

CLASSIC MYANMAR

- DURATION – 18 days
- DEPARTURE – Flexible - best time to visit October to March
- PRICE pp share twin
2pax/NZD5745 3pax/NZD4920; 4pax/NZD4484; 5pax/NZD4240; 6pax/NZD4120
prices current at the time of publication (09/02/2009)
- INCLUDES - **Yangon Mandalay, Lashio, Musee, Ayeyarwaddy River cruise, Bagan, Inle Lake.**

Explore beautiful Myanmar on this comfortable journey that includes the classical highlights of Mandalay, Bagan and Inle Lake as well as the less travelled route up the Burma Road to the China border. Wind across the jungle clad Katchin hills to historic Bhamo and relax on a private charter boat for the journey down to Mandalay.

Day 1: arrive Yangon transfer to Hotel.

Day 2: Yangon

Sightseeing includes a visit to the old city and Scott Market. Visit to Shwedagon Pagoda for sunset.

Day 3: Flight to Mandalay

Morning flight to Mandalay. Visit to ancient city of Ava, a silk weaving workshop and U-Bein bridge

Day 4: To Lashio

Drive north to the colonial era hill station of Pin U Wyn. Cross the famous Gokteik viaduct and continue across the Shan Plateau to Kyaukme and Lashio

Day 5: To Musee

Today continue up the Burma Road to Kutkai and Musee city on the China-Myanmar border

Day 6: To Bhamo

Drive across the jungle clad Katchin Hills to Bhamo on the Ayeyarwaddy River. We have only 69 miles to travel but will take most of the day!

Day 7: Bhamo

Visit Bhamo market and wander at leisure in this historic town. PM visit nearby local villages.

Day 8: Bhamo to Katha (on boat)

Board our charter boat for the journey down river. We expect to reach Katha tonight.

Day 9: Htigyang to Shwebo (on boat)

Stops en route will include villages, pottery and points of interest. Depending on river flow, we expect to be close to Shwebo for our overnight stop.

Day 10: Shwebo to Mandalay (on boat)

We expect to arrive in Mandalay early afternoon. Transfer to the hotel, rest of day at leisure.

Day 11: Mandalay

Full day sightseeing includes the ancient Teak Palace, Kuthodaw Pagoda, Mahi Muni Pagoda, gold leaf workshop, Buddha carving street and puppet workshop. Conclude the day watching the sun set over the Mandalay Plains from Mandalay Hill.

Day 12: Mandalay - Bagan

This morning we are taking the short flight to Bagan. On arrival transfer to the hotel and after lunch begin our exploration of this fascinating archaeological site.

Day 13: Bagan

Full day sightseeing of Bagan archaeological zone, including a visit to Lacquerware factory. Evening return to the pagoda fields to watch the sunset.

Day 14: Bagan – Heho – Inle Lake

Time to relax this morning with a late start. We'll visit a local village before heading to the airport for the short flight to Heho and the 2hr road transfer to Nyaungshwe. Here we transfer to longtail boats for the trip out to our 'floating' hotel on the lake.

Day 15: Inle Lake

Sightseeing by longtail boat including visit to the floating market and craft operators around the Lake. Overnight Inle Lake.

Day 16: Inle Lake

This morning we visit the lake market at In Dein and explore the historic Inle capital on foot.

Day 17: To Yangon

We transfer back to Heho airport and take the early Pm flight back to Yangon. Afternoon at leisure.

Day 18: Depart Transfer to the airport