

## HIGHLIGHTS OF MYANMAR

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



### I. HIGHLIGHTS

- Admire the magnificence of the Shwedagon Pagoda, an emblematic testament to Myanmar's vibrant cultural legacy.
- Gain a deeper understanding of local life by exploring Kalaw's vibrant market, where neighboring villagers convene to trade an abundance of fresh produce.
- Embark on an enchanting voyage aboard your private long-tail boat, immersing yourself in the serene beauty of Inle Lake.

### I. TOUR PROGRAM

#### DAY 1

#### Yangon Arrival

Upon arrival at Yangon International Airport, you'll be greeted by your tour guide in the arrival hall before being transferred to your hotel for refreshment. In the evening, immerse yourself in

The spiritual ambiance of the world-famous Shwedagon Pagoda, an ancient site surrounded by intricately adorned buildings and statues, offering a captivating glimpse into Buddhist Myanmar. Spend your time witnessing the rituals and offerings of the local people, soaking in the vibrant atmosphere.

## DAY 2

### **Mandalay Exploration**

Transfer to Yangon Domestic Airport for your flight to Mandalay. Upon arrival, embark on a journey through Amarapura, where you'll visit the revered Maha Gandayone Monastery and local workshops showcasing traditional crafts. Discover the iconic U Bein Bridge, known as the world's longest teak bridge, before indulging in a local lunch. In the afternoon, explore the sacred sites of Maha Muni and Shwe Nan Daw Monastery, followed by a sunset experience atop Mandalay Hill.

## DAY 3

### **Journey to Bagan via Mount Popa**

After breakfast, embark on an overland transfer to Bagan with a stop at Mount Popa along the way. Enjoy lunch with panoramic views at Popa Mountain Resort before exploring Popa Taungkalat, home to Myanmar's most important spirits. Continue your journey to Bagan, where you'll check into your hotel for an overnight stay.

## DAY 4

### **Bagan – Sunset boat**

Begin your day with an optional hot air balloon ride over Bagan's stunning landscape (operational during high season). After breakfast, embark on a full-day sightseeing tour, starting with a visit to Nyaung Oo local market and the golden stupa of Shwezigon Pagoda. Explore Ananda Temple and Thatbyinnyu Temple before stopping at Dhammayangyi Temple and a lacquerware workshop. In the late afternoon, enjoy a private sunset boat ride on the Ayeyarwaddy River, offering a serene end to your day of exploration.

## DAY 5

### **Kalaw Trekking Adventure**

Begin your day with a transfer to Nyaung U airport for a flight to Heho. Upon arrival, continue your journey to Kalaw, starting from Myin Ka village where your trekking experience commences. Embark on a scenic walk from the village to Pein Ne Pin, a journey lasting approximately 2 to 2.5 hours. Along the way, marvel at the picturesque fields and encounter the diverse ethnic groups of Pa Laung and Danu, distinguished by their unique traditional costumes and dialects. In Pein Ne Pin, enjoy a simple lunch amidst the village atmosphere, and do

traditional Pa Laung attire for memorable photo opportunities. After lunch, traverse a different path back to Yay Yar junction, a one-hour journey from the village, where a light truck will transport you to your hotel in Kalaw. (Please note that today's transfers in Kalaw will be conducted using a light truck car. The program is subject to change based on domestic flight schedules, and overland transfers will be arranged if flights are unavailable on your travel date.)

#### DAY 6

### Exploration of Inle Lake

After breakfast, depart for Nyaung Shwe, the gateway to Inle Lake. En route, visit the teak-built Shweyanpyay Monastery to admire its intricate wood carvings and craftsmanship objects. Upon arrival in Nyaung Shwe, board a private long-tail boat to explore the enchanting beauty of Inle Lake. Visit Nga Phe Kyaung, renowned for its extensive collection of Buddha images, and Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda, the holiest religious site in southern Shan State. Continue to Mine Thauk Bridge, which divides the village of Maing Thauk between land and water, connected by a 450-yard wooden bridge. If time permits, visit a cheroot-making workshop in the Pauk Par village area.

#### DAY 7

### Return to Yangon

Transfer to Heho airport for a flight to Yangon. Upon arrival, begin your sightseeing with a visit to the revered Chaukhtatgyi, home to one of the largest reclining Buddha images in Burma. Continue to Kandawgyi Royal Lake for a peaceful retreat from the city's hustle and bustle. Later, explore The Secretariat building on a renovation tour, gaining insights into the historic Yangon Parliament House. Visit Botahtaung Pagoda, housing a sacred Buddha hair relic. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant, and if time permits, stroll along the Yangon River to observe the bustling harbor area.

#### Day 8

### Departure from Yangon

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Yangon International Airport for your departure. We hope you've enjoyed your time exploring Myanmar with our services. Safe travels!

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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.**

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