
Chindwin River Cruise

by Pandaw - 8 days

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I. Itinerary Overview

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Day 2	Phowin Taung
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Day 4	Mingkin
Day 5	Mawlaik
Day 6	Sitthaung
Day 7	Toungdoot
Day 8	Homalin

II. Includes & Excludes

Cruise Price Includes: One way domestic flight Yangon/Mandalay-Kalewa resp Kalewa-Yangon/Mandalay Entrance fees, guide services (English language), gratuities to crew, main meals,

locally made soft drinks, local beer and local spirits, jugged coffee and selection of teas and tisanes, mineral water.

Cruise Price Excludes: International flights, port dues (if levied), laundry, all visa costs, fuel surcharges (see terms and conditions), imported beverages such as wines, premium spirits and liqueurs, fancy soft drinks like Perrier, espressos and cappuccinos at bar and tips to tour guides, local guides, bus drivers, boat operators and cyclo drivers.

III. Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 MONywa

Afternoon excursion to see Thandboodi Temple, Bawdhi Tahaung statue and the night market in the evening.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

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Day 2 PHOWIN TAUNG

In the morning, coach to the Phowin Taung Caves, where we will admire beautiful mural paintings and Buddha statues in riches. Beyond Monywa we enter the Upper Chindwin.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Pandaw Cruise

Day 3 CRUISING

The river narrows and the forested hills fall away to farmland we pass a number of attractive villages like Kanee where we can stretch our legs.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Pandaw Cruise

Day 4 MINGKIN

Mingkin was rediscovered by Paul Strachan in 1987 and described in some detail in his book Mandalay: Travels from the Golden City. It remains for Paul the most art historically interesting site in Myanmar (more so than the now spoilt Pagan) with its Konbaung court style teak monasteries sumptuously

decorated. Mingkin may be described as the Luang Prabang of the Chindwin. The gateway town for the Chin State, we explore Kalewa with its markets and quaint wooden architecture.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Pandaw Cruise

Day 5

MAWLAIK

Morning explore Mawlaik replaced Kindat as the administrative capital but ironically the Myanmar refused to move there from upstream Kindat. It was mainly settled with the company houses of the by the Scottish owned and run Bombay Myanmar Trading Corporation in the 1920s and 1930s. There are many splendid 'Dak Bungalows' set around a verdant golf course. Mawlaik and the other towns of the Upper Chindwin can only be reached by boat so cars are few. There is a dreamy otherworldly quality to such places and truly one feels that one has travelled there in the Pandaw time machine!. Afternoon we pass the mouth of the Yu River which drains the Kubu valley that provided the route for a Lieutenant Grant to march to the relief of the Manipur garrison when the chief commissioner of Assam was massacred in a local rebellion.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Pandaw Cruise

Day 6

SITTHAUNG

Sitthaung was the final resting place of a number of IFC steamers scuppered there in 1942 in an 'act of denial' from the advancing Japanese who were a matter of hours behind. We hope to find remains of these ships as we have in the past at Katha on the Irrawaddy. It was from here that the survivors of the Japanese invasion marched out to Tamu on the India border. Pantha was an important oil refinery belonging to the Indo-Burma Petroleum Co (Steel Brothers)...

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

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Day 7

TOUNGDOOT

Toungdoot or Hsawng-hsup in Tai, is an ancient Shan enclave which in British times still had a ruling sawbwa complete with palace and court. It will be interesting to see what has become of the royal family and their home and to see these Shan people so far from their Tai-Shan homelands. On the way to Homalin, the furthest navigable point on the Chindwin for vessels of our size. Alister McCrae wrote of his visit there 1935 'I loved the atmosphere of quiet and peaceful living there. At night I could hear greylag geese as they came in to the flooded land around us from far away north'. Bird in 1897 says little other than that Homalin is the headquarters of a township, but has very little trade'. Until we get there and explore the place there is not much we can say!...

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Pandaw Cruise

Day 8

HOMALIN

Disembarkation and transfer to Homalin airport.

IMPORTANT: Please note that water levels drop dramatically as of December and we might not be able to reach Homalin. You will be well rewarded with alternative excursions. We will be cruising up to Mawlaik and return to Kalewa where you will be flown out to Yangon or Mandalay...

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: N/A

IV. 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:

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| • More than 30 days before departure | :deposit if forfeited |
| • More than 15 days before departure | :70 % of total tour cost |
| • 14 day or less | :100 % of total tour cost |

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, 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.

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.

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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.

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TRAVEL INSURANCE

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