

Treasures of Myanmar Tour - 12 days

(Yangon – Pindaya – Inle Lake – Mandalay – Mingun – Bagan – Mt. Popa - Yangon)

Itinerary Overview

Day	Destination	Activities
Day 1	Yangon Arrival	Welcome pickup and half day city tour to visit the magnificent Shwedagon Pagoda and Sule Pagoda..
Day 2	Yangon - Pindaya	Drive to Pindaya make an excursion to the caves which houses over 8,000 Buddha Images of various sizes, made from teak, lacquer, marble, alabaster and cement.
Day 3	Pindaya - Inle Lake	Visit local villages on the Inle Lake and Shwe Maw Daw pagoda, the biggest and tallest Pagoda in Southern Myanmar..
Day 4	Inle Lake boat excursion	Continue our excursion by motorized boat to Indein pagoda complex, visit small local villages of Pa O tribe...
Day 5	Inle Lake - Mandalay	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
Day 6	Mandalay - Mingun - Mandalay	Cruise on the River Ayeyawaddy, visit a small village of Mingun, Mya Thein Dan Pagoda which represents famous Mt. Meru according to Buddhist Cosmology...
Day 7	Mandalay - Sagaing - Monywa	Drive to Sagaing Hill, a complete retreat from the hurly-burly life or a corner for peace and silence....
Day 8	Monywa - Pokkaku - Bagan	Heading south out of Monywa we take a seldom-driven road through a rice growing region along the Chindwind River to Pokkaku, enjoy Bagan sunset on a pagoda...
Day 9	Bagan	Depart for a sightseeing excursion around the Bagan Archaeological Zone World Heritage Area. A comprehensive exploration of Bagan includes Nyaung Oo market...
Day 10	Excursion to Mt. Popa	Drive to Mt. Popa, the extinguished million-year-old volcano. Also Popa is the abode of Myanmar Nats, the Spirits worshipped by some weak Buddhists.
Day 11	Bagan - Fly to Yangon	We will continue by car to Karaweik, a royal barge for fantastic photo shot along the "pilgrims" causeway across

		the Royal Lake with stunning views..
Day 12	Yangon departure	Yangon airport transfer for departure flight.

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 Yangon Arrival

Arrive in Yangon where you will be welcomed by your local tour guide and transferred to your hotel to drop off your luggage. In the afternoon, a walk through "downtown" Yangon, a diverse mix of faded colonial architecture from the British times, and high-rises built by more recent investors; Sule Pagoda, built in the early 3rd century is a landmark in the city centre. Late afternoon visit the magnificent 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". Overnight in Yangon.

Day 2 Yangon - Fly to Heho - Pindaya

After breakfast, depart the hotel for flight to Heho on the Shan plateau. Upon arrival, transfer by road to Pindaya (60km) about 90 minutes drive. After check in at hotel, make an excursion to the caves which houses over 8,000 Buddha Images of various sizes, made from teak, lacquer, marble, alabaster and cement. In the afternoon, explore the district for its famous traditional paper & umbrella making home base cottage industry. Overnight in Pindaya.

Day 3 Pindaya - Inle Lake

After breakfast at hotel, we are transferring by road to Inle Lake. We have a leisurely morning to make our way down into the Inle basin and by "long-tail" boat out across the lake to our Hotel right on the Inle Lake. In the afternoon, we plan to spend the day visiting villages and sampling the spectacular array of traditional handicrafts. You will see the unique method locals use to row their boats, fishermen with their own style of fishing, floating farms and gardens and a handloom weaving cottage with its own showroom. You will visit Phaungdawoo Pagoda which houses the five most revered Buddha Images in the southern Shan State. Overnight in Inle Lake.

Day 4 **Inle Lake boat excursion**

After breakfast at the hotel, visit floating market which is a 5day rotation market most fascinating to watch the daily life of the minorities and their activities. Continue our excursion by motorized boat to Indein pagoda complex, in the south-west of the lake. The boat leaves the lake and enters a narrow canal with a beautiful natural environment to continue to a small Pa O tribe village. From the village, follow an old covered path to a 13th century monastery and the very impressive ruins of hundreds of ancient pagodas, some hidden in the vegetation. The main stupa-area on the top of the hill offers breathtaking views over the surrounding mountains and down to the valley and the lake in the far distance. Return to your hotel and overnight at the hotel in Inle Lake.

Day 5 **Inle Lake - Heho - Mandalay**

After breakfast, we are heading back down country today to return to the airport at Heho for our flight to Mandalay. Upon arrival, proceed to Mandalay and check in at hotel. Afternoon, 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. Overnight in Mandalay...

Day 6 **Mandalay - Mingun - Mandalay**

After breakfast, you will be transferred to jetty for a private boat across the river Ayeywarwaddy to visit Mingun. The dedications of King Bodawpaya such as the unfinished Pathodawgyi Pagoda a brick counterpart of pyramid in Egypt and the Mingun Bell, the second largest bell in the world are the most prominent religious heritages. Then visiting the Myatheintan Pagoda, the best representation of the Universe, will refresh your tiredness and fatigue. Return to Mandalay.

In the afternoon, you will be taken a sightseeing tour of Mandalay which includes Mahamuni, a life like Buddha image. Mandalay is the last capital of Myanmar and that make her to be the best place to see all the traditional arts and crafts. Start visiting gold leaf making work-place and see how the gold leaf is being made by hand in a traditional way. Drive along to the south and see more industries such as bronze casting artisans, wood carvers, tapestry making ladies, and stone carvers, etc. Overnight in Mandalay...

Day 7 **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...

Day 8 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....

Day 9 Bagan

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...

Day 10 Excursion to 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...

Day 11 Bagan - Fly to Yangon

After breakfast at hotel, transfer to Nyaung U airport for your flight to Yangon. Upon arrival check in to your hotel to drop off your luggage. We will continue by car to Karaweik, a royal barge for fantastic photo shot along the "pilgrims" causeway across the Royal Lake with stunning views of Schwedagon Pagoda and Chaukhtutgyi pagoda, a huge reclining Buddha image. After lunch, we plan to visit the Bogyoke Aung San Market (Scott Market) for souvenir shopping. Overnight in Yangon...

Day 12 Yangon departure

After breakfast, you are free until your departure time. Our driver will take you to Yangon International Airport for your flight home. Tour ends...

Hotel Inclusions

Location	Hotel		
	2-3*	3-4*	4*
Yangon	Grand United Hotel	Best Western Green Hill	SuleShangri-la Hotel
Bagan	Floral Breeze Hotel	Amazing Bagan	BaganThande Hotel
Mandalay	ShweIngyinn Hotel	Best Western Plus	Mandalay HillResort
Inle Lake	Amazing Nyaungshwe	Paramount InleResort	Rupar Mandalay Resort

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions:

- Services charges and government tax.
- All inclusive domestic flights as per itinerary.
- Experienced English or French speaking guide.
- Pick-up & drop-off services and transfer

- o No additional charge/surcharge after confirmation
- o All entrance fees and sightseeing tickets as per itinerary.
- o Personalized customer service with 24/7 hotline support
- o Meals as stated in the itinerary
- o Accommodation at selected hotels (twin/double sharing) daily breakfast

Exclusions:

- o Travel insurance
- o International flights
- o Drinks and beverage
- o Myanmar visa fee
- 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

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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