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Bagan, Myanmar

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ESSENTIAL MYANMAR

9 DAYS & 8 NIGHTS / PRIVATE JOURNEY

YANGON, BAGAN, RV PAUKAN CRUISE & MANDALAY



This journey through Burma discovers the highlights of this diverse country, beginning with the majestic Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon. Continue to ancient Bagan, where thousands of pagodas fill the horizon in every direction reflecting the Burmese people's deep-rooted belief in Buddhism. Journey to the last royal capital of Mandalay and take a cruise on the Irrawaddy River to see remote villages where life has changed little for centuries.



2012 DATES

*PRICES FROM

Jan-Apr	\$ 4,755
Single Supplement	2,640
Internal Air	270

Note: Upon request, your travel consultant can provide an exact price based on your specific dates of travel.

Day 1 (Sat/Tue): Arrive Yangon

Upon arrival in Yangon, you will be welcomed by your Cox & Kings local representative and transferred to your hotel. Afternoon tour of the city including the National Museum, Kyaukhtatgyi Pagoda and Shwedagon Pagoda. **The Governor's Residence (Deluxe Garden View Room) – 1 night**

Option: Shwedagon Pagoda to your hotel transfer by 'Elephant Coach', the colonial Chevrolet bus.



Young Monk, Bagan

Day 2 (Sun/Wed): To Bagan

Fly to Bagan (Nyaung Oo). On arrival, visit the Tayokye Pyay temple, the Shwezigon Pagoda, the nearby cave temple of Wetkyi-In Gubyaukgyi and the elegant Htilominlo Temple. In the afternoon, visit the magical Ananda Temple. From here, travel by horse cart for a tour passing the temples of Thatbyinnyu, Dhammayangyi and Sulamani. Enjoy an unforgettable sunset. **Thiripyitsaya Sanctuary Hotel (River View Suite) – 2 nights (B)**

Day 3 (Mon/Thu): Bagan

Embark on a hot-air balloon flight at sunrise. Available only from October to March. After breakfast, visit Nyaung Oo Market. Continue to Myinkaba village for a short walking tour to explore the temples of



Reclining Buddha, Sagaing

HIGHLIGHTS

- MAJESTIC SHWEZIGON PAGODA
- HOT-AIR BALLOON FLIGHT OVER THE PLAINS OF BAGAN
- MAGNIFICENT SUNSET VIEWS FROM MANDALAY HILL
- VISIT THE MAIN RELIGIOUS CENTER OF SAGAING

OPTIONALS

- 'ELEPHANT COACH' TRANSFER - SHWEDAGON PAGODA TO HOTEL
- SANDBANK COCKTAIL OR BURMESE DINNER
- SOAN OFFERING CEREMONY AND LUNCH AT THE MONASTERY

EXTENSIONS

- BANGKOK • LUANG PRABANG
- SIEM REAP

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Htilominlo Temple, Bagan

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Rural Vintage, Myanmar

Manuha and Nan Paya and also visit a lacquer ware workshop. Afternoon visit Minnanthu village before heading for a cruise down the Irrawaddy River. (B)

Option: Choose from two optional activities available. Enjoy cocktails on a sandbank in the middle of the Irrawaddy River. **OR** Relish a Burmese dinner in the grounds of an ancient temple.

Note: Dinner subject to a permit from the local authorities. Alcoholic beverages cannot be served.

Day 4 (Tue/Fri): To Mandalay

After breakfast, commence your journey to Mandalay. Relax on deck and enjoy a welcome cocktail. Feast on a delicious lunch and in the late afternoon, visit a typical river village. **RV Paukan 2007 (Suite Cabin) – 2 nights (B, L, D)**

Day 5 (Wed/Sat): Upstream to Mandalay

Cruise all day with a stop en route in the morning to visit Yandabo, a river village that specializes in pot making. Moor overnight nearby a village, a few miles away from Ava Bridge. (B, L, D)

Day 6 (Thu/Sun): Mandalay

After an early breakfast, disembark at Sagaing jetty (Thu) or Gawein jetty (Sun). Proceed on a tour of Mandalay with a visit to Mahamuni Pagoda. Tour traditional workshops where century-old techniques of wood carvings and gold-leaf crafting are still intact. This afternoon, visit Kuthodaw Pagoda and Shwenandaw Monastery. Head to the top of Mandalay Hill at sunset. **Red Canal Hotel (Run of the House) – 2 nights (B)**

Day 7 (Fri/Mon): Mandalay

After breakfast, visit Sagaing. Home to over 3,000 monks and 100 meditation centers, visit pagodas such as Swan Oo Pon Nya Shin, U Min Thone Sae, and Shin Pin Nan Gyaing.

Option: Experience the Soan Offering ceremony which is the last meal of the day for Buddhist monks and enjoy lunch at the monastery.

Afternoon visit a silk weaving workshop and enjoy a walk along the 150 year-old U Bein Bridge. (B)

Day 8 (Sat/Tue): To Yangon

Fly to Yangon. **The Governor's Residence (Deluxe Garden View Room) – 1 night (B)**

Day 9 (Sun/Wed): Depart Yangon

Depending on your flight time, there is an option to take a ride on Yangon's Circle Train in the morning. Disembark at the Insein market and wander through various stalls before returning to Yangon. This afternoon, visit Bogyoke Market. Transfer to Yangon airport for your international flight. (B)

**Important Note: RV Paukan does not operate during low season (May to Sept). We can offer a similar program without the Mandalay cruise should you wish to travel during this period. Please*

contact your tour consultant for further details. Note: Whenever possible, we work with local organizations to ensure that any money or investment in the country remains at the local level.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All hotel accommodations as per the itinerary
- Meals as noted in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch & D=Dinner)
- All transfers and transportation on a private basis
- Private sightseeing as described in itinerary including entrance fees and services of professional local guides

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International air travel (USA to Asia)
- Airport departure taxes
- Flights in Myanmar
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Excess baggage fees
- Personal items and alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities to your guides, drivers, porters and hotel service

VISA

A visa is required for U.S. passport holders visiting Myanmar. The visa must be obtained in the U.S. prior to departure.

WEATHER

The best time to visit Myanmar is October – March.