

MRAUK U EXPEDITION

Myanmar (Yangon – Sittwe – Mrauk U – Yangon)

1. OVERVIEW:

This 4 day tour is to discover Mrauk U – the lost city which still remains undiscovered to the world. Once the powerful kingdom of the Rakhine people, it offers some of the richest archaeological sites with numerous ancient temples and pagodas. You also wander around local market or ascend up the hill at sunrise to be marveled at the magical sight of morning mist shrouding the temples before they shine magnificently in sunrays. Last but not least, visit some ethnic villages and meet tattooed women with well-preserved lifestyles.

2. ITINERARY IN BRIEF

DAY	ITINERARY
1	YANGON – SITTWE
2	SITTWE – MRAUK U BY BOAT
3	MRAUK U
4	MRAUK U – SITTWE – YANGON

DAY 1: YANGON – SITTWE

Morning, transfer to the airport for domestic flight to Sittwe, the capital and main port of Rakhine (Arakan) State. Upon arrival, you are picked by our guide then transfer to hotel for check in.

Afternoon, visit the Cultural Museum where you find the collection of displays and exhibitions about the Rakhine people's history and their culture (closed on Mondays, Tuesdays and Public Holidays). After that, you continue by a local TukTuk or car along the Strand Road to discover some local shops and the energetic areas of the area. You can't miss visiting the Phayagyi Temple - a 100-year old golden faced Buddha. Afterwards drive to the city's "View Point" to enjoy an exquisite sunset over Sittwe's bay and the Gulf of Bengal before returning to your hotel for overnight.

Meals: No

Accommodation: Royal Sittwe Resort in Sittwe (3*)

Royal Sittwe Resort: Surrounded by natural environment and pleasant atmosphere with fresh sea-breeze from white sea-waves, Royal Sittwe is really cleaning and beautiful resort in the area. If you like a holiday in peace and silent, you'll find a true relaxation here. You also can have bicycling, running and breath-taking fresh sea-breeze on Sittwe Beach. We believe you will relax and feel happy in your leisure time.

DAY 2: SITTWE – MRAUK U BY BOAT

Have an early breakfast at hotel then check out and drive to visit the town's fish market, the Jetty of Kaladan River where you will embark the boat for an upstream trip (approx. 6hours) to the last royal capital of Rakhine. Lunch will be served on board. You'll then visit Mrauk U - one of the wealthiest Asian capitals in the world during the 5th century. This ancient city is dotted with more than 700 temples remains as Myanmar's 2nd most famous archaeological site. Arrival in Mrauk U around midday, transfer to your hotel for check in.

Afternoon, start a tour to discover Koethaung Temple, the largest architectural monument in Mrauk U. Continue to visit the Yadana Mann Aung Pagoda, SakayaMannaung Pagoda and Launbanpyauk Pagoda that built by King Minkhaungraza in 1525. You'll visit PitakataikLibrary, the last remaining library out of 48 that were once in Mrauk U before driving back to hotel. Enjoy your

compulsory dinner at hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Royal Sittwe Resort in Sittwe (3*)

DAY 03: MRAUK U

Today, you will leave your hotel at around 6:00 am in order to catch an impressive sunrise over the misty hills of Mrauk U. Afterwards, return the hotel for breakfast before exploring in Mrauk U with a visit to local market. Continue to visit the Royal Palace ruins and learn the extensive collection of art facts and relics the Archaeological Museum. Lunch will be on your own account.



This afternoon, you'll visit the Shit Thaug Pagoda which was built in 1535 and considered to be the city's most highlight monument. Explore a collection of Arakanese Buddha images and reliefs before going to Andawthein Ordination hall, a multi-spire structure filled with inimitable stone carvings. End of day, you visit the circular Ratanabon Pagoda, Dukkhanthein Temple and Laymyetnha Pagoda, the first pagoda to be built in Mrauk U in 1430. Transfer back to hotel. The hotel's compulsory dinner is served.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: ShweThazin Hotel in Mrauk U (3*)

ShweThazin Hotel: Located right in the Cental, it is very comfortable for you to make a move around for sightseeing. It features 18 only rooms with standard 3-star amenities. With 24 hour room service and 24 hour security, no limited to mini bar that will definitely bring you a nice experience in Mrauk U.

Option: Extension to Laytoo Chin Villages (1 Day)

FULL DAY MRAUK U – LAYTOO CHIN VILLAGES – MRAUK U

Today, you will be driven by a jeep on an infrequently travelled road (approx.40 minutes) to the seashore of the Laymro River where you take a small boat to sail upstream for around 2 hours. You'll reach the village of KreikChaung, discover the lifestyles of local Laytoo Chin people and meet few tattooed women. A picnic lunch will be served on board. Afterwards, continue your boat trip up to the village, Panbung which is nearest to KraikChaung. On the way stop for a visit to the scenic farms of peanut, chilly or bean. Stroll around this quiet village before transferring by boat to the place where your jeep is ready to bring you back hotel along the picturesque way. Compulsory dinner served at hotel. Overnight stay in Mrauk U

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 04: MRAUK U – SITTWE – YANGON

After breakfast at hotel, drive to the jetty to embark on a local boat and cruise back to Sittwe while learning the local river-life along the way. Lunch will be served on board. Arrival at Sittwe jetty, a private care is waiting to take you to Sittwe Airport. Fly back to Yangon.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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Group Size	2	3 – 4	5 – 6	Single supplement
Value (3 stars)	581	475	406	119
Optional tour	180	150	135	31

SURCHARGE FOR OTHER MATTERS

***** If the travel date meets with Special season period like Christmas, New Year, there will have surcharge needed to add to the above tour cost**

***** Compulsory Dinners; If the travel date meet with X'mas Eve and New Year's Eve, clients obliged to take the compulsory dinner at the hotels.**

- **Supplement airticket:** the rate is subject to be changed without prior notice
 - **Yangon –Sittwe/Sittwe–Yangon: US\$ 138.- per person (one way)**

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Accommodation in a double or twin room with daily breakfast
- Services of a driver and private air-conditioned vehicle during all tours and transfers
- Experienced 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
- Lunch or dinner as specified in the itinerary

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- International & Domestic flight tickets
- Myanmar visa fees
- Meals, if not specified in the itinerary
- Travel insurance (we highly recommend that you purchase adequate insurance)
- Gratuities for guides and drivers
- Personal expenses, such as laundry, telephone, drinks, etc.
- All other services not specified in the itinerary

HOTEL USED IN THIS TOUR:

Place	3star hotel	Website
Sittwe	Royal Sittwe Resort <i>or similar</i> – <i>Standard</i>	RoyalSittweResort
Mrauk U	Shwe Thazin Hotel <i>or similar</i> – <i>Superior</i>	ShweThazinHotel

