

Itinerary CH5
25 August 2008 – 05 September 2008
13 days / 12 nights

Chindwin Cruise
From Bagan to Homalin to Kalewa on Pandaw II

- 24. August 2008 – Rangoon (Yangon)** **-/Lunch/Dinner**
Arrive Yangon International Airport and stay overnight at Kandawgyi Hotel (or equivalent 4 star); sunset visit to the Shwedagon Pagoda.
- 25. August 2008 – Yangon to Pagan (Bagan)** **Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner**
Early morning flight up followed by a coach tour of the main monuments.
Ship will depart from Bagan at 1700.
- 26. August 2008 Lower Chindwin** **Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner**
Cruise all day through the great Lower Chindwin plain...
- 27. August 2008 – Monywa**
Arriving in the busy port town of Monywa will be a bit of a shock after the peace and remoteness of the Chindwin. We will explore the town and time permitting make a quick trip to the Thanbodi Temple with its million Buddha images – a sort of Buddhist Disneyland! Beyond Monywa we enter the Upper Chindwin. The river narrows and forested hills fall away farmland we pass a number of attractive villages like Kin or Kanne where we can stretch our legs.
- 28. August 2008 – Mingkin** **Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner**
Mingkin was rediscovered by Paul Strachan in 1987 and described in some detail in his book Mandalay: Travels from the Golden City. It remains for Paul the most art historically interesting site in Myanmar (more so than the now spoilt Pagan) with Konbaung court style teak monasteries sumptuously decorated. Mingkin may be described as the Luang Prabang of the Chindwin.
- 29. August 2008 – Mawlaik** **Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner**
Mawlaik replaced Kindat as the administrative capital but ironically the Myanmar refused to move there from upstream Kindat. It was mainly settled with the company houses of the by Scottish owned and run Bombay Myanmar Trading Corporation in the 1920s and 1930s. There are many splendid 'Dak Bungalows' set around a verdant golf course. Mawlaik and the other towns of the Upper Chindwin can only be reached by boat so cars are few. There is a dreamy otherworldly quality to such places and truly one feels that one has traveled there in the Pandaw time machine!
- 30. August 2008 – Paungby to Sitthaung** **Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner**
Patha was an important oil refinery belonging to the Indo-Myanmar Petroleum (Steel Brothers). We pass the mouth of the Yu River which drains the Kubu valley that provided the route for a Lieutenant Grant to march to the relief of the Manipur garrison when the chief commissioner of Assam was massacred in a local rebellion. Sitthaung was the final resting place of a number of IFC steamers scuppered there in 1942 in an 'act of denial' from the advancing Japanese who were a matter of hours behind. We hope to find

remains of these ships as we have in the past at Katha on the Irrawaddy (Ayeyarwady). It was from here that the survivors of the Japanese invasion marched out to Tamu on the India border.

31. August 2008 – Sittaung to Toungdoot

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Toungdoot or Hsawng-hsup in Tai, is an ancient Shan enclave which in British times still had a ruling sawbwa complete with palace and court. It will be interesting to see what has become of the royal family and their home and to see these Shan people so far from their Tai-Shan homelands.

1. September - Toungdoot to Homalin

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

We pass the Uyu River worked by gold washers on the way to Homalin, the furthest navigable point on the Chindwin for vessels of our size. Alister McCrae wrote of his visit there 1935 'I loved the atmosphere of quite and peaceful living there. At night I could hear graylag geese as they came in to the flooded and around us from far away north'. Bird in 1897 says little other than that Homalin is the headquarters of a township, but has very little trade'. Until we get there and explore the place there is not much we can say!

2. September 2008 – Homalin and return downstream

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

3. September 2008 – Return downstream to Kalewa

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

4. September 2008 – Kalemio to Rangoon (Yangon)

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Travel 20 miles from Kalewa to Kalemio the gateway to the Chin State and fly by private charter to Yangon. Overnight at Inya Lake Hotel. Time permitting there is a tour to the Downtown area and Scott Market.

5. September 2008 – International Departures

Breakfast/Lunch/-

If time permits we can arrange a visit to the War Graves at Htaukchan.

BOOK NOW!

Tour Price in US\$ per person:

Cabin Type	US\$ per person twin sharing	US\$ per person single use
Upper Deck	4257	4851
Main Deck	3861	4653

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Costs inclusive:

Accommodation in Yangon, Cabin as per booking, transfers and transportation as per itinerary, sightseeing, domestic flight as per itinerary, main meals as mentioned, English speaking Guide, all entrance fees, free flow of soft drinks, coffee, tea, Mineral Water

Costs exclusive:

**International flights, Visa fees, fuel surcharge, imported drinks/alcohols, INSURANCES!!!
Personal expenses such as tips, telephone, laundry, minibar, tips**

Payment Terms:

1. 20% deposit is required upon confirmation of any booking and is non-refundable!
2. Final balances must be paid 60 days before departure or the booking may be cancelled and the deposit forfeited.

Cancellation Terms:

Pandaw got very strict cancellation periods therefore we need to ask for the same policy!

For cancellations of confirmed bookings, the following charges will apply:

70 days or more	-	20% of total amount
56 to 69 days	-	30% of total amount
29 to 55 days	-	40% of total amount
15 to 28 days	-	60% of total amount
8 to 14 days	-	90% of total amount
7 days or less	-	100% of total amount

Terms and Conditions of Carriage on Pandaw Ships:

1. Though every effort will be made to ensure that the published itinerary is followed as closely as possible, given uncertain river and other local conditions, all schedules and itineraries may be subject to alterations and delays at short notice.
2. The ship's purser and captain are jointly responsible for passengers' comfort and safety. Passengers must accept their decisions and instructions.
3. Whilst our crew do everything in their power to facilitate landings, access to ship at certain river stations can be difficult, with steep and sometimes slippery river banks. Elderly passengers should consult their doctor to ensure that they fit for travel. Wheel chairs are not allowed.
4. In the case of water levels being too high or low or defects to the vessel beyond the control of the company an alternative itinerary will be offered to passengers after consultation between the ship's captain and the company's management, subject to accommodation and meals being maintained on board the vessel unless by prior agreement with the passenger.
5. Should it prove difficult to embark or disembark passengers at the scheduled points the company are not liable to bear any extra cost of transporting passengers to and from the revised point of embarkation or disembarkation unless passengers or their agents have purchased a complete package tour which includes land services from us. Any reason for changing the points of embarkation or disembarkation can not count as a reason for canceling this contract.
6. Passengers should seek advice from their doctor regarding relevant inoculations and prophylactics for travel to these countries.
7. Passengers must be fully insured to cover any risk of medical expense and repatriation (which includes repatriation of remains) and the Company is in no way responsible for such liabilities. Passengers must settle before departure any medical bills incurred whilst on a company ship for doctor's attendance, drugs supplied, and any other medical facilities provided by the company for passenger.
8. Once a booking has been received through a sales agent or directly from the passenger a contract exists between the Company and the passenger and these terms and conditions must be adhered to by both parties.
9. Unless otherwise agreed agents are responsible for the transfer of their passengers to and for the ship on time and in the event of a late arrival the ship is not obliged to delay departure thereby upsetting tight schedules.
10. **The company accepts no liability or responsibility for loss or damage to passenger's property** whilst on board a company vessel.
11. During the river stops on the company provide a guide service in the English language. Foreign language guides must be pre booked and there may be extra charges for this. Personal guides must be booked at normal rates in passenger accommodation.
12. The company reserve the right to refuse to allow anyone on board if a ticket can be produced and the company can not guarantee the exact allocation of cabins and deck location which may in the event of extenuating circumstances differ from the cabin number indicated on the ticket.
13. Within the ticket price fuel costs have been calculated on average prices as of the publication of this document. Should fuel prices rise by more than 10% the company will be entitled to impose a fuel supplement equivalent to the amount by which the fuel price exceeds the price allowed for in the contract.

14. It is not permitting to allow any breed of animal on board.
15. Infants below the age of 4 years may sleep in their parent's cabin without extra charge but the company can not guarantee the available of a cot. Children of 4 years and + must solely occupy a berth and pay full rate.
16. In the event of a dispute the law of the country in which the vessel is operating will apply.
17. The company reserves the right to change the vessel without notice.
18. Payment terms and cancellation policy is printed on an invoice issued for each booking whether for an individual or for a group. Passengers and their agent must abide these terms and the company reserves the right to either cancel an existing reservation or to refuse passage in the event that these terms have not been adhered to.
19. In the event that one passenger enters into a commercial or other form of relationship or arrangement with other passenger the company is no way liable for the obligations of one passenger to another passenger or any claim arising thereof.
20. **For cruise departures where occupancy is less than 5 cabins the company reserve the right to cancel the departure giving all passengers with confirmed booking 30 days prior notice of this intention.** An alternative departure date will the cancelled cruise will be refunded. In the event that a passenger has cancellation fees and the Company subsequently cancels that departure then any cancellation fees (and down payment) will be refunded in full on the request of the passenger.
21. The company reserve the right to change a cabin allocated without notice and in the event that a passenger is downgraded to a cheaper cabin then the difference in cost between the cabins will be refunded to the passenger or the passenger's agent.
22. **Force Majeure: in the case of circumstances beyond normal control, such as war, civil or political unrest, strikes, catastrophes, epidemics or disruption to fuel supplies for the vessel, the Company may cancelled the cruise and there will be a full refund of all monies paid by the passenger. In the event of a cruise being cancelled as a result of the above force majeure situation following the commencement of that cruise period then monies will not be refunded.**