

# **12 DAYS\_ BURMAR EXCLUSIVE WITH BEACH**

## Highlight: Yagon – Mandalay - Bagan - Inle Lake– Ngapali Beach

# **1. OVERVIEW:**

Feel warmhearted by the adorable smiles of orphan children or be dazzled by the sunset over the expansive temple zone in Bagan. Sail through KyaukOhnmin cave temple or visit Mandalay's most spectacular temples and monasteries. A horse cart ride through ancient ruins in Ava or discover the haunting "pagoda forest" at Inle Lake. Finally, relax under swaying coconut palms on the pristine white sand beach of Ngapali. This grand trip offers lifetime experience that goes further than any travel guide book, full of rarely seen sights and generation of stories waiting to be told in the thrilling country that has been unknown from foreign eyes for so long.

## **2. ITINERARY IN BRIEF**

DAY 1: YANGON ARRIVAL DAY 2: YANGON FULL DAY CITY TOUR DAY 3: YANGON -MANDALAY DAY 4: BAGAN - MANDALAY - THE GLASS PALACE - THE ROYAL HISTORY OF MANDALAY DAY 5: MANDALAY - BAGAN DAY 6: BAGAN FULL DAY CITY TOUR DAY 6: BAGAN - HEHO - INLE LAKE DAY 7: BAGAN - HEHO - INLE LAKE DAY 8: INLE LAKE DAY 9: INLE LAKE - NGAPALI BEACH DAY 10: NGAPALI BEACH DAY 11: NGAPALI BEACH DAY 12: NGAPALI BEACH - YANGON

## **3. ITINERARY IN DETAIL**

#### DAY 1: YANGON ARRIVAL

Arrival Yangon airport, you are transferred to hotel in the city by private car & guide. The transfer from airport to hotel is approximately 50 minutes.

Your visa should be pre-arranged, or be sure that your visa-on-arrival letter is in your carry-on luggage. Please go to custom desk as your first point of entry into the country and present these documents for visa upon arrival.

## Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Yagon (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)

#### DAY 2: YANGON SPIRITUAL SHWEDAGON PAGODA

This full day tour today we will show you the different faces of Yangon. We start from the bottom of the hill and passing the workshops, small downtown area including several

markets, colonial buildings and monasteries, which will be useful or even essential to understand more of the country during the rest of your journey. Visit the 2,600 years old Shwedagon Pagoda, the most sacred Buddhist pagoda for the Burmese can be seen from almost anywhere in Yangon. Witness the colors transform on the 100-meter pagoda which is literally covered with over 60 tons of gold leaf. So what's behind the golden façade of the Shwedagon Pagoda? You will learn about the full history of the pagoda, the daily life of all people living in its immediate surroundings and a deeper insight in the Buddhist religion and how the spiritual belief is mixed with the belief in nats- the Myanmar spirits. Return to the hotel for relax.

## Meal: Breakfast Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Yagon (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)

# DAY3: YANGON - MANDALAY

Morning, transfer to airport for domestic flight to Mandalay. Flight time is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. Meet your driver for an airport transfer with a private vehicle. The distance is almost 1 hour driving.

Arrival, check in your booked hotel for refresh before discovering city.

Start a fun tour to know the real Mandalay; visit a viewpoint near the Ayeyarwaddy River for a cold Mandalay beer during sunset. Explore the busy Yadanar night market to have some traditional snacks and then wark around before stopping at one of the most famous beer stations and BBQ restaurants in Mandalay. Our guide will order the food and believe that you love it. Continue until 8.30 PM go to the excellent Mandalay marionettes theater for a show performed by a mix of traditional dancers, musicians, and puppeteers

# Meal: Breakfast Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Mandalay(3\*, 4\* or 5\*)

## DAY4: MANDALAY- THE GLASS PALACE - THE ROYAL HISTORY OF MANDALAY

Mandalayis the last capital of Myanmar Kingdom before the annexation of British in 1885, the period of kingdom was very short, but the name Mandalay becomes well known by "Rudyard Kipling". King Thibaw and Queen Supayalat were the last royalties of Burma until being sent to exile. Today we visit the rebuilt palace designed by king Mindon. The royal palacewallsurrounded by the moat is one of the great things to visit and it has been recreated after 1945, by 2nd War World. We enter the palace main gate and from here we continue to visit the most beautiful part which is the wood-carved Shwenandaw monastery just outside the palace in which king Mindon lived and died. King Thibaw later used this building for meditation. We continue to the lesser-known Setkyathiha pagoda with a bronze Buddha statue, brought to Mandalay by king Thibaw just before the beginning of the war. The royal family collected many religious artefacts and we witness the process of making gold leaves, woodcarvings and silver or gold threaded kalagas (tapestry).

# Meal: Breakfast Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Mandalay (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)

# DAY5: MANDALAY – BAGAN

Meet your driver for an airport transfer with a private vehicle. Fly from Mandalay to Bagan. Flight time is approximately 30 minutes. Arrival airport, you are transferred to Bagan ancient town by private car & guide.

Bagan is really quiet, it's a beautiful area, and the temples here are often completely deserted. Your experienced guide through Bagan will show you the best-known temples of the area. Start the day climbing a pagoda to get a first impressive view over the whole area. From here you continue to move to the other amazing temples that have been here for hundreds of years. Places like the Ananda, Dhammayangyi, Sulamani, and Thatbyinnyu will certainly impress you.

Return to hotel afterwards your guide pick you up again at around 16.00 pm to continue the tour by horse cart to Pyathagyi pagoda for sunset.

# Meal: Breakfast Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Bagan (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)

## DAY6: BAGAN - LESSER-KNOWN TEMPLES AND NYAUNG U MARKET

Begin your day at Nyaung U market – a busy market in New Bagan when people from all around town come and buy their vegetables, herbs, meat and other ingredients for dinner. The guide will give an assignment to go and buy and taste 3 different kind snacks typical for the region.

Visit Taungbi village where you visit the old wooden monastery built for royalty and two temples that are not well known but certainly worth a visit. The guide will explain to you the reason why so many pagodas were built here. The rest of the day the car and guide are available for additional visits of the temples till 18.00 pm if wanted.

## Meal: Breakfast Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Bagan (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)

## DAY7: MANDALAY - HEHO - INLE LAKE

Morning, transfer to Mandalay airport for domestic flight to Heho. Flight time is approximately 1hour. Meet your driver for an airport transfer to Inle Lake for the tour

Described in many books that the Shan has the most interesting and rich culture. Begin with a visit of the Buddha Museum, housed in the former Haw (palace) of the last Shan prince of Nyaung Shwe; Mr. Sao Shwe Thaike. You might enjoy a Shan lunch here before our tour to the local market, traditional Shan cotton and Shan traditional dresses make this a very colorful sight. A visit to the ancient teak wooden Shwe Yan Pyay monastery with oval windows certainly gives you the opportunity to take great pictures. You are being peddled around small canals and pass floating gardens in a small wooden boat to see more of the local Shan life from the water. End the tour with a visit and some wine tasting of the excellent wines at the Red Mountain Winery.

## Meal: Breakfast

## Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Inle (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)

#### DAY 8: INLE LAKE - RUINS OF INDEIN & FLOATING GARDENS

Inle Lake in southern Shan State is a vast natural lake surrounded by traditional Shan villages that certainly is worth a visit. Surrounding and on the lake itself the Intha people have been living for many centuries in villages built entirely on stilts. Embark on a private

motorboat around the lake to discover its natural beauty, visit the floating gardens, see some of the famous leg rowers, and have a cup of tea at a local family's house. On and around the lake, traditional markets are held in different villages according to a 5-day rotating schedule. You will be taken to visit one of these colorful markets frequented by Shan and PaO people. You certainly also visit a local cheroot factory (where the Burmese cigars are made), Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda, Intha Heritage house - where the Burmese cats are bred, a weaving factory and floating tomato gardens if wanted.

#### Meal: Breakfast Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Inle (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)

## DAY 9: INLE LAKE - NGAPALI BEACH

Meet your driver for an airport transfer with a private vehicle. Fly from Inle Lake to Ngapali Beach. Flight time is approximately 1.5 hours. Meet your driver for an airport transfer with a private vehicle.

## Meals: Breakfast Accommodation: Overnight at Ngapali Beach (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)

## DAY 10: NGAPALI BEACH

Enjoy time at leisure to explore at your own pace, or relax at your hotel.

#### Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Overnight at Ngapali Beach (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)

#### DAY 11: NGAPALI BEACH

Enjoy time at leisure to explore at your own pace, or relax at your hotel.

#### Meals: Breakfast

## Accommodation: Overnight at Ngapali Beach (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)

#### DAY 12: NGAPALI BEACH - YANGON

Free at leisure until transfer to airport for flight departure

#### Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Depart (Int`l Airport)

#### Date: valid until 30th September 2015

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-8 pax	9-10 pax	Single Supp
First Class	1269	1150	1129	1076	1033	574
Superior packages	1406	1288	1266	1214	1170	711
Deluxe packages	1778	1660	1638	1585	1541	1083

## Date: 01 Oct 2016 - 30April2016

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First Class	1475	1320	1298	1246	1203	749
Superior packages	1851	1696	1675	1623	1580	1119
Deluxe packages	2346	2191	2170	2118	2075	1613

# SURCHARGE FOR FLIGHT TICKET

**Note:** Subject to be changed without prior noticed

- Yangon (RGN) to Mandalay (MDL):	US\$152 per person
- Mandalay (MDL) to Bagan (NYU):	US\$93 per person
- Bagan (NYU) to Inle Lake (HEH):	US\$120 per person
- Inle Lake (HEH) to Ngapali Beach (SNW):	US\$171 per person
- Ngapali Beach (SNW) - Bagan (NYU):	US\$135 per person

**Supplement cost for balloon ride: US\$ 285 per person** (BOB is available start from October to March)

# LIST OF HOTELS USED:

Destination	First Class – 3 star	Superior packages – 4 star	Deluxe packages – 5 star
Yangon	BEST WESTERN GREEN HILL - www.greenhillhotelyangon. com(Deluxe room)	<b>SUMMIT PARK VIEW HOTEL</b> <u>www.summityangon.com</u> (S uperior)	KANDAWGYI PALACE HOTEL www.kandawgyipalacehote l.com(Superior)
Bagan	THE FLORAL BREEZE www.floralbreezehotel bagan.com(Deluxe)	AMAZING BAGAN RESORT <u>www.amazing-</u> <u>hotel.com</u> (Deluxe)	AUREUM PLACE RESORT - www.aureumpalacehotel.com/ba gan.html (Deluxe Room)
Mandalay	YADANARPON DYNASTY www.yadanarpondynastyh otel.com/ (Superior)	HOTEL SHWE PYI THAR- www.hotelshwepyithar.com / (Superior Room)	SEDONA HOTEL www.sedonahotels.com.sg/Wher e/SedonaHotelMa (Superior)
Inle	PARADISE INLE RESORT www.inleparadise.com (Superior)	PRISTINE LOTUS HOTEL <u>www.pristinelotus.com</u> (Floating Duplex)	AUREUM PALACE RESORT www.aureumpalacehotel.c om (Lake View)
Ngapali Beach(High Season)	Amata Resort (Superior Room)	Bay View Hotel(Deluxe Beach Front)	Aureum Palace Hotel(Garden View Cottage)
Ngapali Beach(Low Season)	Amata Resort(Superior Room)	Amata Resort(Superior Room)	Amata Resort(Superior Room)

## WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Accommodation in a double or twin or double room with daily breakfast
- Services of a driver and private air-conditioned vehicle during all tours and transfers.
- English-speaking guide during all tours and transfers
- Private board for sightseeing as mentioned in the program, Entrance fees for all visits as mentioned in the itinerary
- Mineral water is available as complementary

# WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- International & Domestic flight tickets
- Meals, if not specified in the itinerary
- Gratuities for guides and drivers
- Balloon Over Bagan Fees
- Visa upon arrival & Myanmar stamping fee at the airport (35US\$ paid by cash at the airport)
- Travel insurance (we highly recommend that you purchase adequate insurance)
- Personal expenses, such as laundry, telephone, drinks, etc. All other services not specified in the itinerary
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- Surcharge for Peak Season at above mentioned hotels (if have)