

South East Asia Silk Road

Yunnan, the Burma Road, Ayeyarwaddy River, Inle Lake, Yangon • Touring • 22 Days

Discover Yunnan's wonderful cultural heritage and stunning scenery as we trace two historic routes from the edge of the Tibet plateau to the ancient Burmese kingdom of Pagan. Follow the Burma Road from Dali to provincial Tengchong and the China-Myanmar border where we take the WWII Ledo link road across the Kachin hills to Bhamo on the Ayeyarwaddy river. We cruise down to Mandalay by 'family' charter boat to explore the "Golden Land" of Myanmar (Burma) with its spectacular archaeological heritage at Bagan and the handcrafted silks, silver and wood carvings at Inle Lake's magical floating villages.



South East Asia Silk Road TRIP DETAILS

2010 Departures

Escorted Small group

- 18th Oct—07th Nov

Trip Price : NZD7400pp

Private Departures

- March
- April
- May
- September

Trip Price : Price on application

Trip Length: 22 Days

Activity Type: Discovery

Link: from Tibet Tea Route to Ngapali Beach

WHATS INVOLVED IN THIS ITINERARY

• ROUTE

Includes Kunming, Zhogdian, Lijiang, Dali, Tengchong, Muse, Bhamo, Mandalay, Bagan, Inle Lake, Yangon.

This is an easy journey from the Tibet Plateau to the delta of the Ayeyarwaddy River. In Yunnan, Mandalay, Bagan, Inle Lake and Yangon road transport is air conditioned coach. On the Bhamo-Ledo link road we use local cars. The trip includes a full day on the historic WWII jungle track from Muse to Bhamo and it can be dusty. A 2½ day charter boat journey on the Ayeyarwaddy River and sightseeing by boat around the villages of Inle Lake are also highlights .

• GROUP SIZE and ESCORTS

The maximum group size is 12 people. SRA leaders accompany groups of 6 or more otherwise our groups are accompanied by local English speaking professional guides.

Private departures may either be fully or partially escorted by our local guides depending on your preference.

• ACCOMMODATION

Comfortable tourist standard hotels and guesthouses (en suite)
Single room supplement NZD690 To be confirmed

• INCLUSIONS

Our group departure prices are fully inclusive. Meals, local flights, road and rail transportation, entries and transfers are included. There are no hidden costs, no supplementary extras and no add-ons apply to any of the services associated with the advertised programme once it commences.

Meal plans for Private departures are flexible.

Itinerary at a Glance :

18-Oct-10 Arrive Kunming
Met on arrival, transfer to Hotel in Kunming

19-Oct-10 Kunming
Full day visit to Shilan "Stone Forest" World Geo Park.

20-Oct-10 to Shangri-La-White Terraces
Morning flight to Shangri La (Zhogdian) on the Tibetan Plateau. Visit the Monastery and Shangri-la town, lunch with local family. Drive through the azalea, holly oak and fir forest to White Terraces .

21-Oct-10 White Terrace – Lijiang
Sightseeing White Terrace area, drive to Tiger Leaping Gorge (Yangtze) River). Short walk along the road through the Gorge and down to the river at a narrow point in the gorge. Continue to Lijiang.

22-Oct-10 Lijiang - Dali
Morning sightseeing Lijiang Old Town (World Heritage Site), afternoon drive to Dali. Late afternoon and evening to explore Dali Old City.



23-Oct-10 Dali
Morning visit to Shizhou Village market and Jojang Village. Afternoon boat trip on Lake Erhai to visit the fishing village.

24-Oct-10 Dali-Tengchong
Drive on Burma Road to Tengchong crossing the Salween and Mekong Rivers en route.

25-Oct-10 Tengchong
Morning visit to Tengchong Volcanic National Park. PM to City market and at leisure in and around town.

25-Oct-10 Tengchong
Morning sightseeing in Tengchong, including the War Memorial. Afternoon drive to the Hot Springs area and walk around the thermal area.

26-Oct-10 Tengchong to Ruili-Muse
Morning drive via Mangshi and Black Mountain Gate Pass to Ruili. After lunch commence border formalities, cross to Myanmar and overnight Muse

27-Oct-10 Muse-Bhamo
Morning departure for full day drive via Burma /Ledo link Road to Bhamo. Time to stop for short walks on the road through the jungle.

28-Oct-10 Bhamo to Katha (on boat)
Morning visit to Bhamo market and town before boarding our charter boat for the journey down the Ayeyarwaddy River. We expect to be close to Katha for our first overnight stop. We'll either moor at Katha or along side the river bank. Overnight on boat

29-Oct-10 Htiyang to Shwebo (on boat)
Full day down river - 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.

30-Oct-10 Shwebo to Mandalay (on boat)
Our final day's journey down river. We expect to arrive in Mandalay early afternoon. Transfer to the hotel, rest of day at leisure.

31-Oct-10 Mandalay
Full day sightseeing includes the ancient Teak Palace, Kuthodaw Pagoda. Mahi Muni Pagoda, a gold leaf workshop, Buddha carving street and the National Handicrafts Centre, a veritable Aladdin's cave of puppets. Conclude the day watching the sun set over the Mandalay Plains from Mandalay Hill.

1-Nov-10 Mandalay - Bagan
Sightseeing in Mandalay this morning will include the ancient city of Ava, a silk weaving workshop and after lunch visit U-Bein bridge. Late afternoon flight to Bagan archaeological zone.

2-Nov-10 Bagan
Full day sightseeing of Bagan archaeological zone, including a visit to Lacquerware factory Evening return to the pagoda fields to watch the sunset

3-Nov-10 Bagan – Heho – Inle Lake
Morning visit nearby village in Bagan before transferring to the airport for afternoon flight to Heho and Inle Lake. Transfer to the Hotel on the lake shore

4-Nov-10 Inle Lake
Sightseeing by longtail boat including visit to the floating market and craft operators around the Lake. Overnight Inle Lake

5-Nov-10 Inle Lake – Yangon
Transfer from Hotel to head of lake, drive to Heho and connect with flight to Yangon. Overnight Yangon.

6-Nov-10 Yangon
Sightseeing of Yangon including a visit to the Bogyoke Aung San Market (Scott Market). Late afternoon visit to Shwedagon Pagoda for sunset.

7-Nov-10 Yangon Conclude
Morning depart Yangon for flight to Singapore / Bangkok