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HALONG BAY AND THE RED RIVER CRUISE

On a Pandaw ship travellers are 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 downtown 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. Sailing deep into Highland Vietnam we will discover the mountain villages and a number of tribal areas. We will go as far as is navigable up the Song Red River and then down the little known Da or Black River. Note that this is a real river expedition and itineraries and schedules very much subject to change due to uncertain local conditions.



ITINERARY

DAY 1 HALONG BAY

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

DAY 2 HALONG BAY

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

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.

DAY 3 HALONG BAY

Our exploration of Halong Bay continues and 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.

In the afternoon, we leave Halong Bay and are enter the river where we drop anchor near Hai Phong.

DAY 4 THE KINH THAY RIVER

Observe the lively and interesting life of the Kinh Thay river, a

key commercial waterway. In the afternoon we visit Thanh Ha Commune, considered the origin of water puppetry in Vietnam. After a stroll or bicycle through the quaint village, we enjoy a private water puppet show set under shade by a beautiful pond of lotus and lilies, as it has been enjoyed for centuries.

We continue cruising until late evening and drop anchor midstream.

DAY 5 DAY RIVER

We sail along the Lower Red River and Day River this morning whilst getting more acquainted with your expedition vessel as you enjoy a ship tour. After lunch onboard we head ashore to Co Chat village, Nam Dinh. Here we visit local craftspeople making silk by hand and the local markets filled with exotic produce.

DAY 6 KHANH THIEN VILLAGE

We continue our exploration of the Red River Delta today, sailing toward Ninh Binh before mooring at Khanh Thien Village. We disembark in the morning for a journey to Phat Diem, home to Phat Diem Cathedral, a 19th-century Roman Catholic church built in an eclectic blend of Vietnamese and European architectural styles. After lunch we explore Khanh Thien Village by local transportation or bicycle and discover a host of handicrafts including water hyacinth weaving and a variety of rice paper and cakes. We end the evening with a performance by the locals of 'Chau Van' singing, an ancient art form local to this area.

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DAY 7 NINH BINH

Discover 'Halong on Land' today as we visit Ninh Binh and take small bamboo rowing boats through the magnificent limestone caves. Visitors in September and October or April and May will witness the valleys shine golden as the rice fields prepare for harvest. We then return to our ship and sail upstream on the Red River towards Hanoi.

DAY 8 HANOI

Dropping anchor in the bustling city of Hanoi, passengers will visit some highlights of this Asian metropolis including must-sees like the notorious Vietnam war prison known as the Hanoi Hilton and the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first University that is dedicated to the Chinese Philosopher Confucius. We also stop outside The Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum along the way to discuss the work required to preserve the body of 'Uncle Ho.' In the afternoon we take a walking tour of Hanoi old quarter, a bustling maze of food and shopping that is an assault on the senses. We visit a coffee shop to learn about Vietnam's famous coffee making industry and try an authentic egg coffee.

DAY 9 BAT TRANG CERAMIC VILLAGE

This morning we visit Bat Trang ceramic village, a hub of ceramic production for generations. The ceramics made here are famous throughout Vietnam and adorn many homes both north and south. Before returning to the ship, a local dance troupe will

treat us to a lion dance on the pier. This colourful and energetic dance is customary during festivals throughout Vietnam, most notably during Tet. We then set sail into the lesser visited upper Red River beyond Hanoi. We make a stop at a small village dedicated to the handmade production of Vietnam's most famous headwear, the Non La conical hat before continuing to Thai Pagoda. Hardly known, yet with exquisite temples dating from the 11th century, we visit this beautiful temple beside a lake and explore the village that surrounds the pagoda.

DAY 10 THE UPPER RED RIVER

In the morning we go ashore to visit the UNESCO praised village of Duang Lam. This ancient village is a well preserved example of a traditional Vietnamese village from centuries ago with intricate architecture and fascinating culture. In the afternoon we visit the smith village of Ly Nhan to witness first-hand the traditional production methods still being used to this day. We then sail upstream for your farewell dinner onboard.

DAY 11 VIET TRI

Disembark after breakfast and enjoy a morning excursion en route to Hanoi. We start with a visit to Hung Lo temple where we will be serenaded with traditional folk music as well as enjoy an exploration this quaint traditional town. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant followed by a transfer to Hanoi Noi Bai International Airport or Hanoi City.

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YOUR SHIP: HANOI PANDAW

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VESSEL TYPE:	Luxury River Cruising
LENGTH:	138.61ft / 42.25m
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	32
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	2025

Sister to the RV Angkor, the RV Hanoi will operate on the same route her sister has been for over a decade in Northern Vietnam from November 2026. The ship has quality mountain bikes for your independent exploration. ACCOMMODATION 10 main deck staterooms and 6 upper deck staterooms - Air-conditioned panorama dining room - Spacious, open-air lounge - Observation deck - Lounge bar - 24hrs hospitality bar - Fair-trade Shop - Guest relation desk - Library with contemporary and classic literature - Hair Dryers in all cabins 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, jugged 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 - Lounge bar - 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 - 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 - Local tour guides PUBLIC SPACES Guest relation desk - Shop, supporting fair trade - Library with contemporary and classic literature - Wireless internet in all

public areas

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INSIDE YOUR SHIP

Main Deck Twin Sharing Upper Deck Twin Sharing



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PRICING

13-Nov-2026 to 23-Nov-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4432 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£5319 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5540 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£6648 GBP pp

24-Nov-2026 to 04-Dec-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4432 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£5319 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5540 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£6648 GBP pp

18-Jan-2027 to 28-Jan-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4029 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£4835 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5037 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£6044 GBP pp

29-Jan-2027 to 08-Feb-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4073 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£4887 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5091 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£6109 GBP pp

09-Feb-2027 to 19-Feb-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4480 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£5376 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5600 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£6720 GBP pp

20-Feb-2027 to 02-Mar-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£5319 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£6382 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£6648 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£7978 GBP pp

03-Mar-2027 to 13-Mar-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4029 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£4835 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5037 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£6044 GBP pp

14-Mar-2027 to 24-Mar-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4029 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£4835 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5037 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£6044 GBP pp

25-Mar-2027 to 04-Apr-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4029 GBP pp
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Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£6044 GBP pp

16-Apr-2027 to 26-Apr-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4029 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£4835 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5037 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£6044 GBP pp

27-Apr-2027 to 07-May-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4029 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£4835 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5037 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£6044 GBP pp

08-May-2027 to 18-May-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4029 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£4835 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5037 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£6044 GBP pp

19-May-2027 to 29-May-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4029 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£4835 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5037 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£6044 GBP pp

30-May-2027 to 09-Jun-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4029 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£4835 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5037 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£6044 GBP pp

ADDITIONAL CHARGES:

Port Charges. From 90 USD pp