# **MYANMAR ADVENTURE**

# 12 DAYS FROM USD 1390 PER PERSON



Tour Code : VA02
Tour Style : Adventure
Physical : ●●●○○

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Group size : 2 – 12 PAX

Destination : Yangon – Bagan – Mandalay – Kalaw - Inle

Valid Till : 30 Sep 2020

# What's Special?

- ✓ See Myanmar's diverse culture
- ✓ Cruise down the Irrawaddy River
- ✓ Cycling the temple plain of Bagan
- ✓ Trek to hill tribe Villages
- ✓ Spending the night at a Buddhist monastery



#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- 3 Star Hotel (10 nts) & Home Stay (01 nt)
- 11 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches, 2 Dinners
- Domestic transportation
- Touring with guides and Entrance fees

#### **ITINERARY**

### DAY 1 Arrival & Sightseeing around Yangon

Mingalar Bar, you will be welcomed by our Guide at Airport and transferred to hotel. Start your Sightseeing of Yangon, formerly known as Rangoon. City Tour including the massive reclining Buddha at Kyaukhtatgyi Pagoda; the peaceful Kandawgyi Park with its glittering royal barge, before visiting Sacred Shwedagon Pagoda. Stay overnight in Yangon. **(D)** 

## DAY 2 Dhala Community Visit. Train to Mandalay

This morning transfer to the Jetty to board a ferry across the Yangon river to Dhala. The 15 minute ferry ride offers great views of the waterways as well as opportunity to interact with crious locals. Upon reaching Dhala, take local trishaw through the town. Visit local market with colorful wares and friendly people. Sail back to Yangon and enjoy a city tour which is filled with various historical buildings. Visit to the Bogyoke Market (Scotts Market) which has over 2000 shops and the largest selection of Myanmar handicrafts and souvenirs.

Later in the afternoon it's time to head to the station and get on your sleeper train to Mandalay.

Overnight on train. (B,L)

#### DAY 3 Explore Mandalay

Arrive Mandalay in the morning and check in hotel.

In the afternoon start your Mandalay City tour, with as highlights of our visit to the Mandalay Palace, Shwenandaw Monastery – noted for its exquisite woodcarvings, gold leaf beating workshop and Kuthodaw Pagoda – known for containing the world's largest book and conclude the tour by visiting Mandalay Hill to watch the sunset and the panoramic view of the city.

Overnight stay in Mandalay. (B,L)

# DAY 4 Amarapura, Ava and Sagaing

Today full day tour of deserted cities around Mandalay: Amarapura, Inwa, & Sagaing. After breakfast, Start your sightseeing to the holy Sagaing Hill, the hub of Buddhism in Myanmar. Take time to visit Swan Oo Pon Nya Shin and U Min Thone Sae Pagodas as well as clay pot making and nunnery to learn the daily life of Buddhist nuns.

Next visit is Ava, a grand imperial capital left to fall into magnificent ruin. The city is now a rural area where livestock graze and farmers raise crops amidst the remains of pagodas, palace towers, monasteries, and massive city walls that once formed the outline of a seated lion. The day comes to a close with a visit to Amarapura, known as the City of Immortality. Enjoy sunset at U Bein, the world's longest teak bridge stretching close to 1200 meters across Taungthaman Lake.

Stay overnight in Mandalay. (B,L)

### DAY 6 Mandalay to Bagan by Day Cruise

Today we will travel to Bagan by boat along the legendary river "The Irrawaddy". This river is country's economic lifeblood and inseparable from Burmese spiritual life. In the early morning (5 am), check out hotel and transfer to the jetty.

At around 6:00 am, start to cast off from Bagan. Breakfast and Lunch will be served on the board. Along the journey, you will fascinate to observe the local life on the river, little fishing boats and makeshift home rafts. The boat trip is smooth and you can sleep on the way, and refill your energy which you will need while your stay in Bagan. Arrive Bagan Jetty in the evening and transfer to hotel.

Stay overnight in Bagan. (B,L)

### DAY 6 Sightseeing in Bagan

Today is thecomprehensive tour of Bagan, one of Myanmar's premier historical and cultural centres, home to more than 2,000 temples and pagodas! Our tour includes shrines such as Ananda, Htilominlo, Thatbyinnyu, Dhammayangyi, Sulamani, and Shwezigon Pagoda, plus secular sights such as Nyaung U market and traditional workshops. Complete the day by watching an unforgettable sunset over the plains from hill. Stay overnight at Bagan. **(B,L)** 

#### DAY 7 Bagan

Continue your Bagan exploration with a mix of villages, the less visited temples and landscapes. Enjoy a relaxing horse cart ride through the less visited temple area, winding your way along the roads past dozens of monuments. Stop as you wish to take photos or explore the temples.

<u>Optional</u>: Explore the wonders of Bagan with biking tour. We'll cycle beyond the main sites, traversing smaller paths and crossing through local villages. You will pass through the less visited temple area, winding your way along the roads past dozens of monuments. Stop as you wish to take photos or explore the temples. Stay overnight in Bagan. **(B,L)** 

### DAY 8 Bagan to Kalaw by Day Bus

After having breakfast at the hotel, you'll be transferred to the bus station for a daytime bus leaving to Kalaw. In the late afternoon arrive to Kalaw, an old hill station with a laid back atmosphere, refreshing climate and scenic views. Many of Kalaw's original colonial-era buildings remain, and it is also known as Myanmar's trekking mecca.

Time to stretch your legs and overnight in kalaw. (B,L)

#### DAY 9 Kalaw to Village Stay

Start the day with breakfast to fuel up for today trekking. Trekking from Kalaw to Inle Lake is not a difficult trek but does require you to be at least moderately fit. Depending on your group, you will be trekking between six to eight hours, covering up to 23 km a day. During the trek you will pass over gorgeous scenery beauty of forest capped hills, through the vegetable farms such as rice paddies, chilli fields. Also, have an opportunity to take a peek into village life of various indigenous tribes in Myanmar. After 3 to 4 hours of trekking we will have freshly prepared lunch, which you can enjoy whilst looking across to the mountains at mesmerizing view. After lunch we will walk further, have a tea stop at the train station and finish the trekking day with the homestay or Monestery at the tribal Village.

<u>Non-trekking option</u>: For those who are not able or interested in joining the trek, you will spend an additional night in Kalaw (where there is lots to explore) and travel by train to Inle Lake the next day to meet the trekkers in Nyuang Shwe.

Don't worry. We will provide a local guide, who will travel with you. (B,L,D)

### DAY 10 Trekking to Inle Lake

It is less up hill and more downhill on the second day. At sunrise, we will start the day with a trek to Inle lake, passing by some local tribe Villages. Along the way we meet with local people working hard in the fields of garlic and rice harvest. Visit a family home and have tea together. After four and half or five hours walk, we arrive to an Intha Tribe village in the western shore of Inle lake. Lunch at a small restaurant in the bamboo forest After lunch walk ten minutes to the jetty to take the boat to your hotel in Inle. Stay overnight on Inle Lake. **(B,L)** 

#### DAY 11 Inle Lake & Indein

Full-day tour of beautiful Inle Lake which is referred as the Venice of Asia, featuring stilt houses and villages, floating gardens, fishermen using ancient techniques such as legrowing, and, on the shores, workshops of traditional artisans, e.g. weavers and cigarmakers. We will visit Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda, Nga Phe Chaung Monastery and the local family workshops which feature silversmiths, cheroot making, and weaving by the 'Ring-neck ladies'.

After lunch, continue your exploration to the western banks of the lake and travel down a small canal to Indein – a Pa-Oh village which is known for its stupa-covered hill with 1,054 stupas constructed between the 17th and the 18th centuries. Spend time exploring Indein on foot, strolling around the village, visiting a local school and making your way to the top of the hill where you can wander amid the weather-beaten stupas and enjoy magnificent views of the lake below. Stay overnight on Inle Lake. (B,L)

#### DAY 12 Fly to Yangon. Departure

This morning transfer by road to Heho for your onward flight to Yangon and connect your Int'l Flight at the airport. **(B)** 

HOTEL (3*) (classif. local)		
Yangon	Hotel Grand United	https://www.hotelgrandunited.com/about_hgu_al.php
Bagan	Bagan Star Hotel	http://www.baganstarhotel.com/
Mandalay	The Home Hotel	http://thehomemandalayhotel.com/index.php
Nyaung Shwe	Amazing Nyaung Sh	we <a href="http://www.hotelamazingnyaungshwe.com">http://www.hotelamazingnyaungshwe.com</a>
	or Similar	

Price per person: USD 1390

Supplements:

Single Room in the hotel Cat. 3\*: USD 230 Hotel Category 4\* (in double): USD 250 Single room in hotel Cat. 4\*: USD 460

Group departures with English Speaking Guides (confirmed with min. 2 participants). The group meets on arrival in Yangon.

Participants could stay in different hotels depending on the category chosen.

#### **Inclusions**

- 10 night hotel accommodation (Twin/Double Share) & 1 night Home stay
- Meals as mentioned in the program
- Private transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- 01 domestic flight
- Train Ticket
- E Bike or Horse Cart
- Local English-speaking Station guides
- Drinking water and refreshing towels on touring days
- Entrance fees for visits mentioned in program
- Boat fee in Bagan, Mingun and Inle Lake

### **Exclusions**

- International flights to/from Yangon
- Travel insurance
- Visa stamp fees
- Early check-in & late check-out surcharge
- Personal expenses
- Meals & Drinks not mentioned
- Tips & gratuities for guide and driver
- Tour Options (quoted separately)

### Remark

Child Policy (1-12 years old, not over 4 feet in height)

- 100% charge for a child with extra bed
- 85% charge for a child without extra bed

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