

## Amazing Myanmar

Yangon – Bagan – Inle Lake – Mandalay

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### Itinerary Overview

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Day 1	Arrival Yangon	-
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Day 3	Yangon / Bagan by morning flight – Bagan Temples	B
Day 4	Bagan / Heho – Inle Lake by morning flight – Inle Lake Tour	B
Day 5	Inle Lake – Indein Pagoda Complex – Inle Lake	B
Day 6	Inle Lake – Heho / Mandalay – Amarapura – Ava – Sagaing	B
Day 7	Mandalay – Mingun – Mandalay	B
Day 8	Mandalay Departure	B

**Note\*:** B: Breakfast

### Details Itinerary

#### Day 1 Arrival Yangon

Welcome to Myanmar, the country just opened itself to the world and now waiting people to discover its unique Buddhist culture and heritage. Upon your arrival in Yangon, the former capital of Myanmar but nowadays one of the most developed city in Myanmar, your local guide will welcome you at the airport then 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. 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, and 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. Overnight in Yangon.

**Meals:** None

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Yangon

## Day 2 Yangon City Tour

After breakfast, drive to "downtown" Yangon, a diverse mix of faded colonial architecture from the British times. It is good to start by walking in Downtown and you can start from traders down to Sule pagoda in the center of the city. Watch city hall, past colonial buildings such as the former Parliament, immigration offices. Proceed to Mahabandoola Park, which most impressive feature is a 152ft white obelisk Independence Monument. Then stop for visit to Bogyoke Aung San Market, also known as Scott's market and famous for its colonial architecture and inner cobblestone streets. It is one of the major bazaars in Yangon and give opportunity to do some shopping with hundreds of food, clothes, handicrafts, and gems stores. **(Note: Market closed on every Monday and public holidays).**

End the day you will visit to Botahtaung Pagoda, a famous pagoda located in downtown Yangon, bank of the Yangon River. This pagoda is a typical gilded dome that tapers gradually to the top and is capped by a symbolic fan-shape spire. This pagoda is hollow inside allowing visitors to walk through to admire what is considered the highlight of any pilgrimage – a glass case containing a sacred hair relic of the Buddha. Return to hotel and overnight in Yangon.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Yangon

## Day 3 Yangon / Bagan by morning flight – Bagan Temple Tour

After Breakfast at hotel, you will transfer to Yangon domestic airport for your flight to Bagan.

On arrival, today sightseeing features the colourful Nyaung Oo Market, the Shwezigon Pagoda and its magnificent golden stupa, Wetkyi-Inn, a cave temple with exquisite jatakas murals paintings and the elegant Htilominlo Temple noted for its fine plaster carvings and glazed sandstone decorations.

In the afternoon, visit Ananda, an architectural masterpiece of the early-style temple with two original standing Buddha images show facial expression change depending on the distance the statue is viewed from. The Ananda Okkyang is one of the few surviving brick monasteries from

the early Bagan period and the next temple to be visited, Thatbyinnyu, is the highest in Bagan, rising to 61 meters. End the day with a horse and carriage tour among the temples passing by the traditional village of Taungbi, Sulamani Temple and the massive Dhammayangyi Temple noted for its remarkable brickwork. Enjoy unforgettable sunset at some nice area where available places, one of the ancient temples in Bagan or at view mount area. After sunset return to hotel. Overnight in Bagan.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Bagan

#### Day 4

#### Bagan / Heho – Inle Lake by morning flight

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Nyaung U (Bagan) airport for the flight to Heho (Shan State). From Heho, a scenic one-hour drive leads to Nyaung Shwe, the gateway village to Inle Lake. Along the way, stop at the wooden Shwe Yan Pyay Monastery which features beautiful carvings and a collection of Buddha images. 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. Transfer to hotel and overnight on Inle Lake.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Inle Lake

#### Day 5

#### 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 6

### Inle Lake – Mandalay – Amarapura – Ava – Sagaing

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Heho for your flight to Mandalay. Upon arrival, the day begins with a visit to the 18<sup>th</sup> century capital, Amarapura. Attend the daily meal of over thousand monks at the country's largest monastery; Mahagandayon. Visit a silk weaving workshop, the craft specialty of Amarapura. Then continue south of the city to Ava, the capital from 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> centuries, where a short ferry ride will take us across the river to where our horse and carriage are waiting. Visit the old wooden Bagaya Monastery and the remains of the Royal Palace and Fort. There are many small villages located amid Ava's ruins and as you travel by horse and cart you'll get a glimpse of local life in the Burmese countryside. In the afternoon cross the bridge over the Irrawaddy River and continue to Sagaing. Covered with 600 white-painted pagodas and monasteries, Sagaing Hill is widely regarded as the religious centre of Myanmar. It is home to 3,000 monks and 100 meditation centers and you will visit pagodas such as Swan Oo Pon Nya Shin and U Min Thone Sae. Finish the day return toward the Mandalay city and stop at Amarapura, continue to U Bein Bridge for a walk along this 200 year-old teak bridge. The bridge was constructed of 984 teak posts that were once part of the deserted Inwa Palace and it is 1.2 kilometers in length making it the world's longest teak span. Enjoy a stroll along the bridge and the fabulous views of the surrounding farms and streams. Overnight in Mandalay.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Mandalay

## Day 7

### Mandalay – Mingum – City Tour – Mandalay

After breakfast, you will be transfer for 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 and then you will take a sightseeing tour of Mandalay which includes Mahamuni Pagoda, 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. 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. Overnight in Mandalay.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Mandalay

## Day 8 Mandalay Departure

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

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** None

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

## List of hotels

### 3 Stars Hotels

CITY	HOTEL	ROOM TYPE
YANGON	Summit Parkview Hotel <a href="http://www.summityangon.com/">http://www.summityangon.com/</a>	Superior
BAGAN	Bagan Thande Hotel <a href="http://www.thandehotel.com/bagan/">http://www.thandehotel.com/bagan/</a>	Superior Bungalow
INLE LAKE	Amata Garden Resort <b>(Located on Land)</b> <a href="http://www.amatainleresort.com/">http://www.amatainleresort.com/</a>	Deluxe
MANDALAY	Hotel New Wave <a href="https://www.hotelnewwave.com/">https://www.hotelnewwave.com/</a>	Superior

### 4 Stars Hotels

CITY	HOTEL	ROOM TYPE
YANGON	Rose Garden Hotel <a href="http://www.theroseyangon.com/">http://www.theroseyangon.com/</a>	Superior
BAGAN	Ananta Bagan Hotel <b>(Free Mini Bar)</b> <a href="http://www.anantabagan.com/">http://www.anantabagan.com/</a>	Deluxe

<b>INLE LAKE</b>	Novotel Inle Lake Hotel <a href="http://www.novotel.com/gb/hotel-9395-novotel-inle-lake-myat-min/index.shtml">http://www.novotel.com/gb/hotel-9395-novotel-inle-lake-myat-min/index.shtml</a>	Junior Suite
<b>MANDALAY</b>	The Link 78 Boutique Hotel <a href="http://www.edenhotelesandresorts.com/index.php/boutique-hotel/mandalay/the-link-78-mandalay-boutique-hotel">http://www.edenhotelesandresorts.com/index.php/boutique-hotel/mandalay/the-link-78-mandalay-boutique-hotel</a>	Superior

### 5 Stars Hotels

CITY	HOTEL	ROOM TYPE
<b>YANGON</b>	Sule Shangri-la Hotel <a href="http://www.shangri-la.com/yangon/suleshangrila/">http://www.shangri-la.com/yangon/suleshangrila/</a>	Superior
<b>BAGAN</b>	The Hotel @ Tharabar Gate <a href="http://www.tharabargate.com/">http://www.tharabargate.com/</a>	Deluxe
<b>INLE LAKE</b>	Sofitel Inle Lake Myat Min Hotel <a href="https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-A095-sofitel-inle-lake-myat-min-/index.shtml">https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-A095-sofitel-inle-lake-myat-min-/index.shtml</a>	Luxury Room
<b>MANDALAY</b>	Pullman Mandalay Mingalar <a href="https://all.accor.com/hotel/9095/index.en.shtml">https://all.accor.com/hotel/9095/index.en.shtml</a>	Superior

## Inclusions & Exclusions

### Inclusions

- All transfers and excursions with private air-conditioned vehicles with drivers
- Entrance fees for all sightseeing places
- 7 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 – Bagan – Heho – Mandalay (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**
- Horse cart tour in Bagan
- Short boat trip & horse cart tour in Ava
- 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

- Balloon over bagan - \$305/person (premium)
- Tips and gratuities for the guide, drivers, porters

- Travel insurance
- All entrance fees and sightseeing tickets as per itinerary
- International flights
- Drinks and beverage
- Other services not mentioned above
- Personal expenses, tips and gratuities
- Peak season or Public holidays surcharge if any
- Compulsory Gala dinner on X-Mas or New Year if any
- Visa arrangements for Myanmar
- 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, 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.

**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.