

# The Best of Myanmar Tour 8 days

(Yangon – Bagan – Mandalay – Mingun – Inle Lake - Yangon)

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## Itinerary Overview

Day	Destination	Activities
<b>Day 1</b>	Yangon Arrival	Welcome pickup and visit the magnificent Shwedagon Pagoda
<b>Day 2</b>	Yangon - Bagan	Full day visiting Bagan Archaeological Zone World Heritage Area - includes Nyaung Oo market; Shwezigon Pagoda, Kyansittha Umin...
<b>Day 3</b>	Bagan - Mt. Popa	Climb for 777 steps to the Mt. Popa summit, known as the abode of Nats (spirits) - a collection of 37 magical spirits both feared and honoured ....
<b>Day 4</b>	Bagan - Mandalay	Mandalay is the last capital of Myanmar. We visit the Old Palace grounds; Kuthodaw Pagoda, known as the world's largest book for its 729 marble slabs...
<b>Day 5</b>	Mandalay - Mingun - Mandalay	Board private boat across the river Ayeyarwaddy, visit Myatheintan Pagoda, Bagaya wooden monastery; Aungmyaybonza Monastery...
<b>Day 6</b>	Mandalay - Inle Lake	Visit floating villages and sampling the spectacular array of traditional handicrafts of local people on the Inle Lake...
<b>Day 7</b>	Inle Lake - Yangon	Half day visit Karaweik for fantastic photo shot along the "pilgrims" causeway across the Royal Lake...
<b>Day 8</b>	Yangon departure	Free at leisure until be picked up for departure flight (optional excursions available)

## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 1 Yangon Arrival

Arrival in Yangon where you will be welcomed and transferred to your hotel. 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 - Bagan

This morning we head for the airport to get the early morning flight to Bagan. Check into the hotel and 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 3** Bagan - 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 4** Baga- Mandalay

After breakfast at hotel, transfer to Nyaun U airport for flight to Mandalay. When you arrive at Mandalay airport, drive to ancient capital of Amarapura, the city of Immortality for a visit to Bagaya

Monastery with a famous collection of Buddha images; weaving industries, two-century old U-Bein teak bridge on the Taungtaman Lake and observe the lunch process of thousand of monks who take their last meal of the day at 10:00 am in total silence. Proceed to Mandalay and check in at the hotel.

After refreshment, you will take a sightseeing tour of Mandalay which includes Mahanumi, 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.

### **Day 5** Mandalay - Mingun - Mandalay

After breakfast, you will be transferred for Jetty for a private boat across the river Ayeyarwaddy 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.

After lunch, drive to Ava, 30-minute to the south of Mandalay, was known in the west as the Kingdom of Ava. Stop by a tributary and cross it with a ferry. Travel by pony-cart around Ava to Nanmyint leaning tower which gives a birds' eye view of the mighty Ayeyarwaddy River; Bagaya wooden monastery; Aungmyaybonza Monastery made of brick and stucco. Though the Royal Palace has gone, the Pagodas, Temples and Monasteries still remain. Return drive to Mandalay and see the silversmith work place on our way back to hotel. Overnight in Mandalay.

### **Day 6** Mandalay - Inle Lake

After breakfast, depart the hotel for flight to Heho on the Shan plateau. Transfer by road to Inle Lake and transfer to our hotel by long tail boat across the lake. Upon arrival, check in at hotel. 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 7** Inle Lake - Yangon

We are heading back down country today to return to the airport at Heho for our flight to Yangon. Our route takes us back to Heho and down the escarpment to Nyaung-Shwe for a busy local market. Check in at airport and fly back to Yangon. Upon arrival, check in at hotel. In the afternoon, we plan to visit 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 visit the Bogyoke Aung San Market (Scott Market) for souvenir shopping. Overnight in Yangon..

## Day 8 Yangon departure

After breakfast at hotel, you will be transferred to Yangon International airport for your return international departure flight. Tour ends...

## Hotel Inclusions

Location	Hotel		
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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 Mandalar 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
- No additional charge/surcharge after confirmation

- All entrance fees and sightseeing tickets as per itinerary.
- Personalized customer service with 24/7 hotline support
- Meals as stated in the itinerary
- Accommodation at selected hotels (twin/double sharing) daily breakfast

**Exclusions:**

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

## Terms & Conditions

### GENERAL BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS

#### BOOKING PROCEDURE

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- 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

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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.

**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:

- 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.

### **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, 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.

### **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.

## **RESPONSIBILITY**

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Except in situation beyond human control, E-Travel Myanmar will be held responsible 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 accordance with the weather conditionals and daily operation of flights. Consequently, itinerary concerned might be adjusted. If this occurs, E-Travel Myanmar will do all in its power to assist participants in boarding flights or finding alternative arrangements. This is done as a courtesy to participants and E-Travel Myanmar can not be held responsible for denied boarding, or additional charges occurred.

## **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

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Travel Insurance is not included. E-Travel Myanmar highly recommend you to have travel insurance when traveling around Asia.