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# Classic Myanmar Seat In Coach tour - 10 Days/9 Nights (Mandalay - Bagan - Inle Lake - Yangon)

# **Trip Dates:**

Nov 09, 2017 Nov 16, 2017 Nov 23, 2017 Nov 30, 2017 Dec 07, 2017 Dec 14, 2017 Dec 21, 2017 Dec 28, 2017 Jan 04, 2018 Jan 11, 2018 Jan 18, 2018 Jan 25, 2018 Feb 01, 2018 Feb 08, 2018 Feb 15, 2018 Feb 22, 2018 Mar 01, 2018 Mar 08, 2018 Mar 15, 2018 Mar 22, 2018 Mar 29, 2018

#### Day 1 – Arrive Mandalay

(-/-/-)

You will be met at Mandalay International Airport by your Pegu Travels representative, and then taken by minibus transfer to your hotel.

In the evening, enjoy a stroll around downtown Mandalay and its historic moat and palace walls, as well as a chance to try the tasty street food! (On your own)

Overnight in Mandalay

#### Day 2 - Inwa - Amarapura and Mandalay sightseeing

(B/-/-)

In the morning, we visit another ancient capital close to Mandalay, Inwa. The town was founded in 1364 and was the royal capital on and off for 400 years. Highlights include the 'leaning tower of Ava', Maha Aungmye Bonzan and the teakwood monastery of Bagaya Kyaung.

And then we will visit **Amarapura**, to the south of Mandalay, where you will meet young monks at the Mahagandayon Monastery and walk across the beautiful and unique U Bein Bridge, the longest teak bridge in the world.

After lunch, we will see more of the sights of Mandalay, the final capital of Burma's Konbaung Dynasty until its decline in 1885 at the hands of the British Empire. Explore its plethora of pagodas and monasteries, including the highly-revered **Mahamuni Pagoda**, the wood-carved **Shwenandaw Monastery** and the 'world's largest book' at Kuthodaw Pagoda. In the evening, enjoy a spectacular sunset from atop **Mandalay Hill**.

The Chinese population of Mandalay is huge, and before dinner we'll walk around an interesting **Chinese night market** on 75th street, with stalls selling a huge variety of goods - including fruits, vegetables and Chinese cuisine.

Overnight in Mandalay

## Day 3 - Mandalay - Bagan (Boat)

(B/L/-)

Transfer to the Mandalay's Gawein Jetty at 6am for boat cruise down the mighty Irrawaddy River to Bagan, arriving in time for dinner. On the way you will have the chance to relax and take in the slow pace of riverside life, including a local village visit (lunch on board the boat).

Remark: Alliance Myanmar cruise is available on their schedule departure and once its cancel; we will use alternative Cruise (without stop over at the village)

Overnight in Bagan

#### Day 4 - Bagan sightseeing

(B/-/-)

Take a sightseeing tour of one of Asia's most stunning archaeological sites, the thousands of temples on the plains of Bagan.

You will have the chance to explore some of the most beautiful and historically significant temples such as the Shwezigon Pagoda; Wetkyi-in-Gubyaukgyi; Ananda Pagoda; and Ananda Ok Kyaung; as well as the lively Nyaung Oo market.

After lunch, take the chance to visit a traditional lacquerware factory (a speciality of this region) and one of the finest pagodas in all of bagan, the Dhammayangyi Pahto. At sunset, witness extraordinary views across the plain from atop a pagoda selected by your guide.

Overnight in Bagan

## Day 5 - Bagan - Popa - Sinn Luu - Bagan

(B/L/-)

Head south east by minibus for a half-day trip to **Mount Popa**, where you will have the chance to ascend the 777 steps to the famous Popa Taunkalat Monastery. Located perilously on top of a volcanic plug on the slopes of the mountain and offers panoramic views of the region, the monastery is said to be home to 37 nats (ancient Burmese spirits that pre-date Buddhism, which are represented by statues at the base). On the way we will visit to Sinn Luu Village, lunch at monastery.

After lunch, return to Bagan, stopping on the way to see the process of making *htan ye* (palm toddy), a mildly alcoholic drink fermented from the sap of the same palm trees used to make sugar.

**Optional activity:** In the afternoon, explore the plain of Bagan by **electric bike** (USD 8 per person, Half Day bike).

Lunch at Sinn Luu Monastery

Overnight in Bagan

#### Day 6 - Bagan - Heho (Flight), Pindaya sightseeing

(B/-/-)

Early morning transfer for the flight from Bagan to Heho, from where we will drive to Pindaya, a serene lakeside town set in the hills of Shan State. Upon arrive to Pindaya we will be the opportunity to see the Pa-O and Danu tribal villages of local village, as well as fields of dry cultivated mountain rice and potato as far as the eye can see.

Overnight in Pindaya

#### Day 7 - Pindaya - Inle Lake - Thaleoo

(B/-/-)

After breakfast, head to the **Pindaya Caves**. Located just to the south of the town, they contain nearly 8,000 Buddha images that have been placed there over the centuries as a form of merit making. Made of various materials and of different sizes, the statues are situated in every nook and cranny throughout the many cave chambers. On the walk to the caves, you will pass through an atmospheric section between gigantic trees whose trunks and branches weave unusually along the ground.

From Pindaya, head to Nyaung Shwe the gateway town to **Inle Lake**. On arrival, you will take a boat from the jetty for a sightseeing tour of the lake. Highlights include the floating gardens, Inn Paw Khone village to witness the lotus and silk weaving industries, boat making, and the floating village of Ywama, the central Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda, the museum-like Nge Phe Kyaung monastery and Thae Lae Oo village.

Overnight in Inle

# Day 8 - Indein pagodas and cooking Class

(B/L/-)

In the morning, take the short walk from your hotel to Nyaung Shwe jetty. Your boat will take you to the crumbling 17th century pagodas at Indein on the western shore of Inle Lake, weaving up narrow creeks as you make your way to the pagodas. Also in the area you will have the chance to explore ethnic Pao villages, after which you will return to Nyaung Shwe.

Next, head to a local restaurant to learn about **cooking traditional dishes**, including Shan specialties, which are famous across Myanmar; participants will take away printed recipes, as well as a souvenir apron and a cap to remember the day.

Lunch at cooking class

Overnight in Inle

## Day 9 - Heho - Yangon (flight) Yangon sightseeing

(B/-/-)

Transfer from Nyaung Shwe to Heho airport for the flight to **Yangon**.

Until 2005 Myanmar's capital, Yangon remains its biggest city and bustling heart. Take a guided tour of this fascinating and fast-changing place, first visiting the National Museum to see its historical treasures, then the chance see some traditional Myanmar handicrafts (and some last-minute shopping!) at **Bogyoke Aung San Market** (also known as Scott Market). Later in the afternoon, we will visit the huge Reclining **Buddha Chauk Htat Gyi**, before enjoying sunset at the stunning **Shwedagon Pagoda**, one of the world's great religious structures.

In the evening, explore the **vibrant streets of Chinatown**, with the chance for some street-side beer and barbecue food.

Overnight in Yangon

# Day 10 - Yangon Free and departure (-/-/-)

If your flight departure time allows, explore the streets of **downtown Yangon** - home to the largest number of colonial-era buildings in Southeast Asia - at your own leisure (your guide will provide a city map and some detailed suggestions).

Depart from Yangon International Airport, transfer by client's own arrangement.

#### \*\*\*End of service\*\*\*

**Note:** The itinerary described above may be subject to change depending on weather conditions, domestic flight time changes and cancellation.

## Valid (October 2017 ~ March 2018)

# Tour Price per person in twin sharing room basis in USD: (Minimum 2 pax)

Hotel Categories	USD	Single Supplement
3 star Hotel	1,748	534
4 star Hotel	2,167	1027

Transportation cost	Saloon for 2 Pax	Super Custom for 4 Pax	Hi - Ace for 6 Pax
Transfer from/to hotel/Yangon airport	USD 35	USD 47	USD 51
Transfer from/to hotel/Mandalay airport	USD 35	USD 42	USD 47
Transfer from/to hotel/Yangon airport (For Emirate Air Line)	USD 48	USD 70	USD 79

#### Supplement for Yangon Full Day Sightseeing with Spanish speaking guide:

Pax Range	1	2	3-4	5-6	7-10	11-14	15 up
Full Day Sightseeing (in USD)	214	122	114	76	75	62	56

## **Extra nights in Mandalay**

Victoria Palace Hotel, Deluxe room **USD 82** per room per night Eastern Palace Hotel, Deluxe room **USD 156** per room per night

#### Extra nights in Yangon

Panda Hotel, Superior room USD 82 per room per night

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Melia Yangon Hotel, Deluxe room **USD 179** per room per night

## Micasa Hotel, www.myanmar.micasahotel.com

Deluxe (Day Use for 6 hours) **USD 67** per room for 6 hours Deluxe (If above 6 hours) **USD 147** per room per night

# **Domestic Flight**

Yangon to Mandalay (flight) **USD 199** per way per person

## 3 star Hotel Usages:

Destination	Hotel	Category	Website
Mandalay	Victoria Palace (or) Similar	Deluxe	www.victoriapalacehotelmandalay.com
Bagan	Thazin Garden (or) Similar	Deluxe	www.thazingarden.com
Pindaya	Pindaya Inle Inn (or) similar Hotel	Bamboo Hut	www.pindayainleinn.com
Inle	Royal Nadi Resort(Nyaung Shwe) (or) Similar	Superior	www.royalnadiresort.com
Yangon	Panda Hotel (or) Similar	Superior	www.myanmarpandahotel.com

# 4 star Hotel Usages:

Destination	Hotel	Category	Website
Mandalay	Eastern Palace (or) similar	Deluxe	www.easternpalacehotels.com
Bagan	The Hotel @ Tharabar Gate (or) similar	Deluxe	www.tharabargate.com
Pindaya	Pindaya Inle Inn (or) similar	Chalet	www.pindayainleinn.com
Inle	Pristine Lotus Resort (or) similar	Floating Duplex	www.pristinelotus.com
Yangon	Melia Yangon Myanmar (or) similar	Deluxe	www.melia.com

# Our services include as follows:

- Accommodation with daily breakfast
- Meals as per program
- Domestic flight tickets as mentioned
- Passenger service charges for domestic flights
- Transfers and sightseeing by private air-con vehicle with drivers, as mentioned in program

- Mandalay ~ Bagan boat
- Lunch at Sint Luu Monastery
- Cooking class in Inle Lake
- Private local boat for Inle Lake excursion as mentioned in program
- Entrance fees and zone fees for the visits as mentioned
- Spanish/ English speaking throughout guide service (except airport transfer)

#### Our services do not include as follows:

- International flight ticket
- Visa arrangements for Myanmar
- Meals
- Insurance
- Visits not mentioned in the program
- Festival surcharges
- Drinks and personal expenses
- Tips and porters at the hotels
- Any other items not mentioned

(B= Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)

## Remark:

- Offered prices are subject to change depending on hotel availability, increases in domestic airfare fuel surcharge, local supplier contract rates changes especially with hotels and any other circumstances.
- There will be fuel surcharge during water festival and surcharge cost is to be advised upon request.
- Some hotels have compulsory dinner at Christmas and New Year period and dinner rates are to be advised upon booking confirmation and excluded on the tour cost.