

Myanmar Impression

Tour code: MYM 10D05

Route: Yangon – Mandalay - Monywa – Bagan – Inle - Yangon

Duration: 10 days/ 9 nights

Start Yangon & End Yangon

OVERVIEW

Get to know enigmatic Myanmar on this 10-day journey. Shining pagodas, fascinating landscapes, tea-drinking culture, more await you in Myanmar. Listening to the echoes of colonialism in Yangon's faded colonial-era architecture and the whispering prayers of followers of Buddhism at sacred temples. Witnessing the alms collection at a monastery in Mandalay, seeing the setting sun soak in the afternoon dust, creating bright red glow over the plain of ruined temples in Bagan. Slowly cruising down the Irrawaddy River to realize this country still moves forward. Now is the time to explore Myanmar on this one-of-a-lifetime trip to behold.

Day 1 Yangon Arrival (B)

You are greeted at the airport and welcome by flower with our favorite local guide. You are then driven to your hotel where you are assisted with your check in before arriving to hotel, we will stop at night market where you can find busy long street with many kinds of local foods can get in one place and you can also join for tasting your fist Burmese foods. After discovering the night market, you will drive to hotel. overnight in Yangon.

Day 2 Yangon – Exploring Key Attractions (B)

We take-in some of Yangon's fascinating attractions with the first visit to Sule Pagoda, a 2,000-year-old golden temple and stroll through streets lined with faded colonial-era architecture, making a stop at the 1908-built Central Post Office. Continue to Kyaukhtatgyi Pagoda, containing one of Myanmar's most revered reclining Buddhas – and at 70m (230ft)-long, one of the country's largest. We tour the National Museum, one of Myanmar's most important museums for Burmese art, history and culture. Founded in 1952, the five-storey cavernous museum exhibits an extensive collection of ancient artefacts, art works and historic memorabilia. The jewel-encrusted Lion Throne, which belonged to Myanmar's last King, is a highlight. Spend time at Bogyoke Market, or 'Scott Market,' built in the 1920s under British rule. Contained within a heritage-listed building, this sprawling bazaar is crammed with over 2,000 stalls.

Before sunset you will drive to Shwedagon Pagoda a visit to the iconic Shwedagon Pagoda and its world famous golden stupa. This is Myanmar's most treasured monument and you can easily spend your morning exploring the various structures. Many ceremonies will be taking place in the various structures of the complex and you will get a chance to observe them. There are hundreds of pilgrims and monks at the monument at any given time. You may also get to observe a class where young Buddhists are taught prayer techniques and/or other aspects of Buddhism. Enjoy your sunset from Pagoda and return to hotel. overnight in Yangon.

Day 3 Yangon - Mandalay – Amarapura – Ava – Royal Capitals (B)

Early morning, transfer to Yangon's Mingaladon Airport for the flight to Mandalay. On arrival, an excursion around Mandalay to explore the former capitals of Amarapura and Ava. Begin your morning attending a special ceremony in Amarapura. Witness the alms collection at Mahagandayon monastery, when over one-thousand monks gather to collect their daily meal from the local Buddhists. After this beautiful spectacle, continue to a nearby silk weaving workshop which produces exquisite handmade products. Continue to Ava, the capital from 14th to 18th centuries, and travel by traditional horse and carriage to visit the old wooden Bagaya Monastery and the remains of the town's Royal Palace and fort. Enjoy the sunset from Mandalay Hill. Overnight in Mandalay.

Day 4 Mandalay – Mingun – Ancient Temples & Sunset Over U-Bein (B)

After breakfast, transfer to the jetty and board private chartered boat for a cruise over the Irrawaddy River towards the former capital of Mingun. After a 45-minute cruise, arrive in Mingun famous for its huge unfinished pagoda also home to the Mingun Bell, considered as the world's largest uncracked ringing bell. Also visit the beautiful white Hsinbyume Pagoda. And the back to Mandalay.

After Lunch visit Mahamuni Pagoda, famous for its venerable statue of Buddha covered with gold leaf. Mandalay has long been known as a center of skilled craftsmanship and in former times supplied the Royal courts. A tour of traditional workshops includes crafts such as woodcarving, marble masonry, Kalaga tapestry and gold leaf making.

After lunch visit the Kuthodaw Pagoda with its 729 marble stone slabs of Buddhist scriptures (known as the world's biggest book) and Shwenandaw Monastery, noted for its exquisite woodcarving. At the end of the day transfer to visit the 200-year old U-Bein Bridge during sunset when the villagers are crossing the bridge to return back home. Overnight in Mandalay.

Day 5 Mandalay – Monywa by Private car (B)

After breakfast, drive to Monywa town around 3 hours, located at the bank of Chindwin River. Upon arrival, visit the Hindu-styled Than Buddhay Temple, unique in all of Myanmar, and sunset at the Alantayar Pagoda, sight of the largest reclining Buddha image in all of South East Asia, over 600 feet in length. Check in, and overnight at Monywa.

Day 6 Monywa – Pakokku – Bagan (B)

Visit the Central Market of Monywa. Heading to Pho Win Taung for one-hour drive where many Buddha images are shrined in the natural and man-made caves. Proceed to Pakkoku, famous as a region of Thanakha (Natural Make-up for Myanmar Ladies), as a bustling tobacco trading town. Visit Thanakha Market and lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, our boat will pick you up at Pakkoku to Bagan, the ancient city of Myanmar where you can find over two thousands of ancient pagodas. Enjoy sunset at North Gu Ni temple, one of the ancient temples in Bagan. The view from the top of North Gu Ni is breath-taking. Check in and overnight in Bagan.

Day 7 Bagan – Touring Ancient Temples (B)

After breakfast, meeting the guide at the hotel, transfer to Nyaung U market with a shopping list prepared by our chef. Spend time exploring the stalls where fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs and meats are for sale as well as chilies, pastes and other sauces used in local cuisine. The guide will explain the various ingredients and help to pick out the plumpest chicken, freshest fish and finest vegetables for the upcoming cooking class



Return to the restaurant where it is possible to meet the local chef. A cooking area is set-up for the class. Under the

direction of the chef, prepare the ingredients and use traditional techniques (such as mortar and pestle) to cook several Burmese favorites. During the demonstration, learn more about the cuisine of Myanmar, its influences and the typical eating habits of the local people.

After having prepared the dishes it's time to sit down and enjoy a feast of freshly prepared delights.

This afternoon begins with a visit to local school or monastic school if open. After visit to school, will visit to traditional lacquerware workshop where it is possible to observe the production of one of Myanmar's best-known handicrafts. Continue to Ananda Temple, an architectural masterpiece and one of Bagan's most beautiful temples. Built in the early Mon-style, Ananda contains two unique Buddha images whose expressions seem to change depending on the distance from which the statue is viewed.

Next, explore temples such as Payathonzu, Lemyentha and Nandamannya before heading to the riverside pier. Board a local boat for a slow cruise down the Irrawaddy River, and gently travel the waters observing the lifestyle of the fishermen and riverside villagers as well as enjoying the unique perspective of Bagan's temples. Return to the hotel this evening. Overnight in Bagan.

Day 8 Bagan / Heho – Inle Lake I A Cave of Gilded Buddhist Images (B)

After early breakfast at hotel, transfer to airport for your flight to Heho. Since arrive Heho airport proceed by drive to Shan state. On arrival, continue by car and enjoy a scenic drive to Nyaung Shwe, then drive to jetty to take your boat a full day tour of Inle Lake by boat includes a chance to see the leg-rowing fishermen and the floating gardens, built up from strips of water hyacinth and mud and anchored to the bottom with bamboo poles. Visit a floating village at Ywama, the lake's downtown, where a floating market is held every 5 days. The tour also includes a visit to Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda, the weaving village of Inpawkhon and the jumping cat monastery, with beautiful antique Buddha statues. Overnight at Inle Lake.

Day 9 Inle Lake – Indien – Cruise a Magical Water World (B)

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 Indein. 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. In the late afternoon return to Inle Lake and before sunset you will take canon for one hour and enjoy the sunset over the Lake. Return to hotel. Overnight on Inle Lake.

Day 10 Inle – Heho / Yangon Departure (B)

After Breakfast at hotel, transfer to Heho airport for your flight back to Yangon. On arrival Yangon transfer to International airport for your onward 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	\$1,313	\$1,144	\$969	\$956	\$871	\$228
Premium	\$1,515	\$1,339	\$1,138	\$1,125	\$1,040	\$416
Exclusive	\$1,807	\$1,625	\$1,424	\$1,411	\$1,333	\$709

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	\$1,411	\$1,242	\$1,066	\$1,053	\$969	\$267
Premium	\$1,690	\$1,515	\$1,313	\$1,300	\$1,216	\$533
Exclusive	\$2,035	\$1,859	\$1,658	\$1,645	\$1,560	\$878

INCLUDING:

- ❖ Accommodation for 9 nights in single room basis as per hotels mentioned in above list.
- ❖ Breakfast at all hotels.
- ❖ All transfers and transport as per itinerary.
- ❖ 3 Domestic flights (Yangon/ Mandalay, Bagan/ Heho/ Yangon)
- ❖ English speaking station guide in each city
- ❖ All monuments entrance fee.
- ❖ Horse Cart tour in Bagan and Ava.

- ❖ Private motor boat tour on Inle Lake.
- ❖ Private motor boat for Mingun trip and Pakkoku trip
- ❖ Meals others than mentioned (B=Breakfast)
- ❖ Daily water and refreshment tower
- ❖ Porter fees at airports
- ❖ Government tax and Service charge

EXCLUDING:

- ❖ International ticket to/from Yangon
- ❖ Visa arrangements for Myanmar
- ❖ Visits not mentioned in the program
- ❖ Drinks and personal expenses
- ❖ Tips and porters at the hotels
- ❖ Any other items not mentioned