



# Pandaw Cruises

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.

**Please note:** During the months February to April there may be an increased risk of smog across Laos and northern Thailand. This is due to the annual crop burnings and whilst usually mild, can sometimes be quite severe. We would advise that any passengers with respiratory issues consult with their doctor before booking for this period. Most departures and travellers will be unaffected, however.

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

[\*\*LONG TAIL PANDAW\*\*](#)

[\*\*MORE IMAGES OF THE RV ANGKOR PANDAW\*\*](#)

[\*\*MORE IMAGES OF THE RV CHAMPA PANDAW\*\*](#)

**Cruise Price Includes:** One overnight hotel in Hanoi, one flight between ships, 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.

# DOWNSTREAM ITINERARY

## All Other Departures

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### DAY 1

#### VIET TRI

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to low water levels around Vientiane, we will be operating a low water itinerary from December 2022 through March 2023. Our ship will not be able to sail into Vientiane and alternate transportation by river, plus overnight stays in hotel during time in Vientiane will be provided.

Transfer to Viet Tri, embark your ship and set sail downstream for sunset and a night on the Red River. Tonight we enjoy a traditional dance on board.

[MORE ABOUT VIET TRI](#)

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### DAY 2

#### THE LO RIVER

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In the morning transfer to Gia Thanh village and visit the conical hat making village. Then continue by bus to visit Hung Lo Temple where we will enjoy a UNESCO recognized "Hat Xoan" performance. In the afternoon will moor in Minh Chau to visit a carpenter village and smith's village in Vinh Phuc province.

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**DAY 3****UPPER RED RIVER**

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We will visit the UNESCO praised village of Duang Lam, then sail downstream on the Red River and visit a timeless Arcadian Vietnam with emerald green rice paddies punctuated by lime stone rock formations. Of particular interest are the Thay and Tay Phuong Pagodas, hardly known, yet with exquisite temples dating from the 8th and 11th century and home to some fine Buddhist statuary carved from jackfruit trees.

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**DAY 4****HANOI**

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Dropped anchor in the bustling city of Hanoi, passengers will visit some highlights of this Asian metropolis, must see's like the notorious Vietnam war prison known as the Hanoi Hilton, temple of literature where Confucius did his thinking and the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum. Welcome back to the ship by Lion Dances.

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**DAY 5****THE LOWER RED RIVER**

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In the morning going off shore to visit Bat Trang ceramic village followed by a Unicorn Dance. Sail down the lower Red River to Dien Xa Bonsai village.

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**DAY 6****DAY RIVER**

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After breakfast we visit Dien Xa Bonsai village followed by lunch. In the afternoon, visit the famous Phat Diem stone Cathedral and a local house where they make rice wine. Back to the ship then sail up the Day River to Ninh Binh.

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**DAY 7****NINH BINH**

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In the morning we will visit Thung Nang, taking a rowing boat to the so called "Halong on land" in Ninh Binh. In the afternoon we visit the quaint village of Pham Phao where guests can walk around the village visiting a host family where musician instruments have been made and repaired for generations. Listen to the owner who plays every instrument within his family run business. We visit local Woodworking Artisans who produce items for local and international markets.

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**DAY 8**

## **LUOC - THAI BINH - KINH THAY RIVERS**

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Observe the lively and interesting life on the river before we reach our next destination in the afternoon.

Excursion to Thanh Ha Commune with village walk and a private water puppet show set under shade by a beautiful pond of lotus and lilies.

We drop anchor near Hai Phong Port, the gateway to Halong Bay.

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**DAY 9**

## **HALONG BAY**

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Cast off early morning along the river before entering Halong Bay's amazing island scenery with its 2,000 dramatic limestone islands and extraordinary rock formations dating back 20 million years.

Exploring Halong Bay, we stop at the so called "Dark and Bright Cave". Take a kayak or a local basket boat rowed by fishermen and enter this remarkable cave into an enclosed area similar to a crater. Bats can be heard in the cave and massive stalagmites hang from the ceiling.

We continue our cruise around Halong Bay until we drop anchor in Rang Dua.

[MORE ABOUT HALONG BAY](#)

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**DAY 10**

## HALONG BAY

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We make a stop at Viet Hai Village and continue our journey by mountain bike or electric buggy to visit the village's vegetable farm and typical village houses. It is a breathtaking trip along a small road winding its way through the limestone rocks.

In the afternoon we will continue cruising towards Lan Ha Bay for a visit to a floating fishing house.

Weather dependent, we will end the day with cocktails at a beautiful beach in Halong Bay.

[MORE ABOUT HALONG BAY](#)

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**DAY 11**

## HALONG BAY

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Morning sail to Tuan Chau Jetty. Disembark and transfer to Hanoi Airport with stop for lunch at a local restaurant. Fly to Chiang Mai and be transported to your hotel where you will have the rest of the evening for self-exploration.

[MORE ABOUT HALONG BAY](#)

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**DAY 12**

## CHIANG KHONG

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Transfers from airports or any city hotel in Chiang Rai (2 hours) and Chiang Mai (6 hours) including Lunch at Ban Rai Sabaidee Farm plus guided visit to the Golden Triangle and the now infamous opium museum. Embark your ship by 16.00 and enjoy welcome drinks on the sundeck with traditional Thai dancing.

[MORE ABOUT GOLDEN TRIANGLE](#)

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**DAY 13**

## INTO LAOS

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Pass through immigration formalities at the Thai/Laos border and re-join the ship. Set sail downstream on the beautiful Upper Mekong River, Morning presentation on the Lao language. After lunch, if time allows, sightseeing on foot in Pak Sith.

[MORE ABOUT INTO LAOS](#)



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**DAY 14****PAK BENG ELEPHANT SANCTUARY**

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Morning walk at Ban Luang Tong Lao Lowland village. Laos is known as 'The land of a million elephants' and after Lunch we will visit a rescue sanctuary that is helping to preserve the elephants of Laos and provide sustainable alternative employment for Mahouts who once trained and rode these beautiful creatures. In the evening we moor at a sandbank for a special riverside barbecue and cocktail party. Light paper lanterns with the crew and enjoy a dance in remote Laos.

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**DAY 15****BAN BOR AND YOI HAI KHMU VILLAGES**

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Today we discover the Khmu minority group and learn about their remote way of life. In the morning we will visit Ban Bor village, home to the Lao & Khummu people. We will have the opportunity to support locally produced handicrafts and walk through the Khummu village of Yoi Hanoi in the afternoon.

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**DAY 16**

## PAK OU CAVES

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Continue cruising downstream to Pak Ou, sightseeing by local boat exploring the unique Pak Ou Caves, a Buddhist sanctuary with spectacular limestone cliff faces. See the production of local Laos whisky at the Whisky village and shop for locally produced handicrafts before sailing into the World Heritage City of Luang Prabang. Moor overnight in central Luang Prabang.

[MORE ABOUT PAK OU CAVES AND NAM OU RIVER](#)

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**DAY 17**

## LUANG PRABANG CRAFTS & CULTURE

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Today we explore the various handicrafts of Laos in more detail. We start with a morning walk up the 228 steps to Phousi temple where the best views of Luang Prabang can be found. After lunch aboard the ship, we visit Ock Pop Tok, a social enterprise providing sustainable employment and training for the women of local weaving villages. We then head to TAEC (Traditional Arts and Ethnology Centre) to understand more about Laos musical instruments. Cocktail hour is accompanied by a traditional Bacci ceremony onboard highlighting some of the instruments seen in the afternoon.

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**DAY 18**

## LUANG PRABANG

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Early morning walking tour to observe the morning alms offering by local people to the hundreds of monks who walk around the city every morning. We continue after breakfast to the morning market before taking tuktuks for a city tour of this well preserved and unique world heritage site with its many Buddhist temples, libraries and royal palace. The afternoon is free to explore the beauty and unique atmosphere of Luang Prabang.

[MORE ABOUT LUANG PRABANG](#)

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**DAY 19**

## KAUNG SI WATERFALL

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After breakfast sail downstream to Ban Chan where we take part in a pottery demonstration at the local pottery workshop. After Lunch we moor at Ban Mouang Khai and take a short drive to see the deep jungle pools at the Khaung Si Waterfall where you can swim in the crystal-clear waters. We then stop at the Laos Buffalo Farm, a social enterprise utilizing the abundant buffalo in Laos before rejoining the ship. We sail downstream for a sunset cruise and moor overnight at Ban Na San.

[MORE ABOUT KUANG SI WATERFALLS](#)

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## DAY 20

### XAYABOURI DAM

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Morning walk through Ban Na San Hmong Village. In the afternoon we pass through Xayabouri Hydroelectric Dam and take an inside look of the workings of this somewhat controversial attraction as we pass through the locks. Afternoon walk at Ban Khok Fark and moor overnight.

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## DAY 21

### BAN PAK YUN TO PAK LAY

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Explore Ban Pak Yun Mixed minorities tribe in the morning, a rural local village before setting sail to Pak Lay, our final destination. Enjoy a tour of your Pandaw ship and fruit carving demonstration on the sundeck in the afternoon before farewell cocktails and dinner in the evening.

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## DAY 22

### VIENTIANE

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Disembark at 08:30am followed by a local [long-tail boat](#) expedition downstream to Vientiane. Lunch and drinks will be provided on the local boat by your Pandaw chef and bar staff. Arrival to Vientiane around 17:30 with drop off at your hotel or Vientiane airport.

[MORE ABOUT VIENTIANE](#)

# 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

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## DAY 1

### ARRIVAL IN HANOI

Our guide will pick you up at the airport and bring you to your hotel. Enjoy this bustling Asian metropolis at your own leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

**Please note:** Guides and drivers are not allowed inside the terminal building. We will be waiting for you outside with a Pandaw sign. Hanoi Airport has two exits; if you don't see us, please try the other exit on the same level (30 meters).

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## DAY 2

### DEPARTURE

Transfer and embark your Pandaw cruise.

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5 STAR

## Pre Tour Hanoi (Sofitel Legend Metropole)

**Hanoi is a magical and charming city. You will find that the character, history and romance of the Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi may add a little extra special something to your journey here. Savour the French art de vivre blended with elegant Vietnamese touches and enjoy this wonderful place.**

### **Rates include:**

All transfers as above by coach or car with local guide, 1 night accommodation with breakfast included.

## Note

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- Check out time from hotel at 1200hrs

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5 STAR

## Pre Tour Hanoi (Silk Path Boutique)

**Welcome to this charming boutique hotel situated a stone's throw from Hoan Kiem Lake, the historical center of Hanoi. Silk Path Boutique Hanoi is an oasis of distinguished design and serenity in the bustling heart of the city, putting you on the doorstep of the capital's most inspiring sights, top shopping areas and the street food delights that have put Hanoi on every foodie's bucket list.**

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Hanoi

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Overnight at the Silk Path Boutique Hanoi.

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### DAY 2

## HANOI - SAPA

Check out hotel and you begin to explore Hanoi with a Street food tour and then visit an art gallery and meet an artist for discussion of the development of fine arts in Vietnam. After your excursion, we transfer you to Sapa on a stunning new highway with beautiful views of mountains, through tunnels and slight bends through valleys.

Street food for lunch and Silk Path Grand Sapa.

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### DAY 3

## SAPA

After breakfast, transfer to Fansipan Cable Station for an amazing trip to reach the Indochina Roof, 3143m above the sea level. Starting by cable car and step up to the Peak, enjoy the fresh air and the beautiful landscapes from what so call "the roof of Indochina".

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### DAY 4

## SAPA

Stroll through the flower gardens and absorb captivating views of the surrounding mountain range at Silk Path Grand Sapa. 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 for Lunch at local restaurant.

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.

Overnight at Silk Path Grand Sapa. Lunch at local restaurant.

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## **DAY 5**

# **TRANSFER TO SHIP**

In the morning after breakfast transfer from Sapa to the Angkor Pandaw.

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DISCOVER

## Sapa & Hanoi 4 Night Pre Tour

**Welcome to our mountain resort, the Silk Path Grand Sapa, perched on a private spot atop one of Sapa's highest hills. Here time stands still, giving you ample opportunities to stroll through the flower gardens and absorb captivating views of the surrounding mountain range. During colonial times Sapa - surrounded by what is referred to as the "Vietnamese Alps" - was a hill station where the French escaped the Hanoi heat, and this heritage is reflected in our elegant, regal interior design and architecture.**

### **Rates include:**

Transfers and tours as per itinerary, accommodation at the Silk Path Boutique Hanoi and the Silk Path Grand Sapa, with daily breakfast and three lunches and one dinner during the tour.

### **Note**

- Please advise arrival/departure flight details in order to arrange the transfer accordingly
- Check out time from hotel at 1200hrs
- Please note this is a group tour. The size of the group is 1-12 depending on the interest

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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.

## PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

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### DAY 1

## ARRIVE IN HUE

Individual arrival at Hue airport, meet your local guide and transfer to your hotel for a 2-night stay on a bed and breakfast basis. The rest of the day is free to enjoy the hotel and relax.

Meals: none.

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### 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 Noon Gate, Thai Hoa Palace, Royal Urns and the ruins of the Forbidden Purple City.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch at local restaurant.

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### **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.

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### **DAY 4**

## **HOI AN**

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

Meals: Breakfast at hotel.

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### **DAY 5**

## **HOI AN - HANOI**

Transfer to Danang Airport for morning flight to Hanoi Airport, followed by transfer to the Angkor Pandaw. It is possible to extend your stay in Hoian - please email [information@pandaw.com](mailto:information@pandaw.com) for availability and prices.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel.

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DISCOVER

## 4 Night Hue & Hoi An Pre 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 Danang - Hanoi, hotels as advertised, transportation by AC vehicle, daily breakfast, and entrance fees.

### **Rates exclude:**

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

meal.

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## POST-TOUR EXTENSION

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### DAY 1

## VIENTIANE

Welcome to Vientiane! After your afternoon disembarkation in Vientiane our guide and driver will transfer you to your hotel. We recommend enjoying a walk at the night market.

Meals: none

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## **DAY 2**

# **VIENTIANE - PHONSAVANH**

After breakfast at the hotel, we commence a city tour of the Laos capital, visiting Vat Sisaket, the oldest original temple in Vientiane, Ho Phra Keo, once the royal temple of Lao monarchy and Patousay, the victory gate also known as Anousavari whose architecture is inspired by the Arc of Triumph in Paris. After lunch in a local restaurant transfer to the airport for your flight to Phonsavanh.

Upon arrival, our guide and driver will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel, lunch at local restaurant.

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## **DAY 3**

# **PLAIN OF JARS**

A full day to explore the famous Plain Of Jars, a vast area extending around Phonsavanh 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 Phonsavanh.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch at local restaurant.

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## DAY 4

# PHONSAVANH - 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 and your onward journey. Scheduled flight arrival to Vientiane at 15:45

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch.

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## DISCOVER

# The Plain of Jars - Post Cruise Downstream 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 a hotel in the Plain of Jars and 1 night at a hotel in Vientiane on a bed and breakfast basis, 1x lunch at local restaurant, return domestic flights from Vientiane to Phonsavanh, taxes, all transfers and excursions as described and entrance fees.

## POST-TOUR EXTENSION

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**DAY 1**

### HANOI - HUE

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### DAY 1

## VIENTIANE ARRIVAL

Check in to your hotel after your disembarkation transfer from the ship.

Meals: none.

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## DAY 2

# VIENTIANE FULL DAY CITY TOUR

Depart with your local guide for a full day city tour exploring Laos' French colonial capital. Visit Talaat Sao - Vientiane's Morning Market, Wat Sisaket, Haw Phra Kaew and Putousay, the victory gate inspired by the Arc of Triumph in Paris. After lunch at a local restaurant, head out of town to visit one of Laos' slightly stranger attractions - Xieng Khuan Buddha Park.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

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## DAY 3

# VIENTIANE DEPARTURE

Check out of your hotel and our driver will transfer you to the airport for your onward flight.

Meals: Breakfast

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**DISCOVER**

# Exploring Vientiane 2 Night Post Tour (La Seine Hotel)

**Vientiane, the capital city of Laos has been given many evocative nicknames, such as the City of Sandalwood and the City of the Moon, at certain points in its history. Explore this French colonial city with a 2 night extension to your Pandaw expedition.**

**This tour may be operated on a private basis or as a group tour with your fellow passengers depending on bookings.**

## **Rates include:**

English speaking guide, 2-nights at La Seine Hotel Vientiane on a bed and breakfast basis, 1x lunch at local restaurant, taxes, all transfers and excursions as described and entrance fees.

## **Rates exclude:**

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

LA SEINE HOTEL

160 Quai Fa Ngum

Ban Sithan Neua

Sikhottabong District n13

Vientiane

Tel: +856 (0)21 253800

[Visit Hotel Website](#)

## POST-TOUR EXTENSION

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## **DAY 1**

# **VIENTIANE ARRIVAL**

Check in to your hotel after your disembarkation transfer from the ship.

Meals: none.

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## **DAY 2**

# **VIENTIANE FULL DAY CITY TOUR**

Depart with your local guide for a full day city tour exploring Laos' French colonial capital. Visit Talaat Sao - Vientiane's Morning Market, Wat Sisaket, Haw Phra Kaew and Putousay, the victory gate inspired by the Arc of Triumph in Paris. After lunch at a local restaurant, head out of town to visit one of Laos' slightly stranger attractions - Xieng Khuan Buddha Park.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

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# **VIENTIANE DEPARTURE**

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Meals: Breakfast

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**DISCOVER**

## **Exploring Vientiane 2 Night Post Tour (Settha Palace)**

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### **Rates include:**

English speaking guide, 2-nights at Settha Palace Hotel Vientiane on a bed and breakfast basis, 1x lunch at local restaurant, taxes, all transfers and excursions as described and entrance fees.

### **Rates exclude:**

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

SETTHA PALACE HOTEL

6 Pangkham Street

Vientiane

Tel: +856 (21) 217 581

[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!

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