

6 Days Loikaw trip Yangon – Inle Lake – Loikaw



Loikaw is the capital of Kayah State, a hidden corner of Myanmar filled with exotic culture and raw beauty. Explore tribal villages, learning about the unique traditions of the most internationally famous ‘long neck’ people wearing the brass rings around their neck.

Day 1: Yangon arrival (Lunch)

Upon your arrival in Yangon, welcome by our tour guide and transferred to your hotel for check-in. Enjoy private tour and drive through downtown to explore the city centre and its fabulous mix of architecture and sites. The streets are filled with historical buildings many of which have a faded colonial charm not seen elsewhere in Asia. You’ll start at the post office – a lovely historic building, passing by Strand Hotel, Mahabandoola Garden and Independence Monument along the way. Then visit famous Chauk Htat Kyi, home to a 70-meter long reclining Buddha. The feet of the statue carved with traditional symbols and often many locals gathering to pay homage and pray. Photo stop at the Karaweik Hall royal floating barge. Nothing will prepare you for Shwedagon Pagoda, with its glittering gold stupa. At the pagoda observe local pilgrims and monks offering their devotions and enjoy the amazing sunset view at Shwedagon pagoda.

Day 2: Yangon – Loikaw (Breakfast, Lunch) (Mon/Wed/Fri) UB flight

After breakfast – pick up at the hotel and transfer to airport for flight to Loikaw. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon, enjoy your time exploring Loikaw and the surrounding area. In the center of Loikaw there is Taung Kwe Pagoda, which comprises a number of white and gold monuments sitting on top of limestone offering panoramic views of the distant plains, hills and mountains. Overnight at hotel in Loikaw.

Day 3: Loikaw – village sightseeing (Breakfast, Lunch)

After breakfast, drive to 30 minutes outside of Loikaw to the Demawso market (only open on Mon, Wed, and Sat). This local market attracts tribes from the surrounding areas selling local unique items. After market visit – we will drive to the countryside for an easy walk through local villages and farmland to visit the Pan Phet village. Most of the inhabitants of Pan Phet are of the Padaung tribe. Locally referred to as “long neck ladies”, the Padaung women are famous for the many golden neck rings they wear. You are welcomed in a local home where you will enjoy a hot drink and a simple, local snack. There will be a unique chance to interact with these ladies during a stroll through the village. Along the way, your local guides will present special cultural and natural sites, which are important to local people and their way of life. Though the long neck tradition is dying out, most women over 40 in the village can still be seen wearing these heavy accessories.

Day 4: Loikaw - Inle Lake (Breakfast, Lunch)

Breakfast at hotel and heading back to Aung ban, 170 kilometers with approximately 5 hours by car. On the way we shall stop over to observe unique Myin Mahti natural cave houses ancient Buddha Images. From here we just continue to our destination Nyaung Shwe to conclude this unique experience. Arrived at Nyaung Shwe and transfer to your hotel for check in. After that visit the Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda, the most holy religious site in southern Shan State. Be amazed by the local handicrafts, silk weaving, wooden handlooms and traditional blacksmith methods along the way. Overnight in Inle lake.

Day 5: Inle Lake – Indein – Inle Lake (Breakfast, Lunch)

Begin your day with a visit to the market, which rotates locations every five days and where hill tribe people dressed in colorful, traditional outfits — as they barter for goods and produce. We continue our sightseeing in Inle Lake, maneuvering by boat through long, scenic channels. We will visit the fascinating village of Indein, with its complex of ancient shrines and stupas and walk through exotic colonnades of stairways and shop stalls. See the lake’s unique “leg rowers” – the Intha people row standing up with one leg wrapped around an oar. It is a feast for the senses and a photographer’s dream. Overnight at hotel in Inle Lake.

Day 6: Inle lake – Heho - Yangon – Departure

Take of your morning flight to Yangon. Arrive around afternoon to Yangon airport

City	3 – 4 Stars Hotels
Yangon	Taw Win Garden Hotel (Deluxe) or Summit Parkview Hotel (Superior) or Similar
Loikaw	Hotel Loikaw (Superior) or Hotel Myat Nan Taw (Superior) or Similar
Inle lake	Amata Inle Resort (Deluxe) or Ananta Inle Resort (Deluxe) or Similar
Subject to Availability	

Prices Valid (From 1st Oct 2019 till 30th Sep 2020) in USD

Prices: (based on 10 - 15 pax)

Tour price per person: \$720 (based on twin/double / triple sharing room) with 3 – 4 Stars Hotels
 Single room supplement: \$200 per person

Inclusion:

- 5 Nights accommodation with breakfast
- (2) Domestic flight tickets (Yangon – Loikaw / Inle Lake – Yangon)
- English speaking local tour guide in each city
- All entrance fee and zone fees
- 5 Lunches at Local restaurants
- Private boat ride in Inle lake
- Transfers and sightseeing by private air conditioned car
- Government tax and service charges

Exclusion:

- Visa arrangement and services
- Tipping for drivers and guides
- Meals & Drinks (Dinner)
- Other personal expenses

Note:

- The above prices are not applicable for Water Festival Period from 12-18 April 2020
- There is compulsory Gala Dinner on the 25th and 31st December, 2019

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