



Asia River Cruising

China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Burma and India

2016-2017



Private and Group Tours across Asia's magnificent waterways

ASIA RIVER CRUISING WITH WENDY WU TOURS

At Wendy Wu Tours, we pride ourselves on our vast experience and deep understanding of operating tours in Asia. Since 1998, we have sent tens of thousands of adventurous and satisfied travellers to what we can only describe as the most fascinating, exhilarating and fast-changing region on the planet.

River cruising has always been a popular part of our tour range, for group and independent travellers alike. Cruise the dynamic waterways of China, Southeast Asia and India with Wendy Wu Tours. Journey along the mighty Yangtze; voyage the verdant Mekong; meander along the Irrawaddy or Chindwin in Burma, or unwind in the serenity of the Kerala backwaters in India. The never-ending scenery, culture and riverbank riches will fascinate you.

We look forward to introducing you to the cultural and historical significance of these life-giving rivers which remain at the heart of these beautiful countries. Choose from some of the most iconic river cruises in Asia and enjoy the exceptional experiences and natural highlights of the region.

Join Wendy Wu Tours on a river cruise through extraordinary Asia.



Wendy Wu

Wendy Wu – Owner & Founder,
Wendy Wu Tours

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CRUISING THE RIVERS OF ASIA

Voyaging the great waterways of Asia offers an easy and effortless way to see the landscapes, history and cultures of incredible countries such as China, Burma, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and India.



MEKONG RIVER (CHINA, BURMA, THAILAND, LAOS, CAMBODIA & VIETNAM)

Winding its way leisurely through China, Burma, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam, taking a cruise on the mighty Mekong offers lazy days, cultural experiences and glimpses of the everyday life of local people.



CHINDWIN RIVER (BURMA)

Cruising the Chindwin is an adventure few are lucky enough to experience. This most lovely of rivers take you far off the beaten track, passing scenes of rural local life rarely glimpsed and sights that will take your breath away.



IRRAWADDY RIVER (BURMA)

A river that has inspired many to write of its lush beauty, the Irrawaddy runs through Burma north to south, the country's main lifeline and highway with many locals living and working along its banks.



YANGTZE RIVER (CHINA)

China's longest river and pivotal in its historical, cultural and economic development, a voyage on the Yangtze's mighty waters brings together a plethora of unmissable sights including the dramatic Three Gorges.



RED RIVER (VIETNAM)

North Vietnam's largest river, the Red River's scenery has inspired painters and poets and its rich soils have produced rice for millennia, making it the birthplace of many of Vietnam's most long-lived traditions and legends.



BRAHMAPUTRA RIVER (INDIA)

Offering an unparalleled variety of landscapes, from rice paddies and tea plantations to hills and forests, the mighty Brahmaputra passes through the Indian state of Assam past UNESCO-protected parks and remote tribal lands.



CRUISE ASIA YOUR WAY

We know that every traveller is different, so we have given you the option of either group tours or private tours to help you cruise through Asia in the way that suits you best.



▲ RV PANDAW II, MYANMAR

GROUP TOURS



A thoughtfully designed series of journeys for those who are looking to travel on a fully-inclusive, excellent-value group tour.

The group tours offered in this brochure give you the opportunity to tick off some of the big sights of your chosen area whilst also enjoying the pleasures of river cruising. Whilst the river cruise may not be the focus of these itineraries, it is very much a central part of it, allowing you to experience your chosen country in a variety of manners.

Travel with the assurance that all your arrangements are taken care of – from international flights, visas and accommodation; and all the touring listed on your itinerary. You'll also be accompanied by an industry leading National Escort. For a more luxurious travel experience, look for our 'Exclusive Collection' tours which feature small groups, five-star accommodation and a range of exclusive experiences.

PRIVATE TOURS



Our private tours are ideal for those who enjoy a degree of independence and flexibility when they travel.

The selection of private tours in this brochure allows you to enjoy the convivial atmosphere and company of others on your river cruise vessel, whilst also being able to enjoy the space and independence that travelling alone allows. Some private touring is also included, so you are safe in the knowledge that all of your arrangements are taken care of. Although we state dates on most tour pages, we can arrange for the tour to depart on a date of your choosing, though please note, in some cases departure dates may be dependent on river conditions.

THE WENDY WU DIFFERENCE

10 reasons to book with Wendy Wu Tours.

1 THE ASIA EXPERTS

We are known as the UK's specialist operator to Asia and have been building our global reputation since 1998, one satisfied customer at a time. All our staff are by their very nature adventurous travellers, and are enthusiastic about finding the most exciting and original journeys through Asia. You will benefit from the specialist advice of our experienced travel consultants who can provide you with all the information you need.

2 WE LOVE SOLO TRAVELLERS

We welcome plenty of solo travellers on our group tours, and receive great feedback from them about the sociable atmosphere of our groups. On most of our group tours, if you are a solo traveller and willing to share a room, you won't have to pay a single supplement.



3 HAND-PICKED CRUISE BOATS

Our cruise partners have been carefully selected for the comfort and experience that they offer - we choose those with high crew to passenger ratios, spacious cabins and a range of onboard cultural activities. Whichever ship you are on you will have a comfortable night's sleep in preparation for the next day's adventures.

4 TRAVEL IN COMFORT

All transportation in Asia is included in your tour price. The transport selected on your tour is intended to combine comfort with an authentic travel experience. We use a mix of coaches, internal flights, bullet or overnight trains.

5 TIPPING MADE EASY

On our group tours we have a simple tipping system where by passengers give the stated amount to the National Escort who distributes it throughout the tour. Tipping amounts are indicated on the tour page. Tipping amounts are not stated or included for our private tours, however if your tour includes a Pandaw cruise (excluding Brahmaputra cruises), tipping for this section is included in the tour price.



7 DEDICATED NATIONAL ESCORTS

All our group tours are accompanied by a National Escort from beginning to end, and local guides in each location. We regularly receive letters of praise for our team in Asia – their knowledge, warmth, gentle nature and humour is something we are genuinely very proud of.



6 REGIONAL FLAVOURS

Meals included in our tours are planned to give you a genuine taste of the regions we visit. Some of our tours are fully inclusive, and some have evenings at leisure, giving you the opportunity to explore local cuisine for yourself.

8 AIRLINE CHOICE

International flights are included in your tour price. We have access to airfares from all the leading airlines, giving you the ultimate choice of flights which are convenient for where you live, offering stopovers where you want and the upgrades you require.



9 TOUR DOSSIERS & TRAVEL GUIDES

Before booking your tour, it is essential to read the Tour Dossier which outlines the daily activities and any physical challenges on your journey. We also send you a comprehensive final itinerary, and travel guide to help you familiarise yourself with Asia before you depart.

10 VISAS INCLUDED

Your visa fees are included in your tour price. Our dedicated visa team are here to help you fill out the form, then we take care of the application process for you – leaving you to get excited about your upcoming holiday.

PANDAW RIVER EXPEDITIONS



The Irrawaddy Flotilla Company, founded in 1865 was revived in the form of Pandaw by Burma historian Paul Strachan in 1995. We use our trusted partner Pandaw River Cruising on all of our Mekong, Red, Irrawaddy, Chindwin and Brahmaputra River Adventures.

With 20 years' experience in cruising, Pandaw prides itself on its eco-friendly operations and support for local economies, as well as providing an outstanding river cruising experience. Its fleet of 16 beautifully-crafted, shallow-draft ships ply the great rivers of Asia, reaching destinations that other ships simply cannot go.

There is no dressing up for dinner and no 'captain's table', just a friendly, convivial atmosphere. More like being a guest on a private yacht than a cruise ship. Nearly everything is included in the price and there are no hidden extras for excursions – even your drinks and the crew tips are usually included in the price of your ticket.



ACCOMMODATION

Pandaw staterooms have a consistent design across the fleet. The main and upper decks feature spacious 170 square foot (14-15 sqm) cabins, all with private bathroom with shower and toiletries, air conditioning, in-room safe, wardrobe, writing desk and amenities such as a hairdryer and slippers. The cabins do not have minibars, televisions or phones, encouraging you to enjoy the river views from the deck. All cabins have direct access to the promenade deck. Most have private seating and there are plenty of places onboard to sit back and enjoy unsurpassed views of the passing scenery and local life.



BAR AND DINING

Pandaw ships offer a great choice of local foods, with European alternatives provided for those who want them. Water is provided with all meals as well as complimentary local soft drinks, beers and spirits. Tea and coffee is also complimentary and available throughout the day on the Sun Deck. Mineral water is provided daily in your cabin. Please note drinks and crew gratuities are not included on the Brahmaputra tours.



ACTIVITIES ABOARD

Expert Pandaw guides accompany all expeditions. Each evening, at cocktail hour, there will be a debriefing with a question and answer session and short talk on the history, art and culture of the areas visited. Pandaw pursers organise a variety of on board events such as cookery classes, tours of the engine room, fruit carving and cultural demonstrations.



EXPLORE AT YOUR OWN PACE

Pandaw ships have quality mountain bikes on board enabling relaxed exploration at your own pace. If you are feeling a little more adventurous, why not hop on a bike and peddle amongst the temples of Bagan, or through the verdant countryside. At each stop, the crew will be able to advise you of the best routes to take.

GREAT FOR FAMILIES AND GROUPS

Pandaw's cruises are ideal for families and small groups as the areas you will visit are highly educational, as well as safe and secure. All of the local people are extremely friendly and it is great for kids on the cruise to interact with the local youngsters.

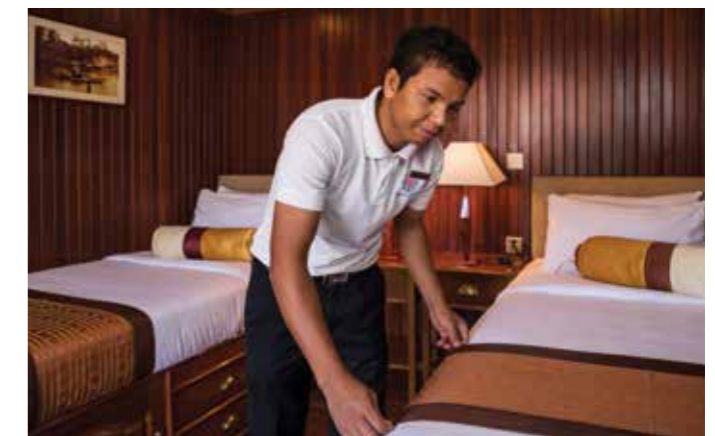
EXCURSIONS AND DAILY SCHEDULES

Pandaw offers daily group excursions ashore to visit the main sites and cultural attractions of the area, as well as remote villages and communities along the way. Your itinerary will list the main stops of your river expedition; however, these depend on the river conditions and other local factors. A detailed daily schedule will be posted on the ship's notice board.



THE PANDAW CREW

Pandaw has a 2:1 passenger to crew ratio, one of the highest in the industry. Pandaw guests remark on their infectious enthusiasm and commitment to ensuring you have a trip of a lifetime. No request is too small and the welcome is always warm. And unlike other cruise operators, gratuities for the crew on Pandaw-owned ships are included in the price of your holiday.



THE MEKONG & RED RIVER

Long the heart of Southeast Asia civilisation, there is no tapestry of river life as fascinating and varied as the Mekong. The Red River's rich soils and beautiful landscapes have long fed both the stomachs and minds of the north Vietnamese people, making it a hub of civilisation and culture.

Cruising through Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and even China with Pandaw is the ideal way to explore these unique and pivotal waterways. Cultural encounters and authentic experiences abound around every river bend.





INCLUDES 7 NIGHT MEKONG RIVER CRUISE

▲ CHAU DOC

MEKONG ODYSSEY

Venture through Vietnam's cultural centres, natural wonders and fast-paced cities before a Pandaw cruise along the mighty Mekong. Finish up in the resilient land of Cambodia where the Temples of Angkor await your discovery.

21 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£4,790**

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

COMFORTABLE PACE

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Overnight on Halong Bay
- Hanoi's Old Quarter
- Charming Hoi An
- Cruise the Mekong with Pandaw River Expeditions
- Awe-inspiring Angkor



▲ SA DEC



▲ RV MEKONG PANDAW SUITE



▲ BANTEAY SREI

ITINERARY

■ DAYS 1-2: FLY TO HANOI

Fly overnight to Vietnam's vibrant capital city Hanoi. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

■ DAY 3: EXPLORE HANOI

Hanoi brings all the charms of the past with a modern buzz in one fast-paced yet refined city. Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, the Stilt House, One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature before taking a cyclo and walking tour around the Old Quarter to sample a range of local cuisine.

■ DAYS 4-5: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Spend two days aboard a traditionally-designed junk cruising amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay. Stay overnight on the boat before returning to Hanoi for your flight to Hue.

■ DAY 6: HUE'S IMPERIAL CITADEL

The epitome of Vietnam's dynastic past, Hue is a dignified and scholarly city. This morning explore the Imperial Citadel and the Forbidden Purple City before visiting the Royal Tomb of Minh Mang and the Thien Mu Pagoda which overlooks the Perfume River. Continue by road via the Marble Mountains to Hoi An.

■ DAY 7: DISCOVER HOI AN

Purchase fresh ingredients at the market for a cookery class at a local restaurant, consuming your creations for lunch. This afternoon take a walking tour of Hoi An. A wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional place, the streets are a delight to wander – visit the elaborate Japanese

Bridge, the colourful market and a Chinese temple.

■ DAY 8: DISCOVER SAIGON

Transfer to Danang for your flight to Saigon. A seamless blend of past and present, Saigon offers a high-octane ride into Vietnam's ever brighter future. Experience Notre Dame Cathedral and the neoclassical Central Post Office designed by Gustave Eiffel; also visit the Reunification Palace and the chilling War Remnants Museum where the brutality of the war and its victims are well-documented. Finish up browsing through the lively Ben Thanh Market.

■ DAY 9: CU CHI TUNNELS

Contemplate the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels, where you'll see the legendary tunnel network used by the Viet Cong to infiltrate South Vietnam during the war. You'll then travel to Tay Ninh to attend the noon service at the Cao Dai Temple. Return to Saigon.

■ DAY 10: MEKONG RIVER CRUISE

Transfer to My Tho, a city on the Mekong Delta, to board your elegant cruise vessel. Sit on the sundeck and sip your welcome cocktail before dining on delicious local cuisine in the bistro-style restaurant. Later, retire to your comfortable stateroom for the night.

■ DAY 11: CAI BE AND SA DEC

Experience the floating market of Cai Be and enjoy a sampan cruise excursion to Sa Dec and Vinh Long.

■ DAY 12: CHAM TRIBAL VILLAGE AND CHAU DOC

Visit a Cham Tribal village, a catfish farm and enjoy a trishaw

ride around Chau Doc. Cruise through the Cambodian border, overnighing near Phnom Penh.

■ DAY 13: PHNOM PENH

Cambodia's capital is a city of airy boulevards and colonial villas. Take a cyclo ride around the centre to see the main sights, including the dazzling Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda. This afternoon visit the harrowing Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng Museum.

■ DAY 14: TONLE RIVER

Travel up the Tonle Sap River by boat or road (depending on water levels) to Kampong Chhnang where you will take a motorboat excursion into the wetlands.

■ DAY 15: COUNTRYSIDE SCENERY

Enjoy a leisurely morning stroll around the village of Chong Koh where we can see the local silk-weavers at work. Cruise on past timeless rural scenes and peaceful villages making a stop at Peam Chi Kang village to meet the local people.

■ DAY 16: WAT HANCHEY

Visit the hilltop temple of Wat Hanchey, just north of Kampong Cham on the river. This afternoon see the twin holy mountains of Phnom Pros and Phnom Srey before heading to the ecotourism village of Choeungkok.

■ DAY 17: SIEM REAP

Disembark from the cruise vessel and transfer to Siem Reap, the gateway to Angkor. This afternoon visit the captivating Banteay Srei – a richly-embellished rose-coloured sandstone temple, before watching the sunset from the summit of Pre Rup.

■ DAY 18: EXPLORE ANGKOR

Encompassing the seats of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries the Angkor Archaeological Park covers 400 square kilometres and includes over 1,000 temples. Rising early, the tour begins at Ta Prohm. Continue to the walled city of Angkor Thom, passing through the South Gate flanked by 54 stone figures. Reach the enigmatic Bayon, the Elephant Terrace and Leper King before dedicating your afternoon to Angkor Wat, an exemplar of Khmer architecture and a monument to religious devotion.

■ DAY 19: TONLE SAP LAKE

Spend the morning experiencing life on the water in the floating village of Kampong Kleang. From here continue to Beng Melea, a mysterious temple completely overrun by the jungle.

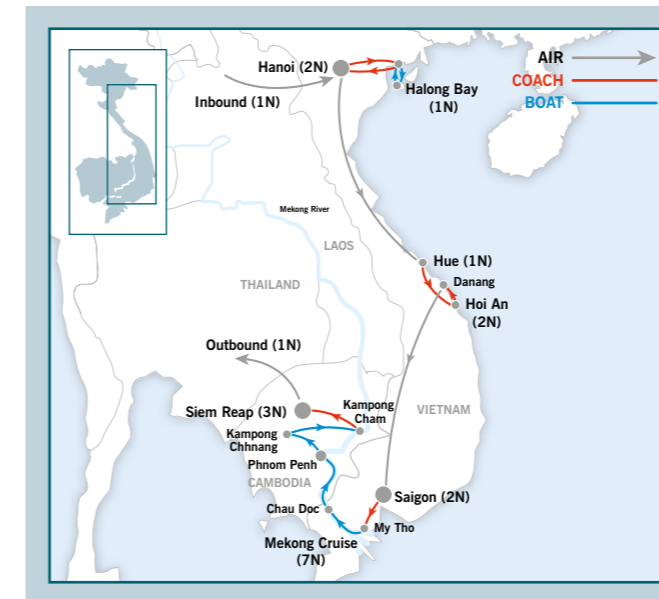
■ DAYS 20-21: FLY SIEM REAP TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the following day.

MEKONG PANDAW



Following a \$1m plus refit in 2013, the Mekong Pandaw is one of the finest ships on the Mekong River. Relax on the full-length sun deck with bar, enjoy a movie in the cinema or massage in the spa. With 6 main deck, 14 upper deck staterooms and two upper suites, a gym, library and boutique the Mekong Pandaw sets new standards of quality and style.



2016 DEPARTURES			
29 Sep - 18 Oct	£4,790	10 Nov - 29 Nov	£4,890
13 Oct - 01 Nov	£4,790	24 Nov - 13 Dec	£4,890

ENJOY AS A PRIVATE TOUR
Choose to design your own bespoke itinerary.
Call us to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.

- Price includes:
- International flights and current taxes
 - Domestic transportation
 - Accommodation
 - Touring with guides & entrance fees
 - Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders
 - All meals
 - Local soft drinks, local beer and local spirits on the cruise
 - All excursions
 - Crew gratuities
 - Use of bikes on board

Flight & supplement information

- Based on London Heathrow departures
- Flight upgrades available on request
 - Land only from £4,160 (Hanoi - Siem Reap)
 - Single room from £860
 - Tipping paid locally US\$60



INCLUDES 7 NIGHT MEKONG RIVER CRUISE

▲ ANGKOR WAT

MEKONG DISCOVERY

The Mekong makes its final journey to the sea through Cambodia and Vietnam – from on board your cruise ship you can watch life on the river go by and disembark to visit sights and cultural wonders.

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£3,390**

INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

COMFORTABLE PACE

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Mekong Delta floating markets
- Cham tribal village
- Tonle Sap Wetlands
- Awe-inspiring Angkor
- Seven nights on the beautiful Mekong
- Charismatic Phnom Penh



▲ MEKONG PANDAW



▲ RV MEKONG PANDAW



▲ CAI BE

ITINERARY

■ DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SAIGON

Fly overnight to the evocative city of Saigon. On arrival you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel.

■ DAY 3: EXPLORE SAIGON

Though Saigon is the edgy, fast-paced metropolis that is driving Vietnam towards a very bright future, the city is also a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. Visit the Notre Dame Cathedral and Central Post Office, beautiful reminders of colonial times gone by, before learning more about Vietnam's period at war at the fascinating Reunification Palace and chilling War Remnants Museum. Finish the day with a browse through the lively Ben Thanh Market. (B)

■ DAY 4: MEKONG DELTA

Transfer down to My Tho, a bustling city on the Mekong Delta. On arrival you will board your beautiful Pandaw vessel. The rest of the day is dedicated to settling in to your stateroom – you can sit on the sundeck and sip your welcome cocktail watching the world go by before dining on delicious local cuisine in the bistro-style restaurant before retiring for the night. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 5: CAI BE

Visit Cai Be, another city on the Mekong Delta that is enveloped by numerous fruit orchards. Here you will experience the sights and sounds of the local floating market. Watch hundreds of boats piled high with colourful produce, cruising up and down the waterways ready to trade. This afternoon paddle along some of the numerous palm-lined canals on a traditional sampan, the perfect way to glimpse everyday life on the delta. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 6: CHAU DOC

Today's excursion is to the village of Chau Doc. Home to a diverse array of communities including Chinese, Cham and Khmer it is a fascinating place to explore. You will also visit a catfish farm. Return to the ship for lunch and cast off for the Cambodian border. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 7: PHNOM PENH

Arrive at Phnom Penh, Cambodia's capital, a city of airy boulevards and colonial villas. Take a cyclo ride around the centre to see the main sites, including the dazzling Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda. This afternoon there is an optional excursion to the Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng Museum, where you can learn more about the horrific reign of the Khmer Rouge. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 8: TONLE RIVER

Take an excursion up the Tonle Sap River (by river or road, depending on water levels) to Kampong Chhang, a city set amongst scenes of vivid green rice paddies with soaring palms. Later discover the vast Tonle Sap wetlands, an area of ecological importance supporting a diverse range of flora and fauna. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 9: KAMPONG CHAM

Stop at the silk-weaving village of Chong Koh for a leisurely morning stroll and see the silk-weavers at work. Cruise on past timeless rural scenery and peaceful settlements to Peam Chi Kang village, where you can meet the local people, visiting the local monastery and school and exploring this friendly community at your leisure. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 10: WAT HANCHEY

The next day visit the hilltop remains of the pre-Angkorian



▲ TONLE SAP

temple of Wat Hanchey, just north of Kampong Cham on the river. From the summit the views down over the river as it meanders through classical Cambodian landscapes are wonderful. Travel by bus to the holy mountains of Phnom Pros and Phnom Srey, before heading to the ecotourism village of Choeungkok. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 11: SIEM REAP

Disembark the cruise vessel and transfer by road to Siem Reap, the gateway to the Temples of Angkor. (B)

■ DAY 12: EXPLORE ANGKOR

The Angkor Archaeological Park encompasses over a thousand temples, the remains of different capitals of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries. Today is dedicated to the indescribable Angkor Wat, the most magnificent and best preserved of all of Angkor's treasures. Considered one of the new wonders of the world, Angkor Wat is the largest religious building on the planet and is full of exquisite carvings and details that will take your breath away. There is also time to see some of the sights of the walled city of Angkor Thom, including the Elephant Terrace. (B,L)

■ DAY 13: SIEM REAP

Continue your explorations of Angkor with visits to Preah Khan and Neak Pean, both of which seat on the edge of the central temple complex looking over the surrounding rice paddies, which lends both temples a wonderful air of tranquillity. You'll also explore Ta Prohm, Angkor's most atmospheric temple, which remains in the throes of the jungle. (B,L)

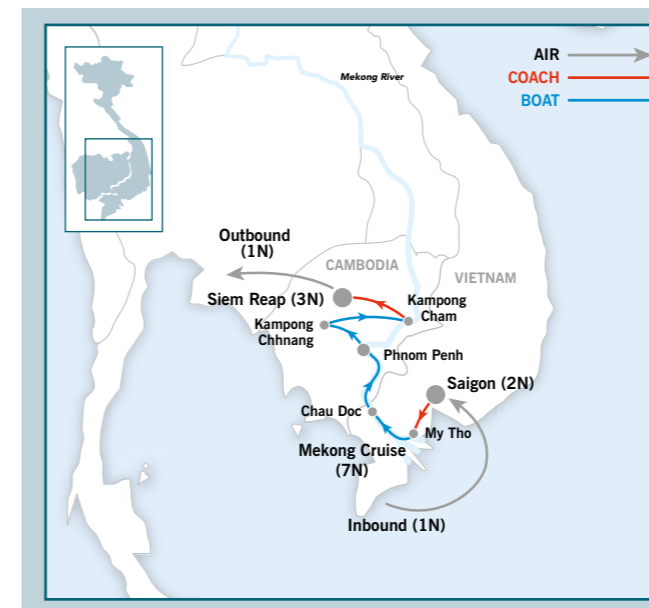
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▲ LUANG PRABANG

INCLUDES 14 NIGHT
MEKONG RIVER CRUISE

THE MEKONG FROM LAOS TO CHINA

Embark on an epic adventure along the upper reaches of the Mekong River. You'll pass through the untouched beauty of Laos, through Thailand, with an excursion to the infamous Golden Triangle, the rich culture of Burma and into the dramatic landscapes of China's Yunnan province.

20 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£7,290**

INCLUSIVE
FROM THE UK

COMFORTABLE
PACE

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- The enchanting Luang Prabang
- Explore Thailand's infamous Golden Triangle
- Travel along the Old Mandalay Road
- Menglun Botanical Garden
- Cruise through Laos' undiscovered rural beauty



▲ RV LAOS PANDAW



▲ KUANG SI WATERFALLS, LAOS



▲ GOLDEN TRIANGLE, THAILAND

ITINERARY

■ **DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BANGKOK**
Fly overnight to Bangkok. On arrival you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel.

■ **DAY 3: FLY TO VIENTIANE**
Fly to Laos' charming capital Vientiane. Nestled in a languid bend in the Mekong, it is a delightfully quaint city, more friendly backwater than chaotic capital. The rest of the day is at leisure, the perfect time to stroll the peaceful streets and soak up the relaxed ambience.

■ **DAY 4: EMBARK YOUR CRUISE**
Take a leisurely transfer to Vientiane jetty where you can embark your cruise vessel. Enjoy lunch onboard before heading out on a guided exploration of this delightful French city. (L,D)

■ **DAYS 5-6: BAN PAKLAY & PAK LAI**
Putting the cultivated plains behind you, your ship will power you into a dramatic landscape of jungle and mountains where the river becomes faster and wilder and fascinating rock formations appear on the banks. Moor overnight on a sand bank. The next day, explore Pak Lai, a French-influenced town with colonial buildings and a bustling market. (B,L,D)

■ **DAY 7: LUANG PRABANG**
Moor up in the heart of the delightful World Heritage city of Luang Prabang. An enchanting place, it is quintessentially Laos, full of lush greenery, golden temples and vivid-robed monks, all supplemented by a harmonious atmosphere. Spend the day exploring the town's rich and colourful heritage seeing the many magnificent temples and the royal palace. Later browse the many stalls at the vibrant night market. (B,L,D)

■ **DAY 8: TAKBAT CEREMONY**
Head onshore with the dawn and experience the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat where hundreds of monks walk through the city every morning collecting alms from the locals, in the form of food offerings - you are invited to join in with the alms-giving if you would like to. Travel inland to visit H'Mong tribal villages and to enjoy the beautiful jungle setting and enchanting pools of Khaung Si Waterfall. There is a time to trek forest trails for those feeling energetic or for a leisurely dip in the waterfall's pools. This evening is at leisure. (B,L,D)



▲ RELAX ON THE LAOS PANDAW



▲ PAK OU CAVES



▲ VIENTIANE

■ **DAYS 9-10: PAK OU CAVES & NAM OU RIVER TO PAK BENG**
Stop off at the Buddhist Pak Ou Caves, just up the Mekong from Luang Prabang, a cave full of Buddhas that can no longer be used for veneration because they are damaged or outdated. Then enter the Nam Ou River with its spectacular cliff faces. The next day you'll moor up and be able to stroll through Pak Beng, a market town deep in the Laos jungle. At Pak Tha, take a side-trip up the Namtha River by long tail boat to visit a village of the Khmu people. (B,L,D)

■ **DAY 11: CHIANG SAEN, THAILAND**
Arrive in Chiang Saen, then travel by coach to the famous Golden Triangle. This is where Thailand, Burma and Laos meet, at the confluence of the Mekong and Ruak rivers, an area that was formerly known for being the world's largest producer of opium. Enjoy the beautiful alpine-esque scenery and its interesting Opium Museum. (B,L,D)

■ **DAYS 12-13: OLD MANDALAY ROAD, BURMA**
Travel to the Burma side of the Mekong and drive along the Old Mandalay Road passing through picturesque Shan villages and cultivated valleys to, if time permits, the British colonial hill station of Loi Mwe, reached by passing through forests and rice terraces. Here you can stroll amongst the old abandoned Anglo Indian Dak bungalows and see the old

governor's house all set around a picturesque lake. The next day, continue along the Mekong with Burma on your left and Laos on your right. Stop to explore a Laos jungle village. (B,L,D)

■ **DAY 14: MUANG LONG, LAOS**
Moor at Xiang Kok and travel by car to Muang Long to visit some Aka tribal villages. (B,L,D)

■ **DAY 15: INTO CHINA**
Visit a local village, then cross the border into China and admire the ever changing colours of the Mekong's water. Continue to Gang Lei and head ashore for a walking tour. (B,L,D)

■ **DAY 16: MENGLUN BOTANICAL GARDEN**
Tour Menglun Botanical Garden, one of China's most important botanical research centres. It is home to rare and exotic plant species including the 'Clock Flower' that opens and closes at sunrise and sunset and the 'Dancing Grass' that responds to sound. Stroll through the impressive gardens and soak up the natural beauty. After lunch cruise to Mengzhan to explore the Mangza Temple. (B,L,D)

■ **DAY 17: MANGFEILONG MONASTERY & TEA PLANTATION**
Sail into Jinghong and enjoy a morning excursion to the impressive Mangfeilong Monastery. After lunch, visit a Chinese tea plantation with a tasting and Manting Park Buddhist Temple,

one of Yunnan's most important. After a farewell dinner, enjoy a traditional dance performance at Mengbalanaxi theatre. (B,L,D)

■ **DAY 18: DISEMBARK AND FLY TO KUNMING.**
Disembark your Pandaw cruise after breakfast and transfer to Jinghong airport. From here, fly to the relaxed Chinese city of Kunming. (B)

■ **DAY 19: FLY KUNMING TO UK**
The time before your international flight to the UK is free for you to spend as you wish. Transfer to the airport and fly home to the UK, arriving the following day.

LAOS PANDAW & YUNNAN PANDAW



The Laos Pandaw has just 10 main deck and two upper deck staterooms and a guest to crew ratio of 2:1. Currently under construction and cruising from September 2016 the Yunnan Pandaw, the Lao Pandaw's sister ship, has 14 staterooms. Both have ultra-shallow draughts and powerful engines making them perfect for voyaging the upper Mekong.

ADD 6 NIGHTS IN YUNNAN PROVINCE. SEE OVERLEAF FOR MORE DETAILS >

EXTEND YOUR TOUR

DISCOVER YUNNAN FROM £1,790

THE FOLLOWING EXTENSION CAN BE EASILY ADDED ONTO THE END OF YOUR TOUR IF YOU'D LIKE TO EXPLORE YUNNAN PROVINCE A LITTLE DEEPER:

DAY 18: DISEMBARK IN JINGHONG

After breakfast disembark your cruise ship and transfer to Jinghong airport for a flight to Lijiang. On arrival, check in to your hotel and have lunch. This afternoon, begin exploring Lijiang's charming, UNESCO-listed old town, it's quaint houses and alleyways set against the backdrop of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain.

DAY 19: DISCOVER LIJIANG

Explore the unique culture and traditions of the Naxi minority people, who call Lijiang home, as well as visiting the Black Dragon Pool, which perfectly frames Jade Dragon Snow Mountain behind it, the beautiful Baisha Murals and the Dongba Museum.

DAY 20: TRAVEL TO DALI

This morning transfer by road to Dali and check in to your hotel on arrival. After lunch, take a guided walk through Dali's famous old town to admire its old narrow alleyways, bell tower and atmospheric cobbled streets.

DAY 21: XIZHOU

Spend a full day in Xizhou, home to the ethnic minority Bai people. Getting here is half the joy, as the town is surrounded



▲ ONBOARD LAOS PANDAW



▲ BAI MINORITY VILLAGE



▲ SUNSET ON LAOS PANDAW

by lush rice paddies. Spend some time in the lively market and examining the unique architecture – there are excellent examples of Qing Dynasty-era Bai buildings. Jump in a horse cart to Caocun village to see the cormorant fishermen, carrying on an age old tradition, before admiring the Three Pagodas of Chongsheng Temple.

DAY 22: DALI TO KUNMING

Travel by road to Kunming, Yunnan's capital. On arrival check into your hotel. This afternoon embark on a city tour which includes the Green Lake Park.

DAY 23: THE STONE FOREST

Take a full day amongst the weird and wonderful limestone pinnacles of the Stone Forest. Formed over 270 million years

by erosion and seismic activity, the eerily beautiful shapes have inspired many legends.

DAY 24: FLY KUNMING TO UK

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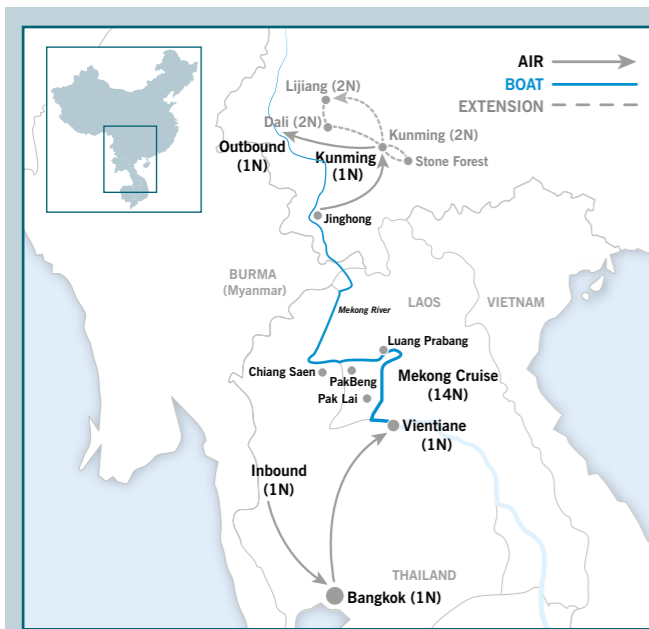
▲ BLACK DRAGON POOL



▲ MAN IN TRADITIONAL NAXI DRESS



▲ DALI



2016 DATES

13 Nov - 01 Dec £7,290 11 Dec - 29 Dec £7,290

2017 DATES

08 Jan - 26 Jan £7,340 05 Mar - 23 Mar £7,340

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Downstream departures are also available. Yunnan Pandaw dates on request.

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- All excursions
- Crew gratuities
- Use of bikes on board

Flight & supplement information

- Tour departs any day subject to availability
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £6,490 (Vientiane - Kunming)
- Sole passenger supplement from £640



▲ RV LAOS PANDAW



▲ STONE FOREST



▲ HALONG BAY

INCLUDES 10 NIGHT RED RIVER CRUISE

HALONG BAY & RED RIVER

Traverse a land of breathtaking beauty and diversity on this groundbreaking expedition along the Red River, travelling from the cosmopolitan capital Hanoi to spectacular Halong Bay, via the mountain villages and tribal communities of Vietnam's highlands.

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£4,190**

INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

COMFORTABLE PACE

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Vietnam's rural beauty
- Life on the Red River
- The sights of Hanoi
- Spectacular Halong Bay
- Traditional handicrafts at Bat Trang
- Gia Thanh, where the famous conical hats are produced



▲ TEMPLE OF LITERATURE



▲ MAI CHAU



▲ ANGKOR PANDAW

ITINERARY

■ DAYS 1-2: FLY TO HANOI

Fly overnight to Vietnam's cosmopolitan capital, Hanoi. On arrival you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel.

■ DAY 3: HANOI

Transfer to Hoa Binh to embark your ship on the Red River. Set sail downstream where you can enjoy a beautiful sunset. Spend the night on the Da River.

■ DAY 4: HOA BINH

Explore the area that is home to the Muong ethnic group, visiting a museum and a local village where you'll find that the local people still dress in traditional clothing. Hop on a local boat for a ride on Hoa Binh's reservoir or take a coach journey to Mai Chau, home to the Black Thai and White Thai minorities. Tonight, enjoy a traditional performance of local hill tribe people.

■ DAY 5: THE DA RIVER

Voyage down the Da River, admiring the unspoilt beauty as you go. We float past the Ba Vi National Park where the flora and fauna is particularly rich and diverse. Arrive at Trung Ha. There will also be plenty of activities onboard to keep you entertained – enjoy cooking demonstrations and a talk on Northern Vietnam, the region that you are passing through.

■ DAY 6: VIET TRI

Back on dry land, head to the UNESCO-honoured village of Duong Lam where you can delve into old Vietnamese culture and explore traditional buildings. Back on the ship, continue cruising downstream to Viet Tri.

Take in the sights and sounds of this bustling section of river.

■ DAY 7: THE LO & RED RIVERS

This morning, cruise to Tien Du ferry station, from where you can visit Gia Thanh which is best known for the production of Vietnam's famous conical hats. This area is off the normal tourist trail, so wonderfully quiet and authentic. Travel on to Hung Lo Temple, where you can enjoy a traditional dance performance from the local villagers. Back on the ship, sit back and admire the passing scenery of the picturesque Lo River.

■ DAY 8: THE LOWER RED RIVER

Clamber ashore and into a timeless Vietnamese landscape of emerald green rice paddies punctuated by limestone rock formations. Here you'll find the rarely visited but exquisite Thay and Tay Phuong Pagodas, dating from the 8th and 11th centuries. The beautiful Buddhist statues you'll see are carved from the wood of jackfruit trees. This afternoon stop off at Bat Trang ceramic village – a handicraft village that specialises in traditional porcelain and pottery, that has been producing wares since the 15th century. Sail on along the Lower Red River to Hanoi, where we'll arrive in the evening.

■ DAY 9: EXPLORE HANOI

Dock in Vietnam's fascinating capital city to explore. You'll visit highlights such as the Temple of Literature and Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum before taking an afternoon walking tour of the vibrant streets. There'll be a stop at a local coffee shop to learn more about Vietnam's coffee culture and coffee making industry. Heading



▲ ANGKOR PANDAW

back to the ship, enjoy a traditional unicorn and lion dance at the jetty.

■ DAY 10: LUOC-THAI BINH RIVERS

In small local boats, cruise over the Stork's Island to visit its bird sanctuary and take a walking tour of Ninh Giang commune and its market. Later, voyage to Thanh Ha Commune where you can enjoy a water puppet show and a walk around the village. Life on the river here is fascinating to observe, as it is a key commercial waterway.

■ DAY 11: RIVER LIFE

Sail on the Duong River this morning, stopping at Duc Tai Village for a walking tour and a visit to a local family who make bamboo baskets to sell. After lunch we cruise through more incredible scenery to reach Halong Bay, arriving at 4pm, in time for a sunset cruise. Tonight dinner will be a special barbecue in one of Halong's secluded bays.

■ DAY 12: HALONG BAY

Spend the morning sailing through the magnificent karst formations of Halong Bay. Climb aboard a

local boat to visit a floating home, stop on a beach, try kayaking or jumping in a rowing boat to explore limestone caves.

■ DAY 13: RETURN TO HANOI

Sail back to the jetty and disembark your cruise vessel, transferring back to Hanoi. The rest of the day is at leisure.

■ DAY 14: FLY HANOI TO UK

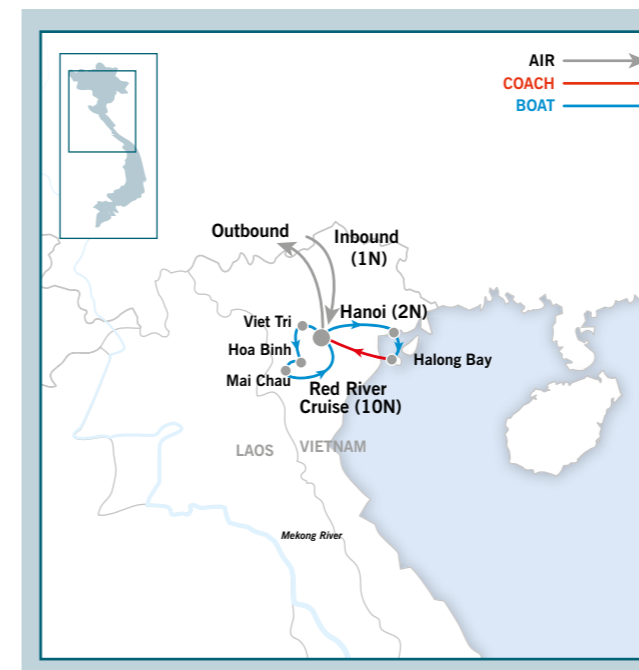
Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

PLEASE NOTE: This itinerary is adjusted slightly for cruises between December and March due to water levels.

ANGKOR PANDAW



Wonderful colonial-style charm awaits on a cruise on the Angkor Pandaw, with a stunning open-air lounge, observation deck, bar, shop and library. She has ten main deck and six upper deck staterooms.



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26 Dec - 08 Jan	£4,190	17 Sep - 30 Sep	£4,190
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		27 Oct - 09 Nov	£4,190
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- Flight & supplement information**
- Based on London Heathrow departures**
- Flight upgrades available on request
 - Land only from £3,530 (Hanoi - Hanoi)
 - Single supplement from £490

THE IRRAWADDY & CHINDWIN

The Irrawaddy has been the life blood of Burma for millennia and continues to be the main highway with many locals living and working on its banks. The Chindwin offers an adventure that few are lucky enough to experience, as the river is still wonderfully unexplored.

Burma itself offers unsurpassed encounters for those with an adventurous spirit and an open mind – a cruise with Pandaw will help you delve into the rich culture, old traditions and pristine landscapes that are still very much part of this country.



INCLUDES 7 NIGHT IRRAWADDY RIVER CRUISE

▲ BAGAN

IRRAWADDY VOYAGER

The Irrawaddy River continues to be Burma's main highway with many locals living and working on its lush banks. Experience a side of the country that many have yet to explore from the comfort of an elegant Pandaw cruise boat, sailing from Mandalay to Bagan.

12 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£3,290**

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

COMFORTABLE PACE

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Spiritual Rangoon
- Imposing Mingun Pagoda
- Rural villages
- Enchanting Bagan
- Irrawaddy cruise with Pandaw River Expeditions
- The pot makers of Yandabo



▲ YANDABO



▲ MINGUN PAGODA



▲ ORIENT PANDAW

ITINERARY

■ DAYS 1-2: FLY TO RANGOON

Fly overnight to the vibrant city of Rangoon. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

■ DAY 3: EXPLORE RANGOON

Rangoon, Burma's capital until its relocation to Naypyidaw in 2006, is the heart of Burma's spiritual life and a bustling city full of crumbling colonial charm. Today will be spent exploring this fascinating city. The first visit is to Sule Pagoda and the Chauk Htat Gyi reclining Buddha. Continuing on, stop for photos at Karaweik Hall, a glittering barge palace floating on Kandawgyi Lake, and stroll through Bogyoke Market. Finally explore Shwedagon Pagoda. Purported to have four relics of former Buddhas enshrined within, the pagoda is Burma's most sacred Buddhist site. The complex's huge golden stupa dominates the city's skyline.

■ DAY 4: IRRAWADDY CRUISE

Transfer to the airport and fly to Mandalay where, on arrival, you will transfer to the jetty and board your river cruise vessel on which you will spend the next seven nights. The boat, built in Rangoon, is designed to reflect a golden age of colonial grandeur and features well-appointed cabins, excellent service and a relaxing spa. Sip on a welcome cocktail and take in your new surroundings before enjoying lunch and an afternoon excursion to central Mandalay. This evening settle down to dinner served in the bistro-style dining room.

■ DAY 5: MINGUN

Wake up to ever-changing river bank surroundings and take a leisurely breakfast outside on the deck to admire the passing views.

Enjoy a morning walking tour of the village of Mingun home to what would have been, had it been completed, Burma's largest temple – the Mingun Pagoda. Even incomplete it is still the world's largest brick building. Though incomplete, it is still a monumental structure – 50 metres tall, 72 metres wide and constructed entirely of brick. In fact, it is the world's largest brick building! You'll also see the huge Mingun Bell and visit the residents of the Mingun Old People's Home, set up by the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company in the 1930s, to say hello.

■ DAY 6: KYAUK MYOUNG

Disembark the cruise ship to visit the potteries close to Kyauk Myoung where we'll see Burma's famous 50-gallon water pots being made by hand. Sailing on, the next stop will be Khan-Nyat village, home to many Buddhist monasteries and an orphanage. Meet the people of the community and get an authentic glimpse of rural village life.

■ DAY 7: AMARAPURA

Visit the Sagaing Hills. An important religious and monastic centre, numerous monasteries and hermitages nestle amongst the greenery of the hills and perch along the ridge above the river making for an impressive sight. Spend some time amongst the historical ruins of the former royal capital of Ava. The city was finally abandoned in 1839 after being the on/off home to kings and queens since 1364. Travel on to another former royal capital, Amarapura, now a lovely leafy suburb of Mandalay. Here, see the magnificent teak Bagaya Monastery, with its many elaborate woodcarvings, and the U Bein Bridge, the world's longest teak wood bridge.



▲ CHAUK HTAT GYI RECLINING BUDDHA

■ DAY 8: YANDABO

Continue cruising leisurely downstream. Today's visit will be to the village of Yandabo and its school, built through kind donations of Pandaw travellers. The people here specialise in pot-making, with clay taken from the river bank, and you'll be able to see the villagers at work before browsing the local, handcrafted wares.

■ DAY 9: PAKOKKU

Leave the ship to visit the river port of Pakokku. Hop on board a tuk tuk to explore the centre of this interesting and friendly town before a relaxed stroll through the local market. Arrive in Bagan in the afternoon and immediately begin your explorations of a selection of the thousands of temples.

■ DAY 10: BAGAN

More than 2,000 Buddhist structures of all shapes and sizes strewn across a vast plain offers one of Burma's most evocative and well known sights. The majority of the temples were built in the 11th and 12th centuries when Bagan was the centre of a powerful kingdom – it is said that at that time there were more than 13,000 temples on the plains. Spend the day exploring some of the temples' cool interiors. They are all individual,

from imposing to graceful and intricate to simple – there is plenty to see. There will also be a visit to a lacquer workshop so you can see the process behind this traditional craft of the region.

■ DAY 11: RANGOON

Bid farewell to the crew of your cruise ship and transfer to the airport to fly to Rangoon. On arrival the rest of the day will be at leisure. You can continue your explorations of the city or just some time to relax.

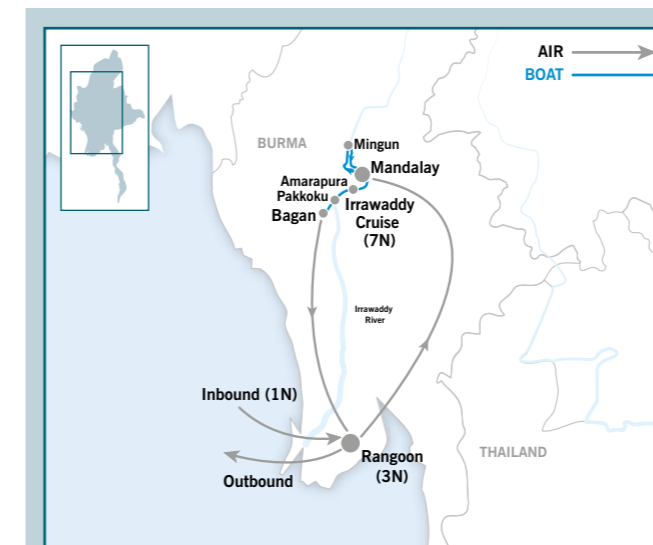
■ DAY 12: FLY RANGOON TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.

ORIENT PANDAW



Built in Saigon in 2008 to the original 1930s design, the Orient Pandaw has space for 60 passengers. Its 20 upper deck and 10 main deck cabins feature panoramic French windows that lead to personal deck space, and newly fitted bathrooms with natural stone shower. The ships public areas have and art gallery, a library and a sundeck bar.



2016 DATES

12 Oct - 23 Oct **£3,290** 23 Nov - 04 Dec **£3,290**

2017 DATES

18 Jan - 29 Jan **£3,490** 15 Feb - 26 Feb **£3,590** 22 Mar - 02 Apr* **£3,590**

* Operates on Kalaw Pandaw

Price includes:

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- Crew gratuities
- Use of bikes on board

Flight & supplement information

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 - Land only from £2,340 (Rangoon - Rangoon)
 - Single supplement from £990
 - Tipping paid locally US\$60



INCLUDES 7 NIGHT IRRAWADDY RIVER CRUISE

▲ SHWEDAGON PAGODA

SPIRIT OF BURMA

Climb aboard a traditionally-designed Burmese river cruiser to embark on an incredible voyage of the Irrawaddy, gliding upstream from the breathtaking temple-strewn plains of Old Bagan to the culture rich bustle of Mandalay.

11 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £2,990

INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

COMFORTABLE PACE

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Seven-night Irrawaddy Cruise
- Bagan's breathtaking temples
- Teak Monasteries of Pakkoku
- Beautiful U Bein Bridge
- The age old history of Ava and Amarapura
- The incredible temples of Bagan



▲ U BEIN BRIDGE



▲ IRRAWADDY RIVER



▲ ORIENT PANDAW

ITINERARY

■ DAYS 1-2: FLY TO RANGOON

Fly overnight to Rangoon (Yangon). Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. Rangoon, Burma's capital until its relocation to Naypyidaw in 2006, is the heart of Burma's spiritual life and a bustling city full of crumbling colonial charm.

■ DAY 3: IRRAWADDY CRUISE

This morning fly to the ancient city of Bagan. On arrival, you will be transferred to your Irrawaddy River cruise ship for a relaxing lunch. Burma's longest river and commercial waterway, the Irrawaddy River is the bloodline of the country and an ideal way to see Burma's stunning natural scenery. This afternoon explore the Bagan Archaeological Zone by coach or bicycle. The former seat of the Kingdom of Bagan, this area is famed for its hypnotising assembly of over 2,000 temples and is often compared to Cambodia's Angkor Temples for its cultural significance and architecture. Watching the sun set over the temples you would be forgiven for thinking you were in another world. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 4: EXPLORE BAGAN

Discover more of Bagan, visiting a selection of temples renowned for their decorative designs. Later visit a traditional lacquer workshop where you will also have the opportunity to buy

intricately lacquer-designed items. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 5: SAIL TO PAKOKKU

Sail upstream on the Irrawaddy River to the lively river town of Pakkoku, where ancient teak wood monasteries are the home to thousands of robe-draped monks. The intricate, wood carvings decorating the monasteries are an unsurpassed architectural artform. Visit the colourful local market which sells exciting home made snacks and wares, then tour the town centre by tuk tuk. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 6: IRRAWADDY COUNTRYSIDE

Sail to the village of Yandabo, location of the signing of the Treaty of Yandabo which ended the first Anglo-Burmese War in 1826. See the production of the area's most famous item, terracotta pottery, which is made from the riverbank's clay. In the afternoon, return to your boat for a soothing journey as you cruise further north on your boat towards Mandalay. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 7: AVA & AMARAPURA

Arrive in Mandalay this morning and take an excursion to former royal capitals of Ava and Amarapura to explore their rich history. See the U Bein Bridge, the longest wooden teak bridge in the world. The bridge is still used today as an important thoroughfare for local people. Continue to the marvellous 19th

century teak temple of Bagaya Kyaung. Take an evening walk in the picturesque Sagaing Hills, dotted with hermitages and nunneries as you enjoy a captivating sunset. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 8: MINGUN

Start the day with a wander through the riverside hamlet of Mingun, home to the impressive Mingun Temple and the massive Mingun Bell. The Mingun Temple is an uncompleted 18th century stupa which, if finished, would have been the largest in the world. Dramatically cracked by an earthquake in 1838, work on the Mingun Pagoda ceased as it was said the King would die if it was finished. Next visit the Mingun Bell, the largest workable bell in the world and this afternoon transfer to Kyauk-Myoung to see the amazing pottery. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 9: MANDALAY

Return to Mandalay where we will spend the day exploring this colonial city. Mandalay was the last royal capital of Burma before the country was annexed by the British. Mandalay is now considered the centre of Burmese culture and its most important economic hub. Start with a visit to the royal Mandalay Palace, the last residence of the Burmese monarch before it was turned into a fort by British troops. Continue sightseeing on Mandalay Hill, known for its abundance of pagodas and monasteries. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 10: SHWEDAGON PAGODA

Disembark from your ship in Mandalay this morning and transfer to the airport for your flight to Rangoon. This afternoon visit the golden Shwedagon Pagoda. This is Burma's most sacred Buddhist site and is purported to have four relics of former Buddhas enshrined within. Watch as young monks chant in a circle round the stupa whilst visitors pray towards this delightfully spiritual monument. (B)

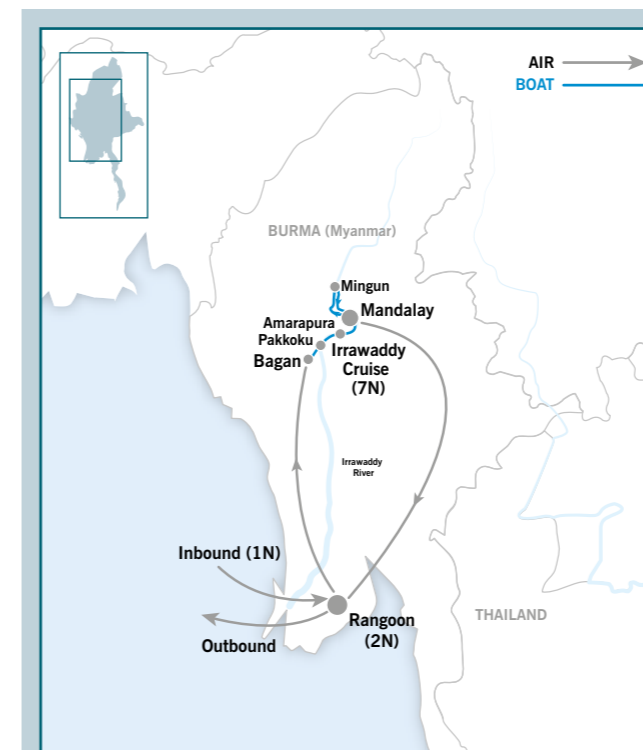
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ORIENT PANDAW OR KALAW PANDAW



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INCLUDES 10 NIGHT IRRAWADDY RIVER CRUISE

▲ U BEIN BRIDGE

THE GOLDEN LAND

Onboard a traditionally-designed Burmese ship, sail your way leisurely along the languid Irrawaddy, still the main highway for many locals, catching glimpses of unforgettable sights and peaceful rural scenes of the heartlands of old Myanmar.

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£4,890**

INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

COMFORTABLE PACE

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Ten-night Irrawaddy Cruise
- Sunrise over Bagan
- Ancient capitals Ava and Amarapura
- Colonial Thayetmyo
- The beauty of Myat Thalon Pagoda, built of solid gold bricks
- The idyllic vistas of the Twante Canal



▲ SHWEDAGON PAGODA



▲ BURMESE MONKS



▲ RV PANDAW II

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO RANGOON

Fly overnight to Rangoon (Yangon).

DAY 2: ARRIVE RANGOON

Depending on your time of arrival into Rangoon, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. Rangoon, Burma's capital until its relocation to Naypyidaw in 2006, is the heart of Burma's spiritual life and a bustling city full of crumbling colonial charm.

DAY 3: JOURNEY TO MANDALAY

This morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to Mandalay. On arrival, board your Irrawaddy River cruise ship for lunch. Mandalay was the last royal capital of Burma before the country was annexed by the British. Mandalay is now considered the centre of Burmese culture and its most important economic hub. This afternoon visit the Mahamuni Pagoda, a major pilgrimage site, and the Shwe-in-bin Monastery. Continue to Amarapura to see Bagaya Kyaung, a large teak Monastery and cross over the U Bein Bridge, the longest teak bridge in the world. Return to your cruise ship this evening. Sip on a welcome cocktail and take in your new surroundings before settling down to dinner served in the bistro-style dining room. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: AVA AND YANDABO

Cruise downstream on the peaceful Irrawaddy River as you pass views of riverside pottery villages, chanting monks and temples dotted on the bank sides. We will start by exploring

the ancient capital of Ava before continuing further downstream to Yandabo, a small village which specialising in making pots out of the clay from the river banks. Visit the Pandaw School, built from donations made by Pandaw customers. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: BAGAN'S TEMPLES

Today visit Bagan. The former seat of the Kingdom of Bagan, this area is famed for its hypnotising assembly of over 2,000 temples and is often compared to Cambodia's Angkor Temples for its cultural significance and architecture. Today you will explore a selection of the temples before visiting a lacquer workshop. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: BAGAN AND SALÉ

Ascend Tan Chi Taung Mountain for a spectacular sunrise over Bagan. Continue on to Salé where you will visit a number of teak monasteries, including the Yout Saun Kyaung. Explore an area famed for its splendid colonial-style houses. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: MAGWE

Visit Magwe, where you will visit the magnificent Myat Thalon Pagoda which is constructed out of solid gold bricks. The Pagoda also offers fantastic views of the Irrawaddy River below from its hillside setting. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: MINHLA AND GWECHAUNG

Visit the 18th century forts of Minhla and Gwechaung. Constructed under the supervision of two Italian engineers, these forts were built in the 18th century as a guard against pending British invasion. Later visit a local market before taking

a horse and cart ride into the neighbouring countryside. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: PROME

Visit Prome, the former centre of the Pyu civilisation, also known as the 'Magical City.' An important city since the founding of the Bagan Kingdom in the 9th century, Prome remained important to the British and the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company as an important trading post between north and south Burma. Explore the ancient Buddhist artefacts in the nearby museum. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: AKAUK TAUNG

Journey south of Prome, and visit the dozens of Buddha images carved into Akauk Taung (Tax Mountain). This natural wonder is named Tax Mountain after toll-takers who would carve Buddhist images into the sides of the mountain between taxing boats travelling down the Irrawaddy. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: DANUBYU

Explore delta creeks and stop at Danubyu, a lesser-known town with a busy port and bustling market. Maha Bandula, commander-in-chief of the Burmese Army, made Danubyu his headquarters during the First Anglo-Burmese War. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: TWANTE

Travel along the Twante Canal which joins the Irrawaddy with the Yangon River, passing idyllic vistas of rickety wooden fishing boats, lush green fields and Buddhist statues. Stop to explore the town of Twante. The town is noted for its pottery and cotton production and was one of the former stations of George Orwell whilst he was a police officer

in Burma. Continue on to the Yangon River. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: RANGOON

Disembark in Rangoon. This afternoon visit the golden Shwedagon Pagoda. This is Burma's most sacred Buddhist site and is purported to have four relics of former Buddha enshrined within. Legend says that the Pagoda is over 2,500 years old, making it the oldest pagoda in the world; however archaeologists argue that the current structure was built between the 6th and 10th-centuries under the Mon people. Watch as young monks chant in a circle round the stupa whilst visitors pray towards this delightfully spiritual monument. (B)

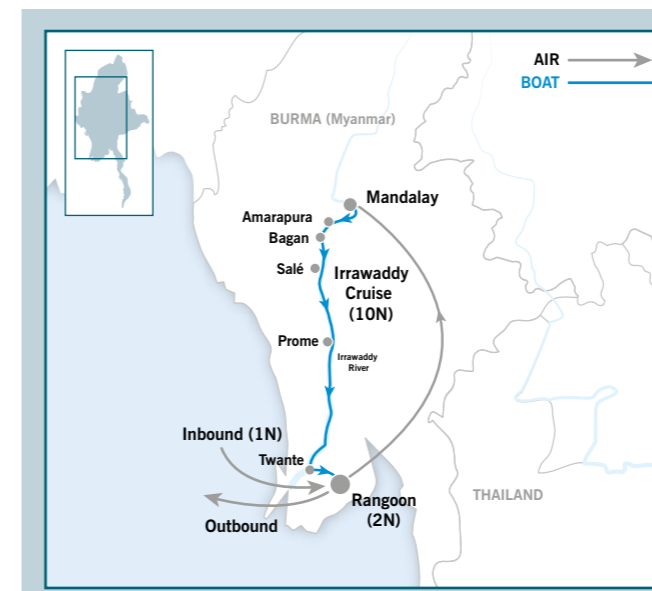
DAY 14: FLY RANGOON TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

PANDAW II



The first ever ship commissioned by Pandaw in 2002, the Pandaw II is the queen of the fleet. Crafted in Rangoon, the ship has never been fully refitted for two reasons; firstly as it has been so well cared for there hasn't been the need; and secondly to preserve the original cabins – a voyage on the Pandaw II will certainly invoke a pleasant nostalgia! Onboard you'll find 3 suites, 10 upper deck, and 8 main deck staterooms.



2016 DATES

24 Jul - 06 Aug	£4,890	13 Oct - 26 Oct	£5,090	04 Dec - 17 Dec	£5,190
17 Sep - 30 Sep	£4,890	08 Nov - 21 Nov	£5,090		

2017 DATES

01 Jan - 14 Jan	£5,290	22 Feb - 07 Mar	£5,390		
27 Jan - 09 Feb	£5,290	20 Mar - 02 Apr	£5,390		

Price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides & entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders
- All meals
- Local soft drinks, local beer and local spirits on the cruise
- All excursions

- Crew gratuities
- Use of bikes on board

Flight & supplement information

Tour departs any day subject to availability

- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £4,240 (Rangoon - Rangoon)
- Single supplement from £490
- Sole passenger supplement from £560



INCLUDES 10 NIGHT IRRAWADDY RIVER CRUISE

▲ LIFE ON THE IRRAWADDY

UPPER IRRAWADDY EXPLORER

Discover ancient traditions, cultural riches and unspoilt landscapes on this voyage of discovery on the northern reaches of the Irrawaddy River sailing through spectacular gorges and seeing daily life on the riverbank.

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£4,590**

INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

COMFORTABLE PACE

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Lose yourself amongst the temples of Bagan
- Admire the teak royal monastery of Bagaya Kyaung
- Visit the enchanting colonial town of Katha
- Sail through the dramatic gorges of the upper Irrawaddy



▲ BAGAN



▲ KHA BYOO PANDAW



▲ KHA BYOO PANDAW

ITINERARY

■ DAYS 1-2: FLY TO RANGOON

Fly overnight to Rangoon, Burma's former capital. On arrival you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel.

■ DAY 3: JOURNEY TO BAGAN

Fly to Bagan and board your beautiful Pandaw ship, enjoying lunch and taking some time to settle in. This afternoon you will tour a selection of Bagan's thousands of magnificent UNESCO-listed temples. Spread across the atmospheric plains close to the Irrawaddy, the temples are the legacy of a host of old kingdoms – it is said, at its peak there were over 10,000 temples, today there are just over 2,000 left. Return to the ship and set sail up the Irrawaddy. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 4: YANDABO

Cruising leisurely past the Irrawaddy's confluence with the Chindwin River before stopping at the village of Yandabo, which is famous for the terracotta pottery produced from riverbank clay. The afternoon will be spent cruising upstream, towards the city of Mandalay – find a spot on deck, sit back and enjoy the fantastic scenery as you go. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 5: AMARAPURA

Spend the morning amongst the historical ruins of the former royal capital of Ava. The city was finally abandoned in 1839 after being the on/off home to kings and queens since 1364. Pay a visit to Bagaya Kyaung, a 200-year-old royal monastery that is constructed from teak and has many elaborate woodcarvings to admire. Continue on to another former royal capital of Amarapura. Now a lovely, leafy suburb there are some exquisite wall paintings to admire. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 6: KYAUK-MYOUNG

Stop off at the potteries close to the town of Kyauk-Myoung, famous for its handmade 50-gallon water pots. You'll be able to see every stage of the creation process, from throwing to the weeklong firing in huge kilns. Back onboard the ship, it's time to enter the first (officially the third defile) of the magnificent Irrawaddy gorges. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 7: KHAN-NYAT

Today's stop is to the village of Khan-nyat with its many Buddhist monasteries. Here visit a former school teacher's house where he keeps a small museum collection. Climb the pagoda hill at Tigyang from where you'll have spectacular views over the Upper Irrawaddy River. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 8: KATHA

Reach the enchanting colonial town of Katha. Like a step back in time, it is the setting for George Orwell's novel *Burmese Days*, and little appears to have changed since! You can also see the collection of the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company's bells, taken from ships sunk during World War II. Pop out of town to explore the hardwood forests of the hills around Katha, making a stop at an elephant logging camp. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 9: KYUN DAW VILLAGE

The next day, hop onto a local boat to visit Kyun Daw village, where there are countless small pagodas to admire. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 10: IRRAWADDY GORGE

Cruise through the second magnificent gorge of the Irrawaddy (officially the second defile), a dramatic section of the river with towering cliffs and the



▲ MINGUN PAGODA

river charging through a narrow channel; sit back, admire the views and enjoy the ride. Begin to sail back downstream. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 11: TANGAUNG ANCIENT CITY

Take a walking tour of the historical city of Tagaung, where you can see the old fortifications, a famous nat (shrine to the spirits) and the archaeological area. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 12: MINGUN PAGODA

Moor up and see the magnificent sights of Mingun – the largest working bell in the world and the epic pagoda that, though unfinished, is the largest brick building in the world. Drop in on Mingun Old People's Home, established by the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company in the 1930s to have a chat with the residents and see the excellent work that Pandaw has continued. Drive through the beautiful Sagaing Hills, which is dotted with stupas, hermitages and sanctuaries, to a viewpoint where there are amazing views across the surrounding area. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 13: DISEMBARK AND FLY TO RANGOON

The cruise comes to an end at Mandalay, where you will disembark after breakfast. Transfer to the airport and catch a flight back to Rangoon. Later there will be time to visit Shwedagon Pagoda, Burma's most sacred landmark. (B)

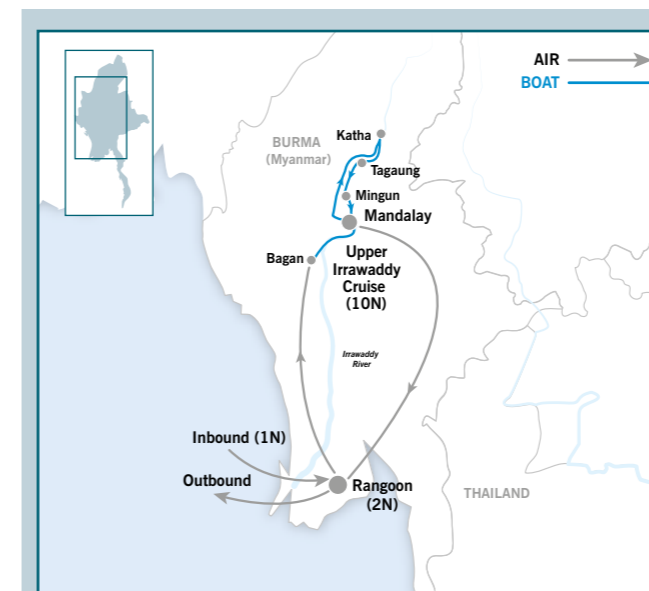
■ DAY 14-15: FLY RANGOON TO UK

Fly home to the UK, arriving the following day. (B)

KHA BYOO PANDAW



One of the newest ships in the Pandaw fleet, launched in 2016, the Kha Byoo Pandaw offers a wonderfully intimate experience, with space for only 18 passengers. Staterooms, 4 on the upper deck and 5 on the main deck, are 180 square foot in size and beautifully finished in teak and brass. For an extra special experience there is also a personalised meal service onboard.



2016 DATES			
10 Jul - 23 Jul	£4,690	28 Sep - 11 Oct	£4,590
7 Nov - 20 Nov	£4,640	19 Aug - 01 Sep	£4,590
18 Oct - 31 Oct	£4,590	17 Dec - 30 Dec	£4,940
2017 DATES			
06 Jan - 19 Jan	£4,740	15 Feb - 28 Feb	£4,770
26 Jan - 8 Feb	£4,740	7 Mar - 20 Mar	£4,790

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- Touring with guides & entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders
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- All excursions

- Crew gratuities
- Use of bikes on board

Flight & supplement information

- Tour departs any day subject to availability
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,940 (Rangoon - Rangoon)
- Single supplement from £590
- Sole passenger supplement from £690



INCLUDES 7 NIGHT CHINDWIN RIVER CRUISE

▲ THANBODI TEMPLE

THE MAGICAL CHINDWIN

A voyage along the Chindwin reveals a Burma of time gone by, where villages are only accessible by boat and the local people hold fast to the old traditions. Immerse yourself in beautiful scenery and fascinating heritage of a part of Burma that remains undiscovered.

11 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£4,590**

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COMFORTABLE PACE

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Mingkin's beautiful teak monasteries
- The traditional village of Mawlaik
- The murals of Phowin Taung caves
- Rangoon's dazzling Shwedagon Pagoda
- The unique culture of Toungdoot
- The beautiful murals of Phowin Taung caves



▲ ZAWGYI PANDAW



▲ PHOWIN TAUNG CAVES



▲ ZAWGYI PANDAW

ITINERARY

■ DAYS 1-2: FLY TO RANGOON

Fly overnight to Rangoon, Burma's former capital. On arrival you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel.

■ DAY 3: FLY TO HOMALIN

Fly to the peaceful Homalin, a town on the Chindwin and the most northerly navigable point on the river for our Pandaw vessel. The scenery on this cruise is spectacular and you be warmly welcomed by the remote communities that we pass. Explore the Buddha Lotus Garden with its exquisite temple and stunning views. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 4: TOUNGDOOT

Discover the unique culture and history of Toungdoot, an ancient enclave of the Shan people. In the time of the British rule, the enclave still had a ruling sawbwa with a palace and court. Nestled in the peaceful Burmese countryside, here you'll see what life is like for the Shan so far from their Tai-Shan homelands. On the way to Paungbyin, pass Patha, once an important oil refinery.

■ DAY 5: SITTHAUNG

At Sitthaung there are a number of Irrawaddy Flotilla Company steamers, scuppered here in 1942 in the face of the advancing Japanese army – we'll keep an eye out for ships' remains as we pass through. Later we'll cross the mouth of the Yu River, which drains down the Kubu Valley, the route used by Lieutenant Grant to march to the relief of the Manipur garrison who were rebelled against in Indian state of Assam.



▲ BURMESE COUNTRYSIDE

■ DAY 6: MAWLAIK

Enjoy a morning visit to Masein Village. Entering here is like taking a step back in time – located on the Upper Chindwin and only accessible by boat, this settlement very much keeps the old traditions alive but was also the centre of British teak logging in the 20th century. That legacy remains in the splendid colonial Dak bungalows that are set around a verdant golf course. Continue on the Kalewa, the gateway to Chin State – visit the markets and admire the quaint wooden architecture. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 7: MINGKIN

Spend the morning exploring Mingkin. Called Burma's most interesting art history site, there are some beautiful, sumptuously decorated teak monasteries to visit. Continue cruising along the Chindwin, stopping at attractive local villages to stretch our legs and say hello. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 8: MONYWA

As the Chindwin widens and the forested hills give way to farmland

we reach Monywa. Explore Monywa and spend some time at Moe Hnyin Than Boaddai Temple, where there are huge number of Buddha images, as well as one of the longest reclining, and one of the tallest standing Buddhas in Burma. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 9: PHOWIN TAUNG

Take a morning excursion by coach to Phowin Taung Hill to visit the Phowin Taung caves with their beautiful mural paintings and Buddha statues from the 14th and 18th century. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 10: DISEMBARK IN MONYWA

Head back on to dry land after breakfast and transfer by road to Mandalay. Fly to Rangoon. Later visit Shwedagon Pagoda, Burma's most sacred landmark.

■ DAY 11: FLY RANGOON TO UK

Fly home to the UK arriving home the same or following day. (B)

PLEASE NOTE The above itinerary, between Monywa and Homalin (and vice versa) sails

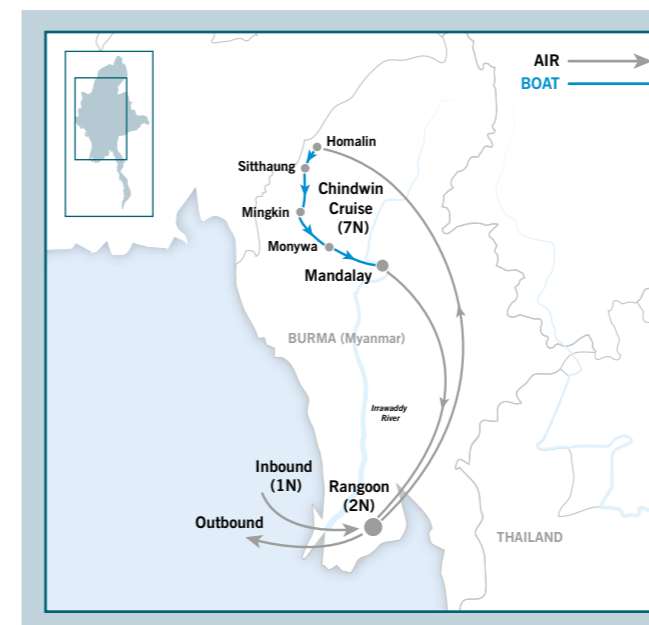
from July to August and October to November. A revised itinerary sails between December and February.

Why not combine your Chindwin cruise with a cruise on the Irrawaddy for an even fuller exploration of Burma's incredible waterways?

ZAWGYI PANDAW



Originally fitted out as a floating clinic to provide relief after a cyclone, the Zawgyi Pandaw was converted for passengers in 2015. With the shallowest draft of all the Pandaw vessels at 2.5 feet, it can niftily negotiate the shifting shoals of the Chindwin. With 6 main deck and 4 upper deck staterooms of 150 square foot, each with panoramic sliding windows for wonderful views.



2016 DATES			
21 Jul - 31 Jul	£4,790	13 Oct - 23 Oct	£4,590
18 Aug - 28 Aug	£4,590	27 Oct - 07 Nov	£4,590
29 Sep - 09 Oct	£4,590	10 Nov - 20 Nov	£4,590
24 Nov - 04 Dec	£4,590		
22 Dec - 01 Jan	£4,990		
2017 DATES			
05 Jan - 15 Jan	£4,640	02 Feb - 12 Feb	£4,640
19 Jan - 29 Jan	£4,640	16 Feb - 26 Feb	£4,690

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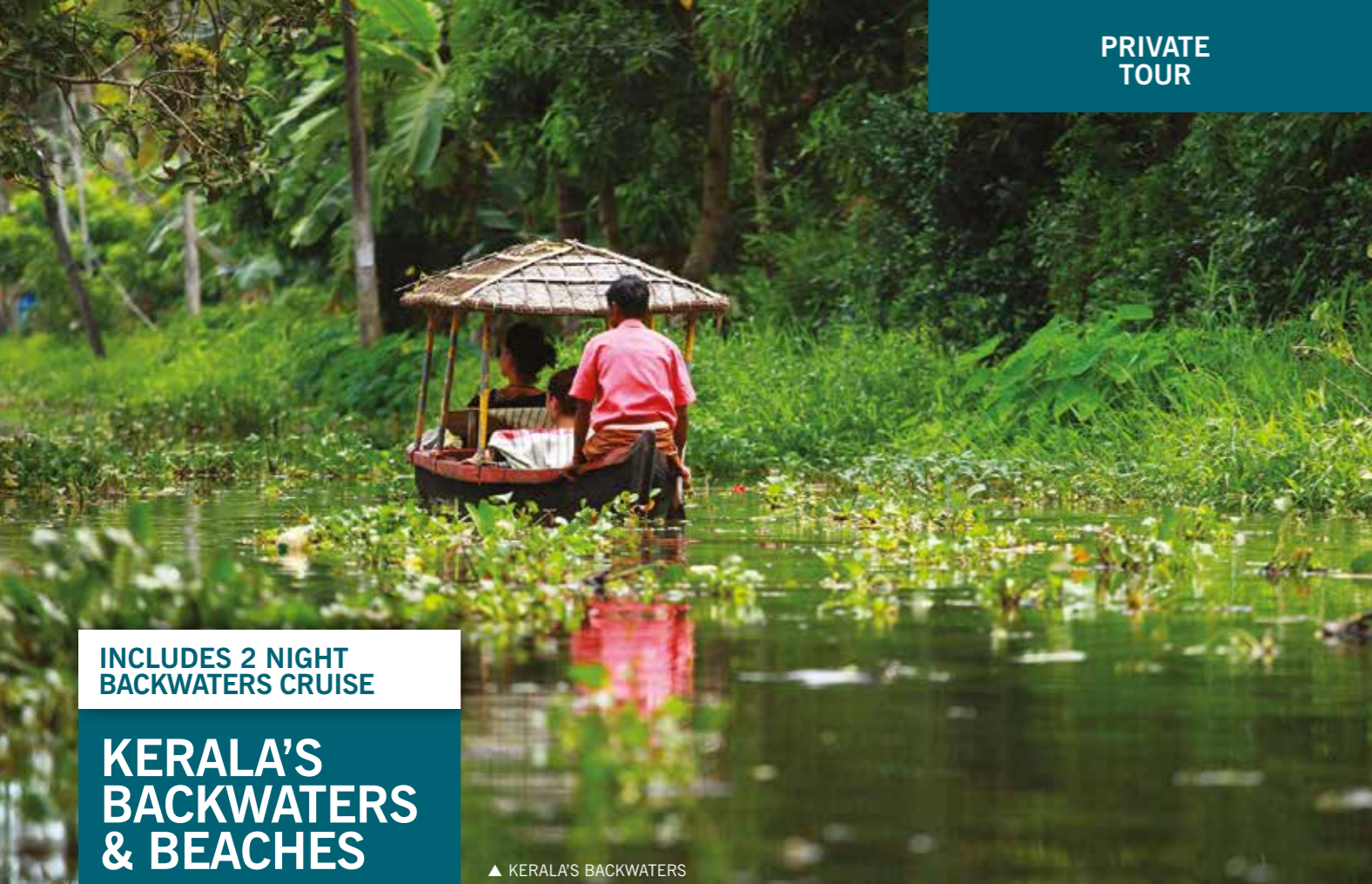
Flight & supplement information

- Tour departs any day subject to availability
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,940 (Rangoon - Rangoon)
- Sole passenger supplement from £1,990

THE BRAHMAPUTRA & KERALA'S BACKWATERS

Whilst the Brahmaputra River winds its way down from the Himalayas and through Assam passed scenic landscapes and UNESCO-protected national parks, Kerala's enchanting backwaters slow down the pace and showcase the lush green landscapes and vivid colours of India's most dazzling state.

Discover the unparalleled variety of landscapes, people, religion and cuisines on offer by taking to its incredibly waterways to forge deeper into India.



▲ KERALA'S BACKWATERS

INCLUDES 2 NIGHT
BACKWATERS CRUISE

KERALA'S BACKWATERS & BEACHES

Take a tranquil two-night cruise through the beauty of Kerala's backwaters onboard a traditional houseboat before finding utter relaxation on the beaches of the Malabar Coast.

9 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON
£1,610

INCLUSIVE
FROM THE UK

COMFORTABLE
PACE

Price includes:

- International flights & current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Touring with guides & entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders

Flight & supplement information

Tour departs any day subject to availability

- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £960 (Kochi - Kochi)
- Single room from £410
- Sole passenger supplement from £590

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend two nights on a traditional kettuvalam (houseboat)
- The vibrant port city of Kochi
- Relaxing on the beautiful white beaches Marari
- Watch the local fishermen at work in traditional wooden boat

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO KOCHI

Fly overnight to the delightful city of Kochi. On arrival you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel.

DAY 3: JOURNEY TO ALLEPPEY

Travel to Alleppey. Located between the Arabian Sea and Lake Vembanad, this is the gateway to Kerala's epic backwaters and home to more than a thousand boats. You will explore onboard a traditional kettuvalam (houseboat) – primarily used for the transportation of goods, these boats are an integral part of the Kerala experience. Clamber aboard and begin wending your way through this incredible maze of tropical canals. Tonight you'll dine on delicious local flavours, prepared onboard. (B,D)

DAY 4: BACKWATER CRUISING

The backwaters are a unique area, a web of interconnected lakes, lagoons, canals and rivers, both natural and manmade, which spreads almost half the length on the state. Formed by the waves and currents of the Arabian Sea creating islands across the mouth of the many rivers that pass through the

region, creating a unique and breathtaking ecosystem. Spend the day onboard your houseboat, cruising through the undisturbed lagoons and lakes, enjoy peace and quiet, observing any wildlife and watching the everyday lives of the people who live and making their living on the water. This is rural Kerala at its most divine. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: TRAVEL TO MARARIKULAM

Disembark the houseboat and drive to Marari Beach, located perfectly on the tropical Malabar coast. (B)

DAYS 6-7: RELAX IN MARARIKULAM

Take the next two days for all out relaxation – you can lie by the pool or recline on the soft sand of the beach, from where you'll be able to see the local fisherman on traditional wooden boats bobbing gently on the Arabian Sea. (B)

DAY 8: DRIVE TO KOCHI

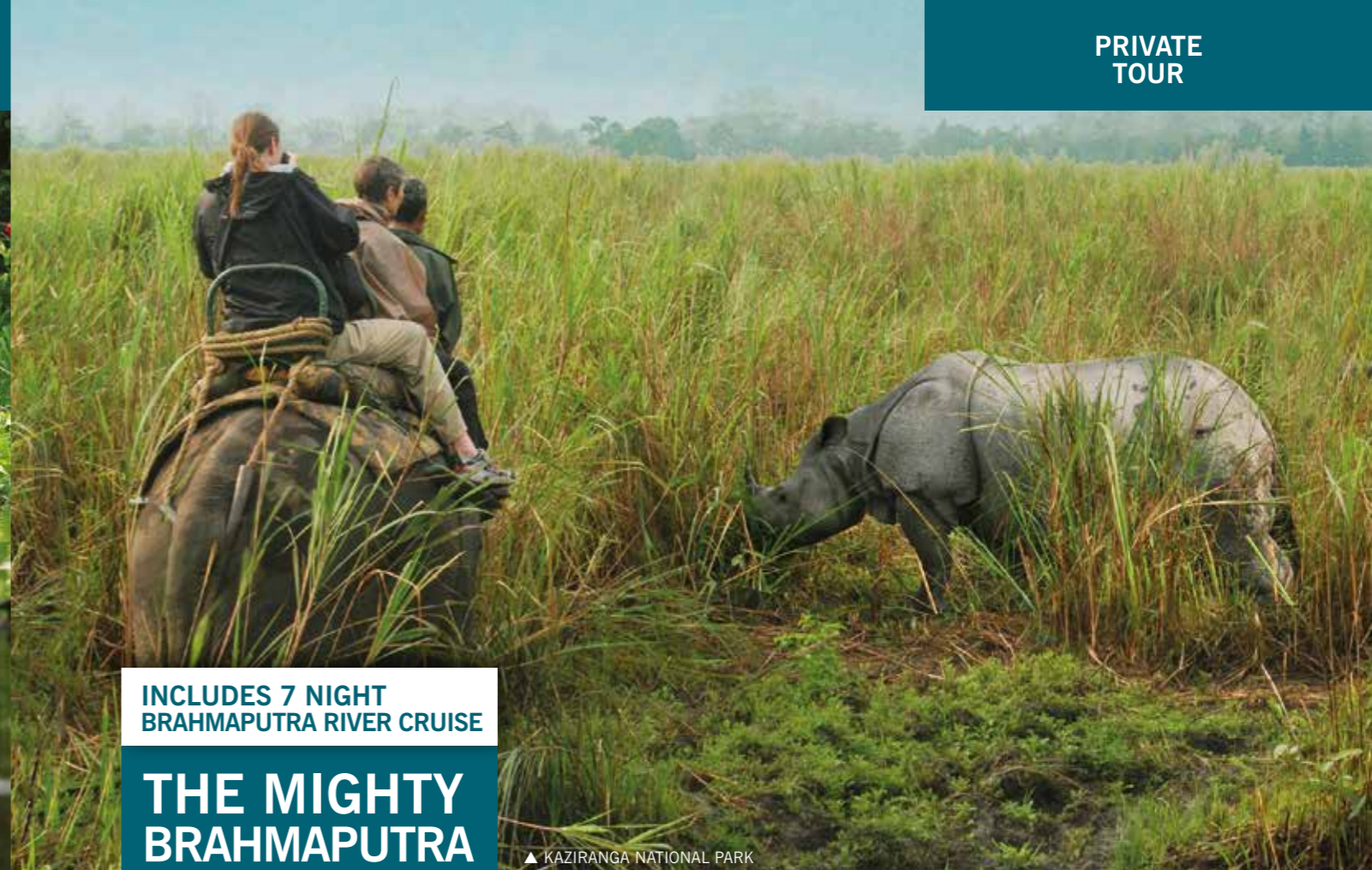
Depart for Kochi. On arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 9: FLY KOCHI TO UK

Fly home to the UK arriving the same or following day. (B)



▲ KOCHI



▲ KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK

INCLUDES 7 NIGHT
BRAHMAPUTRA RIVER CRUISE

THE MIGHTY BRAHMAPUTRA

Explore a river that carves its way through the remarkable, varied and exciting scenery of the state of Assam. Visit national parks rich in wildlife, remote river communities and exotic temples.

11 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON
£3,990

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COMFORTABLE
PACE

Price includes:

- International flights & current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides & entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders
- All meals
- All excursions

Flight & supplement information

Tour departs any day subject to availability

- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,340 (Kolkata - Kolkata)
- Single room from £1,390
- Sole passenger supplement from £1,420

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Land and river safaris
- Sailing in the shadow of the Himalayas
- Tea plantations
- Tribal river life

ITINERARY

Days 1-2: Fly to Kolkata

Fly overnight to Kolkata, formerly Calcutta, on the east bank of the Hooghly River.

Day 3: Fly to Guwahati

Fly to Guwahati and visit Kamakhya Temple, devoted to the goddess of desire, before boarding your Pandaw vessel. (B,D)

Day 4: Sailing towards Silghat

Enjoy the stunning natural scenery and wildlife of the Brahmaputra River. Observe river dolphins and birds of prey as we pass uninhabited islands and the fragile communities that live here. Later enjoy a talk on the Brahmaputra and the tribal life that exists alongside it. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Silghat

Pass attractive Tezpur arriving at Silghat where we take an excursion through stunning countryside to a tea estate and factory producing the famous Assam tea. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Kaziranga National Park

Visit UNESCO accredited Kaziranga National Park for an elephant safari searching for the elusive Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros and Bengal Tiger. Continue to Bagori and further explore the wildlife of the park by jeep. Travel

to Biswanath Ghat to explore the charming village. (B,L,D)

Day 7: River Safari

Take a boat safari on the Eastern range of Kaziranga where River Dhansiri and River Brahmaputra meet. Here, observe wildlife at its most natural including pied kingfishers, eagles, vultures, water buffaloes, monitor lizards and otters. Dinner is al fresco on a deserted island. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Mishing People

Visit a local village of the Mishing people, where women weave on hand-loom to create colourful costumes. (B,L,D)

Day 9: Majuli and Sibsagar

Explore the impressive Satras of Majuli before continuing to Sibsagar to visit the Shiva Dol, built in 1734, the highest Shiva temple in India. (B,L,D)

Day 10: Fly to Kolkata

Disembark after breakfast and transfer to Jorhat airport for your flight to Kolkata. (B)

Day 11: Fly Kolkata to UK

Fly to the UK arriving home the same or following day. (B)



▲ MV MAHABAAHU



▲ TAJ MAHAL

INCLUDES 7 NIGHT BRAHMAPUTRA RIVER CRUISE

INDIA'S GOLDEN TRIANGLE & THE BRAHMAPUTRA

Follow the Brahmaputra River through the beautiful and undiscovered landscapes of the state of Assam before experiencing the breathtaking sights of the celebrated 'Golden Triangle', the location of the incredible Taj Mahal.

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£5,490**

INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

COMFORTABLE PACE

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Land and river safaris
- Assam tea plantations
- The magnificent Taj Mahal
- The 'Pink City' of Jaipur
- Discover Delhi & Kolkata
- Sailing in the shadow of the Himalayas



▲ MV MAHABAAHU



▲ TEMPLE WORSHIP



▲ BENGAL TIGER IN KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK

ITINERARY

■ DAYS 1-2: FLY TO KOLKATA
Fly overnight to the vibrant city of Kolkata. On arrival you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel.

■ DAY 3: FLY TO GUWAHATI
Fly to Guwahati and visit Kamakhya Temple, devoted to the goddess of desire, en route to your beautiful Pandaw vessel. Cast off and sail past Peacock Island, home to a colony of endangered Langur. Enjoy an evening welcome dinner and a talk. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 4: SAILING TOWARDS SILGHAT
Enjoy the magnificent natural scenery of the Brahmaputra River, and keep an eye out for some of the wealth of wildlife that calls it home - from river dolphins to birds of prey. Passing uninhabited islands and small riverside communities, you'll be able to glimpse a rural India rarely seen by visitors. Later, enjoy a talk on the river and the tribes that live next to it. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 5: SILGHAT
Pass Tezpur and a three kilometre long arched bridge and arrive at the riverside town of Silghat. From here head out into the beautiful countryside to visit a tea estate and factory that produces the famous Assam tea. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 6: KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK
Visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Kaziranga National Park. Head out on an elephant safari to search for the elusive Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros (the park is home to two-thirds of the world's population) and Bengal Tiger as well as herds of elephants, water buffalo and swamp deer. The park is also recognised as an important area for birds. Continue

to Bagori and continue through this magnificent park by jeep spotting wildlife as you go. Travel on to Biswanath Ghat and explore this charming village by small boat. The local women may be weaving traditional handicrafts on the riverbanks. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 7: RIVER SAFARI
Passing through more dramatic river scenery, set out on a boat safari passing along the edge of Kaziranga National Park where the Dhansiri and Brahmaputra rivers meet. Keep an eye out for pied kingfishers, eagles, vultures, water buffaloes, monitor lizards and otters. Dine al fresco on a deserted island. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 8: MISHING PEOPLE
A lovely day will be spent visiting a local village of the ethnic Mishing people, which occupies part of the world's largest river island. Here you can see the local women weaving colourful costumes on their hand-loom and watch a demonstration on Dhoti and Chaddor, the traditional dress of the men and women of the Mishing communities. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 9: MAJULI AND SIBSAGAR
Explore the impressive 15th-century satras (a religious/cultural institution unique to Assam) of the ancient town of Majuli. Continue on to Sibsagar, the capital of the Tai-speaking Ahom people who arrived from China in the 13th century. Visit the Shiva Dol; built in 1734, this is the highest Shiva temple in India. Spend some time with a tea estate family gaining insight into the Assam tea process. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 10: JORHAT TO DELHI
Disembark after breakfast and transfer to Jorhat airport and fly to Delhi via Kolkata. Transfer to your hotel.



▲ MV MAHABAAHU

■ DAY 11: EXPLORE DELHI
Take a morning tour of India's rambunctious capital Delhi. There will be visits to all of the most popular sights including the Gandhi memorial, India's largest mosque Jama Masjid and UNESCO World Heritage-listed Qutab Minar. We'll also pass the magnificent Mughal Red Fort and the colonial landmarks India Gate and Rashtrapati Bhawan. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 12: DELHI TO AGRA
Drive to Agra and check in to your hotel. Head out into the city and visit the epic Agra Fort, set on the banks of the Jamuna River, and, at sunset, set eyes on the breathtaking Taj Mahal, one of the most spectacular pieces of architecture on the planet. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 13: FATEHPUR SIKRI
Travel to the ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri, where there are a spectacular array of long deserted Mughal palaces and temples to explore. Continue to Kalakho and check into your hotel. After lunch, head out on a camel safari and meet the people of the village. There is a cultural dance show this evening. (B,L,D)

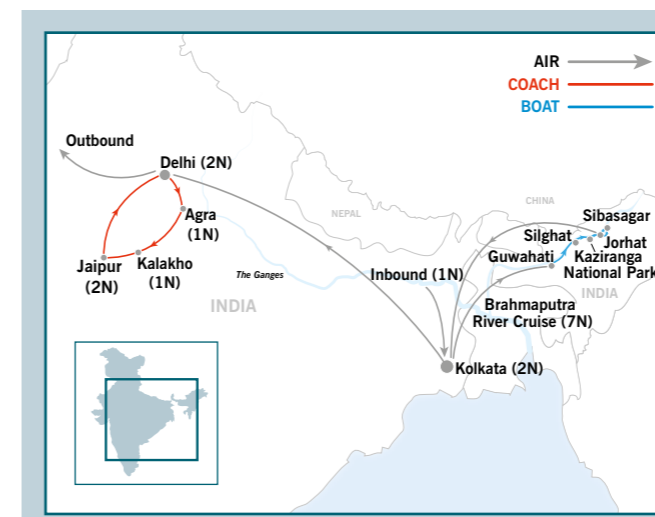
■ DAYS 14-15: JAIPUR
Travel to Jaipur stopping off at the Abhaneri stepwell, engineered by the local people to collect

rainwater. Arrive in Jaipur and check into your hotel. Later visit Sanganer, to see its textile and paper industry and fascinating Jain temples. The next day, explore the 'Pink City', with visits to the magnificent hilltop Amber Fort, the beautiful 18th century Hawa Mahal (Palace of the Winds), Jantar Mantar observatory and the City Palace which houses the royal residence and museums. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 16: TRAVEL TO DELHI AND FLY TO UK
Travel from Jaipur to Delhi by road, transferring straight to the airport for your international flight home to the UK arriving the same or following day. (B)



Specially constructed to sail on the mighty Brahmaputra River, the MV Mahabaahu has 13 cabins without balcony, 9 with balcony and 2 suites. Public areas include a swimming pool, dining room, lounge and observation deck.



2016 DATES			
11 Nov - 26 Nov	£5,490	25 Nov - 10 Dec	£5,490
2017 DATES			
06 Jan - 21 Jan	£5,890	17 Mar - 01 Apr	£5,890
03 Feb - 18 Feb	£5,890	31 Mar - 15 Apr	£5,790

Price includes:

- International flights & current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides & entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders
- All meals
- All excursions
- Use of bikes on board

Flight & supplement information

- Tour departs any day subject to availability**
- Flight upgrades available on request
 - Land only from £4,840 (Kolkata - Delhi)
 - Single supplement from £1,840
 - Sole passenger supplement from £1,890

YANGTZE RIVER

The Yangtze River has been the lifeline of China for millennia – it was around the river that some of the earliest Chinese cultures existed. Ever since it's been essential for agriculture, for transportation and for the development of the country.

Board a comfortable cruise ship and voyage through the epic Three Gorges and past the colossal dam, stopping en route at sights of cultural and historical interest on the river banks. Cruising the Yangtze will help you see China from a new perspective.

YANGTZE CRUISING

A relaxing, alternative way to travel that takes you deeper into some of China's most dramatic landscapes, cruising on the Yangtze River has become one of the must do China experiences. We like to make sure our customers cruise in the utmost comfort – our trusted partners Victoria Cruises and Sanctuary Cruises provide an excellent service.



CRUISE PARTNERS

Victoria Cruises (Grand Yangtze, Spirit of the Yangtze and Ultimate Yangtze) has a fleet of seven five-star ships and is the only American company on the river. Ships blend European and Asian design and, depending on the ship, carry from 200 to 400 passengers.

Sanctuary Cruises (Yangtze in Style) operate the Yangzi Explorer, an intimate, luxurious ship with space for just 124 passengers.

STAYING ONBOARD

The facilities on a Victoria cruise ship are extensive, including a beauty salon, fitness room, health clinic and Wi-Fi. Accommodation is in spacious cabins with private balconies, bath tubs and televisions. The Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer has a luxury spa, theatre, Cigar Bar and fitness centre and cabins with floor to ceiling windows, balcony, minibar and television.



WHAT YOU'LL SEE

Whichever cruise ship you are on, the spectacular sights and shore excursions will be more or less the same. You'll sail through the Three Gorges, Qutang, Wu and Xiling, each with its own spectacular characteristics and see the Three Gorges Dam. The world's largest hydroelectric power station, though controversial, is very impressive. Shore excursions may include the ghost city of Fengdu and Shibaozhai temple and a trip down one of the pretty tributaries of the main river.

DINING

Onboard a Victoria cruise ship you can enjoy an award-winning dining experience with excellently prepared Chinese and Western-fusion cuisine served as a sumptuous buffet.

Dining on the Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer is innovative a la carte, with both Chinese and Western cuisine prepared by internationally-trained chefs.



ACTIVITIES ONBOARD

Victoria Cruises has a programme of activities that includes a Tai Chi school, lectures on Chinese history and culture, fashion shows and cabaret. Onboard the Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer take a dumpling making class, start the day with Tai Chi on the deck and sit back and enjoy a colourful crew performance.



▲ YANGTZE RIVER

INCLUDES 8 NIGHT YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

GRAND YANGTZE

Following a course carved from the landscape over millions of years, the Yangtze runs through a wealth of spectacular scenery. From dramatic gorges and pastoral panoramas to man-made wonders and imperial cities, enjoy it all at a relaxed pace on board your cruise ship.

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **£3,345**

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM THE UK

MODERATE PACE

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Eight night Yangtze Cruise
- Giant Pandas in Chengdu
- Walk on the Great Wall of China
- Explore the majestic Forbidden City
- The bright lights and bustle of Shanghai
- The Terracotta Army



▲ TERRACOTTA WARRIORS



▲ SHANGHAI



▲ GIANT PANDAS

ITINERARY

■ DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Fly overnight to the exuberant city of Shanghai, called 'the Paris of the East'. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

■ DAY 3: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Today's explorations include the peaceful Yu Gardens; the Silk Museum, the atmospheric alleys of the old town; and the fine arts and antiquities of the Shanghai Museum. Admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund. This evening view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise.

■ DAY 4: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Board the Victoria Cruises Yangtze ship to begin an eight-night cruise to Chongqing.

■ DAY 5: NANJING

Half day excursion to historical Nanjing, China's capital under six dynasties. Visit the mausoleum of Dr Sun Yat Sen, set majestically on the slopes of Mount Zijin.

■ DAY 6: MT JIUHUA

One of the four sacred mountains of Chinese Buddhism, Mt Jiuhua is a beautiful and tranquil place dotted with age-old temples, waterfalls and pine trees. Follow one of many winding paths to find the most scenic spots.

■ DAY 7: WUHAN

Take a shore excursion to the characterful city of Wuhan, the capital of Hubei province, and home to the Hubei Provincial Museum.

■ DAY 8: CRUISING THE YANGTZE

Spend the day soaking up the sights and sounds of the river.

■ DAY 9: THREE GORGES DAM

Sailing through the Gezhou Dam close to Yichang, we begin the approach to the Three Gorges Dam. There will be time to visit the viewing area to truly appreciate the scale of this hydroelectric project. Continuing upstream, passing through the Xiling Gorge, our boat must negotiate the five-tiered Three Gorges Dam ship lock!

■ DAY 10: WU AND QUTANG GORGES

Prepare for breathtaking vistas as the ship passes through Wu and Qutang gorges. Switching to smaller vessels take a relaxing trip into the attractive gorges of the Goddess or Shennong streams.

■ DAY 11: FENGDU GHOST CITY

Explore the captivating temples of Fengdu and come face to face with statues of ghosts and devils on Mingshan Hill or visit the splendid Shibaozhai pavilion.

■ DAY 12: ANCIENT CIQIKOU

Disembark in Chongqing and visit the ancient district of Ciqikou before transferring to Chengdu. This evening, there will be a delicious Sichuan meal to enjoy.

■ DAY 13: PANDAS

A visit to Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre allows you to see, and learn about, China's celebrated icons up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Visit the Shu Brocade Museum then fly to Xian, the ancient former capital where, this evening, there will be a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings



▲ GREAT WALL OF CHINA

and a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

■ DAY 14: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first Emperor Qin Shi Huang has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of these life-sized warriors. Visit the workshop of the craftsmen who recreate Terracotta Warriors in the style of their ancient counterparts. Watch the skilled production process and choose your own warrior to take home. This afternoon stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town.

■ DAY 15: EXPLORE XIAN, FLY TO BEIJING

A relaxed morning includes time to walk through the atmospheric alleys of the Muslim Quarter which are lined with Islamic food stalls. Later, fly to Beijing, China's capital city.

■ DAY 16: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Heading to Beijing's symbolic heart, stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling

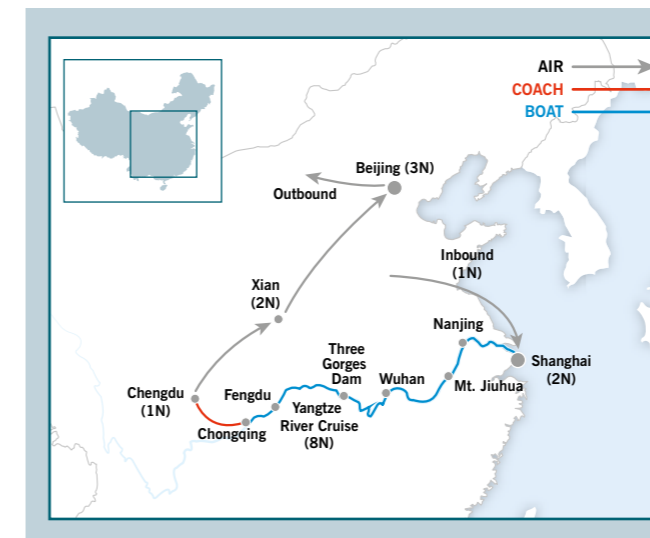
magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Later soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, an orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape, where you can watch, or participate in, a dance class. A Chinese acrobatic show rounds off the day.

■ DAY 17: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. In the afternoon visit the Jade Museum, then savour the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese gardens and view the exquisite architecture. This evening, savour Beijing's best known delicacy – Peking duck.

■ DAY 18: FLY BEIJING TO UK

Fly to the UK, arriving home the same or following day.



2016 DEPARTURES			
10 May - 27 May	£3,445	06 Sep - 23 Sep	£3,545
24 May - 10 Jun	£3,345	20 Sep - 07 Oct	£3,545
		18 Oct - 04 Nov	£3,345
2017 DEPARTURES			
11 Apr - 28 Apr	£3,645	23 May - 09 Jun	£3,545
25 Apr - 12 May	£3,645	05 Sep - 22 Sep	£3,745
09 May - 26 May	£3,645	19 Sep - 06 Oct	£3,745

Price includes:	Flight & supplement information
■ International flights & current taxes	■ Based on London Heathrow departures
■ Domestic transportation	■ Flight upgrades available on request
■ Accommodation	■ Land only from £2,795 (Shanghai - Beijing)
■ All meals	■ Single room from £990
■ Touring with guides & entrance fees	■ Tipping paid locally US\$132
■ Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders	



**INCLUDES 6 NIGHT
YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE**

▲ GREAT WALL OF CHINA

SPiRiT OF THE YANGTZE

Indulge yourself with a delightful Yangtze cruise and opulent hotels as this relaxed itinerary takes you from imperial treasures and Terracotta Warriors to vibrant cities, adorable pandas and delicious gastronomy, complete with many special experiences along the way.

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON £4,545

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COMFORTABLE PACE

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Tai Chi class with a master
- VIP cruise package
- Meet the man who discovered the Warriors
- Three Gorges cruise
- Come face to face with the gorgeous Giant Pandas



▲ GIANT PANDA



▲ FORBIDDEN CITY



▲ YANGTZE RIVER

ITINERARY

■ DAYS 1-2: FLY TO BEIJING

Arrive at the airport by chauffeured transfer and fly overnight to Beijing. On arrival you will be accompanied by one of our experienced escorts to the hotel. (D)

■ DAY 3: EXPLORE IMPERIAL BEIJING

Begin the day like many locals with gentle exercise, as you partake in a private Tai Chi lesson in the Temple of Heaven park. Cross vast Tiananmen Square to the Forbidden City – a monument to a dynastic past, the palace served as the home of emperors for 500 years. Your visit includes entrance to the intimate Treasure Hall, a glittering showcase of dynastic royal life. Dine on Peking duck at Quanjude restaurant and enjoy an optional Chinese acrobatic show. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 4: CHAMPAGNE ON THE GREAT WALL

From the Gobi Desert to the Bohai Sea the Great Wall stretches thousands of miles. Visit the beautiful Mutianyu section, stopping for a glass of champagne whilst admiring the views of the Wall as it snakes over craggy peaks. Take a rickshaw ride through Beijing's hutongs and stop for a lesson in calligraphy with a learned scholar. Enjoy a free evening at lively Houhai Lake. (B,L)

■ DAY 5: ANCIENT CITY WALLS

Fly to Xian. Walk on the 14th-century walls for an excellent overview of the city. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. This evening, watch a colourful and sometimes humorous Tang Dynasty dance performance. (B,L)

■ DAY 6: THE TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Fortuitously found by local farmers digging a well, the Terracotta

Warriors are one of the world's most famous archaeological discoveries. View the enigmatic ranks in the company of an expert. Next meet the discoverer of the Warriors – learn about the moment they were uncovered by talking to one of the farmers who stumbled upon them in 1974. On the way back to Xian, visit the workshop of the craftsmen who create miniature Terracotta Warriors. Study with local dumpling chefs to learn the art of creating these cultural delicacies. In Xian the preparation of these bite-size morsels has been perfected into an art form with their delicate wrappers crafted to represent their filling. Tonight there is an option to take a city night tour which includes the dazzling fountain display in front of the Big Wild Goose Pagoda. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 7: SICHUAN HOT POT

Explore Hanyangling Mausoleum. The artefacts recovered here, give a fascinating insight into daily life during the Western Han Dynasty. Fly to Chengdu and enjoy a quintessential Sichuan hot pot dining experience. Puzzle over a national secret at the Sichuan Opera – the face-changing art of Bian Lian. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 8: PANDAS WITH AN EXPERT

Visit Chengdu's Panda Centre where an expert will talk to you about the Centre's work and the pandas themselves as you observe these peaceful bears. Visit the Shu Brocade and Embroidery Museum, then transfer to Chongqing and visit Ciqikou, a historic district full of traditional architecture – spend a free evening here exploring. (B,L)

■ DAY 9: WELCOME ABOARD

Board your cruise vessel and begin to enjoy your private balcony and amenities package. The Yangtze

has long played a pivotal role in the history, culture and economy of China, and this voyage is the perfect way to illustrate its importance. The first stop will be Fengdu, a complex of structures and statues that represent Diyu, the concept of the underworld in Chinese mythology. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 10: DRAMATIC YANGTZE GORGES

Prepare for breathtaking vistas as we sweep through the Qutang and Wu gorges. Take a side voyage into the attractive gorges of the Goddess Stream. Our vessel then negotiates the five-step Three Gorges Dam lock as you learn about the dam project with a presentation by the ship's river guide. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 11: THREE GORGES DAM

This massive feat of engineering saw the century-old dreams of Chinese luminaries come to fruition. Created to harness the power of the Yangtze, it is difficult to not be awestruck as you stand on the viewing platform. Also visit the Three Gorges Dam exhibition centre. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 12: HUBEI PROVINCIAL MUSEUM

Take a shore excursion to the city of Wuhan and the Hubei Provincial Museum. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 13: MOUNTAIN SCENERY

Delight in beautiful panoramas on an excursion to the sacred mountain of Jiuhuashan. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 14: IMPERIAL NANJING

Visit historical Nanjing and the mausoleum of Dr Sun Yat Sen, the 'Father of the Nation'. Enjoy a farewell banquet on the boat. (B,L,D)

■ DAY 15: SHANGHAI

Disembark and transfer to Shanghai. Visit the Shanghai Museum then enjoy the afternoon at leisure. This evening, there's

free time to savour the mid-19th century shikumen architecture of the lively Xintiandi district. (B,L)

■ DAY 16: ZHUJIJIAO WATER TOWN

The 1,700 year old Zhujiajiao is a typical example of rustic Chinese charm, boasting old stone bridges, wood-panelled houses and numerous atmospheric waterways. Return to Shanghai where the afternoon is free, or take an optional ride on the super fast Maglev train. (B)

■ DAY 17: STYLISH SHANGHAI

Walk through the Old Town to the Yu Gardens, a classic example of traditional Chinese horticulture. Visit the colonial Bund and the Silk Museum. Enjoy a farewell dinner at Meiyuancun and toast the end of the tour with a cocktail at Cloud 9 in Jin Mao Tower with views of the Pudong skyline. (B,L,D)

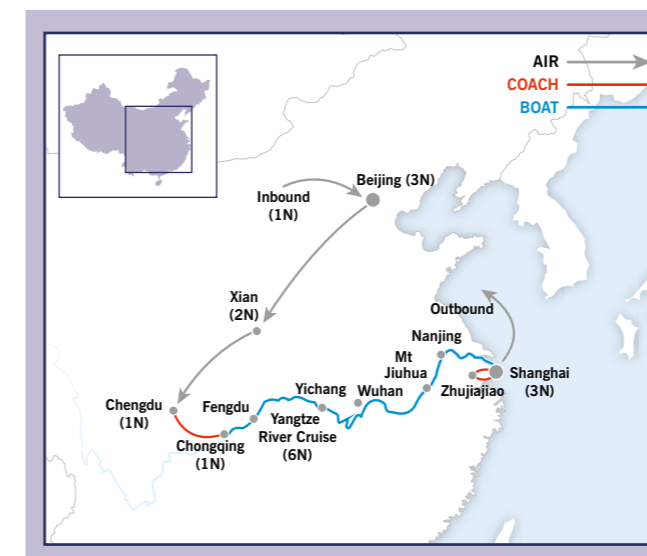
■ DAY 18: FLY SHANGHAI TO UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK, arriving home the same or following day. On arrival you will be transported by chauffeured transfer. (B)

VICTORIA SOPHIA



The only ship operating the six-night route between Chongqing and Shanghai, the Victoria Sophia offers a unique and relaxing cruise experience. Well-appointed cabins have private balconies and excellent views, whilst the VIP package gives you a la carte dining, free wi-fi and complimentary happy hour drinks.



2016 DEPARTURES

13 May - 30 May	£4,545	23 Sep - 10 Oct	£4,745
09 Sep - 26 Sep	£4,745	07 Oct - 24 Oct	£4,745

2017 DEPARTURES

31 Mar - 17 Apr	£4,745	12 May - 29 May	£4,745	22 Sep - 09 Oct	£4,945
14 Apr - 01 May	£4,745	25 Aug - 11 Sep	£4,945	06 Oct - 23 Oct	£4,945
28 Apr - 15 May	£4,745	08 Sep - 25 Sep	£4,945		

Price includes:

- International flights & current taxes
- UK airport chauffeur transfers
- Domestic transportation
- 5★ Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Touring with guides & entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders

Flight & supplement information

- Based on London
- Heathrow departures
- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,995 (Beijing - Shanghai)
- Single room from £1,690
- Tipping paid locally US\$151



▲ YANGTZE RIVER

INCLUDES 4 NIGHT
YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

ULTIMATE YANGTZE

Set sail on the essential Yangtze cruise, spending four nights on its magnificent waters, combined with the bright lights of Shanghai and the gorgeous pandas of Chengdu.

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- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Touring with guides & entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders

Flight & supplement information

Tour departs any day subject to availability

- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £1,990 (Shanghai - Chengdu)
- Single room from £350

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- The sights of Shanghai
- 4 night Yangtze River cruise
- The spectacular scenery of the Three Gorges
- Chengdu's giant pandas

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DAY 1-2: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Fly overnight to the exuberant city of Shanghai. On arrival you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel.

DAY 3: DISCOVER SHANGHAI

Explore China's great metropolis, visiting the Yu Garden and Shanghai Museum, taking a stroll along the colonial Bund and cruising on the Huangpu River. Enjoy a delicious local meal this evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: FLY TO YICHANG

Transfer to the airport and fly to Yichang. Here, embark upon your Victoria Yangtze River cruise vessel, which will be your home for the next four nights. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: THREE GORGES DAM

This morning you will visit the Three Gorges Dam. As controversial as it may be, the dam is an impressive feat of engineering, something that can be best admired from the viewpoint, which you will visit. This afternoon, sit back and prepare to admire the magnificent scenery of the first of the Three Gorges, Xiling. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: WU AND QUTANG GORGES

Cruise through the Wu Gorge, known for its quiet beauty and forest covered mountains, before heading straight into the Qutang Gorge, the shortest, narrowest and most dramatic gorge of the three. There will be a shore excursion along one of the beautiful tributary streams of the Yangtze in a local longboat steered by Tujia boatmen. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: SHIBAOZHAI

Explore colourful Shibaozhai, a beautiful 12 storey temple set on an island in the Yangtze. Built during the Ming Dynasty, the site is also known as Precious Stone Fortress. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: DISEMBARK IN CHONGQING

Disembark your cruise vessel in the large river port city of Chongqing and board a train to Chengdu, the delightful capital of Sichuan province. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: PANDAS

A visit to Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Centre allows you to see and learn about China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. A look around the informative museum gives an overview of the reserve's breeding programme. Later, take a stroll down lively Jinli Street. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: FLY CHENGDU TO UK

Fly home to the UK, arriving home the same or the following day. (B)



▲ THREE GORGES TRIBE

INCLUDES 4 NIGHT
YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

YANGTZE IN STYLE

A luxurious voyage of discovery, enjoy four nights aboard a deluxe cruise ship on the Yangtze, with the dynamic city of Shanghai and the beauty of the Li River Valley added on.

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PACE

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- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Meals as stated
- Touring with guides & entrance fees
- Visa fees for UK & EU passport holders

Flight & supplement information

Tour departs any day subject to availability

- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from £3,390 (Shanghai - Guilin)
- Single room from £1,540

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Stroll amongst the colonial grandeur of the Bund in Shanghai
- Cruise luxuriously through the spectacular Three Gorges
- Soak up the beauty of Yangshuo

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Fly overnight to the exuberant city of Shanghai. On arrival you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel.

DAY 3: DISCOVER SHANGHAI

Explore China's great metropolis including the colonial Bund and a cruise on the Huangpu River. Enjoy a delicious local meal this evening. (B,L)

DAY 4: FLY TO YICHANG

Transfer to the airport and fly to Yichang. Here, embark upon the Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer, which will be your home for the next four nights. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: THREE GORGES DAM

Start the morning with a session of Tai Chi on deck. Later you will visit the Three Gorges Dam. This afternoon, prepare to admire the magnificent scenery of the first of the Three Gorges, Xiling, before enjoying a Captain's reception followed by an a la carte dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: WU AND QUTANG GORGES

Cruise through the Wu Gorge, known for its quiet beauty, before heading straight into the Qutang Gorge, the most dramatic gorge of the three. Take a shore excursion along one of the beautiful tributary streams of the Yangtze. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: FENGDU

Step onto dry land to visit the fascinating Fengdu. Back on board, take part in an afternoon Chinese dumpling making class. In the evening, you will be treated to a dancing lion performance. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: DISEMBARK IN CHONGQING

Disembark your cruise vessel in Chongqing and pop to the Chongqing Panda House to visit China's iconic bears. Transfer to the airport and fly to the beautiful city of Guilin. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to the charming village of Yangshuo. This evening enjoy the enchanting light spectacular that is Impression Sanjie Liu. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: YANGSHUO

Yangshuo is surrounded by landscapes of jewel-green paddy fields and dramatic limestone karsts. The morning is at leisure. Return to Guilin and explore the Reed Flute Caves. (B)

DAY 11: FLY GUILIN TO UK

Fly home to the UK, arriving home the same or the following day.

SANCTUARY YANGZI EXPLORER



An intimate cruising experience with space for just 124 passengers, the Yangzi Explorer offers cabins with balconies, whilst the public spaces are bright and luxurious. Dine a la carte and enjoy cultural demonstrations and evening entertainment.

TAILORMADE ASIA

Our group tours give you the chance to tick off all of the big sights and to travel in the company of likeminded people but not everyone wants to stick to the trail. If you like what you see but are looking for more flexibility and freedom, a tailor-made tour may be for you.

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WHAT WE DO:

Our team of dedicated tailor-made Asia experts will help to design your perfect, unique itinerary so you can have a holiday that fits all of your wants and needs for excellent value – whether it's some minor adjustments to one of the group itineraries you've seen in this brochure or building something completely from scratch.

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The creation of your perfect itinerary is a combination of your ideas and desires, and our expertise. Your dedicated tailor-made consultant will listen to what you are looking for, make recommendations and work with you to create a holiday that fulfils all your wants and needs.



2 INDIVIDUAL TRANSPORT

You can travel around your destination any way you like, be it by bullet train, plane or car, but we will always provide you with your own vehicle and driver to make sure that you get the most out of your time exploring. This way you can stop where and when you like.

3 LOCAL FLAVOURS

Asia is home to a wealth of different people and cultures, each offering their own characteristic and delicious cuisines. Tasting the local food is a way of getting to the heart of a culture, and we know the best areas to eat and the finest restaurants. We can ensure you get to try all the regional specialities on your trip with us.



4 ACCOMMODATION CHOICES

Accommodation across Asia ranges from ger camps to grand old palaces. The choice of hotel style and standard is completely up to you. Just give us the number of stars that you want and where you want to be, and we will use our extensive knowledge and superior rates to select one that meets your needs requirements and budget.

5 DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Learning, seeing and experiencing are all part of travel. By tailormaking your trip you can take this a step farther and do something a bit different – a day as a panda keeper, a Vietnamese cooking class or ballooning over Bagan are just some of the many options.

6 PRIVATE GUIDING

There is no better way to really experience your destination than with your very own local expert. Not only will you learn more about the sights and culture but will get the inside knowledge on local life. And we only use the best guides, the ones who are both passionate and knowledgeable about their country.



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Booking your holiday should be simple and straightforward, so Wendy Wu Tours is committed to supporting you through every element of the booking process right through until after your holiday has finished.

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1. Choose your experience

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- Flexible Private Tours
- Bespoke Tailormade Holidays

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2. Check availability

Speak to our expert Travel Consultants, or your preferred Travel Agent, and we will check the tour availability, find the best flights and confirm your full package price.

3. Booking & deposit

Group Tour places can usually be confirmed immediately upon payment of a deposit of £350 per person. Private Touring arrangements can usually be confirmed within 48 hours.

Once your tour is complete, we will send you confirmation by email. By making a booking you are confirming that you have read the tour dossier, are fit enough to fully participate in your tour, will travel with adequate travel insurance and agree to the booking conditions at the back of the brochure.

4. Final payment

The balance of your payment is due 60 days before departure and you will be issued with your travel tickets and documentation approximately two weeks before travel.

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Enjoy the freedom to choose who you fly with and where you fly from. We work with most major airlines and offer flights from regional airports across the UK – often with no additional supplement.

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We want to make your holiday enjoyable and stress-free and can help you book:

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- ✓ Airport Hotels from £35 per night
- ✓ Travel Insurance from £3 per day

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