

6 DAYS _ MYANMAR EXPRESS

Myanmar (Yangon – Bagan - Inle Lake – Yangon)

1. OVERVIEW:

Myanmar, formerly known as Burma, remains unknown to the world for centuries. It is the enigma makes the country becoming one of the most visited destinations in Southeast Asia. In this tour, you will have chance to discover this ancient land and its well-preserved spiritual rituals. Explore the expansive Buddhist temples and monasteries of Bagan, picnic beside ancient temples, taste local cigars, chat with skillful artisans. Glide silently past local Shan villagers and their centuries-old stilt houses on the serene waters of Inle Lake in this time-locked land and tour the colonial-era city of Yangon. As well as careful selection of hotels to deliver you all the diversity, characters and refined hospitality of Myanmar.

2. ITINERARY IN BRIEF

DAY	ITINERARY
1	YANGON ARRIVAL
2	YANGON - BAGAN
3	BAGAN FULL DAY CITY TOUR
4	BAGAN – HEHO – INLE LAKE
5	INLE LAKE – INDIEN – HELO – YANGON
6	YANGON DEPARTURE

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.

Same day, we transfer to visit the former capital Yangon and also the largest city and the most important commercial center in Myanmar.

Tour starts with a visit to the 2,600 years **old Shwedagon Pagoda**, the most sacred Buddhist pagoda for the Burmese can be seen from almost anywhere in Yangon. You will start at the eastern staircase where you will find the shops selling various religious items and other unique objects. Upon reaching at the main platform, 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

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Meal: Breakfast

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

DAY 2: BAGAN FULL DAY CITY TOUR

Free at leisure until transfer to airport for domestic flight to Nyaung U (Bagan city). Flight time is approximately 1.5 hours.

Arrival airport, you are transferred to Bagan ancient town by private car & guide.

You might get surprise when you visit Bagan city. Featuring more than 2000 red brick temples scattered across an area of 41 square kilometers in the central region of Myanmar, Bagan is known to be one of the greatest architectural sites in Asia.

Your guide take you to visit the renowned Shwezigon Pagoda considered to be the prototype of later Myanmar stupas; constructed by King Anarahta in the early 11th century. Continue your visit to Kyansittha U Min, Htilominlo Temple and Gubyaukgyi Temple which has an exquisite mural painting of 13th century. Also visit to Manuha Temple built in 1059, and Nan Phaya which has been built in the 11th century by the Mon King Manuha. Then move on to some workshops of lacquer wares and wood crafts to learn about local production. Transfer back to your hotel for refreshment.

In the afternoon, drive to the jetty and board on a private boat along the majestic Ayarwaddy River towards Kyaukgu U Min. Enjoy the fabulous scenes of local lives on the water while cruising. Stop to explore a riverside village and observe the lives of the residents there before reaching Kyaukgu U Min, built during the 13th century for the locals to hide from the invading Mongols according to the legend. After your exploration, a combination of a relaxing cruise and car will take you back to the hotel. Lunch and dinner will be on your own account.

Meal: Breakfast

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

DAY 3: BAGAN FULL DAY CITY TOUR

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. Minnanthu is probably the most favorite temple area amongst frequent Bagan visitors but whenever you see a temple you like, just ask your guide to stop to have a look at it – simply pick your own favourite temple. 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*)

DAY 4: BAGAN – HEHO – INLE LAKE

Morning, transfer to 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 Thaik. 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 5: INLE LAKE - RUINS OF INDEIN & FLOATING GARDENS - YANGON

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.

Transfer to airport, continue take flight back to Yangon. Arrival airport, you are welcomed by our guide & driver then transfer to the city

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Yangon (3*, 4* or 5*)

DAY 6: YANGON DEPARTURE

Free at leisure until transfer to airport for flight departure

4. EXTENSION TOURS:

Add-on beach relaxation or tours to neighbor countries; Laos, Cambodia and Thailand or Myanmar

5. PRICE: All rates are per person sharing DBL or TWN/FB Basis, in US dollar, net and non-commissionable.

Date: 01 Oct 2015 – 30 Apr 2016

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-8 pax	9-10 pax	Single Supp
First Class	873	786	685	670	644	319
Superior packages	893	805	705	689	664	358
Deluxe packages	1236	1150	1049	1034	1008	689

SURCHARGE FOR FLIGHT TICKET

Date: valid from 01 Oct 2015 until 30 April 2016

Airfares per ticket inclusive of domestic airport tax in US Dollars (USD)	Air Bagan (W9)	Air KBZ (K7)	Mann Yadanapon (7Y)
Yangon (YGN) to Nyanung U (NYU)	132	134	128
Nyaung U (NYU) to Heho (HEH)	112	113	109
Heho (HEH) to Yangon (YGN)	132	134	128

Note:

The above airfares are inclusive of domestic airport tax.
Airfares are subject to change with or without prior notice.

Date: 01 May 2016 – 30 Sep 2016

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-8 pax	9-10 pax	Single Supp
First Class	795	704	598	581	554	231
Superior packages	820	729	623	605	579	255
Deluxe packages	1131	1040	934	916	890	553

SURCHARGE FOR FLIGHT TICKET

Date: valid from 01 May 2016 until 30 September 2016

Airfares per ticket inclusive of domestic airport tax in US Dollars (USD)	Air Bagan (W9)	Air KBZ (K7)	Mann Yadanapon (7Y)
Yangon (YGN) to Nyanung U (NYU)	125	142	134
Nyaung U (NYU) to Heho (HEH)	112	113	109
Heho (HEH) to Yangon (YGN)	125	142	134

Note:

All the tour cost & airfares are pro-rates only.
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Once the airlines publish their updated fares, we will update to you.

Date: 01 Oct 2016 – 31 Dec 2016

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-8 pax	9-10 pax	Single Supp
First Class	948	853	744	726	699	346
Superior packages	968	874	765	748	720	389
Deluxe packages	1341	1248	1139	1121	1094	748

SURCHARGE FOR FLIGHT TICKET

Date: valid from 01 October 2016 until 31st December 2016

Airfares per ticket inclusive of domestic airport tax in US Dollars (USD)	Air Bagan (W9)	Air KBZ (K7)	Mann Yadanapon (7Y)
Yangon (YGN) to Nyanung U (NYU)	160	162	154
Nyaung U (NYU) to Heho (HEH)	117	118	114
Heho (HEH) to Yangon (YGN)	160	162	154

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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.**

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.
- 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
- **1 bottled Mineral water and refreshing towel are available as complementary**

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- International & Domestic flight tickets
- Meals, if not specified in the itinerary
- Gratuities for guides and drivers
- 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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LIST OF HOTELS USED:

Destination	First Class – 3 star	Superior packages – 4 star	Deluxe packages – 5 star
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Yangon	BEST WESTERN GREEN HILL - www.greenhillhotelyangon.com (Deluxe room)	TAW WIN GARDEN HOTEL www.tawwingardenhotel.com/ (Deluxe)	TRADERS HOTEL www.shangri-la.com/yangon/suleshangrila (Deluxe Room (new rooms))
Bagan	BAWGA THEIDI HOTEL - www.bawgatheidhithotel.com (Superior)	AYE YAR RIVER VIEW RESORT - www.ayeyarriverviewresort.com (Deluxe)	AUREUM PLACE RESORT - www.aureumpalacehotel.com/bagan.html (Deluxe Room)
Inle	GOLDEN ISLAND COTTAGES I & II - www.gichotelgroup.com (Superior)	MYANMAR TREASURE RESORT www.myanmartrasureresorts.com (Superior (Garden View))	AUREUM PLACE RESORT - www.aureumpalacehotel.com (On the shore)

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- All prices are quoted in USD/ per person, based on Double/Twin occupancy
- Supplement for standard Myanmar menu meals: US\$ 14 for lunch & US\$ 18 for dinner
- Private services & daily departure
- Surcharge for Compulsory dinner for Xmas and New Year Eve
- Surcharge for Peak Season at above mentioned hotels (if have)

FREE OFFER

- Mineral water is available during transfers
- Vietnam visa approval letter on arrival (this fees isn't refundable even clients don't need)