

3 Days / 2 Nights

## Bagan Highlights



Explore the rich culture of Bagan temples and town



Visit Bagan Archaeological Zone



Amaze sunset over Bagan from Thatbyinnyu Temple



Summit Mountain Popa, 1,518m high



Indulge in peaceful cruise on Ayeyarwaddy River



**Day 1:** Bagan

**Day 2:** Bagan – Salay – Mount Popa – Bagan

**Day 3:** Bagan – Pakkoku – Bagan

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Bagan Temples (-/-/-)

- Start with the colorful **Nyaung U Market** where residents from surrounding villages gather to buy and sell foods, crafts and other goods. Visit **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.
- In the afternoon, visit **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.
- Next is **Thatbyinnyu Temple**, the tallest in the complex, measuring 61m. Take in **Dhammayangyi Temple**, the largest of all of Bagan's many temples. Climb up one of the monuments to enjoy sunset above Bagan plain and Ayeyarwady River.
- Overnight in Bagan

### Day 2: Bagan – Salay – Mount Popa - Bagan (B/-/-)

- Drive south of Bagan to Salay. You will stop en route in **Chauk** to visit a colourful morning market. In Salay, you'll visit **Yoke Sone Monastery**, an old wooden monastery hall with beautiful wood carvings decorating the outer walls, and **Shinbin Maha Laba Man Paya** which houses a large lacquer Buddha dating back to the 13th century.
- Continue to **Mount Popa**, an extinct volcano rising 1,518m high, is the site of shrines dedicated to the worship of 37 Nats – Myanmar's ancient animist spirits. Learn about nats and nat worship as you climb the 777 steps to the peak for an impressive view over the surrounding region.
- Overnight in Bagan

### Day 3: Bagan – Pakkoku – Bagan (B/-/-)

- Take a local boat on Ayeyarwaddy River to **Pakkoku**. The river cruise takes approximately 2 hours depending on water level. Upon arrival, you will explore the town on traditional trishaws. The authentic local market offers vegetables, fishes and ingredients, as well as textiles and local crafts. You will visit local workshops weaving cotton blankets and making cheroots. At a monastery you can learn about monastic life in Myanmar. You will visit **Thiho-Shin Pagoda** which houses one of the most revered images in Myanmar, presented by the King of Ceylon some 800 years ago. You'll return to Bagan by boat.
- End of service.

**Note:** *Best time to visit Pakkoku is from September to March when water level is high*