EXPEDITION No 15

SAIGON, SIEM REAP, HALONG BAY & HANOI

18 NIGHTS

Combine the fascinating and varied Mekong River, with its striking cultural contrast between the bustling Vietnam delta and the tranquility of Cambodia, with exploring the key sites of Northern Vietnam by traversing the Red River delta and its main tributaries, connecting the wonders of Halong Bay with the excitement of down town Hanoi, and then on into the interior, well off the beaten track. Inbetween cruises spend a day at leisure to explore Hanoi or Siem Reap.

YOUR SHIP - RV ANGKOR PANDAW / RV MEKONG PANDAW

MORE IMAGES OF THE RV ANGKOR PANDAW

MORE IMAGES OF THE RV MEKONG PANDAW
UPSTREAM ITINERARY

DAY 1

SAIGON TO MY THO

Transfer from the meeting point in Saigon to My Tho Port. After boarding your Pandaw we sail downstream to Ben Tre and anchor midstream. In the afternoon, there is a lecture on Vietnamese life on the Mekong Delta. During cocktail hour passengers are entertained by an indigenous dance group and meet your key crew.

MORE ABOUT SAIGON

DAY 2

BEN TRE

Travel by sampans through mangroves and bamboo groves to the fruit orchards of Ben Tre. In these local artisans are at work and are invite visitors into their homes for tea, fruit and honey products made from their own honey. This is an area rich in bird life and on our return journey we travel by local transport through the lush countryside. After lunch, the ship moors off Cho Lach island for pot making and further glimpses of Delta life, agriculture and local Viet hospitality including a culinary lesson in making traditional Banh Xeo.
DAY 3

CON PHUOC ISLAND

After breakfast, there is a short coach journey to the Gao Giong ‘green oasis’ with its bird sanctuary. Here a diverse selection of water and egrets that gather in the tens of thousands across the Duong Tharp Muoi or ‘Plain of Reeds’. Rowing boats traverse the canals to take us to see the principal nesting areas. After returning to the boat we cruise upstream to Con Phuoc Island. We Moor in a small canal off Con Phuoc Island and go ashore to explore the island by Xi Loi seeing basket production and visiting a 100-year old Catholic Church as well as local woodworking artisans.

DAY 4

CAMBODIA BORDER

Afternoon, explore the labyrinthine canal system around Tan Chau to visit a Taoist temple where the monks will read fortunes. Continue through local villages by Xi Loi stopping off to help locals tend their fields before stopping off to visit a fish farm and earn merit by releasing fish back into the Mekong. Border crossing formalities take up much of the afternoon and during this stationary period there is an optional tour of the working ship and fruit carving classes on deck.
DAY 5

PHNOM PENH

Morning orientation of Phnom Penh by cyclo visiting the Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda followed by the National Museum with its marvelous collection of Angkorian statuary. Afternoon optional visit to the Killing Fields and Genocide museum or take a tuk-tuk to explore the riverfront and finish with High Tea at Raffles Hotel. Overnight in Phnom Penh city port with its lively bars, restaurants and night life.

MORE ABOUT PHNOM PENH

DAY 6

SILK ISLAND

Sail up the Mekong/Tonle River convergence to visit Koh Okhna Tey, or ‘silk island’ to study the entire silk making process from worms to weavers. There will be a demonstration of the ancient Khmer martial art of Bokator. Return to ship and cruise upstream towards Kampong Cham. Evening lecture on Angkor and Khmer culture.
DAY 7

WAT HANCHEY, OBT CHIRO VILLAGE & WAT NOKOR BACHEY

Sunrise cruise 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. Well noted for its bizarre Fruit and Animal statues.

We cruise back downstream to Kampong Cham where after lunch we travel by Bus to the local OBT Chiro Village where the education of local children is high on the agenda. Pre-Hospitality training courses, plastic recycling, bee keeping, farming and handicraft skill projects are set up to improve the skill set of local children. We then travel to the Wat Nokor Bachey dating back to the Jayarvaman VII period. Built completely from Black Sandstone which makes it standout from other temples built during this period. Many legends surround this complex one being it was built by a king who accidently killed his father then married his mother as per Greek legend. This temple was built in penance for his crime.

DAY 8

SIEM REAP - HANOI

Sail downstream to moor at Kampong Cham for disembarkation and road transfer to Siem Reap airport for your flight to Hanoi and your hotel.

MORE ABOUT SIEM REAP
DAY 9

HALONG BAY

Transfer from Hanoi to Halong Bay to embark your Pandaw ship with a stop for lunch en route. Cast off late afternoon with a welcome cocktail for an evening sail, dropping anchor in a sheltered bay amidst the beautiful island scenery.

MORE ABOUT HALONG BAY

DAY 10

HALONG BAY

Morning sail around Halong Bay and beyond with its 1,500 dramatic limestone islands and extraordinary rock formations, dating back 20 million years.

Stop at Viet Hai Village and explore on mountain bike or electric buggy, visiting 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 continue cruising towards Lan Ha Bay for a visit to a floating fishing house.

Weather dependent, end the day with cocktails at a beautiful beach in Halong Bay - bring your swimwear!

MORE ABOUT LAN HA BAY
DAY 11

HALONG BAY

Exploration of Halong Bay continues with a visit to 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.

Depart Halong Bay and enter the river to drop anchor near Hai Phong.

In the afternoon, our chef will share his skills in fruit carving and demonstrate how to create Vietnamese spring rolls.

MORE ABOUT HALONG BAY

DAY 12

THE KINH THAY RIVER

Observe the lively and interesting life of the KinhThay river, a key commercial waterway.

Meet your guide in the dining room for a lecture on Vietnam, its history, geography and the boat people.

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

Return to ship and continue cruising until late evening, dropping anchor midstream.

MORE ABOUT THANH HA AND WATER PUPPETS
DAY 13

BAT TRANG VILLAGE

The day is spent cruising towards Hanoi. Enroute, stop at Bat Trang in the afternoon, a ceramic village. On the way back to the ship watch a traditional unicorn and lion dance at the jetty.

This dance originated in China and spread over Southeast Asia.

MORE ABOUT BAT TRANG

DAY 14

HANOI

Drop anchor in the capital and bustling city of Hanoi to visit some highlights of this Asian metropolis. Must-sees include the notorious Vietnam War prison known as the Hanoi Hilton, temple of literature where Confucius did his thinking, and the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum.

Afternoon walking tour of Hanoi’s old quarter, including a visit to a coffee shop to learn about Vietnam’s famous coffee-making industry.

MORE ABOUT HANOI
DAY 15

THE LOWER RED RIVER

Morning sail through the day from Hanoi up the Red River to Viet Tri - not the most picturesque of towns, but an excellent base for going deeper into Highland Vietnam.

Go ashore to visit a timeless Arcadian Vietnam with emerald green rice paddies punctuated by limestone rock formations. Of particular interest are the Thay and Tay Phuong Pagodas.

Afternoon excursion to a carpenter village famous for exquisite carvings and wood work techniques.

Evening arrival in Viet Tri.

MORE ABOUT THAY AND TAY PHUONG PAGODAS

DAY 16

LO RIVER

In the morning cruising to Tien Du ferry station to the village of Gia Thanh, makers of the conical hats (known as ‘non la’). Take in the sights and sounds of the bustling river with all kinds of craft and activity.

The ‘non la’ are handmade with palm leaves and bamboo. There is no machinery available to create this work of art. Their origin dates approximately 3,000 years back.

By bus continue to Hung Lo Temple.

MORE ABOUT LO RIVER
DAY 17

THE DA RIVER

Day sailing downstream while admiring the unspoilt beauty of the Da River. Pass through the Ba Vi National Park with its rich and diverse tropical and sub-tropical flora and fauna before arriving at Hoa Binh then visit the UNESCO-praised village of Duong Lam.

In the afternoon, take a tour of the ship including the galley, crew area and engine room.

MORE ABOUT DUONG LAM

DAY 18

HOA BINH

Hoa Binh was the site of a major battle with the French in 1951 & 1952 and is home to the Muong ethnic group.

The Hoa Binh Dam at the Black River is the largest hydroelectric dam in Vietnam and Southeast Asia. Take a morning boat ride on the reservoir of Hoa Binh power station and visit a local village. A traditional performance by local hill tribe people is given in the evening.

MORE ABOUT HOA BINH
DAY 19

HOA BINH

Disembark after breakfast (08.30am) and visit a museum and local village where villagers still wear traditional dress.

Lunch will be served at a local restaurant, followed by a transfer to Hanoi airport or drop off point Pan Pacific Hotel Hanoi.

MORE ABOUT HOA BINH
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 IN SAIGON


DAY 2

SAIGON CITY TOUR - CUCHI TUNNELS (L)

In the morning, drive to the extraordinary Cu Chi tunnels, about 65 Km (1.5 hours drive) from Sai Gon. The complicated system of underground network was built by the Viet Cong guerillas. En route, you have chance to see rural people live and work. View occupations such as cashew nut farming, duck breeding, rice farming and production of rice paper, a key ingredient in Vietnamese cuisine.

Around 11.30am return to Sai Gon for lunch. In the afternoon, visit the Reunification Hall, Notre Dame Cathedral, General Post Office, Former US Embassy, City Hall and War Museum of Remnants. End the day with shopping at Ben Thanh market.

DAY 3

DEPARTURE

Breakfast at hotel. Free time until departure.
Saigon & Surroundings (InterContinental Asiana)

This hotel boasts 305 elegantly appointed rooms, bespoke treatments at Spa InterContinental and three international restaurants. This 5-star luxury Ho Chi Minh City hotel is located in the city centre, just a short stroll to famous landmarks such as Notre Dame Cathedral and Saigon Opera House. The Tan Son Nhat International Airport is 7 km away.

Rates include:
One way transfer (airport to hotel or hotel to airport), two nights accommodation at InterContinental Asiana Saigon Hotel with daily breakfast, one lunch at local restaurant and excursion as per itinerary.

Note

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

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INTERCONTINENTAL ASIANA SAIGON HOTEL
39 Le Duan
Ben Nghe
Ho Chi Minh City
Vietnam

Tel: +84 8 3520 9999

Visit Hotel Website

PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

DAY 1

ARRIVAL IN HUE

Welcome to Vietnam. After arrival at Hue Airport meet your guide and driver for the transfer to your hotel. Rest of day at leisure.

Meals: none.
DAY 2

HUE

This morning we take a boat on the serene Perfume River to the best known pagoda in Middle Vietnam, Thien Mu. We then pay a visit to the impressive tomb of former Emperor Tu Duc and a beautiful garden once belonging to royalty followed by a royal style lunch at a local restaurant. 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 the Hotel, Lunch at local restaurant.

DAY 3

HUE - HOI AN

After breakfast we leave Hue for Hoian. En route we pause to unwind on top of the Ocean Clouds Pass, on the Non Nuoc Beach and then visit the fascinating Cham Museum. We then proceed to the quaint town of Hoian for check in and to relax. In the afternoon, there is 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 the 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 - SAIGON

Transfer to the airport for a flight from Danang 08.00 to Saigon 09.25 (flight times subject to change). Upon arrival, drive to the extraordinary Cu Chi tunnels, about 65 Km (1½ hours’ drive) from Saigon. This complicated underground network was built by Viet Cong guerillas. En route, you have the chance to see how rural people live and work such as cashew nut farming, duck breeding, rice farming and production of rice paper, a key ingredient in Vietnamese cuisine. After lunch in a local restaurant, return to Saigon. In the afternoon, visit to Reunification Hall, Notre Dame Cathedral, General Post Office, Former US Embassy, City Hall, War Museum of Remnants. Shopping at Ben Thanh market.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch at local restaurant.

DAY 6

SAIGON DEPARTURE

Morning at leisure. Transfer with your fellow Pandaw passengers to My Tho to embark your ship.

Meals: Breakfast at Hotel.
Vietnam's Heritage Road, Hue - Hoi An - Saigon 5 nights Pre 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 trip includes a fascinating ride along the Perfume River and a visit to the enormous Hue Citadel. 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, plenty of time to relax at your beach resort.

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

Your trip ends in the Oriental Pearl Saigon with tour and overnight stay before your cruise.

This is a Pandaw group tour.

Rates include:

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

**Rates exclude:**
International flights, visa, travel insurance, not mentioned beverages and meal.

**Compulsory dinner**

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POST-TOUR EXTENSION

DAY 1

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.
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.

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PAN PACIFIC HOTEL HANOI
1 Thanh Nien Road
Ba Dinh District
10000 Hanoi

Tel: +84 4 382 38888

Visit Hotel Website
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.
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 of 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

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Meals: Breakfast at hotel.

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HOI AN

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Meals: Breakfast at hotel.

DAY 5

HOI AN - DANANG

Transfer to Danang Airport for your onward flight.

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Meals: Breakfast at hotel.
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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!

Useful Links

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