



Classic Mekong – Pandaw River Cruising

Saigon to Siem Reap 8 Days/7 nights - Upstream

Cruising on the Mekong with Pandaw offers a real adventure experience with incredible comfort and fine dining. Built and designed as replicas of colonial river steamers, this is a unique way of cruising.

DAY 1: Saigon / My Tho / Cai Be (D)

Today please make your way to the meeting point at the Intercontinental Asiana Saigon. Morning transfer by coach 70 Kms south to My Tho to embark on the RV Mekong Pandaw. Start cruising into the Mekong Delta through to Cai Bai.

DAY 2: Cai Be / Sa Dec (B, L, D)

This morning you will visit Cai Be and its colourful floating market and visit a candy and rice paper factory.

In the afternoon, take a sampan boat excursion to Sa Dec via Vinh Long, along canals and backwaters and see the local market – a typical hive of Vietnamese bustle and enterprise. Near the market you will find the house of Mr Huyn Thuy Le, remembered as the lover of French author Marguerite Duras in her classic book L'Mant.



DAY 3: Chau Doc / Border Crossing (B, L, D)

Visit a Moslem Cham tribal village and a cat fish farm which is contained in great bamboo vats suspended beneath the floors of the Cham houseboats with your guide or do your own thing and take off the mountain bikes. The local market is great and the town easy to walk around or you could choose to take a cyclo ride. The main jetty is in the town centre next to the Victoria Hotel, a pleasant place for a drink in its river view bar.

Return to the ship for lunch and cast off for the Cambodian border for the usual formalities.



DAY 4: Phnom Penh (B, L, D)

Sail into Phnom Penh past the Royal Palace and bustling cornice - a highlight for many. Moor right in the city centre where you will be provided with your own private cyclo. "The Cyclo Centre" providing the cyclos is a charity that provides training, language instruction, welfare and medical services to cyclo drivers. You will visit the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and National Museum.

In the afternoon, choose between one optional excursion (by coach) to the Killing Fields and the Khmer Rouge's grim Tuol Sleng or S21 detention centre or explore the city on your own.

The afternoon tour is included in the cost of the cruise but must be requested at the time of booking.

DAY 5: Tonle River (B, L, D)

Take an excursion up the Tonle River to Kampong Trolach and Chong Koh either by ship or by coach depending on water levels. This section is the prettiest part of your river journey as the river narrows and you pass through villages, woodland and hills.

DAY 6: Kratie (B, L, D)

A morning walk at Angkor Ban and after an all-day sail through delightful Cambodian countryside to the charming French colonial town of Kratie in the evening. No other river ships get this high but thanks to the shallow draft your vessel Pandaw can attempt it.

DAY 7: The Dolphin Grounds (B, L, D)

From Kratie you will travel upstream using a local bus to view the dolphin grounds in a national park protected area.

In the afternoon on your return downstream you will stop at the Monkey Temple before mooring overnight near Kampong Cham.

DAY 8: Kampong Cham / Siem Reap (B)

Transfer by coach early morning to the Victoria Angkor Resort & Spa in Siem Reap. Refreshments will be provided with a stop at Kampong Thom along the way. Arrive in Siem Reap around midafternoon where travel arrangements end. Transfer by coach from Kampong Cham to Siem Reap takes approx. 5 hours.



Important Note: Pandaw rates are dynamic therefore prices will vary throughout the cruising season. Please use the below as an indicative price only. At the time of quoting, please contact Active Asia for current prices and departure dates/availability

Upstream Sailing Dates: January 14, 15, 28, 29, February 11, 12, 25, 26, March 11, 25, April 8, July 15, 16, August 12, 26, September 9, October 7, 21, November 4, 18, December 2, 16, 30

Price per person from: **Twin/Double**
Lower Deck Cabin \$4231

Cruise Price Includes: 7 nights' accommodation, all excursions including entrance fees, guide services (English speaking), gratuities to crew, main meals, locally made soft and alcoholic beverages, jugged coffee and selection of teas and tisanes and mineral water. Transfers between the meeting point and the ship at the start and end of a voyage (In Saigon: Intercontinental Asiana Saigon / In Siem Reap: Victoria Angkor Resort & Spa).

Cruise Price Excludes: International flights, port taxes, airport transfers, laundry, all visa costs, fuel surcharges (see terms and conditions), imported beverages such as wines, premium spirits and liqueurs, fancy soft drinks like Perrier, espressos and cappuccinos at bar.



Note: 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.

Itineraries are an indication only and subject to sudden change. In such events alternative itineraries will be provided and the cruise line will do their best to ensure that if a stop is missed it is made up for with another stop. Passengers are forewarned and are expected to be flexible and patient. River cruising in Asia can be a dramatic and adventurous experience with the cruise operating in areas with little or no developed infrastructure and subject to the structures of local officialdom. Be prepared for this and it is all more the fun!

T&Cs: Valid for new bookings only. Valid for travel as stated above and valid for sales until sold out. Prices are per person share twin in NZ Dollars. Price is correct as at 4 November 2016 but may vary due to currency fluctuations, Pandaw's dynamic rates policy and are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances until paid in full. Price is based on sailings as listed, other cruise dates prices may vary. A non-refundable deposit of NZD250 per person is required at the time of reservation. Packages are subject to availability. Close-outs may apply. Cancellation fees apply. Cruise schedules are subject to change without notice and are beyond Active Asia's control. For full terms and conditions please contact Active Asia or see our brochure or website www.activeasia.co.nz