



Pandaw River Expeditions

EXPEDITION No 17

HALONG BAY, RED RIVER & LAOS MEKONG

21 NIGHTS

For the first-time travelers will be able to explore the key sites of Northern Vietnam by river ship traversing the Red River delta and its main tributaries, connecting the wonders of Halong Bay with the excitements of down town Hanoi, and then on into the interior, well off the beaten track. This is a combination of scenic beauty, lively and interesting (sometimes industrial) life of the river and exploring rivers where no other tourist craft operate.

Combined this with a three-country expedition as we will traverse Laos to touch Thailand and Burma at the once notorious Golden Triangle. From Vientiane, the old French capital, and so redolent of L'Indochine, beyond Luang Prabang, Pandaw is the first river expedition since prewar days to cross all Laos.

This trip included flight between Hanoi and Vientiane or v.v. with a one-night hotel stay.

YOUR SHIP - [RV ANGKOR PANDAW](#) / [RV LAOS PANDAW](#) / [RV CHAMPA PANDAW](#)

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Cruise Price Includes: One overnight at Pan Pacific Hotel (Hanoi) or Ansara (Vientiane) or similar, one flight from Hanoi or Vientiane or v.v., entrance fees, guide services (English language), gratuities to crew, main meals, local mineral water, jugged coffee, teas & tisanes. Transfers between ports of embarkation and Hanoi International Airport at the start and end of the voyage.

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.

UPSTREAM ITINERARY

All Other Departures

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VIENTIANE

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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

VIENTIANE

Welcome to Laos! We will meet you at the airport and transfer to your hotel in Vientiane. Rest of day at leisure.

Meals: None.

DAY 2

VIENTIANE - PHONSAVANH

8:30: Pick up at hotel and drive to Vat Sisaket, the oldest original temple in Vientiane. Built in 1818, Vat Sisaket is the sole survivor of an invasion in 1828. The temple features remarkable frescoes and 6,840 Buddha images. Nearby is Ho Phra Keo, once the royal temple of Lao monarchy. Built in 1565, Ho Phra Keo has been used as a museum since 1970 and contains some of the finest Buddhist sculptures and artifacts in the country. The main structure originally housed the famous Emerald Buddha that now resides in Bangkok's Wat Phra Keo. One of the most photographed images of Vientiane is Patousay, the victory gate also known as Anousavari. Constructed in 1958, its architecture is inspired by the Arc of Triumph in Paris. Another famous Vientiane landmark is the That Luang Stupa. King Setthathirath built this great sacred stupa in 1566. Its central structure is 45 meters tall and echoes the curving lines of an elongated lotus. The original stupa was said to contain relics of Lord Buddha. Continue to visit the Morning Market (Talaat Sao), known for its superior silk weaving, metal work, and woodcarving.

Transfer to the airport for your afternoon flight to Xieng Khuang, the gateway to the plain of jars. Transfer to your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel.

DAY 3

THE PLAIN OF JARS

A full day to explore the famous Plain Of Jars, a vast area extending around Phonsavan where over 300 huge stone jars carved out of solid rock from 1 to 3.25 meters high and weighing up to six tons each. And estimated to be 2,500 to 3,000 years old. According to local legend, King Khun Chuang had them constructed in order to store wine for the celebration of his conquest of the province in the 6th century. We visit Site I, II and III. Continue to Ban Na Pia (War Spoon Village) before returning to Phonsavan.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch at local restaurant.

DAY 4

DEPARTURE TO VIENTIANE

Morning visit to scenic Muang Khoun, surrounded by mountains, the ancient capital that was founded by Chao Noi Muang and was a stronghold for the Xieng Khouang royal family was destroyed during the Indochina War. The town was rebuilt after 1975 with rows of wooden Lao houses and a market area. We also visit the ruins at Wat Phia Wat, That Foun and That Chomphet.

Transfer to Phonsavan airport for flight to Vientiane followed by transfer to your Pandaw vessel.

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DISCOVER

The Plain of Jars - Pre Cruise Upstream Laos

The Plain of Jars offers fascinating insights into Phuan, Hmong, Khmu and Tai Dam culture. Very little is known about the civilization that created The Plain of Jars, but you can only imagine the greatness of the ruler who constructed these unusual and enormous storage jars.

This is a Pandaw group tour depending on how many guests booked this extension.

Rates include:

English speaking guide, 2-nights at the Vasana Plain of Jars Hotel and 1-night at the Ansara Hotel on a bed and breakfast basis, 1x lunch at local restaurant, return domestic flights from Vientiane to Phonsavanh, taxes, all transfers and excursions and described and entrance fees.

Note

Lao Airlines does not operate flights on Saturday to/from the gate way of the Plain of Jars. This affects pre tours of following cruises:

- Saturday, 15 September 2018
- Saturday, 29 September 2018
- Monday, 29 October 2018

- Monday, 12 November 2018
- Monday, 3 December 2018
- Saturday, 16 February 2019
- Monday, 1 April 2019
- Saturday, 24 August 2019
- Saturday, 7 September 2019
- Monday, 7 October 2019
- Monday, 21 October 2019
- Monday, 23 December 2019
- Saturday, 1 February 2020
- Monday, 9 March 2020
- Monday, 16 March 2020

[Click here](#) for details and pricing for an adjusted 4 night extension to match the airline's schedule.

POST-TOUR EXTENSION

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HANOI

Transfer from the disembarkation point to Hanoi by Pandaw. Overnight at the Pan Pacific Hotel Hanoi.

DAY 2

HANOI

Room available until check out time at 12:00 noon. Transfer to Airport for your flight.



5 STAR

Post Tour Hanoi 1 Night

Savour a 5-star hotel experience with the best views in the city. Pan Pacific Hotel Hanoi enjoys a spectacular location rising up between the watery expanses of Truc Bach Lake, West Lake and the Red River with inspiring, uninterrupted panoramas.

Rates include:

All transfers as above by coach or car with local guide, 1-night Pan Pacific Hotel Hanoi in a Luxury Room.

Note

- Please advise arrival/ departure flight details in order to arrange the transfer accordingly
- Check out time from hotel at 1200hrs

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POST-TOUR EXTENSION

DAY 1

TRANSFER TO SAPA

After lunch, transfer from ship to Sapa. Overnight & dinner at Victoria Sapa Resort & Spa.

DAY 2

SAPA

Discover the landscapes of terraced rice paddies and the minorities' villages at Victoria Sapa Resort & Spa. Sapa is located in Lao Cai Province, 380 km Northwest of Hanoi, in close proximity to the Chinese border. Famous for its terraced rice paddies & highlands, Sapa is home to more than 30 colorful hill tribes and close to Vietnam's highest peak, Mount Fansipan. From Sapa, heading northwards on national road 4C to O Quy Ho with several stops for magnificent landscapes of Fansipan, Sin Chai valley and especially amazing flower and vegetable farms. Then turn right to Ban Khoang, a village of the Red Zao ethnic peoples who live their unique way of life and well maintain their traditional values. The village looks prosperous thanks to the combination of wet rice cultivation on the terraced fields with cardamom farming under the shade of trees in thick forest. Take a walk to explore this remote village for a brief understanding of local life. Then leaving Ban Khoang for Ta Giang Phing valley inhabited by the Black Hmong who live in some small villages scattering along a peaceful stream, explore the local life and then back to hotel in Sapa. Overnight at Victoria Sapa Resort & Spa. Lunch at local restaurant.

DAY 3

SAPA - HANOI

Locating just at the south eastern side of HAM RONG MOUNTAIN and just close to Sapa town but this valley seems to be unknown by most of the tour operators as well as visitors. Inhabited by the Hmong peoples this narrow valley is quiet and non touristic which is quite different from TA PHIN or MUONG HOA VALLEYS where the local peoples have changed much because of the strong influence of tourism. Trip begins from Sapa at 08.30 in the morning firstly by road transfer for 12km southwards and uphill the DEN THANG MOUNTAIN. Enjoy several stops for marvelous landscapes of Hoang Lien mountain range and Muong Hoa valley before arriving to a small hamlet of village which sits at 1,572m high and overlooking down the Muong Hoa valley. Leaving the vehicle for an easy walk to explore this charming hamlet of the Black Hmong with lots traces of the past sifting lifestyle of the Hmong. Then follow the large village path gradually downhill along the stunning valley of Sa Seng, passing several hamlets of the SA SENG and SAU CHUA VILLAGES along the way which are organized in typical way of the Hmong dwelling, Wooden roofed houses surrounded by rock-all where pot-belly pigs, chickens, water buffaloes running here and there and children entertaining themselves with their own games and toys. There are chances to see Hmong women making fiber from hemp, spinning, weaving to make traditional costumes. Walk end after paying visiting to Sa Pa, another hamlet of the Hmong which located near the former place of Sapa traditional market.

Transfer to train station. Overnight train to Hanoi. Lunch at local restaurant.

Note: Victoria trains don't run daily. Please see below under "NOTE" if your date is affected, an alternate night train with ORIENT TRAINS will be arranged for you.

DAY 4

HANOI

Arrival at 4:10 in Hanoi train station. Transfer to your hotel where a room will have been booked for your early time of arrival. Explore Hanoi with a Street food tour and then visit an art gallery, meet an artist for discussion of the development of fine arts in Vietnam. Breakfast at hotel, street food for lunch.

DAY 5

HANOI

Breakfast at your hotel, transfer to the airport.



DISCOVER

Post Tour Sapa & Hanoi 4 Nights

The four star Victoria Sapa Resort & Spa, the only luxury hotel in the region, was built as a traditional chalet with accented wooden décor, the Resort overhangs the village, blending perfectly with its natural surroundings.

Rates include:

Transfers and tours as per itinerary, one night accommodation at Pan Pacific Hotel Hanoi in a Luxury Room, one night in a superior cabin with 4 berths on the Victoria night train, two nights at Victoria Resort and Spa Sapa Deluxe Room, with daily breakfast and three lunches and one dinner during the tour.

Compulsory dinner

- Christmas Eve Gala Dinner (24DEC) USD 88.- per person
- New Year's Eve Dinner (31DEC) USD 98.- per person

Note

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- Check out time from hotel at 1200hrs
- Please note it's a group tour. The size of the group is 1-12 depending on the interest
- Please note that this is a 4-berth cabin on the Victoria train. If you would like to have a private cabin, the surcharge will be as below.
Please contact us at information@pandaw.com if you wish to do so:
Extra charge for 1 guest sole use private cabin: USD390 per person
Extra charge for 2 guest sole use private cabin: USD150 per person
- Victoria train does not operate on every day. Should your train journey fall on one of these dates you will travel on Sapaly or Orient trains, which are of slightly lower quality than Victoria and don't have deluxe cabins. Standard compartment contains 4 sleeping berths, but we will aim to convert it into a 2-berth cabin free of charge
- Should Victoria train be fully booked on the dates of your travel, we will use Sapaly or Orient trains as above

Please note Victoria trains don't run for pre extensions of cruises 08JAN19 / 16APR19 / 12NOV19 and guests will be booked on the Orient train instead.

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POST-TOUR EXTENSION

DAY 1

HANOI - HUE

Disembark and fly from Hanoi to Hue. On arrival at Hue airport, meet your local guide and transfer to on a bed and breakfast basis. The rest of the day is free to enjoy the hotel and relax.

Meals: none.

DAY 2

HUE

This morning we take a boat trip on the serene Perfume River to the best-known pagoda in Middle Vietnam, Thien Mu. Then we visit to the impressive tomb of former Emperor Tu Duc and a beautiful garden once belonging to the royalty followed by a royal style lunch at a local restaurant (included). In the afternoon, visit Hue citadel including Moon Gate, Thai Hoa Palace, Royal Urns and the ruins of the Forbidden Purple City.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch at local restaurant.

DAY 3

HUE - HOI AN

After breakfast we leave Hue for Hoi An. En route we'll travel through the Ocean Clouds Pass, visit Non Nuoc Beach and the fascinating Cham Museum. We continue to your hotel in Hoi An. In the afternoon, you will have time to explore this charming and wonderfully preserved merchant town that retains Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese and European influences from its flourishing old days.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel.

DAY 4

HOI AN

Day at leisure. Explore the beautiful old town of Hoi An or relax at the beach.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel.

DAY 5

HOI AN - DANANG

Transfer to Danang Airport for your onward flight.

It is possible to extend your stay in Hoian – please email information@pandaw.com for availability and prices.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel.



DISCOVER

Hue & Hoi An 4 Nights Post Tour

This is a Pandaw group tour.

Hue and Hoi An are two of Vietnam's scenic and historic highlights and a 'must see;' on most people's visit to this most wonderful country. Our included trip on the Perfume River and visit to the enormous Hue Citadel are fascinating. Hoi An is best explored independently and retains a charming village feel which comes alive after sunset with the glow of red lanterns and the senses of Asia. And, of course, enjoy time to relax at your beach resort.

We are pleased to offer a pre and post extension staying in delightful and specially selected boutique hotels, including a connecting domestic flight, all transfers, excursions in Hue, a scenic journey from Hue to Hoi An and 2-nights in Hoi An. It is possible to extend your stay in Hoi An if required.

Rates include:

English speaking guide on tours, 1x lunch at local restaurant, economy one-way domestic air ticket Hanoi to Hue, 2 nights at Pilgrimage Village Hue (Deluxe Room) and 2 nights at Victoria Hoi An (Deluxe Garden Room), transportation by AC vehicle, daily breakfast, and entrance fees.

Rates exclude:

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

Compulsory dinner

- Christmas 24Dec: Victoria USD 88.- / Pilgrimage USD 70.- per person
- New Year's Eve 31Dec: Victoria USD 97.- / Pilgrimage USD 70.- per person

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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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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