

IRRAWADDY DELTA

Be amongst the first to discover the wetlands, creeks and channels of Burma's Irrawaddy Delta.

10 NIGHTS
FROM
£2,395



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Day 1: UK - Yangon

Fly overnight from the UK to Yangon.

Day 2: Yangon

On arrival in Yangon you will be transferred to your chosen hotel, with the rest of the day to relax at leisure.

Overnight: Yangon

Meals: Breakfast included

Day 3: Yangon

Enjoy a full day private tour of Yangon including Shwedagon Pagoda, Sule Pagoda, National Museum, Scott's Market, Botataung Pagoda and Chaukhtatgyi Pagoda.

Overnight: Yangon

Meals: Breakfast included



The Shwedagon Pagoda is one of the most captivating sights in Asia and a wonderful place to people watch as the locals come to pray and give offerings to the various spirits.



"Then, a golden mystery upheaved itself on the horizon – a beautiful winking wonder that blazed in the sun, of a shape that was neither Muslim dome nor Hindu temple spire" (Rudyard Kipling)...

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Day 4: Yangon - Pyapon

Depart early from Yangon via the Twante Canal stopping at Twante to view the potteries before cruising on to Pyapon (64miles) a delightful delta town and seaport with lively docks and markets.

Overnight: On board

Meals: All meals included



Day 5: Pyapon - Bogale

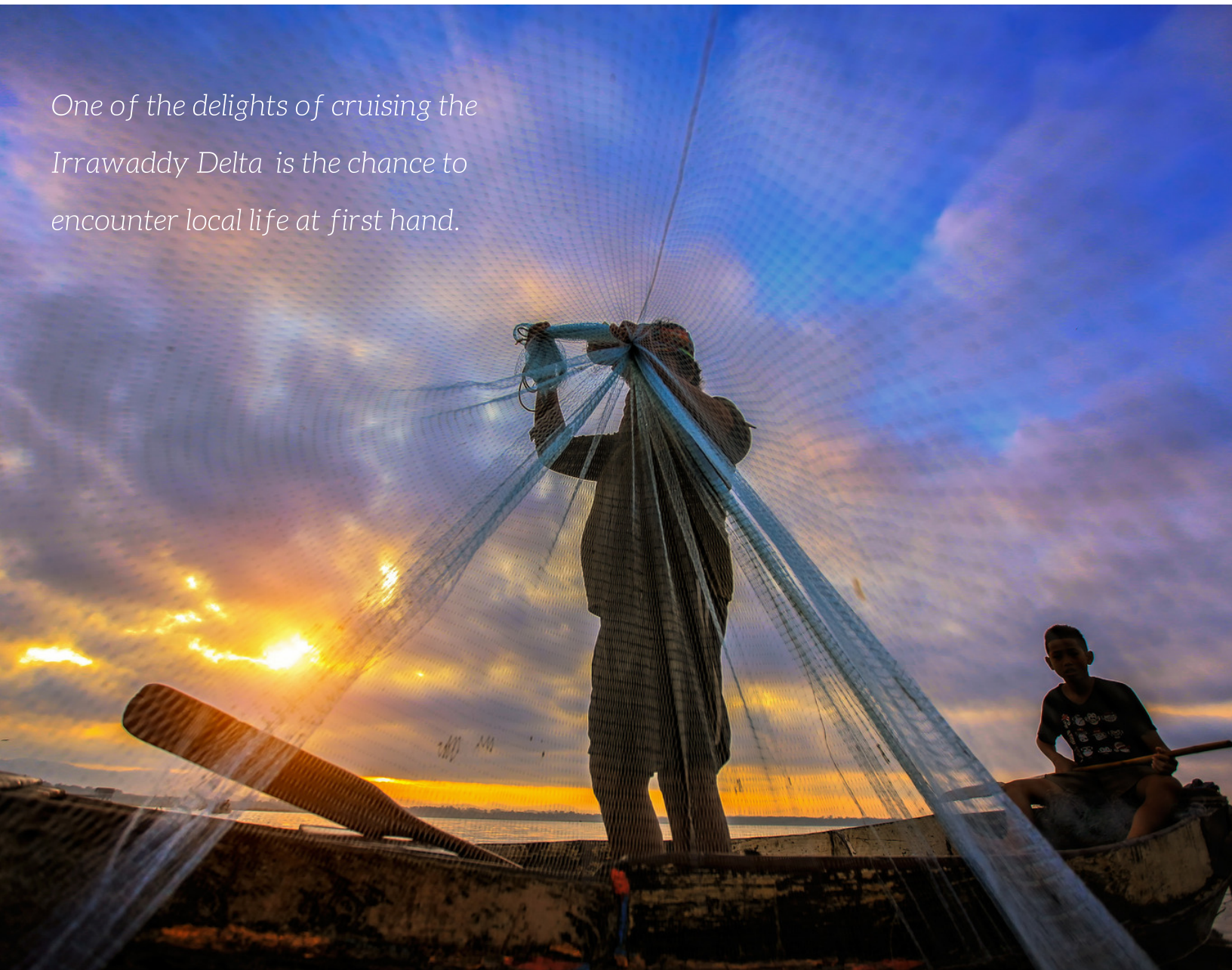
Bogale is at the heart of the delta and was once a Mon capital and trading port connected to international trading routes between the 15th and 18th centuries.

Visit the Mein Ma Hla Kyun Wildlife Reserve, an island of just under one hundred square miles classified as a mangrove eco-system reserve and home to salt water crocodiles.

Overnight: On board

Meals: All meals included

One of the delights of cruising the Irrawaddy Delta is the chance to encounter local life at first hand.



"Languid, meandering, timeless, the Irrawaddy Delta has at times an ethereal quality, especially during the Golden Hour"...

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Day 6: Bogale - Myaungmya

Today is perhaps the most fascinating days' sailing, weaving through creeks and channels cross-country across the heart of the delta.

Enjoy a stop for a walk in a suitable village.

Overnight: On board

Meals: All meals included

Day 7: Myaungmya - Bassein

Enjoy the morning cruise across the final section of delta to join the great Bassein River that leads up to Bassein, the capital of the delta and an important seaport.

Of interest here are the traditional umbrella manufactories, where the typical monk's waxed cloth umbrellas are made. Explore the town, its shrines and vibrant markets on foot.

Overnight: On board

Meals: All meals included





The Irrawaddy Flotilla Company by the 1920's operated over
creek steamers across the Delta connecting towns and villages
time when there were neither roads nor bridge

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Day 8: Bassein

Spend the day at leisure in this charming port town with an optional day trip by car to Ngwe Saung Beach with lunch there.

Overnight: On board

Meals: All meals included

Day 9: Bassein - Wakema

A noon departure is followed by lunch.

Follow the Upper Delta route of the old IFC 'launch service' between Rangoon and Bassein with the evening to explore this attractive river port.

Overnight: On board

Meals: All meals included

Day 10: Wakema - Maubin

On these busier channels there is a variety of shipping whilst the riverbanks team with life and activity. Maubin is a very pleasant place to enjoy a sunset walk along its colourful strand.

Overnight: On board

Meals: All meals included



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Day 11: Maubin - Yangon

Enjoy the morning run crossing the Twante Canal and home to the Rangoon River and Pandaw's berth in colonial downtown Yangon.

Disembark between 12 and 12.30 pm (lunch excluded) and transfer to your chosen hotel in Yangon with the rest of the day at leisure.

Alternatively add on an excursion to ancient Arakan or the Golden Rock.

Overnight: Yangon

Meals: Breakfast included

Day 12: Yangon - UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK.

Day 13: UK

Arrive back in the UK.



Irrawaddy Delta Cruise Experience

Cruise with Pandaw

The Pandaw experience is all about exploring remote and often hard-to-navigate rivers and coasts in specially-designed luxury small ships.

Each ship, hand-crafted in brass and teak, is an object of beauty in itself. A Pandaw adventure is very different from that offered on an ocean-going cruise. The ships are small scale, and the atmosphere is informal and very friendly.

Customers return year on year for the special ambiance and old-world beauty of Pandaw's ships as much as for the remarkable destinations.

While the craft may be small, Pandaw has the highest passenger-to-deck- space ratio of almost any cruise ship afloat.

There are plenty of quiet spots to be discovered for reading, writing a travel journal, meditating on the spectacular passing landscape or chatting with like-minded travelling friends old and new.

Pandaw ships offer 360-degree promenade decks that allow passengers the freedom to interact as much, or as little, as they like.

It all adds to the famous 'Pandaw spirit' that brings so many guests back on board time and time again.

Passengers are welcome to eat alone or with family or friends - in the dining room or on deck. Most dietary requirements are catered for.

Pandaw has an all-inclusive policy, meaning no hidden extras for excursions, and most drinks are included.

While passengers are free to do their own thing on shore, transportation, sometimes in the form of a cyclo or sampan, is provided for those who prefer a guided excursion in the capable hands of Pandaw's expert guides.

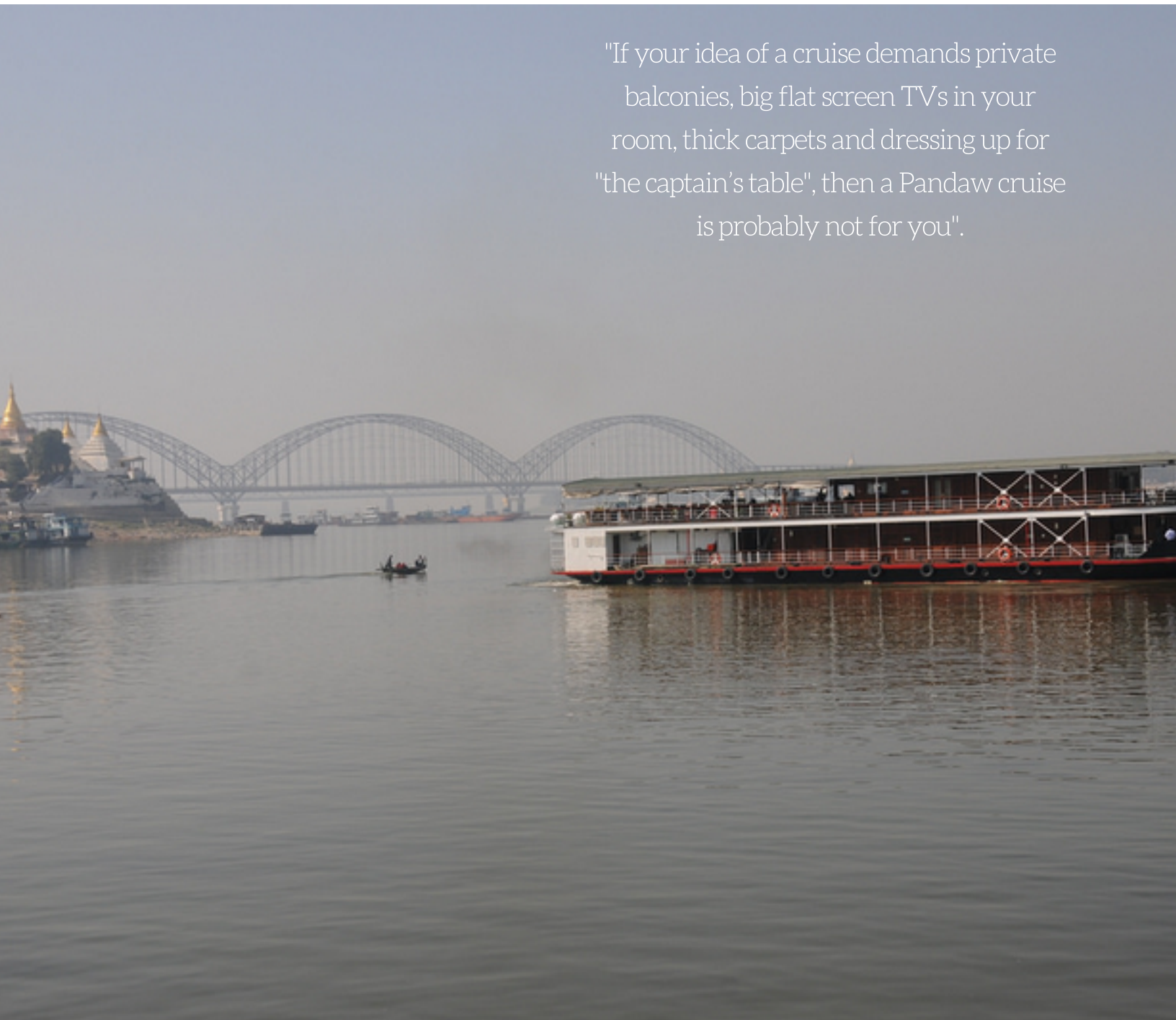
Unforgettable moments of tranquillity interspersed by conviviality and cultural richness, gliding through some of the world's most amazing scenery!



Sailing on a Pandaw ship is an outdoor, fresh air experience. However comfortable and roomy the staterooms, passengers tend to prefer to spend time sitting outside, on the promenade decks or on the vast observation deck above.

Unlike most other cruise ships, every window on board (except for the portholes on the lower deck) can be opened and closed to suit your comfort.

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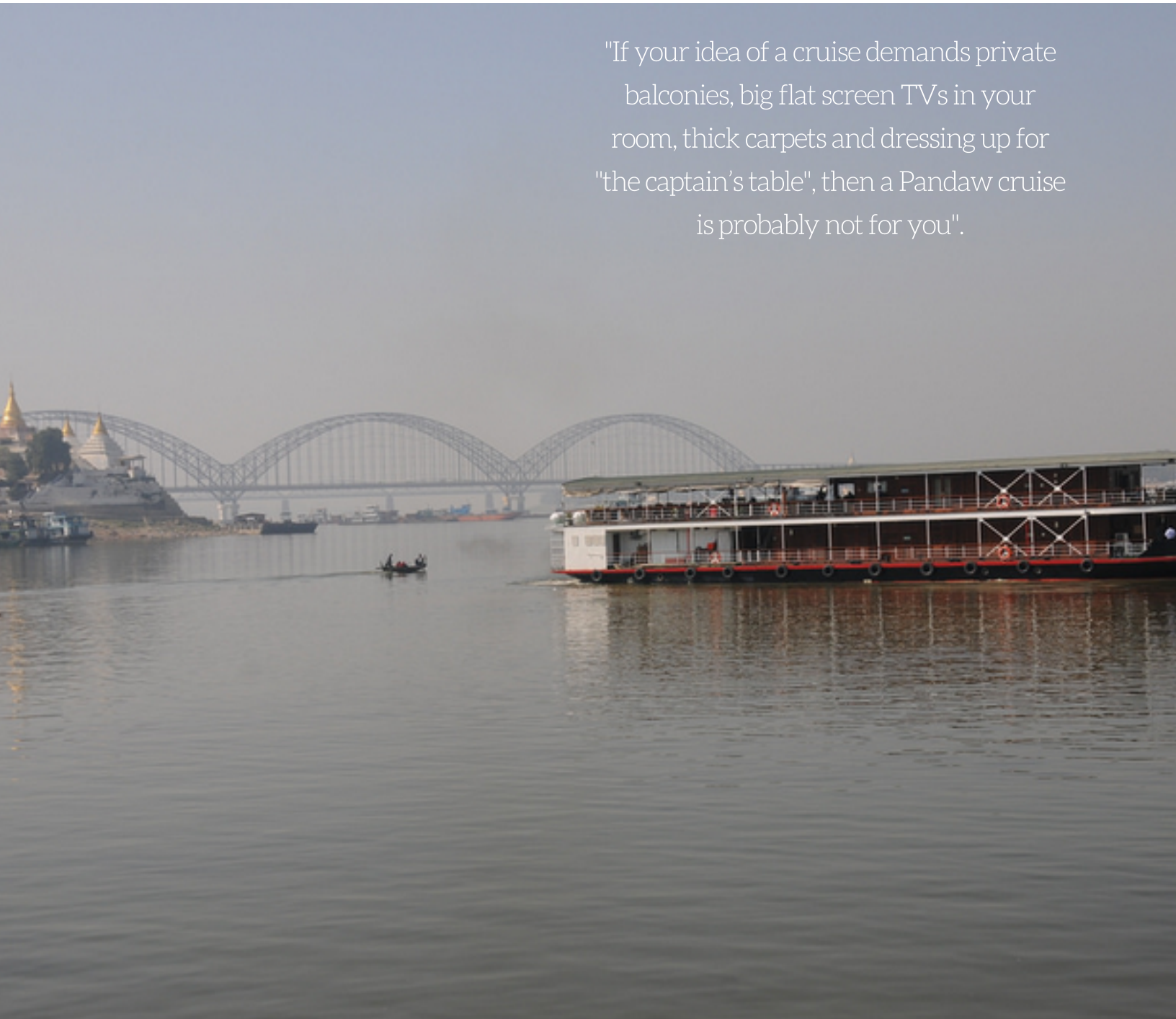
The Irrawaddy Delta Cruises are on the RV Katha, the third Katha to run on the Irrawaddy (the first was built in 1887).

16 cabins are spread across an Upper and Lower Deck and all feature panoramic French windows.

The Katha has no formal indoor dining room, which is ideal for cruising the Delta as it is more pleasant to eat outside than in a stuffy, noisy enclosed dining room.

The ship has quality mountain bikes for your independent exploration.

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Many passengers describe life on board Pandaw as more like being a guest on a private yacht, than a passenger on a conventional cruise ship. Pandaw itineraries strive to include the most spectacular sights and experiences - far more intrepid than conventional cruises.

And when passengers return to the ship after experiencing the wonders of life onshore, they return to a floating oasis of low-key luxury, caring service and all the good things of life.



The cabins are possibly the most celebrated feature of Pandaw, combining splendid colonial-era character with exquisite contemporary comfort. Finished in brass and teak, the main and upper deck cabins are a spacious 15.8 sq. m.

All cabins are the same size and all contain Pandaw's signature amenities.

Passengers can choose from the Main Deck or Upper Deck, and cabins all feature panoramic French windows, private bathrooms and air-con.



YANGON ACCOMMODATION

Kandawgyi Palace

Kandawgyi Palace is a great value central hotel in Yangon offering a high standard of accommodation and spacious rooms.



Governor's Residence

Centrally located two-storey historic mansion now a boutique hotel, part of Belmond (formerly Orient Express).

One of our favourite boutique hotels in Burma.



The Strand

One of Asia's iconic colonial era hotels and undoubtedly one of the top hotels in Myanmar.

Follow in the footsteps of former guests such as Maugham, Orwell, Coward and Kipling.



EXTEND YOUR TRIP



INSIGHT INTO BURMA AT THE

GOLDEN ROCK

Add 1 night
from £299 pp

Take an overnight excursion from Yangon to the magnificent Golden Rock at Kyaiktho.

This is a great way to discover more about Burmese culture as the Golden Rock is an important pilgrimage destination for Burmese.

En-route visit the Allied War Cemeteries, a huge reclining Buddha and the Monastery at Bago.

Spend the night close to the Golden Rock and spend some more time exploring historic Bago on your return to Yangon.

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RELAX IN UNSPOILT

NGAPALI BEACH

Add 3 nights
from £395 pp

Ngapali Beach is Myanmar's prime beach resort destination and a popular add-on to a River Cruise journey for a few days of relaxation.

Reached by domestic flight, Ngapali offers a long stretch of golden sand, back by swaying palms and dotted with simple beach resorts.

Ngapali Beach has an old style beach resort ambience, little touched by larger resort development. There are a couple of very nice boutique style resorts which are great for a few days low-key relaxation.

DATES & PRICES

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