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VIETNAM & CAMBODIA
November 13 - 29, 2027 • 17 Days • 45 Meals
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RV BASSAC PANDAW

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

VIBRANT CITIES & RICH HISTORY
Wander Hanoi's bustling Old Quarter, explore Phnom Penh's Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda, and discover Ho Chi Minh City's fascinating past at the Cu Chi Tunnels and War Remnants Museum. Experience traditional Vietnamese water puppetry and colourful local markets.

AUTHENTIC CULTURAL ENCOUNTERS
Experience traditional silk weaving, pottery making and Cambodian martial arts. Travel by ox-cart through rural villages, enjoy a traditional dance performance and discover the flavours of Cambodia during a hands-on Khmer cooking class.

MEKONG RIVER CRUISING
Enjoy a seven-night deluxe cruise aboard the RV Bassac Pandaw, exploring the Mekong and Tonle Sap Rivers. Discover riverside villages, traditional markets and temples, and journey by sampan through lush mangroves and bamboo forests.

ANCIENT TEMPLES & UNESCO WONDERS
Discover the magnificent Angkor Wat, explore the ancient Khmer capital of Angkor Thom and admire Ta Prohm, where towering trees intertwine with centuries-old ruins. Cruise through the spectacular limestone islands of UNESCO-listed Ha Long Bay.

RV Bassac Pandaw image courtesy of Pandaw River Cruises

SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE
Limited to 25 members

OUR CRUISE SHIP

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.

CT RATING: 3.5/5

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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ITINERARY

NOV 13 | DEPART CANADA
Tour members from across Canada gather for our overnight flights to Hanoi, Vietnam.

NOV 14 | 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 (LD)

NOV 15 | 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 Trấn 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 | 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 | 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 | 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 | 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 | SIEM REAP / EMBARK
OuWe transfer by coach to Steung Trang to embark on our ship and new home for the next week.
RV Bassac Pandaw - 7 nights (BLD)

NOV 21 | 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 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 | OUDONG / KAMPONG TRALACH
In Cambodia's ancient capital, Oudong, visit the Vipassana Dhura Meditation Centre for a brief meditation and admire its Khmer architecture. Rejoin our ship in Kampong Tralach, then explore riverside villages by ox-cart. Enjoy a traditional dance performance and cocktails around a village fire pit. (BLD)

NOV 23 | 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 | 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 | 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 | 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 | 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 | 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 | HO CHI MINH / CANADA
After breakfast we transfer to the airport for our journey back to Canada. (B)

B: BREAKFAST (15) L: LUNCH (15) D: DINNER (15)

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know the Angkor Archaeological Park is home to more than 1,000 temples and structures? Once part of a thriving ancient capital, many have been gradually reclaimed by the jungle. The extensive network of moats and waterways also reveals the remarkable engineering skills of the Khmer civilization.



ANGKOR WAT

CRAIG TRAVEL INCLUSIONS

- International and domestic Canadian flights, plus airport transfers, with air-inclusive packages
- Carefully selected accommodation as listed, or similar
- All sightseeing and entrance fees as described
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Dedicated journey leader, national guides, and local specialists where applicable
- All gratuities, surcharges, fees, and taxes
- International eSIM to keep you connected
- Visa support ***and fees*** for Canadian passport holders
- Free insurance quote (contact us for details)

TOUR, CRUISE & AIR COST

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

1st deposit is $1,000 per person, due at time of booking
2nd deposit is $1,000 per person, due March 10, 2027
Final payment is due August 5, 2027



YOUR JOURNEY LEADERS

Born in England, Mary discovered her love of travel early, exploring Europe by train before moving to Canada. A lifelong learner and retired educator, she has since travelled across Africa, Asia, Australia and South America, always eager to discover something new. A passionate photographer, hiker and scuba diver, Mary loves exploring nature, history and local culture, from remote islands to vibrant cities. Whether spotting wildlife, capturing a sunset or sharing stories with fellow travellers, her enthusiasm and curiosity shine through. Join Mary on this journey and share in her fun-loving spirit, sense of adventure and joy of discovery!



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Prices are in Canadian dollars per person. 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. Tour price is based on sharing a twin-bedded room. 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. Group to be escorted with a minimum of 15 members. For full terms and conditions, visit our website: craigtravel.com/terms-conditions. Comprehensive travel insurance is strongly recommended. Visa fees are included for Cambodia and Vietnam for Canadian passport holders. Singles are very limited.

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