

MYANMAR DISCOVERY 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS



I. HIGHLIGHTS

- Behold the magnificence of the Shwedagon Pagoda, a revered symbol of Myanmar's vibrant cultural heritage.
- Savor a stunning sunset cruise along the Ayeyarwaddy River, offering a picturesque view of Bagan's ancient splendor.
- Peek into the historic Yangon Parliament House, a site where Burma's journey to self-rule first unfolded, offering a fascinating glimpse into the nation's political

II. TOUR PROGRAM

DAY 1

Yangon Arrival

Upon your arrival at Yangon International Airport, you'll be warmly greeted by your tour guide at the arrival hall. From there, you'll be transferred to your hotel for some well-deserved refreshments. As the sun begins to set, immerse yourself in the mystical allure of the Shwedagon Pagoda. This iconic landmark, believed to be over 2,500 years old, boasts a magnificent golden stupa that stands as the spiritual heart of Buddhist Myanmar. The pagoda's central stupa is surrounded by intricately adorned buildings and statues, and it's a place where locals gather to pray and make offerings. Take your time here, observing life unfold against the backdrop of this sacred site.

DAY 2

Yangon – Bagan – Sunset boat ride

Our temple-hopping adventure begins with visits to some of Bagan's most revered and iconic temples: Shwezigon Temple, Ananda Temple, and Thatbyinnyu Temple. In the afternoon, we'll explore the Myinkaba area, where you'll find the Gubyaukgyi Temple and the awe-inspiring Dhammayangyi Temple—a massive structure dating back to 1170. Don't miss the opportunity to visit a renowned lacquerware workshop, where skilled artisans create exquisite lacquerware pieces. As the day gently wanes, around 4:30 PM (weather permitting), we'll head to the jetty for a private sunset boat ride on the Ayeyarwaddy River. Picture yourself on a traditional teak boat, sailing upstream for 30 minutes before gliding back downstream (with the engine off).

DAY 3

Bagan – Hidden Village – Popa – Bagan

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE: Very early in the morning, travelers have the unique opportunity to see the magical landscape of Bagan from a bird's eye view. Licensed pilots will provide a hot air balloon excursion lasting 30-60 minutes on average, depending on weather conditions. After a smooth landing, guests will enjoy a glass of champagne alongside a light breakfast while taking in the exceptional sights of one of Southeast Asia's most renowned locations. Each guest will also receive a certificate commemorating their unforgettable ride over Bagan.

Following breakfast at the hotel, the journey continues with a one-hour drive to a hidden village renowned for its residents' traditional hairstyles. Here, visitors can learn about the cultural practices around hair and explore the community's way of life.

Next is a visit to Mount Popa, where the scenic views from Popa Taungkalat Resort's terrace offer a stunning backdrop for lunch. Afterwards, the group returns to their hotel in Bagan for the evening

DAY 4

Bagan – Mandalay

After breakfast, the overland transfer to Mandalay begins. The approximately 250km journey takes 5-6 hours by road. Upon arrival, guests check into their Mandalay hotel for the night.

DAY 5

Mandalay – Amarapura – Mandalay

Following breakfast, the day's excursion starts with a short drive to Amarapura. Here, visitors will see monks receiving their morning meal at Mahagandayon Monastery. Next is a silk weaving workshop to learn about the production process. The renowned U Bein teak bridge and gold leaf beating demonstrations are also on the itinerary. In Mandalay City, notable sites include Kuthodaw Pagoda and Mandalay Hill, offering panoramic views at sunset before returning to the hotel.

DAY 6

Mandalay – Yangon

After breakfast, a morning flight transports guests to Yangon. The day begins with a visit to Chaukhtatgyi Pagoda housing one of Myanmar's largest reclining Buddha images. Nearby Kandawgyi Royal Lake provides a peaceful respite. An insider's tour of The Secretariat Building follows, before concluding with sights along the Yangon River and dinner at a local eatery.

Day 7

Yangon Departure

Following breakfast, travelers transfer to the airport for their international departure flight. The tour operator wishes all guests a wonderful experience exploring the highlights of Myanmar.

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Tour extensions: pre-tour or post-tour extensions are available, which would include accommodation and private transfers, please speak to Focus Asia travel consultant for further details.
