

227 Street 19; Phnom Penh

Cambodia

Tel: +855 23 22 22 80

[Visit Hotel Website](#)

POST-TOUR EXTENSION

DAY 1

ARRIVAL SIEM REAP - ANGKOR WAT

Your guide will meet you upon arrival to Siem Reap and transfer you to the Jaya House Hotel for lunch before check in. In the afternoon we visit the most famous temple of Cambodia, Angkor Wat. It is visually, architecturally and artistically breathtaking with its massive three tiered pyramid crowned by five beehive-like towers rising 65 meters from ground level. This temple is the centerpiece of any visit to the temples of Angkor. Take in the romantic view at sunset from Bakheng Hill.

Overnight at hotel

Meals: Dinner

DAY 2

TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

Following breakfast in your hotel, set out for a day of exploration amongst the various temples and ruins of the Angkor Empire. The morning we will cover the large complex surrounding the imposing Bayon Temple. After lunch at a local restaurant, we discover more secluded temples including the awe inspiring and overgrown Ta Prohm, made famous by the Tomb Raider movie.

In the evening we experience a true highlight of Cambodia and meet talented young performers in a breathtaking and original Cambodian show at Phare Ponleu Selpak's Circus. Not just for entertainment, Phare is also a social enterprise supporting the youth of Cambodia gain skills and employment.

Overnight at hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 3

DEPARTURE

After breakfast check out of your hotel and head to the airport for your onward flight.

Meals: Breakfast



DISCOVER

Exploring Angkor (Jaya House Riverpark) Post Tour

Explore the magnificent temples of Angkor including the world famous Angkor Wat, high on any bucket list destination. With our specially selected hotels and local guide at your service throughout, this 2-night add-on to your Pandaw expedition it is the perfect choice for your trip in Cambodia.

Rates include:

One way transfer (ship to hotel and hotel to airport), two nights accommodation at Jaya House Riverpark, meals and excursion as per itinerary.

Note

- Please advise arrival/departure flight details in order to arrange the transfer accordingly
- Visa on arrival to Cambodia not inclusive (USD 30 per person downstream if arriving at Siem Reap Airport, USD 35 upstream if crossing the water border between Vietnam/Cambodia)
- Check out time from hotel at 1200hrs

* Please note that your hotel will be confirmed after we have received your deposit payment. Prices are subject to change. Hotel subject to availability. We will try to offer you an alternate accommodation if the requested hotel would not be available.

JAYA HOUSE RIVERPARK

River Road

Treang Village

Siem Reap - Slor Kram Commune

Tel: +855 639 62 555

[Visit Hotel Website](#)

POST-TOUR EXTENSION

DAY 1

ARRIVAL SIEM REAP - ANGKOR WAT

Your guide will meet you upon arrival to Siem Reap then arrange lunch before check in. In the afternoon we visit the most famous temple of Cambodia, Angkor Wat. It is visually, architecturally and artistically breathtaking with a massive three tiered pyramid crowned by five beehive-like towers rising 65 meters from ground level. This temple is the centerpiece of any visit to the temples of Angkor. Take in the romantic view at sunset from Bakheng Hill.

Overnight at hotel

Meals: Dinner

DAY 2

TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

Following breakfast in your hotel, set out for a day of exploration amongst the various temples and ruins of the Angkor Empire. The morning we will cover the large complex surrounding the imposing Bayon Temple. After lunch at a local restaurant, we discover more secluded temples including the awe inspiring and overgrown Ta Prohm, made famous by the Tomb Raider movie.

In the evening we experience a true highlight of Cambodia and meet talented young performers in a breathtaking and original Cambodian show at Phare Ponleu Selpak's Circus. Not just for entertainment, Phare is also a social enterprise supporting the youth of Cambodia gain skills and employment.

Overnight at hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 3

DEPARTURE

After breakfast check out of your hotel and head to the airport for your onward flight.

Meals: Breakfast



DISCOVER

Exploring Angkor (FCC Angkor) Post Tour

Explore the magnificent temples of Angkor including the world famous Angkor Wat, high on any bucket list destination. With our specially selected hotels and local guide at your service throughout, this 2-night add-on to your Pandaw expedition it is the perfect choice for your trip in Cambodia.

Rates include:

One way transfer (ship to hotel and hotel to airport), two nights accommodation at the FCC Angkor by Avani, meals and excursion as per itinerary.

Note

- Please advise arrival/departure flight details in order to arrange the transfer accordingly
- Visa on arrival to Cambodia not inclusive (USD 30 per person downstream if arriving at Siem Reap Airport, USD 35 upstream if crossing the water border between Vietnam/Cambodia)
- Check out time from hotel at 1200hrs

* Please note that your hotel will be confirmed after we have received your deposit payment. Prices are subject to change. Hotel subject to availability. We will try to offer you an alternate accommodation if the requested hotel would not be available.

FCC ANGKOR

Pokambor Ave

next to Royal residence

Siem Reap

Cambodia

Tel: +855 63 760 280

[Visit Hotel Website](#)

POST-TOUR EXTENSION

DAY 1

KAMPONG CHAM TO CHHLONG

Our driver will pick you up from the ship in Kampong Cham and transfer you to your hotel, the renovated French colonial mansion Le Relais De Chhlong Boutique Hotel. Check in have lunch on the terrace. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure and relax for the evening with dinner overlooking the Mekong.

Meals: Breakfast onboard, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 2

KRATIE & DOLPHIN GROUNDS

Journey by boat along the Mekong toward Kratie before continuing to visit the dolphin grounds at Kampi. Have a chance to spot the Irrawaddy dolphin on a small boat operated by the local villagers before returning to Kratie and enjoying lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon we visit Koh Trong Island, a community based ecotourism site. Plant a tree to support the local community and explore this charming island before returning to Chhlong and your hotel for dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3

SIEM REAP

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and journey to Siem Reap. On the way we stop for lunch at a local restaurant arriving at the airport (16:30) or your hotel in Siem Reap (17:30) in the afternoon.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



DISCOVER

Kratie and the Dolphin Grounds 2 Night Post Tour

Explore the northern reaches of the Cambodian Mekong with a visit to Kratie, one of the few remaining places to spot the endangered Irrawaddy Dolphin. From your French Colonial base in Chhlong, journey upriver to discover this charming area, it's people and get a chance to spot the illusive river dolphins.

Please note: this tour will only be offered on departures from December onwards as high waters will mean our ship will reach Kratie during our sailing itinerary in these months.

Rates include:

2 nights accommodation at Le Relais De Chhlong or similar, 2 breakfast, 3 lunch, 2 dinner, English speaking guide on tour, s transportation by AC vehicle, local boat fees, entrance fees.

Rates exclude:

International flights, visa, travel insurance, not mentioned beverages and meal.

Note

- Please advise your arrival flight details in order to arrange the transfer accordingly
- Check out time from hotel at 1200hrs
- French speaking guides are available on request
- German speaking guides are available on request

* Please note that your hotel will be confirmed after we have received your deposit payment. Prices are subject to change. Hotel subject to availability. We will try to offer you an alternate accommodation if the requested hotel would not be available.

Supplements

- French speaking guides are available from USD110
- German speaking guides are available from USD230

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!

Useful Links

[Terms & Conditions](#)

[General Information & Life on Board](#)

[Visa Information](#)