

## Myanmar Honeymoon - 12 Days

### Brief Itinerary:

- Day 1: Arrival Mandalay
- Day 2: Mandalay sightseeing (B,L)
- Day 3: Mandalay – Fly to Bagan (B,L)
- Day 4: Bagan (B,L)
- Day 5: Bagan – Fly to Heho – Inle Lake (B,L)
- Day 6: Inle Lake – Indein (B,L)
- Day 7: Inle Lake – Heho - Thandwe (B)
- Day 8: Ngapali Beach Free (B)
- Day 9: Ngapali Beach Free (B)
- Day 10: Ngapali – return to Yangon and relax (B)
- Day 11: Yangon Free (B)
- Day 12: Yangon depart – End of tour (B)

### Remark:

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

### Tour includes:

- Accommodation with daily breakfast at selected hotels
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B: breakfast; L: lunch; D: dinner)
- Private tours and all services as mentioned in the itinerary
- Boat trip as mentioned in the itinerary
- Private transportation with air-conditioning

- 04 Domestic flights: Mandalay – Nyaung U (Bagan), Nyaung U – Heho (Inle), Heho – Thandwe (Ngapali), Thandwe - 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 Christmas Eve and New Year Eve Dinner
- Compulsory personal travel insurance
- Myanmar Visa fees (contact our travel consultant for further information)
- Other meals which do not mention in the itinerary

#### Detail itinerary:

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##### *Day 1: Mandalay arrival*

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Welcome to Mandalay! Mandalay, the second largest city of Myanmar and one of the ancient royal capitals is often perceived and described in literature as Asia at its most traditional, timeless and alluring but those who go meet a booming and vibrant city located on the banks of the Irrawaddy River. However, despite the energy and thriving business it's where the cultural heart of Myanmar lies

and tradition of music, dance and drama are still alive. Upon arrival in you'll be transferred (1 hour) to your hotel in Mandalay for check-in and relax.

Lunch and Dinner on own account. Overnight stay in Mandalay.

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### *Day 2: Mandalay sightseeing (B, L)*

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Your orientation tour of Mandalay begins with a visit to the Mandalay Palace Kyauktawgyi Pagoda with a giant Buddha carved from one marble block. Then proceed to Kuthodaw Pagoda, known as 'The World's Biggest Book' for its collection of 729 marble slabs inscribed with Buddhist teachings. Our final stop of the morning is Shwenandaw Monastery, the Golden Monastery which is the only enduring structure from the Royal Palace of the 19th century. This impressive structure is celebrated for its remarkable woodcarvings.

This afternoon continue your guided tour with a visit to the Mahamuni Pagoda. This pagoda houses one of the country's most honored Buddha images, completely covered in gold leaves that are every day applied to the statue by male devotees. There are also many craft workshops in Mandalay and, should you wish, we can stop for a visit to one making gold leaf, tapestries, wood carvings or marionettes if you are interested and if time allows.

Next drive to Amarapura, Myanmar's penultimate royal capital. Visit Mahagandayon monastery, home to more than a thousand young monks and renowned as a centre for monastic study and strict religious discipline and continue on foot or by bus a short distance to U Bein Bridge. Built in 1782, it spans 1.2 km across the shallow Taungthaman Lake and is said to be the longest teakwood bridge worldwide. Enjoy the late afternoon beauty as the sun casts

long shadows and illuminates the bridge. As a stunning day comes to an end head back to Mandalay.

Dinner on own account. Overnight in Mandalay.

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### *Day 3: Mandalay – fly to Bagan (B, L)*

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Early morning transferred to the airport for your domestic flight to Bagan. Welcome to Bagan, known to be one of the greatest architectural sites in Asia. When Bagan was the centre of Myanmar from the 11th to 13th centuries the monarchs built multitudes of massive stupas and pagodas, scores of which are still present on the shores of the Irrawaddy River. The majesty of Bagan with more than 4000 red brick temples on a plain of the size of Manhattan island is one of the highlights of a Myanmar holiday that will soothe the eye of every traveller.

Discover the best of Bagan today! Not simply a chance to see the splendid Bagan temples, this excursion also introduces you to the Burmese culture, allows you to see traditional craftsmen at work and takes you up the mighty Irrawaddy River to a decidedly unusual 'cave' temple! Your first port of call is an elevated temple with its panoramic views of the Bagan plains. This viewpoint will give you a taste of the sheer number of temples as well as some of their distinctive styles. From here you will have a look around the Ananda Temple – one of the most exalted of Bagan's temples. We will ensure that our tour reaches this point before the majority of tourists arrive, enabling you to enjoy the splendor of the temple in relative tranquility. Continue to various other temples dotted around the temple plains to experience a variety of architectural styles in the area as well as the artistic wonder of the 9-14th centuries. Traveling amid the temples

you will get a taste of rural Bagan life in this 'living museum' setting where farmers and families work amongst the monuments.

Afternoon back to your hotel for relax.

Dinner on own account. Overnight stay in Bagan.

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#### *Day 4: Bagan sightseeing (B, L)*

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**OPTIONAL: HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE OVER BAGAN (USD 280/PAX, STANDARD SERVICES) - (Only available from October/November through March)**

*The morning will start off with an exciting hot-air balloon ride above the Bagan countryside. You will observe one-of-a-kind views when the sun begins to rise over the Irrawaddy River and various stupas in the region. You're simply not going to find many other opportunities like this on Earth.*

Start morning with visit to Nyaung Oo Market, where the locals come to trade fresh produce and other goods daily. From here you will have a look around the Old Bagan starting with a visit of the renowned Shwezigon Pagoda, constructed by King Anawrahta in the early 11th century as a religious memorial. Travel over dusty lanes and tree shaded roads past temples and monasteries to a small village. Explore the village on foot, getting a glimpse of local lifestyles of Bagan's residents. Continue to more lesser-known monuments, selected based on your interest, in the area for the remainder of the morning. If you wish, a short walk can be arranged through a series of smaller monuments which allows for a unique perspective of Bagan.

From here you will journey on by horse cart for an excursion that passes Thatbyinnyu, the tallest temple in Bagan, gigantic Dhammayangyi Temple noted for its remarkable brickwork, and of course, Sulamani Temple. Take pleasure in

an extraordinary sunset from the upper terrace of one of the surrounding temples.

Dinner on own account. Overnight stay in Bagan.

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### *Day 5: Bagan – fly to Heho – Inle Lake (B, L)*

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This morning transfer to the airport for your domestic morning flight to Heho. From Heho, it is a scenic one-hour drive (32km – 1 hour) to Nyaung Shwe, gateway village to Inle Lake.

Then you will board a private motorboat and go to Inle Lake, one of Myanmar's most spectacular and breathtaking sights. Its calm waters are dotted with floating vegetation and fishing canoes, to which scenic hills provide the perfect backdrop. Observe the daily activities of the local leg-rowing fishermen and see their 'floating gardens', which are built up from strips of water hyacinth, earth and anchored to the bottom of the lake with bamboo poles.

You will also visit Nga Hpe Chaung Monastery, which houses loads of early Shan Buddha Images. In the past this temple was known for its 'jumping cats' but these days there are only a few felines roaming around and none are jumping any more. Finally, proceed to the Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda, which contains five sacred images of Buddha decorated in gold leaf.

There are also many traditional crafts originating on Inle Lake and, should you wish, we can stop for a visit to one making incredible woven items from lotus silk, boat builders (depending on the time of year), a cigar making workshop, blacksmiths or even silver smiths.

Dinner on own account. Overnight on Inle Lake or Nyaung Shwe.

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### *Day 6: Inle Lake – Indein (B, L)*

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Today begins with a visit to the lake's morning market (the market is open every day apart from dark moon and full moon calendar days). The market is a hive of activity as the lake's residents gather to buy fresh produce and other goods in the early morning hours.

Continue with a 1-hour boat ride down a small canal will take you to the Pa-Oh village of Indein, positioned on the western shores of Inle Lake. Take a leisurely stroll around the village before ascending the moss-covered stairway to the top of a hill. Once you've arrived at the summit, you will be greeted by an iconic Buddha image which sits enshrined among hundreds of stupa ruins and overgrown shrubbery. Then it's time to embark on a 45 minutes trek to Sae Ma village. Along the way, you'll enjoy the natural beauty and panoramic vistas of the area while basking under the shade of the bamboo grooves in the area. Upon arrival at the village, observe the daily lifestyles of the rural inhabitants. Afternoon back to your hotel for relax.

Dinner on own account. Overnight on Inle Lake or Nyaung Shwe.

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### *Day 7: Heho – fly to Thandwe (B)*

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Transfer to Heho airport and flight to Thandwe. Upon arrival at Thandwe Airport you will be welcomed by a representative of your hotel who will escort you at Ngapali Beach. After your check in, you'll be free for the rest of the day to enjoy the idyllic beach or take advantage of the hotel facilities.

Lunch and Dinner on own account. Overnight stay in Ngapali

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### *Day 8: Ngapali free time (B)*

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For the next days, you will be free to indulge in your favorite activities. You can chill out on the white beach and dive in the crystal waters, or ride a bike to the nearest village and stroll through the alleys while watching the lively and colorful local life flowing and fishermen placidly coming back from their fishing trips.

Lunch and Dinner on own account. Overnight stay in Ngapali

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### *Day 9: Ngapali free time (B)*

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If you want to explore the marine life a little further, join a boat trip and snorkel or dive close to one of the many islands off the coast. You'll be overwhelmed by the bright and shiny colors of underwater life. (Note: these tours are not included; should you wish to book, surcharges will be applied)

Lunch and Dinner on own account. Overnight stay in Ngapali

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### *Day 10: Thandwe – fly to Yangon (B)*

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Breakfast will be served at your hotel before driving to Thandwe Airport for a short flight back to Yangon. Upon arrival at Yangon airport you'll be greeted by a guide and driver then transfer to your hotel in Yangon for check-in and relax. Afternoon begin your sightseeing of Yangon with a visit the 70-metre reclining Buddha at Kyaukhtatgyi Pagoda. head on to Chinatown for a change of scenery and check out the dragons and incense of the colorful Khen Hock Keong Chinese temple. Explore the vibrant street stalls where vendors sell all kinds of fruit,



vegetable and other goods or simply just walk around and soak in the atmosphere of this little China in Yangon.

Resume your sightseeing with a visit to the gleaming royal barge at Kandawgyi Park. Then, as the sun begins to set, travel to the resplendent Shwedagon Pagoda. Begin at the eastern entrance to find a row of shops at the base of the temple selling various religious items such as monks robes, alms bowls, offerings, incense and other unique Buddhist objects. Continue up the stairs to the main platform of Shwedagon where you will gaze in awe at the 100-metre gold-covered chedi.

Dinner on own account. Overnight in Yangon.

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### *Day 11: Yangon free itme*

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Free to discover Yangon at your own arrangement .

Lunch & Dinner on own account. Overnight in Yangon.

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### *Day 12: Yangon departure (B)*

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Unfortunately, it is now called to say goodbye to one of the most secretive countries in the world. Transfer from hotel to Yangon International Airport.

Meals on own account. End of tour services.