

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 - Depart UK

Depart UK and fly to Yangon via Singapore international airport.

Day 2 - Arrive Yangon and explore the city

Arrive in Yangon, transfer to your hotel then explore the city at your own pace.

Day 3 - Escorted tour of Yangon highlights

Uncover the diverse history and culture of Yangon with a full day of escorted sightseeing. Your guide and driver will collect you from the hotel and accompany you all day. Visit the Shwedagon pagoda, Little India, Chinatown and Bogyoke market. Overnight in Yangon.

Day 4 - Escorted tour of Yangon's lesser known sights

Half day tour exploring the everyday life of Yangon's residents including a train ride around the city, market visits, Kyaukhtatgi pagoda followed by tea in a local tea shop. Visit Kandawagyi Park, one of the greenest spots in the city. Your afternoon is at leisure. Overnight in Yangon.

Day 5 - Leave Yangon and transfer to Bagan

Fly out of Yangon for Bagan, formerly the capital of Myanmar. Visit an elevated temple to enjoy panoramic views of the magnificent plains of Bagan, explore a lacquer-ware workshop followed by a horse-and-cart tour passing the highest temple in Bagan. End the day with an unforgettable sunset over the plains. Overnight in Bagan.

Day 6 - Escorted tour of Bagan

Visit a local market to watch local people buying and selling products then take a walking tour to explore nearby temples. In the afternoon travel to the rural village of Minnanthu, one of Bagan's least visited areas. An optional hot air balloon tour can be arranged today. Overnight in Bagan.



Day 7 - Pandaw cruise along Ayeyarwady River

Transfer from the hotel to the jetty to board the Pandaw river cruise boat. A welcome drink awaits you in the saloon before the boat casts off at 11:30am for a full day of cruising. Lunch will be served onboard and the afternoon includes a stop at a typical river village to observe daily life before having dinner onboard. Overnight onboard.

Day 8 - Pandaw river cruise to Mandalay

Enjoy a full day of cruising along the picturesque river. Visit Yandabo village where the peace treaty of the First Anglo Burmese war was signed in 1826. The village is well known for its traditional pots which you can watch being made in front of you. Moor up near a village a few miles away from Ava bridge. Lunch and dinner are provided. Overnight onboard.

Day 9 - Escorted tour of Mandalay

Early risers can enjoy watching the sun rise over the river and surrounding areas. After an early breakfast, disembark the boat and begin a full day of sightseeing in Mandalay including visits to pagodas and traditional workshops. In the afternoon visit Kuthodaw pagoda, composed of 729 marble stone slabs, then continue to Shwenandaw monastery which is famous for its exquisite woodcarving. Overnight in Mandalay.

Day 10 - Tour Sagaing, Ava and Amarapura bridge

Explore the environs of Mandalay including the former capitals of Sagaing, Ava and Amarapura. Sagaing is widely regarded as the religious centre of Myanmar and has 600 white-painted pagodas and monasteries to see and an interesting local market to explore. Explore Ava by horse-and-carriage and stop for lunch. Visit a silk-weaving workshop in Amarapura then walk along the 200 year old teak bridge, the world's longest teak span bridge. Overnight in Mandalay.



Day 11 - Fly to Heho and drive to Kalaw

After breakfast, transfer to Mandalay airport for a flight to Heho then drive to Pindaya to see the famous Buddha caves and visit mulberry paper and umbrella workshops. Have lunch in Pindaya then drive on to Kalaw, a former hill station for the British which has cooler temperatures and is surrounded by lush green hills. Overnight in Kalaw.

Day 12 - Escorted Kalaw day walk

Visit Kalaw's morning market then embark on a light day walk lasting between three and five hours into the surrounding hills. Pass by farms and many villages inhabited by the area's ethnic hill tribes. Return to Kalaw later in the afternoon and relax at the hotel or explore the town on foot. Overnight in Kalaw.

Day 13 - Drive to Nyaung Shwe for Inle Lake

Leave Kalaw and drive to Nyaung Shwe, the gateway to Inle Lake. Stop at a monastery en route which has beautiful carvings. On reaching the lake, board a private motorboat to Inle Lake, one of Myanmar's most spectacular sights. Pass villages built on stilts over the lake, inhabited by the local Intha people. Observe the leg-rowing fishermen and see their floating gardens built up from strips of water hyacinth and mud, anchored to the bottom with bamboo poles. Overnight at Inle Lake.

Day 14 - Escorted tour of Inle Lake

After breakfast visit Inle Lake's morning market then continue down a small canal leading to the Pa-oh village of In Dein. Explore the area on foot, strolling around the village and wander through the beautiful Alaung Sitthou area which has stunning views of the lake below. Your afternoon is at leisure to relax. Overnight at Inle Lake.

Day 15 - Fly from Heho to Yangon then fly to UK

This morning leave Inle Lake and transfer to Heho airport for a flight to Yangon. Your guide and driver are at your disposal today and a hotel room will be available for you to freshen up before flying back to the UK via Singapore.



Visitors on our tours will be greeted wherever they go with smiling faces and shouts of 'Minglabar' from local passers-by and our recommendation is get here before the crowds do. From the golden domes of the Shwedagon pagoda in Yangon (formally the colonial capital known as Rangoon) to watching the sunset over U Bein's bridge in Amarapura, this country throws up a myriad of surprises and wonders at every turn.

Explore on planes, trains, boats, jeeps, horse carriages and hot air balloons to see incredible pagodas and stupas as well as floating villages and local people. This tour has it all and will provide you with a lifetime of memories.

The best time to visit is during the cool, dry season between November and February. Days remain very warm but it can get chilly at night in the hills. In March, the thermometer can leap from highs of around 28C in central Burma to over 40C, with debilitating levels of humidity. The monsoon rains start in late May and often continue into October, though the wettest month is August.



Sagaing Hill

EXPLORE MYANMAR (BURMA)

Officially known as Myanmar but still often referred to as Burma, this country has seen a dramatic rise in popularity over the past five years, and rightly so. From tropical palm fringed beaches to ancient temples and so much more in between, Myanmar is a hidden gem.



TOUR DETAILS

This is a wonderful 15 night tour which takes in the highlights and wonders of Myanmar on Singapore Airlines via Singapore.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Shwedagon pagoda and Kyaukhtatgi pagoda
- Sunset over Bagan
- Cruise along the Ayeyarwady River
- Tour of Mandalay
- Sagaing Hill
- Inle Lake and its morning market

ITINERARY IN BRIEF:

- Yangon x 3 nights
- Bagan x 2 nights
- Pandaw River Cruise x 2 nights
- Mandalay x 2 nights
- Kalaw x 2 nights
- Inle Lane x 2 nights



Hot air ballooning over Bagan



Yangon



Fishing on Inle Lake



Schwedagon pagoda in Yangon



Pandaw river cruise



Inle Lake