

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. ### · Red River to Ha Long Bay Trip Review



ITINERARY

Day 1 - Hanoi - Halong Bay

Transfer from Hanoi to Tuan Chau, Halong Bay (approximately 130km and 2.5-hour journey) by bus with a guide. Upon arrival, embark your Pandaw ship and enjoy lunch on board. Cast off in the afternoon with a welcome cocktail for an evening sail, dropping anchor in Coconut Beach a sheltered bay amidst the beautiful island scenery.

Day 2 - Halong Bay



Morning sail around Halong Bay and beyond with its 1,500 dramatic limestone islands and extraordinary rock formations, dating back 1 approximately 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. 2 Enjoy a breathtaking ride 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 3 permitting, we will end the day with cocktails at 3-Peach Island's beautiful beach in Halong Bay.

Day 3 - Halong Bay - Hai Phong

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 1 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 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 - Hai Duong & Stork Island

In the morning, participate in a guided ship tour exploring the kitchen, laundry, engine room, and wheelhouse while sailing. The vessel docks at Hong Chau Village in the afternoon, where a bus transfer takes you to visit Stork Island in Hai Duong. The evening features a cocktail hour, a daily briefing, and a showing of the movie "Good Morning, Vietnam" in the dining room.

Day 6 - Tam Coc & Ninh Binh

Depart on a morning bus excursion (1 hour and 45 minutes each way) to Tam Coc, where you will board a local rowing boat to explore limestone caves. Lunch is served at the Emeralda Resort. The afternoon offers optional activities including body massages, foot massages, swimming, or free time for shopping and leisure.

Day 7 - Ha Nam & Drum Village

Begin the morning with an excursion ashore to visit Khang's house and discover local heritage in Ha Nam. In the afternoon, join an onboard cooking class as the ship sails upstream towards Hanoi. Enjoy an evening talk on the upper deck with your guide followed by dinner.

Day 8 - Hanoi

Dropping anchor in the bustling city of Hanoi, passengers will embark on a captivating journey through Hanoi, venturing beyond the typical tourist trail. Explore the historic Temple of Literature, a testament to Vietnam's Confucian roots, and gain a poignant understanding of the city's past at the Hoa Lo Prison. Immerse yourself in the vibrant Old Quarter, a sensory feast of sights, sounds, and aromas. Witness the unique spectacle of Train Street, sipping Vietnamese coffee as a train passes just inches away. Explore the local markets of Hang Da and Hang Gai Street and meet for transfer back to the RV Angkor at Thang Long Theatre.



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 Thay 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 and enjoy an exploration of 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: ANGKOR PANDAW

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VESSEL TYPE:	**Luxury River Cruising**
LENGTH:	**42.2 m**
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	**32 passengers**
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	**2012**

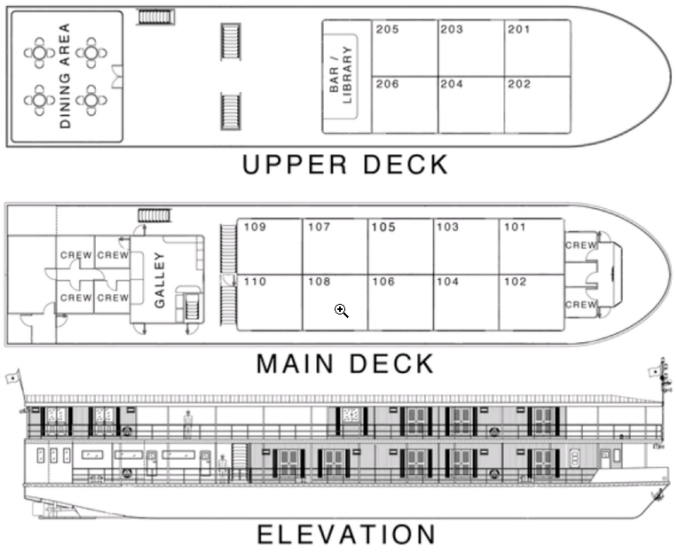
Angkor Pandaw is a handsome two-deck riverboat, a luxurious yet unostentatious replica of a colonial-era vessel dating from 1865. The upper deck with its walk-around promenade has six cabins of 170 square feet. All have twin beds, air-conditioning and French windows. Bathrooms have good showers, with bathrobes, hair dryers, and slippers provided. Cabins also have desks and safes. There is an onboard laundry and crew clean shoes after excursions. The main deck is similar with 10 cabins. Passengers spend their leisure time on the covered upper deck, from where they can take in the sights of Asia going by from teak loungers. The upper deck also has a library, shop and a small covered deck. There is an open-bridge policy. Meals are served in the air-conditioned upper deck restaurant affording panoramic views. Breakfast is buffet style but preceded by coffee, tea and light bites on the sun deck for early risers. Lunch is served either buffet style or standard sit-down, while dinners are four-course affairs. Produce is fresh, regional and seasonal. Coffee, tea, soft drinks, ice cream (available all day), beer and domestic spirits are complimentary and served at the bar on the upper deck. There is wifi,,which is often slow due to the remote areas traveled. However, guides can help find internet shops in some of the riverside towns. Tipping is optional. Angkor Pandaw has two guides who give briefings at cocktail hour every night on the upper deck, and accompany all excursions, which are daily and free. Some local entertainment is offered, such as folkloric dancing and puppet shows. DVDs and mini-players can be borrowed from the library. Overnights often involve stopping in the middle of nowhere and securing the ship with lines attached to stakes hammered into the riverbank, Sometimes part of the gangway is little more than a plank, making this trip difficult for those with disabilities. But plenty of willing crew hands are always there to assist, Most passengers see Pandaw as a world away from conventional cruising and take such measures



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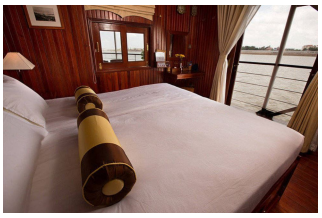
INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Main Deck Twin Sharing



Upper Deck Twin Sharing





PRICING

23-Nov-2026 to 03-Dec-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£6226 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£7782 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£9339 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£11674 GBP pp

26-Dec-2026 to 05-Jan-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4288 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5360 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£6432 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£8040 GBP pp

06-Jan-2027 to 16-Jan-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4717 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5896 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£7075 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£8844 GBP pp

17-Jan-2027 to 27-Jan-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4489 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£5387 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5612 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£6734 GBP pp

17-Jan-2027 to 27-Jan-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4900 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£5881 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£6126 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£7351 GBP pp

28-Jan-2027 to 07-Feb-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4900 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£5881 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£6126 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£7351 GBP pp

08-Feb-2027 to 18-Feb-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£5391 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£6469 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£6738 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£8086 GBP pp

08-Feb-2027 to 18-Feb-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4938 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£5926 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£6173 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£7408 GBP pp

19-Feb-2027 to 01-Mar-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£5391 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£6469 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£6738 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£8086 GBP pp



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02-Mar-2027 to 12-Mar-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£5660 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£7075 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£8490 GBP pp
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13-Mar-2027 to 23-Mar-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4900 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£5881 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£6126 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£7351 GBP pp

24-Mar-2027 to 03-Apr-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4900 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£5881 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£6126 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£7351 GBP pp

24-Mar-2027 to 03-Apr-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£3980 GBP pp
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Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£4975 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£5970 GBP pp

04-Apr-2027 to 14-Apr-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4717 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5896 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£7075 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£8844 GBP pp

15-Apr-2027 to 25-Apr-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4288 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5360 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£6432 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£8040 GBP pp

15-Apr-2027 to 25-Apr-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£3934 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£4721 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£4918 GBP pp
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26-Apr-2027 to 06-May-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4288 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5360 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£6432 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£8040 GBP pp

07-May-2027 to 17-May-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4288 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5360 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£6432 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£8040 GBP pp



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18-May-2027 to 28-May-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4288 GBP pp
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29-May-2027 to 08-Jun-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£3859 GBP pp
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Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£7236 GBP pp

04-Sep-2027 to 14-Sep-2027

Main Deck Twin Single Use	£4717 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4717 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5896 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£5896 GBP pp

15-Sep-2027 to 25-Sep-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4717 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5896 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£7075 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£8843 GBP pp

26-Sep-2027 to 06-Oct-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4245 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5306 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£6368 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£7959 GBP pp

07-Oct-2027 to 17-Oct-2027

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Main Deck Twin Single Use	£7075 GBP pp
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18-Oct-2027 to 28-Oct-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4717 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5896 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£7075 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£8843 GBP pp

29-Oct-2027 to 08-Nov-2027

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Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£6567 GBP pp
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09-Nov-2027 to 19-Nov-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£5254 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£6305 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£6567 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£7881 GBP pp



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20-Nov-2027 to 30-Nov-2027

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Main Deck Twin Single Use	£5193 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5409 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£6492 GBP pp

23-Dec-2027 to 02-Jan-2028

Main Deck Twin Sharing	£4717 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	£5896 GBP pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	£7075 GBP pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	£8843 GBP pp

03-Jan-2028 to 13-Jan-2028

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14-Jan-2028 to 24-Jan-2028

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27-Feb-2028 to 08-Mar-2028

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