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CLASSIC MEKONG - UPSTREAM (TONLE PANDAW)

There can be no tapestry of river life as fascinating and varied as the River Mekong. Indeed there can be no more striking a cultural contrast as that between the bustling Vietnam delta and the tranquility of Cambodia. We pass from the vibrant French colonial port of Saigon, through the vast delta so rich in human life and endeavour, to travel along the main channel into the rich countryside of Cambodia. With a full day in charming Phnom Penh we then explore remoter waterways as we progress to the great monuments of Angkor.



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.

DAY 2 BEN TRE

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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 horse cart 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.

DAY 6 SILK ISLAND

Sail up the Tonle River to board our expedition vessel, the Pandaw Explorer, 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 return down the Tonle River to turn up the Mekong at the confluence. Evening lecture on Angkor and Khmer culture.

DAY 7 KRATIE AND THE DOLPHIN GROUNDS

Morning visit to Koh Trong Island a small Mekong River hamlet which can be explored by bicycle or ox cart with a real immersion into Khmer rural life visiting local schools and English classes then visiting a reforestation site where you can leave your mark by planting your own tree. Passengers should feel free to donate items for use in the schools such as books & pens etc. After lunch, moor off Kratie and continue to the dolphin grounds by local boat where we will observe the elusive Irrawaddy Dolphins.

DAY 8 SIEM REAP

Sail downstream to moor at Kampong Cham for disembarkation and road transfer to Siem Reap.

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YOUR SHIP: BASSAC PANDAW

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VESSEL TYPE:	River Boat
LENGTH:	167ft / 50.9m
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	60
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	2012

The third of these rather grand Vietnamese sisters, along with the Orient and Indochina. She is a good looker, and turns many a head as she ploughs in state across the Delta or into the bustling hub of the Phnom Penh port. **ACCOMMODATION** · 20 upper deck staterooms and 10 main deck staterooms · 170 square feet, finished in teak and brass · Panoramic French window, leading to personal deck space · Kimonos and slippers · Spa-branded amenities · Unlimited mineral water · Electric mini safe · Imported quality linens with duvet and two kind of pillows · Premium mattresses · Convertible bed configuration · Welcome flower arrangement and welcome gift · Make-up mirror · Multi-configuration plugs · Generous closet space and under-bed storage · Hair dryer · Nightly turndown service · 24h laundry service · Complimentary evening canapes **WINING & DINING** · Local master chef heading an experienced international culinary team · Semi-buffet breakfast, Semi-buffet lunch, and seated theme dinners · Daily lean & light menu options · Complimentary local mineral water, juggled coffee, teas & tisanes · Extensive wine list with premium wines · Series of cultural performances, educational talks, cooking classes, and ship tour · Welcome drink on arrival · Welcome cocktail · Farewell

reception · Theme dinners · Spacious, air-conditioned saloon bar with nightly entertainment · Sundeck bar with complimentary ice cream from sunrise to sunset · 24hrs hospitality bar · Onboard bakery with daily freshly baked breads and rolls **ON EXCURSIONS** · Admissions · Shoe cleaning after excursions · Bottled drinking water · We give away aluminium water bottles · Cold towel service after excursions · Refreshing drink following excursions · Full-size motor coach on all excursions · Deluxe sampans with cold towel service, fresh fruit, and tea/coffee · Comfortable "Pandaw Explorer" excursion boat · 1st aid trained assistant guide to follow all tours and excursions **SAFETY & SECURITY** · All onboard crew is trained and certified as per international marine standards (VIRES) · Fire alarm system in all cabins, public areas and back areas · Fire fighting system in all ship areas · Expert marine superintendant · 24 hrs watch on duty · Certified hygiene standards for all areas (Johnson & Diversey) **ONBOARD STAFF** · Captain · River Pilot · First Officer · Chief Engineer · 1st Engineer · Electrician · Bosun & nautical crew · Ship manager · Housekeeping · Dining · Bar keeper · Chefs · Spa therapist · Local tour guides **PUBLIC SPACES** · Guest relation desk · Fair-trade shop · Lecture and meeting room with oversized flat screen TV, LSD projector and sound system · Art gallery featuring local art and artists · Library with contemporary and classic literature · Wireless internet in all

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