



# Vietnam & Cambodia

*by luxury river cruise*

EXCLUSIVE CHARTER OF THE INDOCHINA PANDAW  
14 DAY FULLY ESCORTED JOURNEY  
27 NOVEMBER 2010

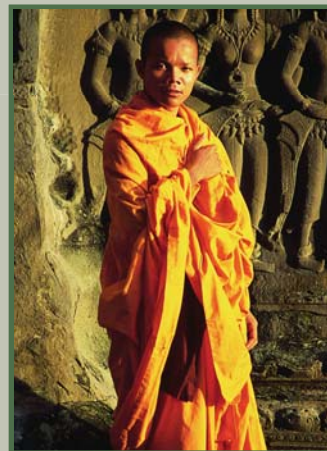


You're invited to join Lance and Peter from Cruise Express on our second year of this exclusive charter of the Indochina Pandaw as we offer you a cruise packed with contrast and intrigue. From the serene calmness of ancient Cambodia to the bustle and vibrancy of its neighbour Vietnam.

Slipping past lush paddy fields, gliding through myriad villages and meeting friendly locals – this adventure takes you closer to Asia than any other.

And all while you enjoy the onboard comforts of this replica steamer, complete with its brass and teak fittings and an ever-attentive crew. It's no wonder so many of Pandaw's passengers regard it as the one cruise that has exceeded all of their expectations.

So, whether commencing your journey in the gateway city of Siem Reap or ending it in French colonial Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City), you're highly likely to head home determined to return.



## INCLUSIONS

- Return Economy class airfares with Singapore Airlines including airport taxes
- 1 night accommodation in Singapore including breakfast
- 2 nights deluxe accommodation including breakfast at Raffles Grand Hotel D'Angkor in Siem Reap
- 7 nights cruising onboard Indochina Pandaw inc. all meals, soft drinks, local beers and spirits, government taxes & onboard gratuities
- 2 nights deluxe accommodation including breakfast at Caravelle Hotel in Saigon
- Group transfers throughout
- Extensive sightseeing with expert local guides
- The services of a professional Cruise Express Escort

### HOLIDAY COSTS

### TWIN

### SINGLE

Main Deck

\$6,270 pp\*

\$10,720 pp\*

Upper Deck

\$6,650 pp\*

\$11,490 pp\*

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of up to \$1,000 pp twin-share  
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## YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

### NOVEMBER 2010

#### SAT 27 – AUSTRALIA – SINGAPORE

Fly with Singapore Airlines from Sydney to Singapore. On arrival retransfer to your hotel. Overnight Singapore.

#### SUN 28 – SINGAPORE – SIEM REAP

Fly with Singapore Airlines to Siem Reap. On arrival you will be assisted through immigration and customs before being transferred by air-conditioned vehicle, with an English-speaking guide, to the Raffles Hotel d'Angkor. This afternoon, enjoy a tour to Angkor Wat – the world's largest temple, with a volume of stone equalling that of the Cheops pyramid in Egypt. Inspired by 12th century Hinduism and conceived by Suryavarman I, Angkor Wat took an estimated 30 years to build and is believed to have been a funeral temple for the king. Enjoy a sunset over Angkor Wat before heading back to your hotel. (B)

#### MON 29 – SIEM REAP

After breakfast, you will visit the magnificent Angkor Thom; last capital of the Khmers, with its Elephant Terrace, Terrace of the Leper King and the spectacular Bayon Temple. A 12th century masterpiece, Bayon Temple is an archaeological wonder of symmetry and grandeur at the centre of Angkor Thom, and is surrounded by two long walls of extraordinary bas-relief scenes and over 200 "faces" silent with their famous half-smiles. You will enjoy lunch at the d'Angkor Restaurant, before visiting Thommanon, Chau Say, Tevoda, Ta Keo and Ta Prohm, the temple that has been left largely in its natural state. Surrounded by jungle, its labyrinth of stone hallways are overgrown with the roots and limbs of massive banyan trees. (B/L)

#### TUE 30 – SIEM REAP – KAMPONG

After breakfast you will travel to Kampong Cham on the Mekong River, stopping at Kampong Thom. Enjoy a glimpse of everyday Cambodian life as you travel through this region. Kampong Thom is a key area for wildlife conservation, with the grasslands and rice-fields containing many species of endangered water birds. This afternoon, embark Indochina Pandaw. (B/L/D)

### DECEMBER 2010

#### WED 01 – KAMPONG CHAM AREA

Enjoy a morning journey upriver to the hilltop pre-Angkorian temple of Wat Hanchery. These 8th century brick structures characterise the Chenla Empire's architecture, predating Angkor's glories. Sail back downstream over lunch for an exploration of the Kampong Cham area. Travel by bus to the fascinating 12th century Angkorian temple of Wat Nokor. This colourful temple is unique as a modern wat set within an ancient temple's ruins. Then you'll head to the eco village of Cheungkok, supported by the French-Cambodian NGO AMICA, and Kampong Cham orphanage, assisted by the Pandaw Pro-Bono programme. (B/L/D)

#### THU 02 – TONLE RIVER – KAMPONG CHHANG

We glance by the capital Phnom Penh in the early morning to change pilots and sail the Tonle River which connects Tonle Sap (Great Lake) with the Mekong and Bassac Rivers. Temples abound on the river banks at Kampong Chhang where you'll witness a rich tapestry of Cambodian rural life. Mooring midstream, you'll have the opportunity to take a motorboat excursion into the lakeside wetlands that form the mouth of the river, seeing the area's stunning variety of birdlife. Weather conditions may require a change in itinerary. At the

peak of the monsoon (July to October) the high water can restrict Indochina Pandaw from sailing under the bridge into Tonle Sap Lake. In the dry season the low water in the lake may make it impossible to cross. During these times, the day's touring will be provided by coach. (B/L/D)

#### FRI 03 – PHNOM PENH

The capital of Cambodia retains its French charm with several impressive wats, including Wat Ounalom, Wat Phnom and the newly-painted Wat Lang Ka. Pride of place goes to the Royal Palace and to the spectacular Silver Pagoda – one of the few places where artefacts embodying the brilliance and richness of Khmer culture were preserved by the Khmer Rouge. The National Museum also has rewarding displays of Khmer crafts. Enjoy an afternoon excursion into the suburbs for a very moving Killing Fields visit, including the Khmer Rouge's grim Tuol Sleng (or S21 detention centre). Afterwards, spend some time at the Russian or Central markets. And, as Phnom Penh has a lively night life, you may choose to dine ashore or try one of its watering-holes; perhaps the Foreign Correspondents' Club. (B/L/D)

#### SAT 04 – MEKONG RIVER/BORDER CROSSING

Indochina Pandaw casts off for a day's cruising in the main Mekong channel, an international shipping route. Enjoy a stop at the jungle village Prek Touch to visit fruit orchards before crossing the Vietnamese border. (B/L/D)

#### SUN 05 – CHAU DOC

Today you will travel by a local ferry from the main Mekong Channel at Tan Chau down through the canals and backwaters. Visit a Cham tribal village and a cat fish farm at Chau Doc, before taking a charming trishaw ride around this fascinating town of fine French-colonial buildings. Return to the ship for lunch before casting off for Cai Be. (B/L/D)

#### MON 06 – SA DEC – CAI BE

Enjoy a half day cruise excursion onboard traditional sampan boats to Cai Be via Vinh Long, along small canals and back waters. You'll witness various traditional activities along the bank and visit the local market at Sa Dec. Continue down the Tien River, visiting a traditional brick and tile factory and exploring local rural life of the delta inhabitants at Dong Hoa Hiepisset. Reaching Cai Be, you will cruise through its colourful floating market which takes place daily in front of the catholic church. Following lunch onboard, continue via sampan into the country backwaters, passing traditional wood and bamboo bridges, suspended fishing nets as well as ricefields, plantations and fruit markets on the riverbanks. Here you can visit a local house to see how people in this delta live. (B/L/D)

#### TUE 07 – SAIGON

Indochina Pandaw sets an early morning sail from Cai Be to My Tho, where you'll disembark at approximately 8:30am. You're then transferred from My Tho Port to the Caravelle Hotel. The day is then at your leisure. (B)

#### WED 08 – SAIGON

After breakfast, enjoy morning sightseeing with your local guide, visiting some of the 'essential sights' of this city, including the Reunification Palace, once known as the Presidential Palace. You'll also see the picturesque colonial General Post Office, Ben Thanh Market, City Hall, Former US Embassy and Notre Dame Cathedral before enjoying lunch at a local restaurant. Return to your hotel this afternoon. (B/L)

#### THU 09 – SAIGON – SINGAPORE – AUSTRALIA

After breakfast, you'll be transferred to Saigon airport for your flight home to Australia. (B)

B = breakfast L = lunch D = dinner



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