

Myanmar Beauty

Tour code: MYN9D04

Route: Yangon – Inle Lake – Bagan – Mandalay

Duration: 9 days/ 8 nights

Start Yangon & End Mandalay or vice versa

OVERVIEW

The perfect introduction to Myanmar's beauty. From the glittering spires of Shwedagon Pagoda to the ancient temples of Bagan to the tranquility of Inle Lake and the lively atmosphere of Mandalay. Discover the Burmese cuisine on a guided walking tour, catch a glimpse of traditional leg rowers at Inle Lake, cycle into the mystical temples of Bagan and explore the landscape dotted with more than 2,000 ruined temples, then climb to the Mandalay hill for a panoramic view of the below terrain and have some tea at local tea shop. Myanmar will excite you, impress you and intrigue you.

Day 1 Yangon, night street food walking tour

On arrival, you will be welcomed by a local guide and will take you to the hotel. Relaxing afternoon at hotel (hotel check in time 2:00 PM)

In the evening, we will start for Night Street Food Walking Tour taking by our local guide.

From your hotel, the guide will pick you up and we will walk through to some colonial buildings to the night market where located in Harbor area where you will taste many different kinds of local food at night time. Browse the variety of stalls filled with skewers ready to be grilled and enjoy the bustling atmosphere of the neighborhood. With your guide, sit down at a vendor for a cold beer or soft drink, and check out the barbecue items that your guide picks out for you or suggests from the array of meat and vegetable offerings. You can also try seafood. When your food arrives at your plastic table, indulge in your meal while talking about Yangon with your guide. Your tour ends with a walk to the fruit vendors for dessert before returning to the hotel. Overnight at hotel in Yangon.

Day 2 Yangon - free day (B)

You will be free on your own to explore Yangon (**No car & No Guide**)

Optional Tour: Half day Yangon City

*Your guide and driver will pick you up at your hotel to embark on this half day of sightseeing. Head to the heart of downtown, where East meets West with a mix of pagodas, monuments and colonial buildings. Walk around **Sule Pagoda, City Hall, Victory Monument** and some of the nearby colonial buildings.*

Continue to a local tea shop for a chance to experience an integral part of Burmese life: drinking tea! Select from an array of snacks and enjoy a coffee or tea as you sit amid businessmen, friends and families who gather at the tea shop to socialize or conduct business.

*Next your guided tour goes to **Kandawagyi Park**, one of central Yangon's greenest spots. Here you will see the glittering Karaweik barge, a replica of the royal barge, and the vast lake with views of Shwedagon in the background. Depending on the day of your visit Kandawagyi may be busy with local families who come here on the weekend to relax in the fresh air.*

*From here, continue to **Shwedagon Pagoda** the most revered Buddhist temple in Myanmar. Although the origins of the pagoda are unclear, the local legend states that the original*

structure was built 2500 years ago then renovated several times until taking its current shape in the 15th century. The 8-sided central stupa is 99 meters tall and gilded with gold leaf and is surrounded by 64 smaller stupas and your guide will show you around the massive complex, explaining why this temple is so revered. Enjoy breathtaking views of the golden stupa from this vantage point.

Time: 0800-1200 (or) 1300-1700

Recommended: Afternoon has more activity at Shwedagon

Number of persons	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-10
PRICING: in US Dollars per person	\$95	\$51	\$49	\$44	\$35

*** Our services include:**

- + English-speaking guide
- + private air-conditioned vehicle with driver
- + Entrance fees for Shwedagon Pagoda
- + Snack and tea at local tea shop.
- + 1 water bottle

Day 3 Yangon - flight to Heho, walking in Nyaung Shwe (B)

After having breakfast at hotel, you'll be at leisure till transferred without guide to Yangon airport for a morning departure flight to Heho (**Note:** *The morning flights could be swapped amongst different local airlines such as **Air KBZ 828, Golden Myanmar Airlines, Asian Wings Airways, Myanma 113, Myanma 109***). Upon landing at the airport, you will get to Nyaung Shwe. on the way of road to Nyaung Shwe, visit to Shwe Yan Pyay Monastery. Shwe Yan Pyay Monastery is known for its oval-shaped windows. Beside the monastery is a temple with numerous little Buddha statues. Left alone with all these little Buddhas, I felt eerie, took a few shots

Then, heading back to Nyaung Shwe, and walking to the Hlaing Kyu monastery where you can discover the monk's daily life with their study. In this monastery over 50 monks are teaching by the head master monk. After visiting to monastery, visit to Museum of Shan Chiefs. **Admission fee is \$5** and photography is not allowed inside. As a traditional practice, shoes are not allowed inside.

The museum, used to be a palace of the Royal family, is made of wood and has four attached large apartments, each with a door opening out to the stone terrace. Royal costumes and furniture are also found inside. If still time permit, will visit the pagodas scattered around the Nyaung Shwe, after visiting you will walk back to hotel or drop at local restaurant and our guide will leave you wherever you decided to stay. Overnight in Nyaung Shwe.

Entrance Fee for museum – 5 USD per person (Clients own account)

Day 4 Nyanung Shwe - Free day (B)

You will be free on your own to explore to Inle Lake **(No car & No Guide)**

Inle Lake full day Sightseeing

After breakfast at hotel, you will walk to jetty and take your boat ride to enjoy full-day tour to Inle Lake. Upon reaching the edges of Inle Lake, board a private motorboat to head out to Inle Lake, one of Myanmar's most spectacular sights. Pass villages built on stilts over the lake, inhabited by the local Intha people. Observe the leg-rowing fishermen and see their floating gardens built up from strips of water hyacinth and mud and anchored to the bottom with bamboo poles. Visit Nga Hpe Chaung Monastery, which houses dozens of Shan Buddha Images, but is more famous for its unique 'jumping cats' who jump through hoops in the air! Continue to Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda, the lake's main sanctuary, which contains five sacred Buddha images covered in gold leaf.

Explore the local crafts of Inle Lake with a stop at the weaving village of Inpawkhone and a cheroot factory, where the typical Burmese cigars are made by hand.

If time permits, there may be time to enjoy a short walk through one of the lakeside villages.

Number of persons	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-10
PRICING: in US Dollars per person	\$117	\$72	\$52	\$42	\$34

*** Our services include:**

- + English-speaking guide
- + Private local boat
- + Entrance fees for the visits mentioned in the program only

Day 5 Nyanung Shwe - Bagan by day time (B)

After having breakfast at hotel, you'll be transferred without guide to the bus station for a daytime bus leaving to Bagan. Normally the bus will take at least 7 – 8 hours to get to Bagan, en route you'll have chances to experience the "window tours" with nice & peaceful countryside, villages, the locals...and there will be stopovers for you to enjoy coffee breaks, restrooms & taste the local foods **(No Car & No Guide)**. Upon arriving in Bagan, you'll be welcome to your hotel for a check-in.

Day 6 Bagan - half day Bicycle tour no car (B)

After breakfast, your guide will pick you up from the hotel to explore half-day bicycle tour as we ride through the Monument Zone, calling in to visit the three most important temples - Ananda, Dhamayangyi and Shwezigon. We'll also show you some smaller, less well-known ruins in search of atmosphere and that elusive 'Bagan Magic'. Our well maintained bikes are the perfect vehicles for this, and you'll be led by our young and enthusiastic guides who have all been professionally trained. It's not just pagodas and ruins



on this bike tour of course! - we'll also visit local markets, cottage industries and even a curious factory making an interesting local delicacy, to give you an understanding of modern life in this ancient setting. Overnight on Bagan

Day 7 Bagan - Free day (B)

You will be free on your own to explore Bagan **(No car & No Guide)**

Full day Mount Popa & Salay Tour

Breakfast at hotel. Full day trip from Bagan to Mount Popa, an extinct volcano with a height of 1518 m, about 48 km south east of Bagan. Mount Popa has played an important role in Myanmar culture, religion and history since earliest times. Its shrine is dedicated to the worship of the 37 Nats, the Burmese ancient animist spirits. The view over the Myingyan Plain from the top of the Popa-Taung Kalat volcanic peak is impressive (the climb is optional!). Lunch at the restaurant of Mt Popa Resort

Continue in direction of Salay, known today as an important center of Buddhism with many living monasteries. Throughout its past, Salay created its own unique style of Bagan era architecture and you can see one of the nicest and oldest wooden monastery halls at Yok Sone Kyaung monastery.

Transfer back to Bagan in the afternoon.

Number of persons	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-10
PRICING: in US Dollars per person	\$182	\$104	\$91	\$73	\$78

*** Our services include:**

- + English-speaking guide
- + Transfers and excursion with private air-conditioned vehicle with driver
- + 1 lunch at Popa Mountain Resort
- + Entrance fees for the visits mentioned in the program

Bagan | Flight in a hot air balloons over Bagan (early morning)

Take off in a hot air balloon to drift peacefully over the plain of Bagan. Upon landing, passengers are served champagne. Total flight time is 45 minutes.

Note:

- Guide is not included.
- Balloon not operate from Apr to Sep
- Include transfer to/from hotel (SIC)

Price: **USD 400 per person (Oriental Ballooning Green)**
USD 390 per person (Red)

Day 8 Bagan - Mandalay by day time bus, evening walking tour (B)

After breakfast, check out from hotel and drive to bus station to take a bus to Mandalay at 8:30 AM (4 hours' drive) You will arrive Mandalay at noon time and check in hotel if room available.

In the late afternoon, you will pick up by your guide to start for walking; this tour will take around 3-4 hours depending on how long you spend at each site. We first are heading to the **Shwe Nandaw Kyaung - Golden Palace Monastery**. This stunning teak monastery is the multi-tiered building is covered with ornate carvings depicting mythical animals and Buddhist legends among other items.

From there, we will walk to **Kuthodaw Pagoda** known as 'The World's Biggest Book', Kuthodaw Pagoda comprises of 729 marble slabs etched with the words of Tipitaka, the sacred texts of Buddhism and on the way you can see **Atumashi Monastery**. After visiting you will head to the Mandalay Hill, having reached the base of the hill, it may be worth stopping for a short break. There are several small tea shops located near the southern staircase, a good place to enjoy people watching. Enjoy a cold drink or cup of sweet tea and traditional snacks while resting. Before sunset, we will walk back to Hotel and overnight in Mandalay.

Entrance Fee– 8 USD per person (Clients own account)

Day 9 Mandalay Departure (B)

After having breakfast at hotel. You'll be at leisure till picked up without guide at your hotel then transferred to Mandalay airport for a departure flight.

PRICE IN US DOLLAR PER PERSON

Date: 01 May 2019 – 30 Sep 2019

ALL RATES ARE NET IN US\$						
Category	2	3-4	5-6	7-10	11-15	S/s
Value	\$598	\$559	\$533	\$520	\$494	\$215
Premium	\$741	\$715	\$683	\$663	\$644	\$364
Exclusive	\$1,001	\$975	\$936	\$923	\$904	\$624

Day 5: Surcharge price for **internal flight** from Heho to Bagan (**flight and transfer airport included**) – In case the bus cannot operate: **USD 90 per person**

Day 8: Surcharge for **internal flight** from Bagan to Mandalay (**flight and transfer airport included**) - In case the bus cannot operate: **USD 65 per person**

Date: 01 Jan 2019 to 30 Apr 2019 & 01 Oct 2019 to 31 Dec 2019

ALL RATES ARE NET IN US\$						
Category	2	3-4	5-6	7-10	11-15	S/s
Value	\$637	\$598	\$572	\$559	\$533	\$254
Premium	\$871	\$839	\$806	\$793	\$774	\$455
Exclusive	\$1,190	\$1,157	\$1,125	\$1,112	\$1,086	\$806

Day 5: Surcharge price for **internal flight** from Heho to Bagan (**flight and transfer airport included**) – In case the bus cannot operate: **USD 105 per person**

Day 8: Surcharge for **internal flight** from Bagan to Mandalay (**flight and transfer airport included**) - In case the bus cannot operate: **USD 80 per person**

INCLUDING:

- ❖ 8-night accommodation on half-twin room basis with daily breakfast / **subject to the availability**
- ❖ English speaking station guide for **one half day only in all cities**
- ❖ **Half day bicycle in Bagan**
- ❖ Separate vehicles for transfers in/out in each city with private air-conditioned with drivers
- ❖ **1 Domestic flight (Yangon / Heho)**
- ❖ **Bus tickets for Nyaung Shwe to Bagan and Bagan to Mandalay**
- ❖ Mineral water during the sightseeing
- ❖ 1 Domestic flight for (Yangon / Heho)
- ❖ Service charge and Government taxes

EXCLUDING:

- ❖ International ticket to/from Yangon
- ❖ **Entrance fee for visit mention in program**
- ❖ Meals other than mentioned (B = breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- ❖ Visa arrangements for Myanmar
- ❖ Visits nom
- ❖ Drinks and personal expenses
- ❖ Tips and porters at the hotels
- ❖ International departure Airport Tax Yangon (subject to change according to the Government rule)
- ❖ Any other items not mentioned
- ❖ **Optional tours**