



Pandaw River Expeditions

EXPEDITION No 1

RANGOON TO BHAMO - SAIL 1000 MILES UP THE IRRAWADDY

21 NIGHTS

By popular demand we are offering our members the opportunity of sailing the length of the Irrawaddy from Rangoon to Bhamo and beyond. Sailing next October we will cover about 1,000 river miles during this three week voyage with daily stops at all the main sites along the river including extended stops at Pagan and Mandalay.

We will sail in the lovely Kanee Pandaw, the latest addition to the Pandaw fleet and only two years old. With 14 cabins she is a very smart little expedition ship with a very convivial atmosphere and fitted out in the finest Pandaw style. We will run only one of these epic expeditions in 2021 and Pandaw members will be offered cabins first before it goes on general release so book fast as things have never been busier with so much pent up demand.

Cruise Price Includes: Entrance fees, guide services (English language), gratuities to crew, main meals, local mineral water, jugged coffee, teas & tisanes.

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

DAY 1

RANGOON (YANGON)

Please note: The itinerary for this expedition is indicative only. As we travel to remote areas, changes to the itinerary will inevitably occur. A flexible approach is required if you book this cruise.

Embark for lunch and followed by exploration of Rangoon. The largest city in Myanmar, Rangoon (Yangon) is a mix of cosmopolitan high-rises, stunning architecture and historical sights.

[MORE ABOUT RANGOON \(YANGON\)](#)

DAY 2

MAUBIN AND NYAUNG DON

Early morning departure from Rangoon and pass Twante canal. Visit Maubin's surroundings, the Delta area and Nyaung Don country life. Moor over night at Zakagyi.

[MORE ABOUT MAUBIN](#)

DAY 3

DANABYU AND ZALON

We continue our exploration of Delta creeks and stop at Donabyu, another little known town with a busy port and bustling markets. In the First Anglo Burmese War of 1825 the Burmese General Maha-Bandoola was defeated here following a long and disastrous campaign by the British. Afternoon walk in Zalon city to visit beautiful Golden Buddha image and return to ship. Moor overnight at Henzada.

[MORE ABOUT DANUPYU](#)

DAY 4

MYANAUNG

Sailing all day and we stop to visit the markets and see old colonial buildings in the sleepy Delta town of Manaung. We enter the Irrawaddy River.

[MORE ABOUT MYANAUNG](#)

DAY 5**PROME (PYAY)**

Early morning we sail slowly upstream and downstream A Kaut Taung area, to view Buddha carvings on the mountainside, from the upper deck or Sundeck. We reach Prome by the afternoon and travel by coach to the 5th-8th century archaeological site of Thiri-ya-kittiya, the former centre of the Pyu civilization with a fascinating museum of early Buddhist artifacts and sculptures.

[MORE ABOUT PROME \(PYAY\)](#)

DAY 6**THAYETMYO**

This pleasant colonial town once guarded the border between Royal Myanmar and British Myanmar following the 2nd Anglo Myanmar War of 1855. Many of the buildings including the covered market date from this period. Thayet also boasts the oldest golf course in Myanmar (1885). We visit the market, see the colonial houses and ride out by horse cart to the golf course, passing through the former British botanical garden.

[MORE ABOUT THAYETMYO](#)

DAY 7

MINHLA AND MAGWE

Minhla - We visit the two Italian built forts constructed to keep the British at bay from Royal Myanmar. The fight for the Minhla redoubt was the only serious action in the war and the death of a young subaltern inspired Kipling to write a poem. We ride Trishaws to reach the magnificent Magwe Myat-thalon Pagoda, constructed with solid gold bricks. Of interest are the many nat shrines and hermitages within the temple precincts.

[MORE ABOUT MAGWE](#)

DAY 8

SALE

Here we visit the Yout-saun-kyaung monastery with its spectacular wood carvings; we also explore an area of splendid colonial-style houses and continue sailing upstream.

[MORE ABOUT SALE](#)

DAY 9

PAGAN

In the morning, moor at the Tan-Chi-Taung mountain and enjoy the view. Continue with one of the highlights of your trip with a tour of a selection of the 3,000 listed monuments at this World Heritage Site, Pagan.

[MORE ABOUT PAGAN](#)

DAY 10**PAGAN**

Further exploration by coach of the monuments follow by a lacquerware workshop and visit to the local markets. Sail in the noon to upstream. Evening walk at Oh Ne Kyaung village to see the local life in this typical river side community.

DAY 11**YANDABO**

This small rural village is specialized in pot making. We visit the Pandaw School, built with past donations from Pandaw passengers.

[MORE ABOUT YANDABO](#)

DAY 12

AVA, SAGAING & AMARAPURA

Morning visit to the ancient city of Ava, which served as the capital of the Burmese kingdom for nearly 400 years, longer than any other ancient capital. Morning tour by coach to Ava jetty and across the Myit Nge(Dokehtawady) river by small ferry boat, followed by horse carts to Menu Oak Kyaung monastery built by the chief queen in 1822. End the morning with a visit to the splendid Bagaya Kyaung monastery built entirely of teak in 1834.

Afternoon excursion to Sagaing where there are 1000 hermitages and sanctuaries rich in woodcarving and religious art. From Sagaing Hill admire the bird's eye view over the Irrawaddy river curving around Sagaing from Soon U Ponnya Shin hill top-pagoda. Later an introduction to the Buddhist nuns' way of life at a nunnery.

Drive to Amarapura, a former capital (initially from 1783 to 1819 and subsequently from 1839 to 1852). Visit a silk and cotton weaving workshop, Amarapura's major business.

At sunset take a local boat on Taungthaman lake at U Bein Bridge, the world's longest teak bridge.

[MORE ABOUT AMARAPURA](#)

DAY 13

MANDALAY

Visit Mandalay. The excursion starts with a visit to Mahamuni Buddha Image, one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Myanmar. The statue was brought here in 1785 by King Bodawapaya after the invasion of the Arakan Kingdom in 1784. To pay respect to the Buddha image, male devotees apply gold leaf to the image. As a result, the Mahamuni Buddha Image has been covered with a thick layer of gold leaf (about 15 cm). The walk continues along the street renowned for its marble carvers.

Continue to Shwe Kyaung (Golden Palace Monastery) which was built in 1857 and was originally part of the royal palace before it was moved to the present site in 1879.

Explore UNESCO listed Kuthodaw Pagoda, with the world's biggest book. It accommodates 729 marble slabs engraved with the Buddha's Parli Scriptures housed in shrines.

After the gold leaf hammering workshop, stop by the moat surrounding the Royal Palace for a great photo opportunity with a backdrop of Mandalay Hill.

[MORE ABOUT MANDALAY](#)

DAY 14

KYAUK MYOUNG

Visit the spectacular potteries near Kyauk-myounng where the famous 50-gallon water pots are handmade. We see all stages of manufacture from the throwing of the pots to the weeklong firing in huge kilns. We return to the ship and enter the third defile of Irrawaddy.

[MORE ABOUT KYAUK-MYOUNG](#)

DAY 15

KHANYAT

Stop at Khan-nyat village with its many Buddhist monasteries and visit the former head teacher's house, which also includes his small museum collections. We go ashore and climb the Pagoda Hill at Tigyang with its stunning views of the Upper Irrawaddy River.

[MORE ABOUT KHANYAT](#)

DAY 16**KATHA**

We reach the enchanting colonial town of Katha, setting for George Orwell's Burmese Days. Little has changed since then. Of interest are the fire station's collections of the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company's ship's bells taken from sunken ships in the Second War. Katha was the final resting place of the old flotilla and here over a hundred ships were scuppered in 1942 in an Act of Denial before the advancing Japanese. We also visit an elephant logging camp at Katha in the hardwood forests of the hills that surround the town and further upstream.

[MORE ABOUT KATHA](#)

DAY 17**SAIL UPSTREAM KYUNT DAW ISLAND**

Transfer by Local boat and visit Kyun Daw village where we will visit countless small Pagodas.

DAY 18**2ND DEFILE OF IRRAWADDY & BHAMO**

Cruise through the 2nd Defile, the most dramatic of the three gorges with cliffs towering over the narrow channel. We are approaching Bhamo.

DAY 19

BHAMO

Bhamo the most northerly navigable point of the Irrawaddy, 1000 miles from Rangoon and gateway to China, set in the Kachin hills and guarding the forbidding First Defile. Beyond the modern-day city with its bazaars and ethnic hotch potch lies delightful countryside and we take a boat trip to the confluence of the Taping River that flows down from China.

[MORE ABOUT BHAMO](#)

DAY 20

TAGAUNG

Walking tour of the ancient city of Tagaung viewing the fortifications, a famous nat or spirit shrine and the archaeological area.

[MORE ABOUT TAGAUNG](#)

DAY 21

MINGUN

Slip our moorings early in the morning and stop at Mingun to see the largest working bell in the world and the unfinished pagoda that is the largest single mass of brick building in the world. We also visit the Mingun Old People's Home originally established with the assistance of the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company in the 1930s.

[MORE ABOUT MINGUN](#)

DAY 22

MANDALAY

Disembark after breakfast at the Jetty.

[MORE ABOUT MANDALAY](#)

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 YANGON

Transfer to hotel in Rangoon. Afternoon excursion to Shwedagon Pagoda.

DAY 2

DEPARTURE

Breakfast. Transfer to the jetty or airport.



5 STAR

IRRA Pre cruise Rangoon

Well located in the center of Yangon and yet only 10 minutes drive from Shwedagon Pagoda, the elegant Sule Shangri-La Hotel is the perfect base for your pre or post stay in Yangon.

Rates include:

One night at specified hotel or similar, including breakfast, service and taxes; transfers to / from airport and a guide-led excursion to Shwedagon Pagoda.

Rates exclude:

Domestic Flight, Lunch and dinner which are at your own arrangement in the hotel or in one of the many nearby restaurants.

Public facilities include

2 restaurants, a lounge, bar, pool, free and fast WI-FI and gift shop. The spacious, air-conditioned and comfortable deluxe rooms include private bathroom with bathtub, satellite TV, mini-bar, hair dryer, iron, safe, writing desk and tea/coffee making facilities.

Note

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SULE SHANGRI-LA HOTEL, YANGON

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Yangon

Myanmar

Tel: +95 1 242 828

[Visit Hotel Website](#)

PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

DAY 1

YANGON - KINPUN - MAWLAMYINE

Depart Yangon early this morning for a journey by road to Kinpun.

Along the way, we'll visit Htaukkyant Allied War Cemetery. This beautifully-landscaped, peaceful area is the final resting place for more than 27,000 Allied soldiers who perished during the World War II campaign in Myanmar.

We will arrive in Kinpun in the afternoon. As we approach the town, the mountains surrounding the area will slowly come into view. This is where the famous Golden Rock is located. It is a huge boulder covered by gold leaf and delicately balanced on the edge of a cliff, Golden Rock is one of Myanmar's most important pilgrimage sites. Visit the pagoda here which is said to hold a hair of the Buddha, and Buddhists from across the country come here to pay homage.

Continue the journey to Mawlamyine.

Overnight in Mawlamyine, lunch included.

DAY 2

MAWLAMYINE - THANBYUZAYAT - MAWLAMYINE

After breakfast, head south to Thanbyuzayat to visit Thanbyuzayat Cemetery, where more than 3,000 allied service men are buried. Take a look at the western terminus of the Thailand-Burma Railway linking up with the pre-war coastal railway between Ye and Yangon.

Then, return to Mawlamyine and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

After lunch we'll begin our tour of the city of Mawlamyine (Moulmein). Before it was established in Rangoon, Mawlamyine was the British capital of Burma. The British influence can be seen in the buildings, churches, and the beautiful Strand road along the river.

We'll start our tour at Kyaik Than Lan Pagoda, the city's landmark. Built in 875 AD, it enshrines the Tripitaka Buddhist manuscripts as well as a hair relic from the Buddha. The 40 meter high stupa is located on a hill surrounded by 34 smaller Zediyan pagodas. From up here one can enjoy panoramic views over the city and harbor. It is also thought to be the site where Rudyard Kipling wrote his famous poem, Mandalay.

Next you will visit the ancient Queen Sein Don Monastery (locally known as Yada Bonmyint Monastery). This Monastery is more as 100 years old and is famous for its intricate woodcarving and Burmese crafts inside. It was founded by Queen Sein Tone who had to flee Mandalay at the time that Myanmar's last monarch, King Thibaw Min, took power. She became home sick and asked the local carpenters to build a monastery in the replica style of her former palace.

On our last stop, we'll visit some of the building remaining from Mawlamyine's Colonial period. Included will be a stop at Holy Family Cathedral. Built during the colonial era, this church has a beautiful interior rarely seen by tourists. We'll also stop at nearby Judson's Church, built in 1827 by Dr. Judson who translated the Bible into Burmese.

Overnight in Mawlamyine, breakfast and lunch included.

DAY 3

MAWLAMYINE - HPA AN

Our guide will meet you at our hotel after breakfast for the drive north to Hpa An.

The first stop on our tour will be Kawgun cave. Every conceivable inch of this cave is covered in Buddah images, many dating back to the 7th century. There is also an option to climb to the top of a large rock formation for great views. Lunch at a local restaurant.

After lunch, you'll head toward Lumbini Gardens, where you'll see thousands (1150 to be exact) of identical Buddha statues before going to Kyauk Ka Lat. This natural rock sculpture, surrounded by a manmade lake, offers spectacular views of Mt Zwegabin and the surrounding area.

Then, visit Shwe Yin Myaw Pagoda. This pagoda is the perfect spot to watch the sun set across the Thanlwin River.

Overnight in Hpa An, breakfast and lunch included.

DAY 4

HPA-AN

This morning you'll head to the morning market. Today's next stop will be Sadan Cave. This cave will bring out your inner Indiana Jones. Sadan starts off as a typical Myanmar cave, full of Buddah images and even a reclining Buddah. As we make our way to the back of the cave, a natural tunnel comes into view. Follow the row of lights through the tunnel for about 15 minutes to get to the other side. As we reach the end, a magnificent view of a hidden lake and meadow come into sight.

As an optional activity, we can stop and have tea or coffee at the tea shop at the edge of the lake. From here, you'll hire one of the local boat men to take us on a tour around the lake (client's sit on the bamboo floor of the boat as there are no seats) and through another cave accessible only by boat. (the boat is valid from Oct to Apr). Lunch at a local restaurant.

After lunch there is time to head back to the hotel and relax after a busy few days of sightseeing, or stay with the guide and driver to explore more of Hpa An's natural and cultural secrets.

The last stop will be a sunset visit to Bat Cave. Living up to its name, Bat Cave is home to tens of thousands of bats and located along the bank of the Thanlwin River. As the sun dips in the background, the bats come out in droves and is quite a sight.

Overnight in Hpa An, breakfast and lunch included.

DAY 5

BAGO (PEGU) – YANGON

Drive to Bago after breakfast. Upon arrival, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

The afternoon visit in Bago begins at a local market for a short walk amongst the colourful stalls selling flowers, produce, and spices. Then visit Shwethalyaung Temple, which houses a beautiful 55-meter long reclining Buddha, and the Mon-style Shwemawdaw Pagoda. Shwemawdaw is one of the most venerated pagodas in Myanmar. At 114 meters tall, it's even taller than Shwedagon Pagoda. Afterwards, visit a local Mon village nearby for a short walk through this quiet, typical rural village that was once famous for its silk weaving.

Continue the journey to Yangon.

Overnight in Yangon, breakfast and lunch included.

DAY 6

RANGOON

This morning transfer to the airport or, transfer to the Pandaw ship for your cruise.

Breakfast included.



DISCOVER

Undiscovered Burma's South - Strand Moulmein

Burma's South is one of the most interesting and picturesque areas of the country. Since the government's permissions to visit are no longer required only since 2013, Karen & Mon states are still not touched by mass tourism. This programme will introduce you to all the major attractions of the area including, but not limited to the Golden Rock, Hpa-an caves and colonial Moulmein.

Rates include:

Accommodation in a shared twin or shared double room with daily breakfast, meals as mentioned in itinerary, English-speaking throughout guide (no guide for cruising extension to Kawthaung), porter fees at Yangon airport, all transfers and excursions with private air-conditioned vehicles, entrance fees for the visits as mentioned in the program, water and refreshing towels.

Rates exclude:

International ticket to/from Yangon, domestic flights (Please refer to the supplement table below), meals other than mentioned, Visa arrangements for Myanmar, visits not mentioned in the program, drinks and personal expenses, tips and porters at the hotels, credit card fees (4%) or bank transfer fees for non-cash payments, any other items not mentioned.

Note

- Surcharges or compulsory meals may apply for holiday periods like Christmas, New Year, Water Festival, etc.
- All itineraries are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control including, weather, road or trail conditions, tour attractions, tours and flight schedules.

POST-TOUR EXTENSION

DAY 1

HEHO - INLE LAKE

Fly from Rangoon, Mandalay or Pagan to Heho - the gateway to Inle Lake. Drive to Nyaung Shwe to board a local motorboat and enjoy the sights & sounds of the lake such as leg-rowing fishermen and plenty of artisan workshops (blacksmiths, goldsmiths silversmiths, cigarette makers etc.). Overnight at Sanctum Inle Resort.

DAY 2

INLE LAKE - INDEIN

Enjoy half a day trip to Indein - a hidden village located in the middle of the Burmese jungle and easiest accessible by boat through narrow channels. Indein is famous for its collection of hundreds years old stupas. Return to the hotel after lunch and relax.

DAY 3

INLE LAKE - HEHO

After breakfast or lunch transfer back to Heho airport for your onward flight.



DISCOVER

2 Nights Mystical Inle Lake Post Tour

Inle is one of the biggest lakes in Burma. It's famous for its stunning location between the hills of Shan State, easy access by air (domestic flights only), relatively easy access by road and an out-standing amount of attractions, which could fill a medium-long holiday. From leg-rowing fishermen through artisans (blacksmiths, goldsmiths, silversmiths etc.) to mysterious pagodas submerged in the water in Sagar/Sankar on the quiet and wild southern part of the lake. No trip to Myanmar would be complete without visiting Inle Lake.

This programme connects well with our Southern Shan State Adventure programme (additional 2 nights) and Ngapali Beach extension as there are direct flights between Heho and Thandwe in high season.

Rates include:

All sightseeing as per itinerary, two nights at Sanctum Inle Resort (Deluxe Room or Hermitage Deluxe) with breakfast or similar, private vehicle with air condition, all sightseeing with English guide by car and boat as per itinerary, entrance fees as per programme, daily complimentary drinking water, return domestic flight to/from Heho.

Rates exclude:

International flights to/from Burma, porter fees for all transfers (airports & jetties), personal travel insurance, visa to Burma, meals (lunch/dinner), any expense of a personal nature including but not limited to drinks, laundry, camera fees, phone calls, gratuities, souvenirs, etc. Others not mentioned in the itinerary.

Public Facilities

The Sanctuary Spa, Workshop Boutique, The Refectory Restaurant, The Cloister Bar.

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SANCTUM INLE RESORT

Maing Thauk Village

Inle Lake

Nyaung Shwe Township

Shan State

Burma

Tel: +95 (0) 1 860 4945 or +95 (0) 1 860 4946

[Visit Hotel Website](#)

POST-TOUR EXTENSION

DAY 1

HEHO - PINDAYA - KALAW

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DAY 2

KALAW - GREEN HILL VALLEY ELEPHANT CAMP - KALAW

After breakfast drive to Green Hill Valley Elephant Camp with Re-Plantation to learn more about how one family created a natural retirement place for the elephants who spend all their life working in teak forests of Burma. The re-plantation part of the projects aims to plant trees in the areas previously destroyed by teakwood logging. After lunch come back to Kalaw and spend the rest of the day at leisure and self exploration of this nice little town. Overnight at Kalaw Hill Lodge.

DAY 3

KALAW - NYAUNG SHWE - INLE LAKE

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DAY 5

INLE LAKE - HEHO

After breakfast or lunch transfer back to Heho airport for your domestic flight to Yangon, Mandalay or Bagan (included), followed by transfer to hotel or ship.



DISCOVER

Mystical Inle Lake & Southern Shan State Adventure (4 nights) - Kalaw Hill Lodge

Shan State is one of the most famous regions in Burma. On this trip you will visit mesmerising Inle Lake, old British colonial hill station (Kalaw), rural Pindaya with its famous caves filled with close to 10,000 Buddha statues and Green Hill Valley Elephant Camp with Re-Plantation - one of a very few responsible and sustainable tourism projects in Burma. This programme connects well with our Ngapali Beach extension as there are direct flights from Heho to Thandwe in high season.

Rates include:

Domestic flights to/from Heho, all sightseeing as per itinerary, two nights at Kalaw Hill Lodge with breakfast or similar, two nights at Sanctum Inle Resort with breakfast or similar, private vehicle with air condition, all sightseeing with English guide by car and boat as per itinerary, entrance fees as per programme, daily complimentary drinking water.

Rates exclude:

International flights to/from Burma, porter fees for all transfers (airports & jetties), personal travel insurance, visa to Burma, meals (lunch/dinner), any expense of a personal nature including but not limited to drinks, laundry, camera fees, phone calls, gratuities, souvenirs, etc. Others not mentioned in the itinerary.

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DAY 3

KALAW - HEHO

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DISCOVER

2 Nights Southern Shan State Adventure - Kalaw Hill Lodge

Shan State is one of the most famous regions in Burma. While it's southern part is most famous for amazing Inle Lake, relatively easy access by road and an outstanding amount of attractions could fill a medium-long holiday. Southern Shan State Adventure will take you to Kalaw, Pindaya and Green Hill Valley Elephant Camp with Re-Plantation. This trip goes very well with our Mystical Inle Lake programme (additional 2 nights) and Ngapali Beach extension as there are direct flights between Heho and Thandwe in high season.

Rates include:

Accommodation including breakfast at the hotel as specified, Green Hill Valley Elephant Camp (Program A) including a lunch, domestic flight tickets to/from Heho including airport tax, sightseeing tour and transfer service with private air conditioned car, english speaking stationed guides service, entrance fees for Pindaya sightseeing, service charges and room tax.

Rates exclude:

Meals not mentioned above, compulsory Gala dinners (X'mas Eve Dinner on 24th Dec & New Year's Eve Dinner on 31st Dec) *To be added separately when the booking is confirmed*, services not mentioned in our itinerary, visa fees, international flight tickets to/from Myanmar, expenditure of personal nature such as drinks, tips, souvenirs, laundry, etc, travel insurance (cover against all cancellation costs, medical expenses, including repatriation, in the event of accident or illness)

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KALAW HILL LODGE

11 Quarter

Nanthe' Village

Kalaw.

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[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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