

Luxury Myanmar - 10 Days

Brief Itinerary:

Day 1: Yangon Arrival - Welcome Dinner With Burmese Food (D)

Day 2: Yangon sightseeing (B)

Day 3: Yangon – Bagan - Embark Sanctuary Ananda Cruiser (B, L, D)

Day 4: Bagan hot-air balloon ride and cruising (B, L, D)

Day 5: Bagan – Mandalay (cruising and touring) (B, L, D)

Day 6: Mandalay – Disembark Cruise (B)

Day 7: Mandalay – Heho – Inle Lake (B)

Day 8: Inle Lake – Indein - Inle Lake (B, L)

Day 9: Inle Lake – Heho – Yangon (B, D)

Day 10: Yangon Departure (B)

Remark:

B = Breakfast, **L** = Lunch, **D** = Dinner

Tour includes:

- Accommodation with daily breakfast at selected hotels
- Private tours and all services as mentioned in the itinerary
- 3 nights cruise from Bagan to Mandalay by luxury Sanctuary Ananda Cruise with full meals on board
- Private transportation with air-conditioning
- 03 Domestic flights: Yangon – Nyaung U (Bagan), Mandalay – Heho (Inle Lake), Heho – Yangon
- Local English speaking guides

- Entrance fees for all mentioned sights visited
- Private boat to visit Inle Lake
- Water and cold towel on sightseeing

Tour excludes:

- International flights
- Early check-in and late check-out at hotels
- Personal expenses (such as laundry, telephone, drinks, etc.)
- Tipping for guides and drivers
- Compulsory personal travel insurance
- Myanmar Visa fees (contact our travel consultant for further information)
- Compulsory Christmas and New Year Eva Dinner at hotels if required
- Other meals which do not mention in the itinerary
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Detail itinerary:

Day 1: Yangon arrival – Welcome dinner with Burmese food (D)

Upon your arrival at Yangon airport, your guide will meet and transfer you to your hotel. Check in your hotel and relax. (The hotel room is at your disposal from 14.00).

Yangon is a relatively quiet and charming city. Its impressive colonial and spiritual heritage makes it one of the most fascinating cities in Southeast Asia. The city is an amalgamation of British, Burmese, Chinese and Indian influences,

and is known for its colonial architecture, which although decaying and beyond appreciation, remains an almost unique example of a 19th-century British colonial capital.

Lunch on own account. Welcome dinner at local restaurant. Overnight in Yangon.

Day 2: Yangon sightseeing (B)

You start with a visit to Kalaywatawya Monastery to see monastic ways of lives and to see Buddhist monks lining up and eating together for lunch. Then, proceed to Kyaukhtatgyi Pagoda to see a 70 meter long reclining Buddha statue around the size of a blue whale.

Continue travelling downtown, where you will have a chance to explore the local life of Burmese in China Town. During heading to China Town (or 19th Street), you are free to take some amazing photos of a nearby temple with hundreds of images depicting mythological scenes.

No Myanmar expedition can be considered truly great if it's lacking a visit to the legendary Shwedagon Pagoda. Ready for an amazing experience? The visual delights present there alone, are worth the trip. Witness the colors transform on the 100-meter chedi which is literally enclosed in over 40 tons of gold leaf. You will start at the eastern staircase where you will find a row of shops at the base of the temple selling various religious items. Here you will find monks robes, alms bowls, offerings, incense and other unique Buddhist objects. As your browse the stalls your guide will explain the use and rituals of Myanmar's Buddhist people. Shwedagon is largely considered to be the most important

religious site for the Burmese; most visitors report that the trip is extremely memorable and still etched into their minds.

Lunch and dinner on own account. Overnight in Yangon.

Day 3: Yangon – fly to Bagan – Embark Sanctuary Ananda cruiser (B, L, D)

Today, delve into the World Heritage site- Bagan. The thousands of temples that are spread across the plains of Bagan combine to form one of the richest archaeological sites in Asia and provide views quite unlike anywhere else on earth. After embarking your luxury cruise ship, set off the beautiful journey to Bagan which offers you great views of famed monuments including Htilominlo and Ananda. Ananda temple is considered to be one of the most surviving masterpieces of the Mon architecture. Enjoy stunning views over the river as the sun comes to a close before returning to the ship for a welcome dinner.

Lunch and dinner on board. Overnight stay on Sanctuary Ananda.

Day 4: Bagan – hot air balloon ride and cruising (B, L, D)

Another chance for you to explore the best of Bagan awaits. You could make a different journey with the option of taking a sunrise hot air balloon flight over the town in the early morning (with an additional charge, book in advance). Alternatively, start your new day practice sunrise meditation at one of the temples. Learn more about the rich culture of this land through the glittering Shwezigon Pagoda. The golden Shwezigon Paya in Bagan is one of the most significant religious buildings in Myanmar, for it served as a prototype for later

stupas built throughout the country and marked an important development in the relationship between traditional Burmese religion and Theravada Buddhism. Embark the ship at midday and set sail north along the Ayeyarwaddy. Take your time to relax or join the various lectures or demonstrations on board. Enjoy beautiful views over the river at sunset with cocktails served on a mid-river sandbank.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board. Overnight stay on Sanctuary Ananda.

Day 5: Bagan – Mandalay (cruising and touring) (B, L, D)

In the early morning, fill up your new day with meditation or yoga classes on board or enjoy the freshness of atmosphere as the ship sails towards Ava- the ancient capital. The delicious lunch will be followed by a horse cart ride to explore the main sites of the city. Afterwards, make your way to Sagaing- which lies 21km south-west of Mandalay on the west bank of the Ayeyarwaddy River and Amarapura- one of Myanmar's former capitals. Learn about traditional handicrafts through the local silversmiths and textile workshops in these cities before travelling to the world's longest teak bridge- U Bein Bridge for breathtaking views at sunset. Enjoy a lavish dinner served on a sandbank overlooking Mingun and then take in an interesting traditional musical performance.

Breakfast, lunch on board and dinner on sandbank. Overnight stay on Sanctuary Ananda.

Day 6: Mandalay – disembark cruise (B)

Breakfast is served before check out in Mandalay.

Cruise will arrange a tour of Mandalay. This will include a visit to Mahamuni Pagoda, one of Myanmar's most religious monuments housing the revered Mahamuni Image. Lastly a visit to Kuthodaw Pagoda (Maha Lawka Marazein) built by King Mindon in 1857, in effect a copy of the Shwezigon Pagoda in Bagan. Finally, transfer to your hotel in Mandalay for check-in and relax.

Lunch and dinner on own account. Overnight in Mandalay.

Day 7: Mandalay – fly to Heho – Inle Lake (B)

Arrive this morning in Heho after a morning flight. Set off your beautiful trip on the majestic Inle Lake. Inle lake is the country's second largest lake and features floating villages, gardens, various tribes nearby and fishermen who row with their legs. En-route, you will take in beautiful sights of some of lake's most renowned sites. Make your way to the Nga Phe Chaung- an attractive wooden monastery built on stilts over the lake at the end of the 1850s. The monastery is also known for a collection of old Myanmar's Buddha images from different areas that are worth seeing. You also visit the famous Phaung Daw Oo Monasteries- the most highly revered monastery in the Inle Lake area. It houses five ancient images of the Buddha that are completely covered in gold leaf. Don't miss out on several craft workshops located in the middle of the lake, with buildings constructed on stilts to get local souvenirs if you wish.

Lunch and dinner on own account. Overnight in Inle.

Day 8: Inle Lake – Indein – Inle Lake (B, L)

The natural beauty of the lake's shoreline will be discovered in your excursion today. Visit a local village known for its taste of tofu and bean products to see the interesting making process of these products. Take a leisurely walk along sleepy roads, absorb in the peacefulness of the village. Continue onto the Pa-Oh village of Indein- one of the small villages of Inle Lake located on the western bank of the lake. Enjoy a fantastic picnic lunch in the best of nature among the bamboo forests which offer stunning views of the lake. Ascend to the top hill to enjoy beautiful views of the hundreds of stupa ruins and surroundings before trekking another 45 minute walk to Sae Ma village. In the late afternoon, head back to the hotel.

Luxury picnic lunch in a bamboo forest. Dinner on own account. Overnight in Inle.

Day 9: Inle lake – Heho – fly to Yangon (B, D)

Today, you have plenty of time to relax at Inle Lake before taking a flight back to Yangon. Upon your arrival in Yangon, enjoy a luxurious dinner at one of the best restaurants of the city

Lunch on own account. Farewell Dinner at Karaweik Restaurant with special cultural show. Overnight in Yangon.

Day 10: Yangon departure (B)

Today, you have free time to enjoy last minute shopping or sightseeing until being transferred to the airport for your departure flight.