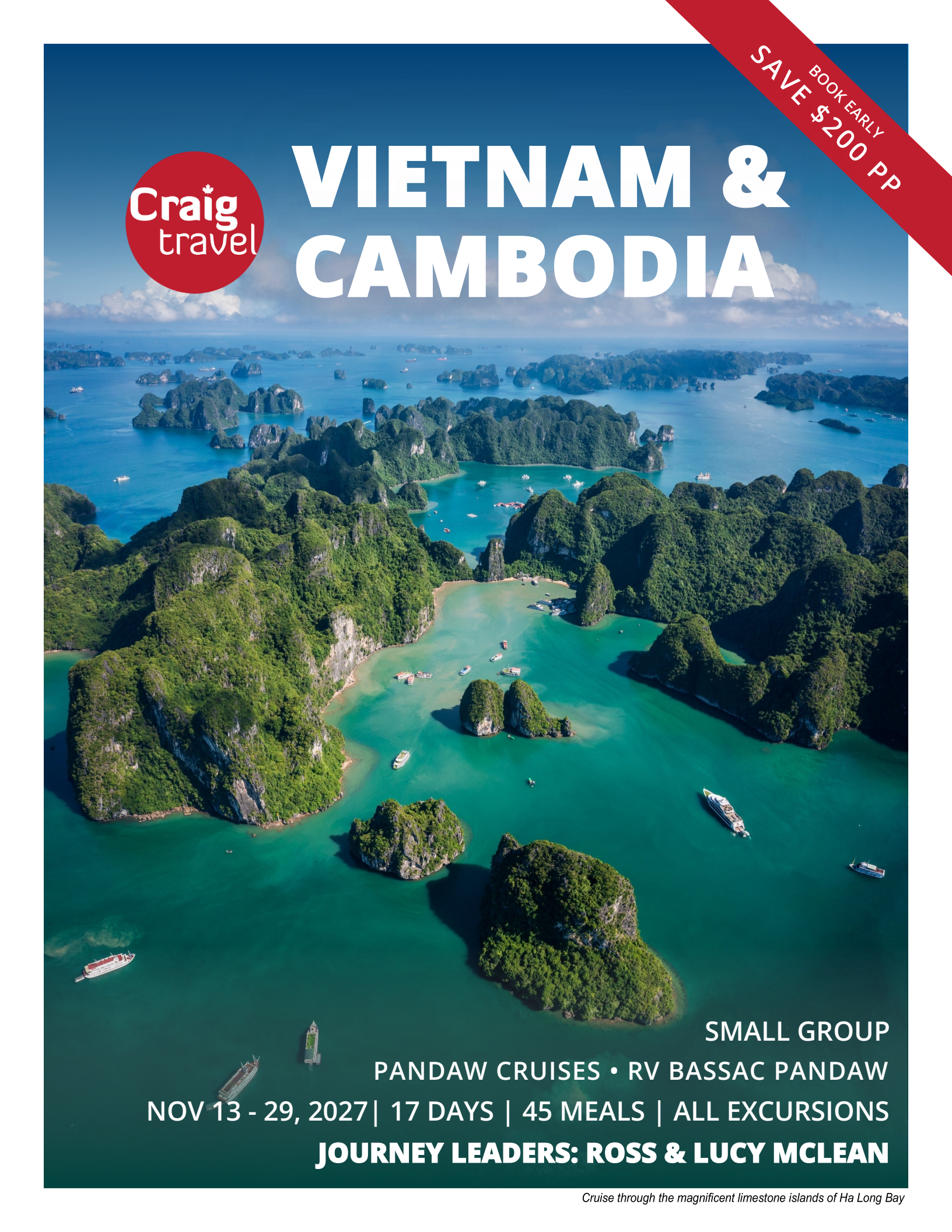




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VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

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SMALL GROUP
PANDAW CRUISES • RV BASSAC PANDAW
NOV 13 - 29, 2027 | 17 DAYS | 45 MEALS | ALL EXCURSIONS
JOURNEY LEADERS: ROSS & LUCY MCLEAN

Cruise through the magnificent limestone islands of Ha Long Bay

Experience an exciting voyage on the Mekong River, journeying through Vietnam and Cambodia. Our journey begins in Hanoi, Vietnam's vibrant northern capital. After a magical overnight cruise on Ha Long Bay, we fly to Siem Reap to marvel at the magnificent ruins of Angkor, home to Southeast Asia's most impressive ancient temples. We then board the intimate RV Bassac Pandaw for a seven-night river cruise through Cambodia and into Vietnam. Our journey ends in southern Vietnam, where the dynamic and endlessly captivating Ho Chi Minh City awaits, a fitting finale to an unforgettable adventure through two of Southeast Asia's most extraordinary countries.

SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE

LIMITED TO ONLY 25 MEMBERS

Inclusive Features

- Return economy airfare to Hanoi and from Ho Chi Minh City
- First class accommodations as indicated or similar
- 7-night deluxe cruise aboard the RV Bassac Pandaw
- 1-night cruise in Ha Long Bay
- 45 meals as noted in the itinerary (B - 15 breakfasts, L - 15 lunches, D - 15 dinners)
- Transfers between airports, hotels and the ship
- All sightseeing and entrance fees on tours as mentioned throughout the itinerary
- Bottled water on transfers and excursions
- Baggage handling at the hotels and shipside
- Services of your local Cruise Director and our Journey Leader from Canada
- Gratuities, taxes and fees for inclusions
- Visa fees (for Canadian passport holders)
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value with purchase of group airfare

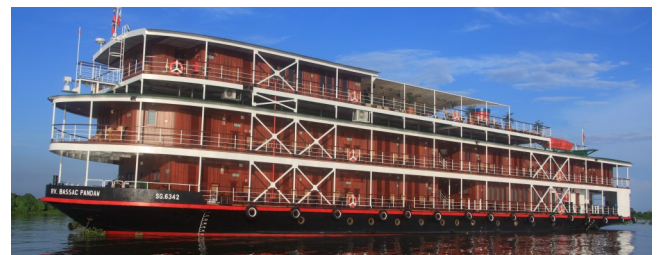
Highlights

- **UNESCO & Ancient Wonders:** Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom & Ta Prohm, Banteay Srei ('Jewel of Khmer Art'), and an overnight cruise through Ha Long Bay
- **City Tours & Exploration:** The 36 Streets of Hanoi's Old Quarter, plus Cholon (Chinatown) and Thien Hau Temple in Ho Chi Minh City
- **Culinary Experiences:** Private Khmer cooking class in Siem Reap
- **Nature & Cruises:** Floating fish farms, a Mekong Delta sampan ride, and Sam Mountain in Châu Đốc
- **History & Remembrance:** Choeung Ek in Phnom Penh and the Cu Chi Tunnels in Ho Chi Minh City
- **Royal Palaces & Temples:** Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda in Phnom Penh
- **Village Life & Culture:** Peam Chi Korng pottery village and Vipassana Dhura Meditation Centre in Oudong



Our River Boat • RV Bassac Pandaw

The beautiful RV Bassac Pandaw was designed to cruise Asia's legendary Mekong River in comfort and style. Carrying a maximum of just 56 guests, the ship features three decks and spacious 170 sq. ft. staterooms designed for your comfort. Public spaces include an art gallery featuring local artwork, a small gift shop, lounge and bar, library, spa, and a pool table on the Sun Deck. Most of the ship's staff speak English, ensuring a welcoming and comfortable onboard experience. All staterooms feature twin beds (that can be converted into one large bed), a comfortable sitting area, safe, private bathroom with shower, bathrobe, slippers, hairdryer, and more. Each outside stateroom has panoramic French windows leading to private deck space and individually controlled air conditioning. Smoking is not permitted anywhere on board, and the ship does not have an elevator.



Journey Leaders

Ross and Lucy McLean have travelled extensively across six continents and have spent time living abroad. Based in Muskoka, Ontario, Lucy is a retired educator, and Ross worked for an international consultancy. They believe one of travel's greatest rewards is experiencing different cultures and gaining a deeper appreciation for the places they visit. Having led Craig Travel tours for over two decades, they especially value the lasting friendships that continue to grow from one journey to the next. They look forward to sharing each journey with both new and returning travellers.



NOV 13, Saturday**DEPART CANADA**

Tour members from across Canada gather for our overnight flights to Hanoi, Vietnam.

NOV 14, Sunday**ARRIVE HANOI, VIETNAM**

Welcome to Vietnam! We are met on arrival by your local guide and transferred to a local restaurant for lunch. Check in to your centrally located hotel this afternoon, then a welcome dinner sets the scene for the days ahead.

Grand Mercure Hanoi Hotel (2 nights)

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NOV 15, Monday**HANOI**

Starting our day with strong Vietnamese coffee, we explore the legendary Hoàn Kiếm Lake, and its red-lacquered Thê Húc Bridge before losing ourselves in the Old Quarter's 36 Streets, where each narrow lane has traded the same craft for centuries. Experience the ancient Trần Quốc Pagoda on the shores of West Lake, then admire the exterior of the Opera House and St. Joseph's Cathedral, two of Hanoi's French Colonial landmarks. Our evening brings a beautiful performance of Vietnamese Water Puppetry, an art form over 1,000 years old.

BLD

NOV 16, Tuesday**HANOI / HA LONG BAY**

We depart for Ha Long Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site of 1,600+ limestone karst islands. We board our luxury cruise and relax in cabins with private balconies and bathtubs as we sail among magnificent scenery.

Hermes Premium Cruise (1 night)

BLD

NOV 17, Wednesday**SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA**

Welcome to Siem Reap, the gateway to the ancient temples of the Khmer Empire. Beyond its beautiful temples dating back to the 9th century, Siem Reap is also rich in culture and nature.

Borei Angkor Resort and Spa (3 nights)

BLD

NOV 18, Thursday**SIEM REAP**

At Angkor Thom we explore the iconic Bayon Temple with its 216 serene stone faces, the Terrace of the Leper King, and the ruins of Phimeanakas, before the atmospheric Ta Prohm, a Mahayana Buddhist monastery built in 1186 where jungle and stonework intertwine. Angkor Wat, the world's largest religious monument, was designed as a replica of Mount Meru, home of the gods in Hindu mythology. After lunch, we visit Les Artisans d'Angkor to see traditional Cambodian silk weaving, lacquerware, and stone carving, concluding an unforgettable day.

BLD

NOV 19, Friday**SIEM REAP**

Beyond the temples and carvings of Angkor, Khmer culture has another story to tell, one best discovered through food. We visit a local market to choose fresh ingredients before heading to a cooking class, where we prepare and savour local Khmer delicacies. In the afternoon we visit Banteay Srei, the "Citadel of Women" a jewel of Khmer architecture built in red sandstone in the 10th century and dedicated to the Hindu god Shiva. End the day with a stroll around the remarkable well-preserved 12th century temple, Banteay Samre.

BLD

NOV 20, Saturday**SIEM REAP / EMBARK**

We transfer by coach to Steung Trang to embark on our ship and new home for the next week.

RV Bassac Pandaw (7 nights)

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NOV 21, Sunday**CAMBODIAN CRAFTS**

Relax with morning Tai Chi or a coffee on deck as we cruise to Peam Chi Korng, where a tuk tuk ride brings us to



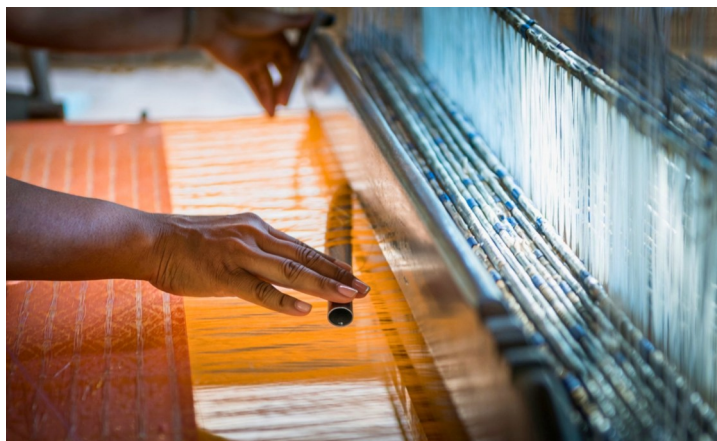
See life unfold along the Mekong River



Explore the Ancient Temples of Angkor



Journey by sampan through the canals of Ben Tre



Discover traditional Cambodian craftsmanship

watch potters at work. We then step ashore at Pak Russei to see silk weaving and handmade noodle crafting, before a private Bokator performance offers an intimate glimpse into Cambodian village culture. BLD

NOV 22, Monday OUDONG / KAMPONG TRALACH

In the ancient capital of Cambodia, Oudong, we'll pause at the Vipassana Dhura Meditation Centre for a brief meditation. Admire impressive Khmer architecture before we rejoin our ship in Kampong Tralach. Travel by ox-cart around the riverside villages to experience rural life. Locals share their culture with us through a traditional dance performance and cocktails around a village fire pit. BLD

NOV 23, Tuesday PHNOM PENH

We arrive in Phnom Penh, Cambodia's capital, famous for its French colonial architecture and scenic riverfront. We explore by private cyclo, a uniquely Southeast Asian mode of transport, visiting the grand Royal Palace, the spectacular Silver Pagoda, and the National Museum with its remarkable Angkorian statuary. We later visit Choeung Ek, one of Cambodia's most significant memorial sites. BLD

NOV 24, Wednesday VIETNAM BORDER

Say farewell to Cambodia as we make our way downriver towards the border. We sail towards Chau Doc where we can unwind on an evening stroll before dinner. BLD

NOV 25, Thursday CHAU DOC

A short drive takes us to Sam Mountain, where we climb the many steps to visit the Hang Pagoda with stunning views of the Mekong River. We visit the floating fish farms by sampan before being treated to a private lion dance performance at a local village. BLD

NOV 26, Friday BEN TRE / HO CHI MINH

Journey by sampans through mangroves and bamboo forests to the fruit orchards of Ben Tre. This fertile farming land is home to half of Vietnam's rice production. Savour lunch onboard as we sail along the Cho Gao Canal toward Saigon. As night falls, we drift into central Saigon, where dinner is served with sweeping views of the skyline. BLD

NOV 27, Saturday DISEMBARKATION / HO CHI MINH

Saigon, once the capital of French Cochinchina, pulses with history at every turn. The preserved rooms of the Presidential Palace stay unchanged since 1975, while the History Museum houses 30,000+ artefacts. The French-style Notre Dame Cathedral offers a moment of stillness before the War Remnants Museum delivers a sobering and essential account of the Vietnam War. The Ben Thanh Market will be a nice ending to the day, where we experience the sights, sounds, and aromas of Vietnamese daily life. **Lotte Hotel Saigon (2 nights)** BLD

NOV 28, Sunday HO CHI MINH

We explore the extraordinary Cu Chi Tunnels, a 200-kilometre underground network used by Viet Cong forces during the Vietnam War. Emerging back into the sunlight, we head into Cholon, Vietnam's largest Chinatown, visiting the modest Cha Tam Church and the atmospheric Thien Hau Temple, its hanging incense coils and elaborate ceramic roof friezes. Time to reminisce at the farewell dinner. BLD

NOV 29, Monday HO CHI MINH / CANADA

After breakfast we transfer to the airport for our journey back to Canada. B

CT Rating 3.5/5 - Challenging: Members can expect a busy itinerary in a region known for hot and humid conditions, with daytime temperatures exceeding 30°C. The visits to Angkor involve long walks with many steps and over rough terrain. The riverboat does not have an elevator. Members must be fully mobile and physically active to fully enjoy this journey.



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and save \$200 per person**



Tour/Cruise Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person

Main Deck Category

Land / Cruise Only* (Join / Leave at hotel)	\$11,535
Vancouver	\$13,675
Victoria.....	\$13,775
Calgary / Edmonton.....	\$13,825
Winnipeg.....	\$14,065
Saskatoon / Regina	\$14,085
Toronto	\$13,985
Ottawa / Montreal	\$14,085
Halifax / St. John's / Fredericton	\$14,235
Single Supplement (Land w/ Main Deck)	\$2,785
Single Supplement (Land w/ Upper Deck)	On request
Cabin Upgrade to Upper Deck (twin)	\$1,395

*Land/Cruise Only price is based on joining and leaving the group at the first/last hotel in destination, and excludes international flights.

Cruise rates are per person based on sharing a Main Deck Outside Twin cabin. Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Airfares and air carriers are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to final payment. Refer to inclusive features.

Prices are based on a minimum of 20 members and on rates, taxes, and fees effective July 2026 and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. Visa fees are included for Cambodia and Vietnam for Canadian passport holders. Singles are very limited.

Insurance is NOT INCLUDED but is highly recommended. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information. Refer to the enrollment form for terms and conditions.

1st Deposit is \$1,000 per person, due at booking

2nd Deposit is \$1,000 per person, due March 10, 2027

Final payment is due by August 5, 2027

To reserve your spot on this tour, you can either book online through our website or submit an enrollment form along with your deposit to:

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