

Golden Myanmar (Burma) 8 Days

Yangon-Bagan-Mt.Popa-Mandalay-Mingun-Inle Lake-Yangon

Duration

: 08 Days / 07 Nights

Places

: Yangon-Bagan-Mt. Popa -Mandalay-Mingun-Inle Lake-Yangon

Tour Code: 8D-YBMI

Day 01

: Arrive Yangon (If by morning flight) (L,D)



Welcome to the Garden City Yangon ! Upon arrival, welcome by local guide with welcome present: postcard, and Map of Myanmar. Then transfer to Hotel for check in.

After take refreshment at the hotel, your sightseeing begin by visiting Chaukhtatkyi Pagoda, houses the fourth largest colossal reclining Buddha, and then photo stop at the heart of Yangon such as Sule Pagoda, Maha Bandoola Park with Independence Monument, City Hall, High Court and many colonial style buildings.

In the evening, enjoy the sunset at the magnificent Shwedagon Pagoda located on top of Singuttara Hill, where many locals and Buddhists come to worship. This Pagoda is thought to have been built between the 6th and 10th Centuries; however it has been rebuilt many times. It is here that eight strands of Buddha's hair are said to be kept. The pagoda is covered in gold and contains diamonds, rubies and emeralds. As well we can observe the customs of Buddhists in prayer, offering water, flowers etc. Overnight at Hotel in Yangon.

Breakfast: -----

Lunch: at outside restaurant

Dinner: at outside restaurant

(Yangon is with a population of over five million people, Yangon is the bustling former capital of Myanmar. The city boasts verdant parks, beautiful colonial buildings and the famous Shwedagon Pagoda. Yangon was declared the capital of Myanmar in the late 19th Century by the British. They rebuilt the town after a fire destroyed it in 1841, hence the colonial influences in the architecture. The British renamed the city Rangoon, however it has been restored to its original Burmese name of Yangon since 1989 when the country was also renamed Myanmar (replacing the British name of Burma).

Day 02 : Yangon-Bagan (by morning flight) (B,L,D)

Morning transfer without guide to the airport for flight to Bagan. On arrival, welcome by the stationed guide with your name board then hotel check in.

Full day Bagan sightseeing tour with a visit to Nyaung-U local market, the golden pagoda of Shwezigon pagoda, which is Pagan's most important reliquary shrine – look out for images of 37 "Nats" housed in a small hall. See 12th century frescoes adorning the corridors of Kyansitta "Cave" temple. Continue to Gubyaukgyi, another "cave" temple with fine frescoes of "jataka tales". Next stop is Htilominlo, the last Bamar style temple built in Bagan, with old murals and friezes. Pass through Tharaba Gateway into Old Bagan.



In the afternoon, visit Manuha Temple with gigantic Buddha images, a captive king's impression of life in prison; Nanpaya, an Early-style temple with the finest stone carvings, Ananda temple, a whitewashed masterpiece of Mon architecture with four standing Buddhas, and the adjacent brick monastery from the early Bagan era with well-preserved murals. Making a photo stop at the tallest temple measuring 61 meters Thatbuinnyu known as "temple of omniscience" and dating from 1091. Next, visit Dhamayangyi, a massive-looking temple dating from end of 12th century which is famous for its interlocking mortar less brickwork. Continue to Mingalarzedi, the last of the large pagodas built in the 13th century, representing the pinnacle of Bamar pagoda architecture. Then, visit local lacquer

workshop to watch craftsmen skillfully making this most famous of Bagan handicrafts. At the sunset time and climb to the top of Shwesandaw stupa to enjoy magnificent views over Pagan's temples and the Ayeyarwady River.

Overnight at Hotel in Bagan.

Breakfast: at the hotel

Lunch: at outside restaurant

Dinner: at outside restaurant

Optional tour: Horse cart ride or Bicycle ride by own account

Continue your Bagan exploration with a mix of villages, pagodas and landscapes. Start at a vibrant local market to catch a glimpse of daily life before driving to the countryside to visit some lesser-known religious structures tucked amid villages and farms. Travel by horse cart this afternoon through the temple plains, stopping for photos or more temple exploration, and catch the sunset from an elevated location. Charges is by own.

(Bagan with the advent of the 11th century and till the end of the 13th century, kings, generals and dignitaries spared no effort to have brick put upon brick, to build temples and pagodas one after the other with the solitary aim of favourably influencing their re-incarnation. It is believed as many as 12,000 temples and stupas once stood in the area; however, invasions, war and natural disasters have reduced most of these to rubble. Despite this, Bagan is home to more than 2,200 standing ancient temples today and as such, is Myanmar's greatest architectural site. As there are more than 2000 temples & stupas. Indeed it is difficult to cover all temples within limited time. Therefore we have carefully selected only some major temples for you in order to avoid hectic tourism. But if you want to see more temples, just let your guide or driver knows. They can show you as much temples as possible within your stay.)

Day 03 : Bagan-Mt. Popa-Bagan (by car) (B,L,D)



After early breakfast, we check out from the hotel to proceed for Mandalay. En route, we visit at Mt. Popa, stopping after 1 hour at a palm sugar production village. Mt Popa has an altitude of 2,418 feet and there are 777 steps to reach Taung Kalat, the temple located at the top (shoes and socks must be removed at the temple). The steps are tiled and under cover with railings to hold onto if necessary; it will take 1.5 hours of walking to the top and back. Please hold on to your belongings as there are many monkeys here. Its shrine is dedicated to the worship of the

37 Nats, the Burmese ancient animist spirits. Learn about nats and nat worship from your local guide. A short stop on the way will be made to study Toddy farmer's life like collecting toddy wine, making molasses, and making hands made oil.

This late afternoon, visit the village of Minnanthu to see how the local people live. In the afternoon, visit Abeyardanar temple with frescoes representing Bodhisattvas and the gods of Indian mythology. In the evening enjoy the beautiful sunset from one of the famous temple or pagoda. Overnight at Hotel in Bagan.

Breakfast: at the hotel

Lunch: at Popa Mountain Resort enjoy the pleasant over view from mountain

Dinner: at outside restaurant



Optional tour Hot Air Balloon riding for sunrise.

This morning we can make Hot Air Ballooning tour to enjoy beautiful sunrise. It is take about 45 minutes. Balloon Office will pick you up at 06:30 AM at your staying hotel by their old bus. Hot Air Ballooning offers overlook of Bagan scenery, which is spectacular from the ground. Then return to the hotel approximately around 08:15 AM to make sightseeing with the group. It is subject to change due to the weather conditions on the day. Surcharge for Balloon riding is to be advised.)



Day 04 : Bagan-Mandalay (by morning flight) (B,L,D)

Morning transfer without guide to the airport for flight to Mandalay. On arrival, welcome by the stationed guide with your name board then visit an ancient city of Amarapura meaning the 'City of Immortality'. Make a visit

Mahagandaryone Monastery the largest teaching monastery in Myanmar. Each day at around 10:30 close to 700 monks queue up for their morning meal ritual.

From the monastery continue to U Bein Bridge for a walk along this 200 year-old teak bridge. The bridge was constructed of 984 teak posts that were once part of the deserted Inwa Palace and it is 1.2 kilometers in length making it the world's longest teak span. Enjoy a stroll along the bridge and the fabulous views of the surrounding farms and streams.

This afternoon visit Mya Nan San Kyaw Palace (Royal Palace). This golden palace represents Myanmar's Sovereignty and independence and can arouse a national patriotic spirit amongst the people of Myanmar. The Royal Palace was destroyed by a British forces air raid in March 1945 but was finally renovated and restored faithfully into its original structure in September 1996. The 89 main halls were re-built with reference to the original photographs, pictures, palm-leaf manuscripts and a miniature model.

Later head to Shwenandaw Monastery, once part of the palace complex until it was dismantled and reassembled on its present site in 1880 as a monastery. This wooden structure is carved all over with beautiful motifs and mythical creatures. Originally the building was entirely covered in thick gold, today only the interior gold remains due to harshness of the tropical weather. Continue to Kuthodaw Pagoda, often called the world's largest book (a set of 729 huge stone slabs on which the Buddhist scriptures are inscribed).

Finish the day with a visit to Mandalay Hill to watch sunset over the city plains.
Overnight at Hotel in Mandalay.

Breakfast: at the hotel

Lunch: at outside restaurant

Dinner: at outside restaurant



(Mandalay is located 668 km north from Yangon and the last capital of the Burmese Kingdom. Mandalay embodies all the elements of Myanmar's ancient educational, social and cultural system yet the city is also heavily influenced by the Chinese who have relocated here since the Burma foreign trade restrictions were eased.)

Day 05 : Mandalay-Mingun-Mandalay (by boat) (B,L,D)

Today we go to Mayanchan jetty to embark on a boat trip up the Irrawaddy River from Mandalay to the riverside village of Mingun, enjoying the picturesque scenery of this river and the lifestyles of the local people who live and work on these waters. Unlike Ava and Amarapura, Mingun was not a royal capital yet has many interesting sites to see.

We visit the Mingun Bell which weighs more than 87 tons and is more than 3.7 metres tall. This is the world's largest uncracked bell. Just south of the bell you'll also visit Mingun Pagoda, a giant brick structure built in the late 1700s and although it was unfinished due to economic troubles it is still an impressive site. Mingun's other highlight is the Hsinbyume Pagoda, a white-washed temple built to resemble Mount Meru. Throughout Mingun there are small neighborhoods crafting traditional basketry and other artistic items and there is plenty of time to stop and interact with the craftsmen and friendly locals. Return by boat late this afternoon, as the sun begins to set. Then transfer back to your hotel. Overnight at Hotel in Mandalay.



Breakfast: at the hotel

Lunch: on the boat on the way back

Dinner: at outside restaurant

Day 06 : Mandalay-Heho-Inle Lake (by morning flight) (B,L,D)



Morning transfer without guide to the airport for flight to Heho where gate way to Inle Lake. Welcome by the stationed guide with your name board then you have to take a scenic route to Nyaung Shwe Jetty by traveling the uphill and winding road over the Shan Plateau.

Then transfer to the hotel by boat. After hotel check in, enjoy a boat ride on Inle Lake for the whole day. Your sightseeing will start with a visit the Phaungdawoo Pagoda, houses five small Buddha images. The next must see stop is Nga Phe Chaung Monastery, an attractive wooden monastery built on stilts over the lake at the end of the 1850s and where you can

see the popular jumping cats leap through the hoops. Your tour would be completed with a visit to local silverware workshop, Silk and Lotus weaving workshop, blacksmith workshop, cheroot making and traditional boat making factory, etc. Overnight at the Hotel in Inle.

Breakfast: at the hotel

Lunch: at outside restaurant, Dinner: at the hotel

(Inle Lake is located 900 metres above sea level and is approximately 22 km long and 11 km wide at its widest point. The lake is most famous for the extraordinary lives of the people who live on and around it, known as the 'Intha'. They are famous for their boat rowing technique; using only one leg! There are many villages surrounding the lake and several temples and floating gardens.)

Day 07 : Inle Lake-Heho-Yangon (by late afternoon flight) (B,L,D)

Morning visit famous of 5 market day if we coincide. This market is subject to availability as the date is set by the local people and the location changes every 5 days. This market usually finishes at approximately 10:00 am. You will see hill tribes trading their farm products of vegetables, fruits, sun dried tea leaves, art, works of wooden sculpture with their unique style in a bustling atmosphere.

Thereafter, visit Indein village, located at the western side of the lake. Passing Nyaung Ohak Monastery and follow a stair path lined up with many hundreds of wooden columns, you finally will reach the impressive Shwe Indein Pa-O complex. From the hillside you have great view over the lake area. On the way back to the boat, walk through a romantic bamboo forest at the riverside, where you may observe local people having a bath.



In the late afternoon, transfer to the airport for return flight to Yangon. Then hotel check in and overnight at the hotel in Yangon.

Breakfast: at the hotel

Lunch: at outside restaurant

Dinner: at outside restaurant

Day 08 : Yangon –sightseeing – Departure. (B)



If Morning Flight: After breakfast at Hotel, transfer to Airport for flight back to Hometown.

If Evening Flight: Check-out before noon and free as leisure until transfer to International airport for your home flight.

Breakfast: at the hotel

***** End of Tour *****



Land only package Cost:

Minimum 2 person or up

<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Tour Code</u>	<u>Twin Sharing</u>	<u>Child (no bed)</u>	<u>Single Suppl +</u>
3* Hotel:	8D-YBMI-3*	\$1328	\$1069	+\$300
4* Hotel:	8D-YBMI-4*	\$1598	\$1279	+\$560

* Reduction for triple room : \$75 each person.

* Child : Between 2-11 Years old.

Validity: from 01 Oct 2016 – 30 April 2017

Remarks:

* All Price are per person in USD.

* **Above land only package cost does not included International & domestic airfares.**

* There will be compulsory dinners at the hotels on 24th & 31st Dec 2015 and surcharge apply.

* Period from 13 -16 April, that will be held Water Festival and the price will be higher, surcharge apply.

Below domestic airfare are not included in above Land only cost:

SURCHARGE FOR DOMESTIC AIRFARE

From	To	Airfares (Economy Class)	Carrier/Airlines
Yangon	Bagan	USD 129	
Bagan	Mandalay	USD 85	
Mandalay	Heho	USD 85	
Heho	Yangon	USD 135	Air KBZ, Yangon Airways, Air Mandalay, Asian Wings, Air Bagan, Mann Yadanarbon air, Golden Myanmar Airline

Remarks:

- Above rate is per person and included airport departure tax.
- It is subject to be changed and will be updated at time of booking and ticket issuing.

Services Included	Services Excluded
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 07 nights accommodations with breakfast (Twin/Double room basis, check in time is 14:00 and check out time is 12:00) - All transfers, transportation and sightseeing by below private A/C vehicle types: - Meals (full board as per program) - Private boat for Mingun excursion in Mandalay - Private boat for visit on Inle Lake - English speaking stationed guide fee (difference guide in each city) Yangon: 1 guide, Bagan: 1 guide, Mandalay: 1 guide, Inle lake: 1 guide - Entrance fees as per detail program - 02 bottles of mineral water per person per day on bus - Porter charges at the airports - Governors' tax and service charges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visa fee for Myanmar - International airfares - Domestic airfare for FOUR sectors - Meals (other than not mentioned in the program) - Mineral water that beyond limit - Optional tours and excursion - Horse carriage and Bicycle ride in Bagan - Early check in & check out - Beverages, laundry services, mini bar, etc. - Personal expenses such as Camera fees, Tips etc. - Any other items not mentioned in Service Includes

Note: above rates are per person and included airport departure tax.

Remark: Above are current rate and it is subject to be changed and will be updated at time of booking and ticket issuing.

HOTELS LISTS (subject to availability): below hotels or similar ones of same category:

Cities	3 star Hotels	4 star hotels
Yangon	<p>Summit Parkview Hotel www.summityangon.com located 15 minutes walk to Shwedagon Pagoda, and 10 mins drive to the heart of the city</p> 	<p>Kandawgyi Palace hotel www.kandawgyipalace-hotel.com located on the Royal Lake within 20 minutes drive from downtown</p> 
Mandalay	<p>Mandalay City Hotel www.mandalaycityhotel.com Located in down town and close to Zay Cho Market</p> 	<p>Sedona Hotel www.sedonahotels.com.sg located just in front of the Mandalay Palace, 1 hr & 20 min drives from the airport</p> 
Inle Lake	<p>Golden Island Cottages Hotel www.gicmyanmar.com Located on Inle Lake</p> 	<p>Myanmar Treasure Resort www.myanmartreasureresort.com Located on the lake</p> 
Bagan	<p>Bagan Thande Hotel www.hotelbaganthande.com Bungalow type, located in Old Bagan on the river side and main archeological site</p> 	<p>Tharabar Gate Hotel www.tharabargate.com Located in old Bagan within 3 min walk to Anandar Temple and 10 mins drive from the airport</p> 