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RV Angkor Pandaw

Pandaw River Cruises

Halong Bay & Red River - Vietnam

Hanoi / Red River / Halong Bay

11 days / 10 nights departing 28 April – 08 May, 2020
Main Deck Twin Share from A\$4,722 per person

SOLO TRAVELLER from A\$4.722 per person

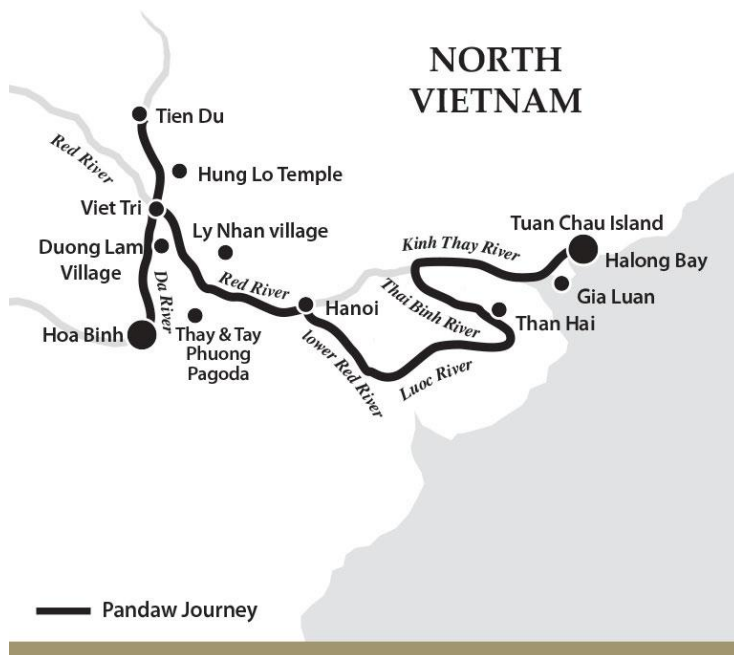
Overview

The Song Hong or Red River rises deep in the Yunnan mountains of south-west China to flow 714 miles (1,149km) across Northern Vietnam to discharge into the Gulf of Tonkin. It is an ancient trade route and was the route by which French explorers in the 19th century penetrated Yunnan, eventually reaching Kunming. Hanoi, capital of Vietnam straddles the river and close to its mouth lies Halong Bay, with its dramatic scenery.

Using the **Angkor Pandaw** in 2015 a remarkable Halong Bay cruise was established. Connecting Halong Bay through various canals and tributaries to join up with the Red River and to continue upstream to mountainous areas beyond Viet Tri and up the **Lo River**, one of the main tributaries. There can be no better way to explore Northern Vietnam.

Cruise by floating markets and get to know the Delta inhabitants water-based lives. See children riding on the backs of water buffalo, verdant rice paddies filled with workers in conical hats and a range of water going vessels plying the narrow waterways. Shop for anything from clothes to fruit and souvenirs to spring rolls all from the side of your luxurious river cruise ship.





DAY 1 HOA BINH

Transfer to Hoa Binh, embark your ship at around 15.00 and set sail downstream for sunset and a night on the Da River.

DAY 2 HOA BINH

Hoa Binh was the site of a major battle with the French in 1951 & 1952 and is home to the Muong ethnic group.

The Hoa Binh Dam at the Black River is the largest hydroelectric dam in Vietnam and Southeast Asia. Take an afternoon boat ride on the reservoir of Hoa Binh power station.

DAY 3 THE DA RIVER

In the morning, visit a museum and local village where villagers still wear traditional dress.

A day sailing downstream admiring the unspoilt beauty of the Da River, passing through the Ba Vi National Park with its rich and diverse tropical and

sub-tropical flora and fauna before arriving at Trung Ha.

DAY 4 VIET TRI

After breakfast by coach through beautiful scenic countryside to the UNESCO praised village of Duong Lam then continue cruising downstream to Viet Tri. Take in the sights and sounds of the bustling river with all kinds of craft and activity.

Meet your guide in the dining room for a lecture on Vietnam, its history, geography and the boat people.

DAY 5 LO - RED RIVERS

Take in the sights and sounds of the bustling river with all kinds of craft and activity. In the morning cruise to Tien Du ferry station to visit the Hung Lo Temple.

DAY 6 THE LOWER RED RIVER

Go ashore to visit a timeless Arcadian Vietnam with emerald green rice paddies punctuated by limestone rock formations. Of particular interest are the Tay and Tay Phuong Pagodas.

DAY 7 HANOI

Drop anchor in the capital and bustling city of Hanoi to visit some highlights of this Asian metropolis. Must-sees include the notorious Vietnam War prison known as the Hanoi Hilton, temple of literature where Confucius did his thinking, and the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum.

DAY 8 LUOC - THAI BINH - KINH THAY RIVERS

Observe the lively and interesting life on the river before reaching next destination in the afternoon.

Afternoon excursion to Thanh Ha Commune with village walk and a private water puppet show set under the shade by a beautiful pond of lotus and lilies. Drop anchor near Hai Phong Port.

DAY 9 HALONG BAY

Cast off early morning along the river before entering Halong Bay's amazing island scenery with its 2,000 dramatic limestone islands and extraordinary rock formations dating back 20 million years.

DAY 10 HALONG BAY

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

Stop at Viet Hai Village and explore on mountain bike or electric buggy, visiting the village's vegetable farm and typical village houses. It is a breath-taking trip along a small road winding its way through the limestone rocks.

DAY 11 HALONG BAY

Morning sail to Tuan Chau Jetty. Disembark and transfer to Hanoi Airport or Pan Pacific Hotel Hanoi with stop for lunch at a local restaurant.

Included in your cruise

- Welcome cocktail party
- Entrance Fees
- Signature hors d'oeuvres at cocktails each evening
- Afternoon tea with cakes or cookies when cruising
- Celebration cake and champagne on birthdays and anniversaries
- Cookery demonstrations and classes using local produce
- All scheduled excursions
- At least two cultural performances per cruise
- Tour of the engine rooms, galley and working parts of the ship
- Film presentations on local culture and history
- Local mineral water
- Cold towels on deck all day
- Jugged coffee, tea and tisanes on deck from sunrise till sunset
- Transfers between ports of embarkation and Hanoi International Airport at the start and end of the voyage.

Cruise Price Excludes:

- International flights, port dues (if levied)
- Laundry
- Travel insurance, vaccinations, all visa costs
- Medical assistance
- Fuel surcharges (see terms and conditions)
- All beverages except local mineral water
- Tips to local guides, bus drivers, boat operators and cyclo drivers.

Terms & Conditions:

Deposit and Payments Deposit is USD\$1,100 per person

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90-62days before departure 50% of tour cost per person

61days of less - 100% of tour cost per person

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