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## BEST OF LAOS & NORTHERN THAILAND - RIVER & LAND TOUR

Explore the beauty and culture of Laos and Northern Thailand with Pandaw on our new and exclusive river and land tour. Experience all that Laos has to offer along the scenic and serene upper Mekong where local life remains unchanged for centuries aboard your expertly crafted and luxuriously comfortable small Pandaw vessel. We also venture high into the mountains of Northern Thailand to discover the rich culture and diversity of the hilltribe peoples that have inhabited this area for centuries. This unforgettable 16 night adventure is sure to be the trip of a lifetime..



### ITINERARY

#### DAY 1 VIENTIANE ARRIVAL

Upon arrival the airport, our driver will wait you at the airport and transfer to your hotel for the evening. We suggest heading to the riverside and exploring the night market.

Meals: none

#### DAY 2 VIENTIANE FULL DAY CITY TOUR

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Depart with your local guide for a full day city tour exploring Laos' French colonial capital. Visit Talaat Sao - Vientiane's Morning Market, Wat Sisaket, Haw Phra Kaew and Putousay, the victory gate inspired by the Arc of Triumph in Paris. After lunch at a local restaurant, head out of town to visit one of Laos' slightly stranger attractions - Xieng Khuan Buddha Park which is home to over 200 statues including a 40-metre reclining Buddha.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

## DAY 3 VIENTIANE

Check out of your hotel and be picked up at 08:00am for the transfer to your Pandaw ship.

Embark our local long-tail boat expedition to your Pandaw vessel upstream. Lunch and drinks will be provided on the local boat by your Pandaw chef and bar staff. Embark your Pandaw in the afternoon for a welcome briefing and welcome drinks. We moor overnight at Pak Lay.

## DAY 4 CRUISING THE MEKONG

Cruise upstream on the Mekong, passing lush jungle scenery and tiny riverside villages. Morning presentation on the Lao language after a short walk at Pha Laeb village. If time permits, we will also enjoy an afternoon walk at Ban Khok Fark.

## DAY 5 XAYABOURI DAM

Morning walk at Ban Pak Bor Khummu village before passing through Xayabouri Hydroelectric Dam, taking an inside look of the workings of this somewhat controversial attraction as we navigate the locks. Afternoon visit to Ban Na San village, a Hmong minority village.

## DAY 6 KUANG SI WATERFALLS

In the morning we moor at the village of Ban Mouang Khai and visit the

dramatic Kaung Si waterfall. On the way back to the ship, we stop at the Laos Buffalo Farm, a social enterprise utilizing the abundant buffalo in Laos. Arrive in the heart of the temple city of Luang Prabang mid-afternoon where there is a buzzing night market and many great cafes and local restaurants. Traditional Laos Bacci ceremony and dancing on the upper deck during happy hour. Moor overnight in central Luang Prabang.

## DAY 7 LUANG PRABANG CRAFTS & CULTURE

Today we explore the various handicrafts of Laos in more detail. We start with Ock Pop Tok, a social enterprise providing sustainable employment and training for the women of local weaving villages. We then head to TAEC (Traditional Arts and Ethnology Centre) to understand more about Laos musical instruments. After lunch aboard the ship, we sail toward Ban Chan and take part in a pottery demonstration at the local pottery workshop. We finish the day with a sunset cruise on the Mekong alongside Luang Prabang, returning to moor overnight in the centre of town.

## DAY 8 LUANG PRABANG

Early morning walking tour to observe the alms offerings to the hundreds of monks who walk around the city every morning. We continue after breakfast to the morning market before taking tuktuks for a city tour of this well preserved and unique world heritage site with its many Buddhist temples, libraries and royal palace. The afternoon is free to explore the beauty and unique atmosphere of Luang Prabang.

## DAY 9 PAK OU CAVES

Morning at leisure in Luang Prabang before setting sail at midday upstream. Afternoon sightseeing by local boat exploring the unique Pak Ou Caves, a Buddhist sanctuary with spectacular limestone cliff faces. See the production of local Laos whisky at the Whisky village and shop for locally produced handicrafts.

## DAY 10 BAN TON AND SANDBANK BBQ

Day of sailing upstream along the Mekong with morning walk through Ban Ton

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village. In the evening, we moor alongside a sandbank for a special riverside barbecue and cocktail party. Light paper lanterns with the crew and enjoy a dance in remote Laos.

## DAY 11 PAK BENG ELEPHANT SANCTUARY

Laos is known as 'The land of a million elephants' and today we will visit a rescue sanctuary that is helping to preserve the elephants of Laos and provide sustainable alternative employment for Mahouts who once trained and rode these beautiful creatures. Afternoon walk at Ban Pak Sith Khummu village.

## DAY 12 PAK SITH - CHIANG KHONG

Today we sail the final leg of our journey upstream toward Huayxay. Cross over into Thailand via the Thai-Laos Friendship Bridge before rejoining your ship in Chiang Khong. Enjoy a ship tour of your Pandaw vessel and fruit carving demonstration from your Pandaw Chef. Farewell cocktails and Thai traditional dance on board for your last evening.

## DAY 13 PANDAW CRUISE - MAE CHAN

Disembark after breakfast by 8.30 in Chiang Khong.

Upon arrival at Chiang Khong, meet and greet by our local guide for pick up and transfer to Mae Chan Mountain and your resort for the evening. (approx. 90 minute drive)

Overnight at Katiliya Mountain Resort  
Meals: Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 14 GOLDEN TRIANGLE - DOI TUNG

After breakfast. Drive to Chiang Saen, a small crossroads town on the banks of the Mekong. Scattered throughout the town are the ruins of the Chiang Saen Kingdom, founded in 1325, including chedis, images of the Buddha, and earthen city ramparts. Continue to visit the Golden Triangle where the Ruak river empties into the Mekong river bringing together the boundaries of Thailand, Burma and Laos. Next visit is the Hall of Opium which was built to

educate people about the dangers of the drug through an entertaining exhibition which traces opium's history from its first use 5,000 years ago to current issues of drug abuse and addiction.

Lunch is at a local restaurant before we drive uphill to visit Doi Tung Royal Project, Hall of Inspiration and Mae Fah Luang Garden. Doi Tung Royal Project is a sustainable project founded by Princess Mother of King Rama IX aiming to support communities in Chiang Rai.

Overnight at Katiliya Mountain Resort & Spa  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 15 BAAN LORCHA - DOI ANGKHANG - CHIANG MAI

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before we head to an Akha hill tribe village called Ban Lorch. This community-based tourism (CBT) project at Ban Lorch was established in the mid-1990s and ensures that money from tourism activities is distributed evenly throughout the village. Continue to Doi Angkhang National Park. The area has a cool climate all year round, particularly from December to January. We visit Doi Angkhang Royal Agricultural Station which is a site for planting and researching for flowering plants, temperate fruit trees, vegetables and other crop under the patronage of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej (King Rama IX).

After lunch at a local restaurant, we visit the Muser Hill tribe at Baan Khob Dong village who believe in ghosts and spirits and still hold on to simple ways of life. The next stop will be Baan Nor Lae village, located on the Thai-Burmese border it is home to the No Lae people who migrated from Myanmar about 15 years ago. They speak their own language and are Buddhists. From here we continue to the villages of Baan Khum located near the Royal Agricultural Station. It is a small community comprising of people from various races such as Burmese, Hwa, and Thai Yai. They settled in the area and run souvenir shops and restaurants.

Overnight at the Rachamankha  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 16 HILLTRIBE EXPERIENCE

After breakfast we travel to the outskirts of town to Mae Tang area to visit a traditional Lisu Village. Our Lisu guide will take you for a guided walk through the village, observing village life as it happens. If we are lucky, we may have a

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chance to meet the village Shaman and learn about his traditional and spiritual healing methods.

In the afternoon we visit Araksa Tea Garden and plantation. Your local guide and our resident plucker will lead you to the tea bushes where they will show you how to pluck tea leaves. At the roasting station, we will demonstrate the art of making tea by hand from kneading to roasting tea leaves. During the process, learn from your guide about the different processes and methods used to cultivate young tea plants.

Overnight at the Rachamankha  
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### DAY 17 CHIANG MAI DEPARTURE

Today will be your own leisure until check out time at noon. We will transfer you to boarding either flight or train depending on your selection of transportation to next destination. Rachamankha to Chiang Mai Airport: 15-20 min.

Meals: Breakfast

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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## YOUR SHIP: CHAMPA PANDAW

<b>YOUR SHIP:</b>	<b>Champa Pandaw</b>
<b>VESSEL TYPE:</b>	<b>Luxury River Cruising</b>
<b>LENGTH:</b>	<b>44.5 m</b>
<b>PASSENGER CAPACITY:</b>	<b>28 passengers</b>
<b>BUILT/REFURBISHED:</b>	<b>2016</b>

Champa Pandaw is a K-class ship. The K-class dated back to the 1880s and were comprised of stern wheelers designed to reduce draft, their boilers placed in the bow to improve trim. Smaller than the great line steamers of the age, the K-class ships were used on the Chindwin and upper reaches of the Irrawaddy. Where possible we have reused the old IFC names and many of these original K-class ships had fascinating histories, through times of war and peace.

### ACCOMMODATION

12 main deck & 2 upper deck staterooms - Staterooms are 14 square meter (150 sqf), finished in teak and brass - Panoramic french sliding doors - Convertible bed configuration - 24hr laundry service

### WINING & DINING

Local master chef heading an experienced international culinary team - Personalized meal services - Daily lean & light menu options - Complimentary coffee, water, tea, soft drinks, local beer, local spirits, juices - Extensive wine list with premium wines - Series of cultural performances, educational talks, cooking classes, and ship tour - Welcome drink on arrival - Welcome cocktail - Farewell reception - Theme dinners - Open

air lounge and bar - Bistro style al fresco dining - 24hrs hospitality bar - Onboard bakery with daily freshly baked breads and rolls

### ON EXCURSIONS

Admissions - Shoe cleaning after excursions - Bottled drinking water - Cold towel service after excursions - Refreshing drink following excursions

### SAFETY & SECURITY

All onboard crew is trained and certified as per international marine standards - Fire alarm system in all cabins, public areas and back areas - Firefighting system in all ship areas - Expert marine superintendant - 24 hrs watch on duty



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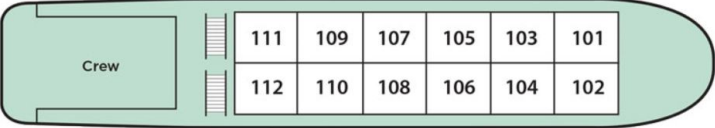
## INSIDE YOUR SHIP



ELEVATION



UPPER DECK PLAN



MAIN DECK PLAN

Main Deck Twin Sharing    Upper Deck Twin Sharing



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## PRICING

### 28-Sep-2025 to 14-Oct-2025

Main Deck Twin Sharing	12623 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	13873 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	17298 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	18994 AUD pp

### 11-Oct-2025 to 27-Oct-2025

Upper Deck Twin Sharing	14452 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Sharing	14179 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	19409 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	19594 AUD pp

### 11-Nov-2025 to 27-Nov-2025

Upper Deck Twin Sharing	15337 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Sharing	15148 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	20306 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	20758 AUD pp

### 14-Dec-2025 to 30-Dec-2025

Main Deck Twin Sharing	12623 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	13873 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	17298 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	18994 AUD pp

### 17-Dec-2025 to 02-Jan-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	12623 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	14741 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	15506 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	17624 AUD pp

### 05-Jan-2026 to 21-Jan-2026

Upper Deck Twin Sharing	13873 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Sharing	14179 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	18994 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	19594 AUD pp

### 27-Jan-2026 to 12-Feb-2026

Upper Deck Twin Sharing	13873 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Sharing	14179 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	18994 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	19594 AUD pp

### 18-Feb-2026 to 06-Mar-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	13067 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	15337 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	17814 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	20306 AUD pp

### 27-Sep-2026 to 13-Oct-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	13066 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	15397 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	17814 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	20611 AUD pp

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### 08-Oct-2026 to 24-Oct-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	13066 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	15337 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	17814 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	20306 AUD pp

### 10-Oct-2026 to 26-Oct-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	13066 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	15397 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	17814 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	20611 AUD pp

### 19-Oct-2026 to 04-Nov-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	13066 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	15397 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	17814 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	20611 AUD pp

### 21-Oct-2026 to 06-Nov-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	13066 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	15546 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	17814 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	20722 AUD pp

### 30-Oct-2026 to 15-Nov-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	13998 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	16540 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	18933 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	21750 AUD pp

### 01-Nov-2026 to 17-Nov-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	13998 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	16563 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	18933 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	22009 AUD pp

### 12-Nov-2026 to 28-Nov-2026

Upper Deck Twin Sharing	13237 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Sharing	13998 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	15885 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	18933 AUD pp

### 21-Nov-2026 to 07-Dec-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	13998 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	16540 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	18933 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	21750 AUD pp

### 23-Nov-2026 to 09-Dec-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	13998 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	16563 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	18933 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	22009 AUD pp

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### 02-Dec-2026 to 18-Dec-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	13066 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	15397 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	17814 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	20611 AUD pp

### 04-Dec-2026 to 20-Dec-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	13066 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	15546 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	17814 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	20722 AUD pp

### 14-Dec-2026 to 29-Dec-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	13066 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	15337 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	17814 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	20306 AUD pp

### 24-Dec-2026 to 09-Jan-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	13410 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	15741 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	18157 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	20954 AUD pp

### 26-Dec-2026 to 11-Jan-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	13066 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	15546 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	17814 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	20722 AUD pp

### 04-Jan-2027 to 20-Jan-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	13066 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	15337 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	17814 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	20306 AUD pp

### 06-Jan-2027 to 22-Jan-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	13066 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	15397 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	17814 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	20611 AUD pp

### 17-Jan-2027 to 02-Feb-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	13066 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	15546 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	17814 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	20722 AUD pp

### 26-Jan-2027 to 11-Feb-2027

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### 08-Feb-2027 to 24-Feb-2027

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Upper Deck Twin Sharing	16749 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	18933 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	22166 AUD pp

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### 02-Mar-2027 to 18-Mar-2027

Main Deck Twin Sharing	13066 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	15546 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	17814 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	20722 AUD pp