



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](#)

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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.

DOWNSTREAM ITINERARY

DAY 1

SIEM REAP - KAMPONG CHAM

Travel by coach from Siem Reap to Kampong Cham for embarkation. Enjoy an sunset cruise on the Mekong and meet your crew for the next 7 nights

[MORE ABOUT SIEM REAP](#)

DAY 2

ANGKOR BAN VILLAGE WALKS - SILK ISLAND

In the morning we visit Angkor Ban and a local Cambodian school where the local library was built with the support of Pandaw and our guests. Guests are encouraged to bring books to donate to the library for children to read. After lunch, we study the entire silk making process from worms to weavers as we visit 'Silk Island'. After learning about the silk process there will be a demonstration of the ancient Khmer martial art of Bokator.

DAY 3**OUDONG - KAMPONG TRALACH**

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 city. Rejoin your ship in Kampong Tralach for lunch aboard. In the afternoon we travel by ox-cart around the river-side villages, markets and temples. 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 and more of the delightful Khmer culture.

DAY 4**PHNOM PENH**

After breakfast, disembark your Pandaw Expedition in Cambodia's capital Phnom Penh.

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 SIEM REAP - ANGKOR

Our guide will pick you up at Siem Reap International airport or local Hotel in Siem Reap and transfer to the Jaya House Hotel for lunch before check in at the hotel. 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: Lunch at hotel

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

ANGKOR - DEPARTURE

Check out the hotel and transfer to the meeting point at 09:00am for registration and transfer to your Pandaw ship.

Meals: Breakfast at your hotel



DISCOVER

Exploring Angkor (Jaya House Riverpark) Pre 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 (airport to hotel and hotel to ship), two nights accommodation at Jaya House Riverpark, meals and excursion as per itinerary.

Note

- Please advice 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](#)

PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

DAY 1

ARRIVAL SIEM REAP - ANGKOR

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Overnight at hotel

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Check out the hotel and meet in the lobby at 09:00am for registration and transfer to your Pandaw ship.

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

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- Check out time from hotel at 1200hrs

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would not be available.

FCC ANGKOR

Pokambor Ave

next to Royal residence

Siem Reap

Cambodia

Tel: +855 63 760 280

[Visit Hotel Website](#)

PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

DAY 1

SIEM REAP TO CHHLONG

Our driver will pick you up from your hotel in Siem Reap or the airport before starting our journey toward the Mekong. We take lunch at a local restaurant on the way before arriving at your hotel, the renovated French colonial mansion Le Relais De Chhlong Boutique Hotel. Check in and relax for the evening with dinner overlooking the Mekong.

Meals: 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

EMBARK SHIP

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and journey to Kampong Cham to join your Pandaw ship. Enjoy lunch onboard and await your fellow passengers and the start of your Pandaw adventure.



DISCOVER

Kratie and the Dolphin Grounds 2 Night Pre 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

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Supplements

- French speaking guides are available from USD60
- German speaking guides are available from USD170

POST-TOUR EXTENSION

DAY 1

PHNOM PENH CITY TOUR

At the end of your cruise, check out and leave your luggage on board. Join our Phnom Penh City tour. Your private cyclo take you to the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and National Museum. Return to the ship for lunch.

In the afternoon we will be visiting the Killing Fields and the Khmer Rouge's grim Tuol Sleng aka S21 detention centre.

After the tour your private driver will pick you up from the ship and transfer to your hotel for one night.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch on the ship.

DAY 2

DEPART PHNOM PENH

After breakfast transfer to the airport.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel.



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Post 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 (Landmark Garden View) including breakfast, service and taxes, transfer to hotel and to airport, full day city tour with lunch on Day 1.

Rates exclude:

Meals not mentioned in the itinerary 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

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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](#)

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After the tour your private driver will pick you up from the ship and transfer to your hotel for one night.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch on the ship.

DAY 2

DEPART PHNOM PENH

After breakfast transfer to the airport.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel.



Post Phnom Penh 1 night - Pavillion Hotel

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This is a group tour with Pandaw guests.

Rates include:

One night stay at the Pavillion Hotel including breakfast, service and taxes, transfer to hotel and to airport, full day city tour with lunch on Day 1.

Rates exclude:

Meals not mentioned in the itinerary 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

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PAVILION HOTEL PHNOM PENH

227 Street 19; Phnom Penh

Cambodia

Tel: +855 23 22 22 80

[Visit Hotel Website](#)

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

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[General Information & Life on Board](#)

[Visa Information](#)