

## Grand Myanmar

Yangon - Bago - Mandalay - Mingun - Monywa - Bagan - Inle Lake - Indein - Yangon

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### Itinerary Overview

Day	Destinations/Activities	Meals
Day 1	Yangon Arrival	-
Day 2	Yangon - Sightseeing	B
Day 3	Yangon - Bago - Yangon	B
Day 4	Yangon - Mandalay	B
Day 5	Mandalay - Amarapura - Mingun	B
Day 6	Mandalay - Sagaing - Monywa	B
Day 7	Monywa - Pokkaku - Bagan	B
Day 8	Bagan Sightseeing	B
Day 9	Bagan - MT Popa	B
Day 10	Bagan - Heho - Inle Lake	B
Day 11	Inle Lake - Indein	B
Day 12	Inle Lake - Free day	B
Day 13	Inle Lake - Yangon	B
Day 14	Yangon departure	B

**Note\*:** B: Breakfast

### Detailed Itinerary

**Day 1** Yangon arrival

Arrive in Yangon where you will be welcomed by your local tour guide and transferred to your hotel for checkin. Enjoy free time to relax after long flight.

**Note\*:** The hotel room will be available at 2:00pm, and in case that you would like to secure an early-check in, an additional charge will be applied.

**Meals:** None

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Yangon

## Day 2 Yangon – Sightseeing

08:00: pickup at the hotel for the city tour to visit most interesting sites. We start with visit to Chauk Htat Gyi Pagoda, home to a 70-meter long reclining Buddha. A visit to Chauk Htat Gyi provides a great overview of Buddhism with murals depicting the life of Buddha. The feet of the statue are carved with traditional symbols and often many locals gathering to pay homage and pray. Then we visit Shwedagon Pagoda of Rudyard Kipling fame and one of Myanmar's most sacred places. The massive bell shaped stupa is plated with gold and the tip of the stupa is set with diamonds and rubies, sapphires and topaz - a stunning sight as the sun sets and a most fitting place to begin our trip in this "Golden Land". Enjoy some shopping in bustling Scott market before heading back to the hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Yangon

## Day 3 Yangon – Bago - Yangon

After breakfast at hotel, Day return sightseeing trip to Bago. Visit to Kyaikpon four seated Buddha Images. Kyakhatwine Monastery, where a thousand of monks who take their last meal of the day at 10 am in total silence, Kanbawza Thardi Palace built by King Bayinnaung, Kalayani Sima (Ordination Hall), Shwemawdaw Pagoda, Shwethalyaung Pagoda, the world's most beautiful reclining Buddha, Wood Carving Industry and Bago local Market. Visit enroute World War II Allied War Grave Cemetery near Taukkyant. Drive back to Yangon.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Yangon

## Day 4 Yangon – Mandalay

After breakfast at hotel, transfer to airport for Mandalay, Up on arrive Mandalay and check in to

hotel and Mandalay full day sightseeing; visit to Mahamuni Pagoda, Kyauktawgyi Pagoda a large Buddha image carved out of a single block of marble, Shwenandaw Monastery (Golden Palace) noted for its exquisite wood carving, Kuthodaw Pagoda known as the world's Biggest Book for its stone slabs of Buddhist scriptures. Mandalay Palace and in the afternoon to observe the Gold leaf beating, Stone carving, Wood carving and Tapestry and an enjoy the sunset from Mandalay Hill. Overnight at hotel in Mandalay.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Mandalay

## Day 5 Mandalay – Amarapura – Mingun

After breakfast at hotel, Proceed to Amapura visit to Mahagandayon Monastery, observe Myanmar Traditional Hand-Woven silk workshop, visit to Mahagandayon Monastery, enjoy beautiful scenery at U Bein Bridge. In the afternoon depart from Mandalay on a private boat along the Ayeyarwaddy River to visit Mingun, a village on the west bank of the river. Visit to Mingun Pahtotawgyi, the world renowned ringing Mingun Bell and beautiful Myatheintan Pagoda. enjoy sunset by boat in beautiful scenery at Ayeyarwaddy River. Drive back to Mandalay. Continue visit the Old Palace grounds; Kuthodaw Pagoda, known as the world's largest book for its 729 marble slabs inscribed with the Buddha's Doctrine; Golden Palace Monastery, noted for its exquisite wood carvings and enjoy the panoramic view of the city from Mandalay Hill.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Mandalay

## Day 6 Mandalay – Sagaing - Monywa

After breakfast at hotel, drive to Sagaing Hill, a complete retreat from the hurly-burly life or a corner for peace and silence. The hill is actually a home for hundreds of monasteries. It contributes a significant role in Myanmar religious belief. After visiting Sagain Hill continue drive to Monywa. Arrive Monywa and check into your hotel. After lunch, proceed by road to Shwe Ba Hill and Phowin Taung caves to see the seldom visited 15th Phowin Taung temple complex where more than 450,000 sandstone Buddha's were carved in the hillsides in caves and tiny niches. Return to Monywa and overnight.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Monywa

**Day 7**      **Monywa – Pokkaku - Bagan**

After breakfast, before heading to Pokkaku, make a town tour of Monywa which includes Thanboddhay Paya (with 500,000 of Buddha images) and Boddhi Tahtaung (one thousand of bo tree). Heading south out of Monywa we take a seldom-driven road through a rice growing region along the Chindwind River to Pokkaku. Here we take a local ferry across the river and continue drive into Bagan for sunset on a pagoda. Overnight in Bagan.

**Meals:** Breakfast at hotel

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Bagan

**Day 8**      **Bagan Sightseeing**

After breakfast, depart for a sightseeing excursion around the Bagan Archaeological Zone World Heritage Area. A comprehensive exploration of Bagan includes Nyaung Oo market; Shwezigon Pagoda, the prototype of later Myanmar stupas; Kyansittha Umin; Wet-kyi-inn Gubyaukgyi Temple with exquisite mural painting of 13th century and Htilominlo Temple. In the afternoon, after a visit to lacquer ware workshops; continue to Manuha Temple built by exile King Manuha; Nanphaya, said to have been the residence of King Manuha; Ananda Temple, architectural masterpiece and Oak-Kyaung monastery decorated with multi colour mural paintings. Enjoy the breathtaking sunset from one of the temple of Bagan. Overnight in Bagan.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Bagan

**Day 9**      **Bagan – Mt Popa**

This morning, we will be watching sunrise over Bagan (optional) and back to hotel for breakfast. After breakfast at hotel, we head to Mt. Popa about 48 km south east of Bagan. Mt. Popa, known as the abode of Nats (spirits) - a collection of 37 magical spirits both feared and honoured by some Myanmar people and the nat museum, which houses 37 life-size nat statues sculpted from teak. It's time to climb for 777 steps to the summit. Proceed to Popa Mountain Resort ( 1hr drive) for our lunch. The restaurant offer a great view to the Popa summit that stands straight from the central plain. After lunch, return drive back to Bagan. On the way back, enroute stop at village cottage industry to learn the regional product as well as to watch the collection of juice from the palm trees, and its conversion to brown sugar. Overnight in Bagan.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Bagan

## Day 10

### Bagan - Heho

After breakfast at hotel, transfer to airport for flight to Heho. Proceed to Inle Lake. Visiting Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda, Floating Gardens, Unique Leg-rowers, Traditional Fishing Method Stilt House Villages on the lake and Nge Pe Chaung (Jamping Cat) Monastery. Overnight at hotel in Inle Lake.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Inle Lake

## Day 11

### Inle Lake – Indein Pagoda Complex – Inle Lake

After breakfast, visit the lake's morning market. The market rotates its location around the lake's villages in a 5 day rhythm and is visited by lake inhabitants and surrounding hill tribes who come to sell and trade their wares. (Note: market is daily except on dark moon day and full moon day). From the middle of the lake, continue down a small canal leading to the Pa-oh village of In Dein. Explore the area on foot, strolling around the village, visiting a local school, and wander through the beautiful Alaung Sitthou area. Alaung Sitthou is filled with picturesque ancient stupas and has magnificent views of the lake below. After enjoying your visit to In Dein, transfer to your hotel by boat and along the way we have the option to see the "Padaung women" or hill tribe "Karen long neck" at Ywama Village. There is some beautiful teak houses built on large wooden piles driven into the lake bed. You can also see the floating gardens, where the farmers mainly grow tomatoes but also harvest beans, cucumbers, flowers, gourde and where they usually use small wooden boats with flat bottom to move easily through the tiny artificial islands. Overnight on Inle Lake.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Inle Lake

## Day 12

### Inle Lake – Free day

Enjoy your free day to relax in Inle Lake.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Mandalay

### Day 13 Bagan – Yangon - City

Free and easy till airport transfer for the flight to Yangon.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Yangon

### Day 14 Yangon departure

Breakfast at the hotel and time to relax until transfer back to Yangon international airport for your onward flight.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** n/a

**\*\*\*End Service\*\*\***

## Inclusions & Exclusions

### *Inclusions*

- All transfers and excursions with private air-conditioned vehicles with drivers
- Entrance fees for all sightseeing places
- 13 nights' accommodation at selected hotels (twin/double sharing) daily breakfast
- Internal flights by Air KBZ, Myanmar National Airline, Air Thanlwin or Golden Myanmar Airline including insurance surcharge (we would choose any depending on availability/time schedule) : Yangon – Mandalay; Bagan – Heho - Yangon (3 flights)
- Experienced English speaking station guide in each cities
- No additional charge/surcharge after confirmation
- Personalized customer service with 24/7 hotline support
- Meals as stated in the itinerary **Breakfast**
- Private local boat for Mingun excursion
- Private local boat for Inle Lake excursions & transfer
- Services charges and government tax
- Daily water and refreshment tower
- Porter fees at airport

### *Exclusions*

- o Balloon over bagan - \$305/person (premium)
- o Tips and gratuities for the guide, drivers, porters
- o Travel insurance
- o All entrance fees and sightseeing tickets as per itinerary
- o International flights
- o Drinks and beverage
- o Other services not mentioned above
- o Personal expenses, tips and gratuities
- o Peak season or Public holidays surcharge if any
- o Compulsory Gala dinner on X-Mas or New Year if any
- o Visa arrangements for Myanmar
- o International departure Airport Tax Yangon (USD 10/pax at present)

## Booking Terms & Conditions

### General 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 Policy

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 customer

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 60 days before departure	: 20% of total tour cost
Between 45 and 60 days before departure	: 35 % of total tour cost
Between 30 days and 45 days before departure	: 60 % of total tour cost
Between 15 days and 30 days before departure	: 75 % of total tour cost
14 day or less / No show	: 100 % of total tour cost

### Cancellation Policy 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, agrees 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.

**Responsibility**

Except in situation beyond human control, E-Travel Myanmar will be held responsibility 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 the accordance with the weather conditions and any daily operations of any consequently, itinerary might be adjust its power to assist done participants in boarding flight. If this occurs, E-travel Myanmar will do as courtesy to all or finding alternative arrangement. This is participants E-travel Myanmar cannot hold the responsibility for denied boarding, or additional charges occurred.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE**

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