

## 12D Very Best of Myanmar

### BRIEF ITINERARY:

#### Day 1 : Yangon (No Meals)

Upon your arrival in Yangon, welcome by our tour guide and transferred to your hotel for check-in. Enjoy private tour and drive through downtown to explore the city centre and its fabulous mix of architecture and sites. The streets are filled with historical buildings many of which have a faded colonial charm not seen elsewhere in Asia. You'll start at the post office – a lovely historic building, passing by Strand Hotel, Mahabandoola Garden and Independence Monument along the way. Then visit famous Chauk Htat Kyi, home to a 70-meter long reclining Buddha. The feet of the statue carved with traditional symbols and often many locals gathering to pay homage and pray. Photo stop at the Karaweik Hall royal floating barge. Nothing will prepare you for Shwedagon Pagoda, with its glittering gold stupa. At the pagoda observe local pilgrims and monks offering their devotions and enjoy the amazing sunset view at Shwedagon pagoda.

#### Day 2 : Yangon – Bagan (Breakfast)

Early morning flight to Bagan. Begin our exploration by visiting a busy local market and gain an insight into the bustling market atmosphere in Bagan. You will spend the day exploring the architectural masterpieces of this amazing town by visit to a diverse selection of the most important pagodas and temples. Then get to learn more about the local culture with a visit to two workshops producing Bagan's most famous products: lacquer ware and wood crafts. Watch as the skilled craftsmen use techniques passed down through generations to create beautiful items. In the late afternoon climbing to the top of the sunset hill for sunset views. Sit back relax and be amazed by the beauty of Bagan as you watch the sun slowly set behind the ancient Pagodas. Overnight in Bagan.

#### Day 3 : Bagan & Villages (Breakfast)

More than just temples, our tour introduces you to provide a great overview of Bagan's history, culture and local lifestyles. Today see the real way of life for most Myanmar people by visiting villages near Bagan to view the local lifestyle. Then you will explore Bagan from a different perspective as you explore the area by Pony cart. The cart can explore areas that cars are unable to enter giving a different feel of Bagan. In the late afternoon transfer to jetty where a private wooden river boat is waiting. Sitting under the shade or on the open-deck you'll be treated to fabulous views as you cruise down the Irrawaddy River to Shwezigon Pagoda. A private boat tour on the river during sunset time will hopefully show you a spectacular sunset. Relax and enjoy the scenery.

#### Day 4 : Bagan – Mandalay – Amarapura (Breakfast)

Transfer to the airport for your flight to legendary Mandalay, a city of great cultural importance. This morning visits the second most sacred image in Myanmar next to the Shwedagon Pagoda is the Mahamuni Pagoda. Visit local artisan's workshops of gold leaf making, woodcarving and marble carving. Next visit Golden palace Monastery famous for its intricate woodcarvings. Continue to the Kuthodaw Pagoda, which is known as the world largest book due to the Buddhist scripture carved on 729 marble slabs. Before sunset visit a 200-year-old teak bridge, the most photographic site in Myanmar.

#### Day 5 : Mandalay – Irrawaddy River – Mingun (Breakfast)

After breakfast you'll board a private local boat for a trip up the Irrawaddy to Mingun (45 min each way). Visit the Mingun Bell which weighs more than 87 tons and being the world's largest intact bronze bell, the unfinished Mingun Paya (built with the intention of being the world's biggest pagoda). Mingun's another highlight is the Hsinbyume Pagoda, a white-washed temple built to resemble Mount Meru. Throughout Mingun there are small neighbourhoods crafting traditional basketry and other artistic items and there is plenty of time to stop and interact with the craftsmen and friendly locals. After returning to Mandalay in the afternoon continues sightseeing and visits the ruined remains of the Royal Palace. This evening, enjoy a commanding overview of the city from the Mandalay Hill.

#### Day 6 : Mandalay – Heho – Inle Lake (Breakfast)

After breakfast, fly to Heho, gateway to Inle Lake. From Heho drive to NyaungShwe where we pick our boat & transfer to your hotel for check in. Enjoy the full day tour by private boat in Inle lake. Visit the Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda, the most holy religious site in southern Shan State. Be amazed by the local handicrafts, silk weaving, wooden handlooms and traditional blacksmith methods along the way. Visiting Inle Lake is not just about being on the water but also about discovering the Shan and Intha villages on the banks of the river. Pass the endless floating gardens, houses, monasteries built on stilts on the lake. Stop at Nga Phe Kyaung Monastery. Proceed to Nampan village and see local cheroot factory (where the Burmese cigars are made) and canoe carving.

#### Day 7 : Inle Lake – Indein (Breakfast)

Begin your day with a visit to the market, which rotates locations every five days and where hill tribe people dressed in colorful, traditional outfits — as they barter for goods and produce. We continue our sightseeing in Inle Lake, maneuvering by boat through long, scenic channels. We will visit the fascinating village of Indein, with its complex of ancient shrines and stupas and walk through exotic colonnades of stairways and shop stalls. We'll visit the "long neck" tribal women, and weaving and craft villages perched on stilts. See the lake's unique "leg rowers" – the Intha people row standing up with one leg wrapped around an oar. It is a feast for the senses and a photographer's dream.

#### Day 8 : Inle – Ngapali (Breakfast)

In the morning, return to Nyaung Shwe and continue to Heho for the flight to Ngapali. Transfer from Thandwe Airport to Ngapali Beach 20 minutes away. Here, in the Bay of Bengal is the beautiful beach of Ngapali with its charming fishing village and coconut trees. Relax on the beach or for the more active, enjoy various sports such as snorkeling, surfing or cycling.

#### Day 9 : Ngapali Beach (Breakfast)

Day leisure on the beach for sun bathing, swimming and strolling along the white sand beach. And visit nearby fishing villages by bicycle or boat.

#### Day 10 : Ngapali Beach (Breakfast)

Day leisure on the beach.

#### Day 11 : Ngapali – Yangon (Breakfast)

Morning flight back to Yangon. Then enjoy a visit to Scott Market, the sprawling 75-year-old Market. At the market you will find a whole variety of interesting Burmese souvenirs, from lacquer ware to gems & jewelry – bargain at the stores to fully experience the Burmese market atmosphere! Drive through the city and observe the influences of other cultures in the region. Intersperse in the tour are various religious sites such as the St Mary's Cathedral, built in 1899, and the Buddhist landmarks of Sule Paya and over 100-year-old beautiful Rangoon Synagogue. In there you will have the opportunity to meet with Trustee of the Synagogue to learn the Jewish Life in the Pagoda Land. Then visit Little India and Chinatown – stop to greet the vendors and let them introduce you to their wares – some familiar, some exotic.

#### Day 12 : Yangon – Departure (Breakfast)

After breakfast, day at leisure until transfer to airport for International departure flight.



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## Highlights:

- Discover the world famous golden Shwedagon Pagoda
- Visit Bagan and get stunning with its spectacular massive ancient temples
- Capture the mystery and romance of Mandalay
- Observe the influences of other cultures in the region
- Explore the tranquil waterways of Inle Lake through floating gardens and villages
- Relaxing at famous Ngapali beach

## TRAVEL PERIOD: October 2020 to March 2021

ALL MARKET (SGD)	MINIMUM 2 PAX					3 – 5 PAX					6 – 8 PAX				
	Adult			Child		Adult			Child		Adult			Child	
	SGL	TWN	TRP	CWB	CNB	SGL	TWN	TRP	CWB	CNB	SGL	TWN	TRP	CWB	CNB
<b>3* Hotels</b>	2,289	<b>1,848</b>	1,848	1,848	1,388	2,168	1,728	1,728	1,728	1,298	1,978	1,538	1,538	1,538	1,158
<b>4* Hotels</b>	3,028	2,218	2,218	2,218	1,658	2,908	2,098	2,098	2,098	1,578	2,728	1,918	1,918	1,918	1,438
<b>5* Hotels</b>	3,868	2,638	2,638	2,638	1,978	3,748	2,528	2,528	2,528	1,898	3,568	2,348	2,348	2,348	1,758

Remark: Surcharges may apply during the peak season 20 Dec – 15 January

Hotel	3-Star Hotels	4-Star Hotels	5-Star Hotels
<b>Yangon</b>	Merchant Art Hotel (Art Concept) or Central Hotel (Deluxe) or Similar	Sedona Hotel(Superior) or Pullman Hotel(Deluxe) or Wyndham Grand Hotel(Superior) or Similar	Chatrium Hotel Royal Lake Yangon(Grand Deluxe) or Sule Shangri-La(Superior) or LOTTE(Deluxe) or similar
<b>Bagan</b>	Su Tine San Royal Palace Hotel (Deluxe) or Shwe Yee Pwint Hotel (Bagan room) or Similar	Amata Garden Hotel(Deluxe) or Villa Bagan(Deluxe) or Similar	Heritage Bagan Hotel(Grand Deluxe Room) or Thiripyitsayar Resort(Deluxe River View) or similar
<b>Inle Lake</b>	Nyaung Shwe City Hotel (Deluxe) or 81 Central Hotel (Deluxe) or Similar	Amata Garden Resort(Deluxe) or Myanmar Treasure Resort(2nd Row Deluxe Lake View) or Similar	Sofitel Inle Lake Myat Min(Luxury room) or Aureum Inle Resort(Villa on the shore) or similar
<b>Mandalay</b>	Victoria Palace Hotel (Deluxe) or Ayarwaddy River View Hotel (Superior) or Similar	Hotel Shwe Pyi Thar (Deluxe) or Eastern Palace Hotel (Deluxe) or Similar	Mercure Mandalay Hill Hotel (Superior) or Hilton Mandalay (Deluxe) or similar
<b>Ngapali</b>	Memento Hotel or Pleasant View Resort or River Top Lodge or Similar	Amata Ngapali Resort or Bay View Resort or Jade Marina Hotel or Amazing Ngapali Resort or Similar	Sandoway Resort(Deluxe) or Aureum Resort(Ocean View Cottage) or similar

## Package Inclusive:

- (11) Nights' accommodation with breakfast
- All transfer and sightseeing by private air-conditioned car
- 5 domestic ticket with airport taxes (Yangon – Bagan – Mandalay – Inle Lake – Ngapali – Yangon)
- Private boat ride in Inle Lake & Mingun
- All entrance fees & all zone fees
- Experienced English-speaking local tour guide in each city
- Government tax & Service charges

## Package Exclusive:

- Meals & drinks (Lunch & Dinner)
- International airport tax and flight tickets
- Compulsory Christmas Eve/New Year Eve dinner
- Peak season surcharge for 20Dec'20 – 15Jan'21
- Visa arrangements
- Travel insurance & other personal expenses

## Terms & Conditions:

- \* This package is based on PRIVATE guide and transport vehicle.
- \* Please inform us when making the bookings.
- \* No refund after reservation/confirmation made. Cancellation charges apply accordingly
- \* Price & schedule subjects to change without prior notice
- \* The company reserve the rights to alter routes, timetables and itineraries reserved should conditions beyond our control render if necessary