

# Myanmar (Burma) Special Tour

Experience Buddhist culture, heritage & amazing pagodas



## Overview

Unravel the enigma of the wonderland of Myanmar. Not only you will experience ample culture but also intriguing natural beauty throughout your odyssey. Engage in the prayers of the monks in Chaukhtetgyi and Shwedagon pagoda purifying your soul. Ignite your heart with gusto as you relish the panoramic view from Pagoda. Taste the cultural burst in Yangon and Bagan, Where every state embraces you with unspoiled historic temples. Grant your senses with a treat of spirited colors in addition to the positive vibes in the air. Stroll in the Lake of Inle and Ayeyarwaddy River and go for your souvenir there in the Floating market.

Fortify your consciousness as you escalate through the cities rich in heritage and culture. One can only expect alluring surprises as this enchanting journey will result in a keepsake of memories for a lifetime. Surge the cloaked mysteries this land will provide to you as you at the same time. Scale your tracks to Mount Popa and enjoy the crafts and arts in Myinkaba village. Experience a subtle moment of magic during your visit to mystical Myanmar

## Tips for the Tour

- Enjoy the views from your hotel rooms as most will provide an exceptional scene to remember.
- Hang on to your local guide so you won't miss anything.
- View the sunrise and sunset from high hill temples. Similarly, these provide you with some of the best photographic moments.

- Stay in route and stay safe.

## Highlights

- **Myanmar:** 7 Nights 8 Days in Burma with Shwedagon Pagoda at Yangon, Buddhist Pagodas in Bagan, Monks activities in Mandalay and view of floating houses in Inle Lake.

## Outline

1. Choose your own departure date
2. Select the comfort level of accommodation
3. Adjust activities to cater to special interests
4. Modify tour duration & any aspect of the tour as needed
5. Flexible travel route (start from Bangkok/Yangon and end to Yangon/Bangkok or vice-versa)

## Your Journey day by day

### Day 01 : Fly to Myanmar (Burma) via Bangkok (B) – Arrival in Yangon (B)

Welcomed by our guide and transfer to hotel and leisure. Green city, marked out lakes with the carefully landscaped banks, Yangon dissimulates under its peaceful airs a vibrating animation. Visit Chaukhtetgyipagoda and of its great Buddha laying whose colossal stature is fortunately softened by the good-naturalness of its expression! Lunch at local restaurant. After lunch, an extended visit to the Shwedagonpagoda, one of the world's most spectacular religious monuments, will conclude the tour of this pictures garden city. The golden dome of the Shwedagon Pagoda rises 98 meters.

### Day 02 : Yangon- Mandalay- Sagaing- Ava-Amarapura-Mandalay

Transfer to Yangon airport for domestic flight to Mandalay.

Upon arrival proceed to Sagaing, a retreat for Buddhist devotees, to enjoy a magnificent view over the surrounding area. Then stop with the Pagoda Soon U Ponnya Shin to benefit from the panorama. Lunch at local restaurant. After lunch, continue a visit to the former royal capital of Ava, reached by a short boat trip. Visits by horse-drawn carriage to the Nanmyint Watch Tower, the remains of the palace building nicknamed "leaning tower of Ava", MahaAungmye beautiful monastery built of brick and stucco and Bagayar Monastery, famous for its impressive ornate woodcarvings and teak posts. Return to Mandalay.

Departure for Amarapura and continue to the 200- years –old U Bein Bridge, built in 1782 at the time of Amarapura was the royal capital, entirely constructed of teak wood.

### Day 03 : Mandalay - Mingun - Mandalay

An excursion by boat on the Ayeyarwaddy River will take you to Mingun (45min approximately). Visit one of the world largest bell, weighing 90 tons MingunBell, HsinbyumePaya and the unfinished MingunPaya, built as one of the largest Saudis by King Bodawpaya. Return by boat to Mandalay. Lunch on boat during visit.

In the afternoon, visits with the Shwenandaw monastery (or Golden Palace monastery) a superb example of a traditional work, and KuthodawPagoda, the world's largest book, consisting of 729 marble slabs engraved with Buddhist scriptures.

Overnight at hotel.

#### **Day 04 : Mandalay - Bagan**

Drive to Mandalay airport for domestic flight to Bagan.

Bagan is without doubt most astonishing site of Myanmar, if it is all South East Asia. At edges of Irrawaddy river, renamed from now on Ayeryarwaddy, and in the area of 40 km<sup>2</sup> straighten up some hundreds temples (2219 exactly). All of these remnants have been constructed of 11<sup>th</sup> century au 13<sup>th</sup> century by the sovereigns' successive qui made size of Bagan (Anawratha, Kyanzittha, Alaungsithu and Narapatissithu,). This unbelievable concentration made of Bagan strong moment of your stay in Myanmar and the sunset of the site reminds an unforgettable moment.

Upon arrival in Bagan, starting a sightseeing tour with a diverse selection of the most important pagodas and temples such as ShwezigonPagoda, built by King Anawrahta in the early 11<sup>th</sup> century, and discovered temples Shwegugyi, Gawdawpalin and colored market located at Old Bagan. Afterwards, lunch is taken local restaurant with puppet show. After lunch visit Temple, with its four huge standing-Buddha images and numerous seated figures that are arranged around the interior gallery and GuByaukGyi Temple (under the protection of UNESCO), noted for its ancient mural paintings. Observe a sunset in the vicinity of Bagan's ancient monuments.

#### **Day 05 : Bagan - Mount Popa - Bagan**

Continuation of the visits to Bagan with the discovery of the ruins of the Royal Palace; the door of Tharaba, and the temple of Tayok Pye. Visit a lacquer craftsmen's workshop in the nearby Myinkaba village(Note: The restaurant of Mount Popa offers a magnificent view over the whole site of Mount Popa and clients who cannot climb Mount Popa will be allowed to enjoy the unique landscape from the terrace of the restaurant). Lunch is taken at the Popa Mountain Resort Hotel. Then, a 45 km drive (1 1/2 hours) will take you to Mount Popa. An extinct volcano with spectacular views. Its shrine is dedicated to animist spirits known as "Nats" and you will have time to climb nearly 800 steps to the shrine at the top of the peak. Return to Bagan.

#### **Day 06 : Bagan - Heho - Taunggyi - Kakku - Inle Lake**

Drive to Bagan airport for domestic flight to Heho.

Departure by the road for Taunggyi, capital of the Shan state and former British hill station. Visit the local market where minority people sell their products. Continuation by the road (1h 30) for Kakku.KakKu pagoda is very unusual and little-known about its origins. Dozens of small stupas surround the main pagoda in a huge circle. Stops in way to visit some small villages Pao, principal ethnic group of the area. Lunch at local restaurant.Departure by road (2h 30), for NyaungShwe, at the edge of the lake Inlé. Visit monastery out of wooden of Shwe Yan Pyay and visit NyaungShwe. Dinner and overnightat hotel.

**Day 07 : Inle Lake - Heho - Yangon**

Visit monastery NgaPhe, also called “monastery of the jumping cats” since its monks drew up cats to be jumped inside rings. This monastery out of wood, built on piles, and contains an astonishing collection of statues of Buddha. Lunch at local restaurant. Visit Pagoda PhaungDawOo, one of the most sacred shrines in Myanmar, dating back to the 18th century, and visits some of its many artisan factories of weaving of silk, cigars...

Return to the dugout to the setting sunset. Transfer by the road to Heho airport and for flight back to Yangon.

Overnight at hotel.

**Day 08 : Final Departure from Yangon, Myanmar (B)**

Leisure time until the transfer to the airport.

We are thankful for providing us a chance to operate your tour in Nepal, Bhutan, and Myanmar. We assure you that you will be leaving for your country with an abundance of memories to cherish with your close ones.

We wish you a safe journey.

**Cost & Inclusion****Myanmar :**

- Airport pickups and drops service.
- Private ground transportation with A/C.
- Twin-sharing hotel accommodation.
- Breakfast in Myanmar.
- Local cultural tour guide with English speaking.
- Sightseeing entrance fees for museums and monuments.