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CLASSIC VIETNAM & CAMBODIA TOUR

Explore all the wonders of Southern Vietnam and the temples of Angkor in Cambodia in this new extended river & land tour from Pandaw. Combining our timeless 7-night river expedition between Saigon and Siem Reap with specially selected pre and post-cruise tours to enhance your journey, it has never been easier to book your Vietnam and Cambodia adventure with Pandaw.



ITINERARY

DAY 1 ARRIVAL IN SAIGON

Our guide will be waiting for you at the airport to transfer you to your hotel. Free time in the evening, we suggest heading to Nguyen Hue walking street to see the various artists, performers and local residents relaxing in true Vietnamese style. Overnight Saigon Meals: none

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DAY 2 SAIGON CITY TOUR - CUCHI TUNNELS

In the morning, drive to the extraordinary Cu Chi tunnels, about 65 Km (1.5 hours drive) from Saigon. The complicated system of underground network was built by the Viet Cong guerillas. We return to the city for lunch at a local restaurant before taking in the sights of Saigon. Visit the Reunification Hall, Notre Dame Cathedral, General Post Office, Former US Embassy, City Hall and War Museum of Remnants. End the day with some shopping at Ben Thanh market, one of the earliest surviving structures in Saigon and symbol of the city turned tourist shopping hotspot. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 3 SAIGON - MY THO - BEN TRE

After breakfast, check out and transfer to the ship at My Tho. Meals: Breakfast Transfer from Saigon to the river port for embarkation. After lunch, we journey by sampans through mangroves and bamboo forests to the fruit orchards of Ben Tre. This is an area rich in birdlife which we will explore via local transport before transferring to a local rowboat. We will journey slowly through the bamboo covered canals before arriving at a village specialising in making local products. In the evening you will be entertained by a Vietnamese dance troupe on deck.

DAY 4 CON PHUOC

Sailing through the delta offers a real insight into life along this vast waterway. After lunch, we pass through a small canal and head ashore to Con Phuoc Island where we visit local

craftspeople weaving bamboo baskets the traditional way. After a demonstration, we try our hand at making our own. We then take a local tuk tuk for a drive through this peaceful village, stopping at a 100 year old church and meeting more of the friendly local community.

DAY 5 CHAU DOC - VIETNAM/CAMBODIA BORDER

We go alongside at the picturesque border town of Chau Doc where we visit the floating fish farms by sampan. We make a stop at a Chham Village and observe the lives of Vietnamese Muslims before taking minivans for a short drive to Sam Mountain, location of Phuoc Dien Tu or the Hang Pagoda. We climb the 400 steps to the top to visit the pagoda. Upon return to ship, we navigate a web of canals before dropping anchor on the Vietnam/Cambodia border to undergo Immigration formalities. During high water periods, we will instead visit Long Thuan village.

DAY 6 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. In the afternoon we visit the Killing Fields and Genocide museum to learn more about the brutal Khmer Rouge regime. Overnight in Phnom Penh city port with its lively bars, restaurants and night life.

DAY 7 KAMPONG TRALACH



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We leave the dock at Phnom Penh early morning and sail up the winding channels of the Tonle Sap river to Kampong Tralach. We travel by ox-cart around the river-side villages, markets and temples to get a sense of life along the river. In the evening cocktails are round a village fire pit where we will be joined by village folk keen to show us their traditional dancing show us more of the delightful Khmer culture.

DAY 8 OUDONG - SILK ISLAND

In the morning, travel by coach to the ancient capital of Cambodia, Oudong. On the way we stop to visit the Vipassana Dhura Meditation Centre before taking a drive around the old capital. We re-join our ship at Prek Kdam before returning to the Mekong. After lunch we sail to Koh Nghe Tei (Silk Island) to study the entire silk-making process from worms to weavers. We visit silk makers and can buy from them their lovely silk scarves and other fabrics. This village is a centre of the ancient martial art of L'bokator which roughly translates as 'pounding a lion'. It includes weapons techniques and is one of the oldest combat techniques in Cambodia and believed to date back to the Angkor empire.

DAY 9 ANGKOR BAN VILLAGE & WAT HANCHEY

Sunrise cruise to Angkor Ban village to see how local villagers live and visit the library which was donated by Pandaw to Angkor Ban secondary school. NOTE: if you want to donate books, please bring along some Children's books in English language (suitable for age 8 to 15 yrs) which you can personally gift to

the library. In the afternoon we sail north 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.

DAY 10 ARRIVAL SIEM REAP - ANGKOR WAT

Disembark and travel by coach from Kampong Cham through stunningly lovely countryside to reach Siem Reap, adjacent to Angkor Wat. Your guide will meet you upon arrival to Siem Reap then arrange lunch before check in. In the afternoon we visit the most famous temple of Cambodia, Angkor Wat. It is visually, architecturally and artistically breathtaking with a massive three tiered pyramid crowned by five beehive-like towers rising 65 meters from ground level. This temple is the centerpiece of any visit to the temples of Angkor. Take in the romantic view at sunset from Bakheng Hill. Overnight at hotel Meals: Dinner

DAY 11 TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

Following breakfast in your hotel, set out for a day of exploration amongst the various temples and ruins of the Angkor Empire. The morning we will cover the large complex surrounding the imposing Bayon Temple. After lunch at a local restaurant, we discover more secluded temples including the awe inspiring and overgrown Ta Prohm, made famous by the Tomb Raider movie. In the evening we experience a true highlight of Cambodia and meet talented young performers in a breathtaking and original Cambodian show at Phare Ponleu Selpak's Circus. Not just for entertainment, Phare is also a social enterprise supporting the

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youth of Cambodia gain skills and employment. Overnight at
hotel Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 12 DEPARTURE

After breakfast check out of your hotel and head to the airport
for your onward flight. Meals: Breakfast

Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



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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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