

18 Days / 17 Nights

Myanmar Highlights & Beach



Experience the tranquility floating life on Inle Lake



Gaze at the former capital from Mandalay hill



Relax on the unspoiled beach of Ngapali



Be overwhelmed by the great golden Shwedagon Pagoda



Visit Bagan Archaeological Zone



Discover Mandalay, the last royal city



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Itinerary

Day 1: Yangon Arrival – City Highlights (-/-)

- Min ga la ba! Welcome to Yangon, Myanmar. You are greeted by your guide and driver at the International airport for your transfer to the hotel.
- Arrival in Yangon, one of the most fascinating countries of Southeast Asia, you are arranged a short orientation tour to have a first glimpse of the unique charm of the capital. You'll immediately experience first-hand the charm and kindness of the local people.
- We drive through city centre and visit **Shwedagon Pagoda** to enjoy the sunset. Shwedagon Pagoda - the world famous glittering gold stupa towering 99.4 m with a perimeter measuring 432.8 m, studded on the pinnacle with priceless gems. To Buddhists, the Golden Shwedagon is the most holy place of worship because it enshrined the sacred relics of the three earlier Buddhas and Eight Hair Relics of Gautama Buddha the Supreme Self-Enlightened.
- Overnight in Yangon

Day 2: Yangon City Highlights (B/-)

- Take a walk through the city centre to see Yangon's architectural mixture: the historic **Post Office**, gilded **Sule Paya**, the heritage **Strand Hotel**, **Maha Bandula Park** & the Independence Monument. Then visit the vibrant **Little India and Chinatown** with numerous street vendors, markets and temples.
- In the afternoon visit **Chaukhtatgyi Pagoda** which houses a 70m long Reclining Buddha image. Continue to the green Kandawagyi Park where you can see the glittering Karaweik barge, a replica of the royal barge.
- Browse through **Bogyoke Market**. Formerly known as Scott's Market, it is considered Yangon's best market for handicrafts.
- Overnight in Yangon

Day 3: Yangon – Bagan (B/-)

- Today, you head out to the airport for our flight to **Bagan** – one of the richest archaeological sites in Asia with its thousands of temples, stupas, pagodas lying on the eastern bank of the Ayeyarwaddy River.
- In the afternoon, drive to **Manuha Temple** with gigantic Buddha images, a captive king's impression of life in prison; **Nanpaya**, is an Early-style temple with the finest stone carvings.
- Finish your day at **Ananda Temple**, a masterpiece of Mon architecture with four standing Buddhas, and an adjacent brick monastery from the early Bagan era with well-preserved murals.
- Overnight in Bagan

Day 4: Bagan (B/-)

- Start with **Shwezigon Pagoda**, a prototype of the Burma style of stupas. Continue to the cave temple of Wetkyi-in Gubyaukkyi, featuring fine mural paintings of Jataka scenes, then visit a lacquer ware workshop to learn more about traditional Myanmar lacquer ware making. Next is **Thatbyinnyu Temple**, the tallest in the complex, measuring 61m.
- In the late afternoon, the sunset view from the **Shwesandaw Pagoda**.
- Overnight in Bagan

Day 5: Bagan – Mandalay (B/-/-)

- After breakfast at hotel, head out to the airport for your short flight to **Mandalay** – the second largest city in Myanmar and last capital of Myanmar Kings.
- You are met at the airport and transfer to our hotel in town. Enjoy a relaxing shower and have a short rest before we continue our tour.
- Continue your day to the amazing **U Bein wooden bridge**, the world's longest teak bridge stretching 1.2 km, to enjoy fabulous views of the countryside and encounter the friendly locals.
- Overnight in Mandalay

Day 6: Mandalay Highlights (B/-/-)

- Today the early birds can witness the traditional alms-giving ritual along the streets of Mandalay. Around sunrise thousands of monks leave the temples and collect the alms given to them by the local people. The early risers can then choose to have breakfast on the street with the locals or go back to the hotel.
- After breakfast, drive to **Amarapura**, the ancient capital, located 12 km south of Mandalay. Visit the Amarapura craft centre and the Mahagandayon Monastery where you can observe the process of serving lunch to hundreds of monks who take their last meal of the day at 10:00 AM.
- In the afternoon, visit **Mahamuni Pagoda** which houses one of Myanmar's most sacred Buddha images covered with thick layers of gold leaf.
- Continue to the 'world's largest book', **Kuthodaw Pagoda** houses the Buddhist Scriptures inscribed on marble slabs. Climb to the top of Mandalay Hill, a vantage point for panoramic views of the city and spectacular sunsets.
- Overnight in Mandalay.

Day 7: Mingun Village (B/-/-)

- After breakfast, transfer to jetty to take a boat trip on the **Ayeyarwaddy River** to **Mingun**, 11 km upriver from Mandalay. Visit **Mingun Bell**, which weighs 90 tons and is one of the world's largest bells; the beautiful **Hsinbyume Paya** (also known as Myatheintan Pagoda) was modelled after the mythical Mount Meru. The **Mingun Paya**, intended to be the world's biggest pagoda, is an overwhelmingly massive structure even though it remains unfinished. Back to Mandalay.
- In the afternoon, explore picturesque **Sagaing Hill**, widely regarded as Myanmar's living centre of Buddhism, is the site of numerous pagodas and monasteries
- Overnight in Mandalay

Day 8: Bagan – Heho – Pindaya – Inle Lake (B/-/-)

- After having morning flight to **Heho**, you drive to the small quiet town **Pindaya**, surrounded by beautiful countryside scenery. Visit Pindaya Cave a well-known Buddhist pilgrimage site which houses thousands of **Buddha images**, **Shan umbrella** and **mulberry paper** production home industry.
- Afternoon drive back to **Nyaung Shwe**, the gateway village to Inle Lake. Take a boat ride to your hotel.
- Overnight in Inle Lake

Day 9: Inle Lake (B/-/-)

- Take a boat ride around tranquil villages on stilts and floating gardens, see Intha fishermen doing their unique leg-rowing and fishing. Visit **Phaungdaw Oo Pagoda**, the main sanctuary by the lake, which houses 5 sacred Buddha images.
- Continue to a variety of traditional handicraft workshops: cheroot making, blacksmithing, and weaving 'silk' from lotus stems. Visit **Nga Phe Kyaung Monastery**; it is one of the oldest monasteries on the lake with dozens of ancient Buddha statues, and is known for having trained cats to jump through hoops.
- Overnight in Inle Lake

Day 10: Sagar Village – Heho – Yangon (B/-/-)

- Take a 2.5-3hr scenic boat trip to the less visited southern part of **Inle Lake** for insight into the unspoiled culture and traditional lifestyle of ethnic inhabitants, and beautiful landscapes. You will visit the 108 'sunken' stupas of Sagar, dated back to the 16th - 17th centuries, partially underwater for a few months a year.
- Transfer to Heho Airport for your Flight to Yangon where guide and driver await you and accompany you to the hotel.
- The rest of the day is free at your own leisure. Drive through the colonial quarters, take a stroll through **Bogyoke Market** and buy wonderful souvenirs for your beloved friends and relatives.
- Overnight in Yangon.

Day 11: Sittway (B/-/-)

- Transfer to airport for your flight to **Sittway**. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel for check in.
- Visit the markets, sea-foods production and stroll along the strand road and enjoy watching the bustle and hustle of local business activities and go to view point to enjoy sunset viewing.
- Overnight in Sittway

Day 12: Mrauk U (B/-/-)

- Morning transfer to jetty to board a simple boat for 70 km (6 hours) upriver cruise to the ancient capital of **Mrauk U** with the view of sunset.
- Continue your sightseeing to one of the biggest archaeological site in Myanmar, Mrauk U. Start by a visit to the ruins of the **Royal Palace and Archaeological Museum** (closed on Mondays, Tuesdays and public holidays).
- Next is the visit the massive **Shitethaung Paya**, a remarkable temple with countless Buddha images and relief; **Andawthein** with its unique stone carvings, floral designs and the fortress-like temple itself; the circular **Ratanabon Pagoda**; **Dukkhanthein**, noted for the interesting stone sculptures in its vaulted passages. and Laymyetnha, the first pagoda erected in Mrauk U in 1430
- Sunset from Herredaung hill.
- Overnight in Mrauk U

Day 13: Mrauk U (B/-/-)

- Wake up early and enjoy the sunrise over the misty hills of **Mrauk U**. You then wander around a local market to learn more about their daily life and as well lifestyles
- Visit Maharmuni Pagoda and Kyaut Taw sightseeing.
- Overnight in Mrauk U

Day 14 : Mrauk U – Sittway – Thandwe - Ngapali (B/-/-)

- Breakfast at hotel then head out to the airport for your short flight to Thandwe (Sandoway). On arrival, we will transfer you to **Ngapali** – this unspoilt beach stretches over 3 km
- The rest of the day is free at your own leisure to explore this beautiful city.
- Overnight at your hotel in Ngapali

Day 15-16 : Ngapali (B/-/-)

- Fill your leisure time here enjoying the unspoilt beach, perfect for swimming, relaxing on the beach, exploring or just sitting amidst the warm breezes. You can also visit nearby fishing villages.
- Overnight at your hotel in Ngapali.

Day 17: Ngapali – Yangon (B/-/-)

- Free to spend your leisure time till we transfer to the airport for your flight back to Yangon
- Overnight in Yangon

Day 18: Departure (B/-/-)

- Morning is free at leisure in Yangon and do some last minute shopping before flying back home or on to our next destination.
- End of service.