

RIVER JOURNEYS

Asia's mighty rivers offer a handful of classic river cruises, here we focus on two of the most famous: the Yangtse in China and Burma's great Irrawaddy. While the Irrawaddy allows access to remote, unchanged areas of rural Myanmar; the mighty Yangtse has arrived at a period of profound change with the imminent completion of the infamous 3 Gorges Dam.

IRRAWADY FLOTILLA COMPANY

The Chindwin and the Irrawaddy are two of Asia's great rivers and provide the most natural and stimulating means of discovering hidden Burma. As well as taking to the waters on the local day ferry between Pagan and Mandalay, we can offer you a range of journeys aboard the refurbished 1940s paddle steamers of the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company. Many of the places that you voyage to cannot be reached by land because there is no road access. You can see ancient and contemporary sites and meet the friendly local people, clearly proud of their vibrant Buddhist culture.



MS PANDAW



MANDALAY

THE PANDAW I & II

Finished in local hardwoods and furnished with period pieces - with broad promenade decks and spacious observation lounge and dining room - they recapture beautifully the atmosphere and character of a classic river steamer.

YANGTSE RIVER CRUISES

We have an excellent relationship with Victoria Cruises, the only US company to manage and operate luxury cruises on this famous river, offering a range of itineraries from four to ten days. We are holding allocations on a wide range of dates, which offers you great flexibility and means you are not tied to large group departures. From mid 2003 it will no longer be possible to sail the full length of the river to Shanghai. This is your final opportunity to explore the Yangtse in its majestic entirety.



VICTORIA CRUISE SHIP

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The hardworking crew provide an international standard of service and, taking no more than 160 passengers, the ships are small enough to create an intimate atmosphere. As well as large cabins - all offering air-conditioning, en suite bathrooms and large windows - Victoria's main advantages over the handful of other first class cruise ships operating on the river include a stylish single-seating dining room and only very limited smoking areas. Other facilities include a bar, small gym, outdoor viewing decks and a library.



WU GORGE ON THE YANGTSE RIVER

Burma Highlights

Famous sights & the great Irrawaddy

A classic journey through this largely undiscovered land visiting all the famous places and incorporating a cruise aboard the IFC's RV Pandaw on the Irrawaddy.

Day 1: Depart UK **2:** Arrive Rangoon **3:** Twante pottery village **4:** Fly to Bagan's temples **5:** Pagan **6:** Board the IFC's RV Pandaw for your cruise along the mighty Irrawaddy **7:** On the river **8:** Arrive Mandalay, drive Maymyo **9:** Return Mandalay **10-11:** Mandalay and the ancient cities **12:** Fly Heho, drive to Inle Lake **13:** Inle **14:** Kakku **15:** Fly to Rangoon **16:** Fly UK.

Prices from £1995 based on private tailor-made arrangements for 2 people sharing including flights, accommodation, driver, guide and sightseeing.

Tailor-made Irrawaddy

For brochures, further information or to plan your individual tailor-made journey call Nick Page on **01869 276 208**.



RIVER TRAVEL ON PUBLIC FERRY, BURMA

Yangtse River Classic

Famous sights & the mighty Yangtse

This itinerary combines China's classic sights with a journey along the Yangtse. It is a distillation of China's highlights providing not only an insight into urban and rural China but also a flavour of this 5000 year old civilisation.

Day 1: Fly UK to Beijing **2:** Arrive Beijing **3:** Forbidden City & hutongs **4:** Summer Palace & Temple of Heaven **5:** Great Wall **6:** Fly to Xian, Terracotta Army **7:** Shaanxi Museum **8:** Fly Chongqing, visit Dazu and local village **9:** Board Victoria cruise ship, sail to Fengdu **10:** Qutang, Wu and lesser 3 gorges **11:** Sail Xiling Gorge, visit dam site **12:** Disembark Wuhan, fly Guilin **13:** Li River Cruise **14:** Yangshou **15:** Fly UK via Hong Kong **16:** Arrive UK.

Prices from £2895 based on private tailor-made arrangements in May (high season) for 2 people sharing including flights, accommodation, driver, guide and sightseeing.

Tailor-made Yangtse

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