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THE LAOS MEKONG - SOUTHEAST ASIA RIVER CRUISE

Enjoy the splendour of Laos on Pandaw's 10 night expedition on the Upper Mekong. Sailing between Chiang Khong on the Thai-Laos border, and through Laos toward Vientiane, the old French capital, you will witness stunning scenery, meet amazingly warm and friendly locals and learn about Laos' national animal, the majestic elephant. We stop for three nights at the UNESCO World Heritage City of Luang Prabang with its dazzling wood-carved monasteries before heading deep into the mountains, through rapids and gorges on our high-powered little Pandaw vessels.

Please note: During the months February to April there may be an increased risk of smog across Laos and northern Thailand. This is due to the annual crop burnings and whilst usually mild, can sometimes be quite severe. We would advise that any passengers with respiratory issues consult with their doctor before booking for this period. Most departures and travellers will be unaffected, however.



ITINERARY

DAY 1 VIENTIANE

Pick up from your hotel in Vientiane at 08.00am, followed by a 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 2 CRUISING THE MEKONG

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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 3 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 4 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 5 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 6 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 7 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 8 BAN TON AND SANDBANK BBQ

Day of sailing upstream along the Mekong with morning walk through Ban Ton 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 9 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 10 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.

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Disembark by 8.30 in Chiang Khong and group transfer to hotel/airport. En route, explore the Golden Triangle including a visit to the opium museum. Continue to airports or city hotels in Chiang Rai (2 hours) and Chiang Mai (6 hours).

PLEASE NOTE:

The itinerary for this expedition is indicative only and subject to reconnaissance. As we travel to remote areas, changes to the itinerary will inevitably occur. A flexible approach is required if you book this cruise.

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YOUR SHIP: CHAMPA PANDAW

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VESSEL TYPE:	Luxury River Cruising
LENGTH:	44.5 m
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	28 passengers
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	2016

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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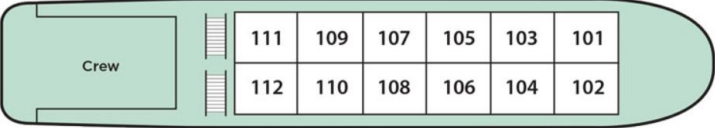
INSIDE YOUR SHIP



ELEVATION



UPPER DECK PLAN



MAIN DECK PLAN

Main Deck Twin Sharing

Upper Deck Twin Sharing



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02-Oct-2025 to 12-Oct-2025

Main Deck Twin Sharing	8878 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	10670 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11356 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	13627 AUD pp

13-Oct-2025 to 23-Oct-2025

Main Deck Twin Sharing	9686 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11356 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	11640 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	13627 AUD pp

22-Oct-2025 to 01-Nov-2025

Main Deck Twin Sharing	9686 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	11640 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11996 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	14395 AUD pp

24-Oct-2025 to 03-Nov-2025

Main Deck Twin Sharing	9686 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	11640 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	12388 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	14866 AUD pp

04-Nov-2025 to 14-Nov-2025

Main Deck Stateroom. From	10654 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	12805 AUD pp
Upper Deck Stateroom. From	13237 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	15885 AUD pp

07-Nov-2025 to 17-Nov-2025

Main Deck Twin Sharing	10654 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	12805 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	13196 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	15835 AUD pp

13-Nov-2025 to 23-Nov-2025

Main Deck Twin Sharing	10654 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	12805 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	13196 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	15835 AUD pp

15-Nov-2025 to 25-Nov-2025

Upper Deck Stateroom. From	10830 AUD pp
Main Deck Stateroom. From	10654 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	12997 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	12805 AUD pp

18-Nov-2025 to 28-Nov-2025

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Main Deck Twin Sharing	8878 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	10996 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	10996 AUD pp

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26-Nov-2025 to 06-Dec-2025

Main Deck Twin Single Use	9970 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	9970 AUD pp
Main Deck Stateroom. From	10654 AUD pp
Upper Deck Stateroom. From	12034 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	12463 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	12463 AUD pp

29-Nov-2025 to 09-Dec-2025

Main Deck Twin Sharing	10654 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	12805 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	13196 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	15835 AUD pp

18-Dec-2025 to 28-Dec-2025

Main Deck Stateroom. From	8878 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	10670 AUD pp
Upper Deck Stateroom. From	11356 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	13627 AUD pp
Festive Departure	0 pp

21-Dec-2025 to 31-Dec-2025

Main Deck Twin Sharing	7990 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	7990 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	9897 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	9897 AUD pp

29-Dec-2025 to 08-Jan-2026

Main Deck Stateroom. From	9686 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	11640 AUD pp
Upper Deck Stateroom. From	12388 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	14866 AUD pp
Festive Departure	0 pp

09-Jan-2026 to 19-Jan-2026

Main Deck Stateroom. From	9686 AUD pp
Upper Deck Stateroom. From	10940 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	11640 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	13128 AUD pp

12-Jan-2026 to 22-Jan-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	9686 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	11640 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11996 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	14395 AUD pp

20-Jan-2026 to 30-Jan-2026

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Upper Deck Stateroom. From	12388 AUD pp
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Main Deck Twin Sharing	9686 AUD pp
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Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11996 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	14395 AUD pp

31-Jan-2026 to 10-Feb-2026

Main Deck Stateroom. From	9686 AUD pp
Upper Deck Stateroom. From	10940 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	11640 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	13128 AUD pp

03-Feb-2026 to 13-Feb-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	10654 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	12805 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	13196 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	15835 AUD pp

11-Feb-2026 to 21-Feb-2026

Main Deck Stateroom. From	10654 AUD pp
Upper Deck Stateroom. From	12034 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	12805 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	14441 AUD pp

14-Feb-2026 to 24-Feb-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	10654 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	12805 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	13196 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	15835 AUD pp

22-Feb-2026 to 04-Mar-2026

Main Deck Stateroom. From	9322 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	11187 AUD pp
Upper Deck Stateroom. From	12034 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	14441 AUD pp

25-Feb-2026 to 07-Mar-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	10654 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	12805 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	13196 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	15835 AUD pp

05-Mar-2026 to 15-Mar-2026

Main Deck Stateroom. From	9686 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	9970 AUD pp
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Upper Deck Stateroom. From	10940 AUD pp
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Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11653 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	11653 AUD pp

19-Sep-2026 to 29-Sep-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	9322 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	11186 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11653 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	13984 AUD pp

01-Oct-2026 to 11-Oct-2026

Main Deck Twin Single Use	9322 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Sharing	9322 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11653 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	11653 AUD pp

12-Oct-2026 to 22-Oct-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	9261 AUD pp
Main Deck Twin Single Use	11113 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11576 AUD pp
Upper Deck Twin Single Use	13892 AUD pp

12-Oct-2026 to 22-Oct-2026

Main Deck Twin Sharing	9261 AUD pp
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Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11576 AUD pp
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23-Oct-2026 to 02-Nov-2026

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14-Nov-2026 to 24-Nov-2026

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06-Dec-2026 to 16-Dec-2026

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Upper Deck Twin Sharing	11653 AUD pp
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17-Dec-2026 to 27-Dec-2026

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28-Dec-2026 to 07-Jan-2027

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