

# Upper Ayeyarwaddy by Anawrahta Cruise 8 days

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## I. Itinerary Overview

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## II. Detailed Itinerary

### Day 1 Nwe Nyein

Morning embarkation in Mandalay and sailing north, through the Dolphin Sanctuary. There will be a morning lecture on Myanmar culture entitled "Myanmar Ways of Life" and a Myanmar Traditional Dress demonstration early in the afternoon. In the cooler air of late-afternoon we will make a tour of the

pottery village of Nwe Nyein. Here you can see traditional techniques still being used to produce a wide variety of decorative pots. Tonight a longyi Cocktail Party will break the ice with your fellow guests.

**Day 2****Daguang**

Morning yoga/meditation session available. Today's sailing is through the rolling hills of the Third Defile. Passing bamboo villages and even smaller fishing settlements, you will wonder how tranquil these lives can be. Join our Chef for a Cookery Demonstration in the morning and attend an informal Burmese language lesson in the afternoon. We will reach Dagaung for another late-afternoon tour, which will show you life on the riverbank and introduce you to this small town with its ancient fortifications, archeological area and famous nat or spirit shrines

**Day 3****Katha**

Morning yoga/meditation session available. Early-afternoon we reach the enchanting colonial town of Katha, setting for George Orwell's Burmese Days. Little has changed since then. Of interest are the fire station's collections of the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company's ship's bells taken from sunken ships in the Second War. Katha was the final resting place for much of the old flotilla as over a hundred ships were scuppered here in 1942 - an Act of Denial before the advancing Japanese. Our tour will take you around all the places that appear in the book and give you the opportunity to really imagine how life was in this far-flung corner of the British Empire.

**Day 4****Katha and Shwe Gu**

In the morning disembark for a visit to Katha's colorful, bustling and noisy market before going on to visit an elephant logging camp in the hardwood forests of the hills that surround the town. After, we will call into the old Golf Club before returning to the ship for lunch. In the afternoon you may relax on the Sun Deck while we continue upstream to Shwe Gu. Afternoon tea will be served before a lecture on Myanmar history and current affairs.

**Day 5****Shwe Paw Kyun and the Second Defile**

Another early start is recommended as we take you on a tranquil walk through the rarely-visited island

of Shwe Paw Kyun. After, be prepared on the Sun Deck as we make our first passing through the dramatic Second Defile. This will take about two hours, depending on the force of the current. Once out the other side we will turn at the Sinkan Bridge and begin our return journey by plunging once again into the fast flowing waters of the Defile. It may take as little as 25 minutes to reach the other end! We will sail on, passing Katha before mooring for the night.

**Day 6****Thagara**

After a short sail we should reach Thagara, where we will go ashore and climb the hill to reach a majestic Reclining Buddha gazing serenely southwards, taking in the view of the Third Defile. Another relaxing afternoon perhaps enjoying the facilities of our spacious Spa (including the only Swedish-style sauna on the Ayeyarwaddy) or our 8 meter whirlpool swimming pool, conveniently raised so you may lie in the water and still enjoy the passing scenery. For those wishing for some mental stimulation there will be a lecture on 'Religion in Myanmar' and another Burmese language lesson. Tonight we will moor near Tabbeikyin, the nearest port to the famous ruby mines of Mogok.

**Day 7****Mandalay**

Depending on the water level and local conditions, we hope to visit Thiha Taw Island in the mouth of the Third Defile this morning. Here a beautiful monastery was suddenly and mysteriously abandoned around 100 years ago. The monks from this monastery were reputed to have tamed fish and used to place gold-leaf on them during special ceremonies. In the afternoon there will be a lecture entitled "History of Mandalay" while we continue sailing south. We reach Mandalay late in the afternoon where you will disembark in time to see sunset at the famous "U Bein's Bridge", the longest teak bridge in Myanmar.

**Day 8****Check-out**

Enjoy your last day on board with Anawrahta Cruise before saying goodbye to the staff as you check-out the cruise after breakfast.

### III. Terms & Conditions

#### GENERAL BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS

##### BOOKING PROCEDURE

- E-Travel Myanmar required deposit of at least 30% of total tour cost to guarantee the booking. This amount can be paid by credit card (through a secured payment system), bank transfer, Western Union or Paypal.
- Remainder of total tour cost must be paid in cash upon arrival or 2 weeks before departure date if by any other payment methods.
- Transfer fee, if any, must be paid at customer's end. E-Travel Myanmar will recognize the amount received only.

##### CANCELLATION

At E-Travel Myanmar Co.,Ltd, we do our best to minimize cancellation penalty for our guests but we must abide the cancellation policy of each service provider. Any cancellations should be made in writing.

###### Cancellation by the customers

Where the Customer cancels the tour, then the effective date of cancellation will be the date the company receives the written notification. The cancellation charge to the customer is listed below:

- More than 30 days before departure :deposit if forfeited
- Between 15 and 29 days before departure :50 % of total tour cost
- Between 7 days and 14 days before departure :70 % of total tour cost
- Between 2 days and 6 days before departure :85 % of total tour cost
- 1 day or less :100 % of total tour cost
- Flight tickets are fixed following the final itinerary, 100% charge for airfare for any cancellation.

###### Cancellation by E-Travel Myanmar

If tour is not paid by the due date, the company shall have the right to cancel the tour. If we, at the request of the customer, agree to delay cancellation of the tour then the company still cancels the tour for the customer's non-payment, the cancellation charges set out shall apply and be payable by the customer.

###### Special conditions

E-Travel Myanmar reserves the right to change these cancellation conditions depending on airlines, hotels and cruises' cancellation policies. We will inform you in writing in case the above conditions need to be modified.

##### RESPONSIBILITY

Except in situation beyond human control, E-Travel Myanmar will be held responsible for any additional expense resulting from the change caused by us in itinerary, transportation, accommodation. Except in situation beyond human control, E-Travel Myanmar shall provide compensatory service for participants or refund the difference in payment for service rendered below standard.

The detailed program and schedule flights are subject to change by airline without prior notice and in accordance with the weather conditionals and daily operation of flights. Consequently, itinerary concerned might be adjusted. If this occurs, E-Travel Myanmar will do all in its power to assist participants in boarding flights or finding alternative arrangements. This is done as a courtesy to participants and E-Travel Myanmar can not be held responsible for denied boarding, or additional charges occurred.

##### TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel Insurance is not included. E-Travel Myanmar highly recommend you to have travel insurance when traveling around Asia. /

