

FASCINATING MYANMAR

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Coverage:

Yangon, Bagan, Salay, Mt. Popa, Mandalay, Amarapura, Ava, Sagaing, Mingun, Inle Lake.

Tour Code:

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DAY (01) YANGON ARRIVAL

Arrival at YANGON Airport in the morning, welcomed by your PEACE HOUSE tour guide and transfer to hotel. Afternoon YANGON sightseeing includes KARAWEIK HALL, a royal floating barge, for photo stop; SULE PAGODA, dating back over 2,000 years ago; and visit to BOGYOKE AUNG SAN MARKET (formerly known as Scott market to the British) to see Myanmar traditional handicrafts, cloths, snacks and famous Myanmar jewellery abounded in stalls of the market. Then enjoy the sunset at SHWEDAGON PAGODA, one of the world's most spectacular monuments. If arriving at YANGON Airport in the evening, welcomed by your PEACE HOUSE tour guide and transfer to hotel. Overnight in Yangon.

DAY (02) YANGON - BAGAN (BY FLIGHT)

Breakfast. Early morning transfer to YANGON Airport. Flight from Yangon to Bagan by private domestic airlines. From the airport, start your full day BAGAN sightseeing tour includes a visit to NYAUNG-U MARKET; SHWEZIGON PAGODA, the prototype of Myanmar stupas; 12th Century frescoes adorning the corridors of KYANSITTHA CAVE TEMPLE. WET GYI INN GU BYAUK GYI TEMPLE , with superb mural paintings of Jataka scenes; HTILOMINLO TEMPLE noted for its plaster carvings ; and ANANDA TEMPLE, an architectural masterpiece and its Groundwork resembling a Greek Cross. Afternoon, visit MANUHA TEMPLE in Mon style built in 1059; NANPHAYA TEMPLE, a unique sandstone monument said to have been the palace of King Manuha; MYINGABA GU BYAUKGYI TEMPLE with its fine mural paintings under the protection of UNESCO. At the end of the day watch sunset over the majestic AYEYARWADY RIVER from one of the temples. Overnight in Bagan.

DAY (03) BAGAN - MT. POPA

Breakfast. Morning drive to MT. POPA, the core of an extinct volcano last active 250,000 years ago, known as the 'Mt Olympus' of Myanmar, the abode of Myanmar's most powerful NATS, the most important NAT Worship Centre. En route visit to the village and observe the daily life of toddy palm climbers. Return to Bagan. In the afternoon, observe Myanmar Traditional Lacquer-ware workshops. Today we enjoy the wonderful sunset view from boat on the Mighty AYEYARWADY RIVER. Overnight in Bagan.

DAY (04) BAGAN - MANDALAY - AMARAPURA - AVA - SAGAING (BY FLIGHT)

Breakfast. Morning transfer to BAGAN Airport. Flight from Bagan to Mandalay by private domestic airlines. On arrival, start your full day excursion to AMARAPURA, 11km south of Mandalay. This trip will take you to MAHAGANDAYON MONASTERY where more than a thousand monks live and study, to see their last meal of the day in total silence. Continue to U BEIN WOODEN BRIDGE built in 1782. And observe Myanma traditional hand-woven silk workshop. Continue to AVA, tour highlights include the 27-metre-high Masonry Watch Tower, the NANMYIN (or) the "Leaning Tower of AVA"; MAHA AUNGMYE BONZAN OK KYAUNG, a brick and stucco Monastery; AVA BAGAYA MONASTERY built with 276 teak pillars and observe Myanma traditional Alms bowls workshop. Afternoon across AVA Bridge, built by British engineers, to visit picturesque SAGAING HILL which is perhaps the living centre of Buddhist faith in Myanmar today. Hillsides are dotted with numerous pagodas and monasteries. Continue to visit KAUNGHMUDAW Pagoda, with its huge egg - shaped dome in Ceylonese style. Return to Mandalay. Overnight in Mandalay.

DAY (05) MANDALAY - MINGUN

Breakfast. Morning boat trip to MINGUN, just 12km on the west bank upstream from MANDALAY. Upon arrival, MINGUN PAHTOTAWGYI PAYA, one of the world's largest chedis built by Bodaw Paya; the World renowned ringing MINGUN BELL weighing 90 tons. Take a ride by ox-cart to a village near by to see village life. Return to MANDALAY. Afternoon sightseeing includes ROYAL PALACE, known as "The Golden City" or "The Center of the Universe"; MAHAMUNI BUDDHA IMAGE, covered with thick layers of gold leaves. Continue to Tapestry Workshop; Marble carving and Bronze carving workshops; SHWENANDAW KYAUNG or GOLDEN PALACE MONASTERY, a superb traditional wooden building; KUTHODAW PAGODA, known as the World's Biggest Book with the collection of 729 stone slabs on which are inscribed the whole of the Buddhist scriptures. In the evening enjoy the sunset from MANDALAY HILL. Overnight in Mandalay.

DAY (06) MANDALAY - INLE LAKE

Breakfast. Morning transfer to MANDALAY Airport. Flight from Mandalay to Heho by private domestic airlines. Transfer from Heho Airport to Nyaungshwe, on the edge of INLE LAKE. En route visit SHWEYANPYAY MONASTERY. Continue to INLE LAKE, well known for its unique leg rowers and scenic beauty with wonderful floating Gardens. Afternoon, visit traditional pure SILK WEAVING FACTORY in INPHAWKHON Village and KNIFE MAKING BY BLACK-SMITH in PHEKHON Village. Overnight in Inle Lake.

DAY (07) INLE LAKE

Breakfast. Full day sightseeing of INLE LAKE, tour highlights include; 5 day rotation MARKET (if available) at one of the village; NATIVE'S METHOD OF FISHING; GOLD AND SILVER SMITH WORKSHOPS at YWAMA Village; CHEROOT and BOAT MAKING WORKSHOPS in NAN PAN Village. Continue visit to PHAUNG DAW OO PAGODA, housing five sacred and almost shapeless Buddha images. Afternoon, visit SHAN SHOULDER BAG WEAVING CENTER; FLOATING GARDEN and NGA PHE CHAUNG MONASTERY, better known as "Jumping Cat Monastery", a beautiful old teak wood building. If time allow, visit a village to see village life. Overnight in Inle Lake.

DAY (08) INLE LAKE - YANGON (BY FLIGHT)

Breakfast. Leave the hotel by boat and drive down to HEHO Airport. Flight from Heho to Yangon by private domestic airlines. Overnight in Yangon

DAY (09) YANGON DEPARTURE

Breakfast. Travellers having arrived at YANGON Airport in the morning of day 1 will transfer morning to airport for departure flight. For those having arrived at YANGON Airport in the evening of day 1, a morning of sightseeing will include YANGON CITY TOUR highlights as shown in day 1 itinerary. Then transfer to airport for departure flight.