



Excursion:

Balloons over Bagan

25th of Nov morning 2018 – Duration 45 min

On this unique excursion, the gentle wind will take the role of commander, guiding you through a serene and peaceful sight-seeing journey of Bagan's temples and landscapes. Your day will begin with an early ride from your hotel on one of the vintage buses dedicated to the journey, and upon arrival to the location, snacks, coffee and tea will be expecting you. As you enjoy the refreshments, you will be able to witness the preparation process of the balloons being inflated. This is followed by a safety briefing and then, at dusk, it is time for take off!

The balloons are piloted at no more than 15mph by skilled professionals with years of experience, who also enjoy to narrate the speed/direction strategies of steering the balloon. This experience provides an ever-changing perspective of the archeological sites and beauty of Bagan you won't be able to seize otherwise. Please note that due to the limited space in the basket, there are weight and height requirements. After a graceful landing of the balloons, staff will be waiting for you with fresh pastries, fruits, and a glass or two of sparkling wine to conclude this excursion with a celebration of your flight.

Weight, height and age requirements

Any Passenger in excess of 125 kg / 280 pounds, or any passenger who requires the space in the basket for 2 passengers, will be required to book the additional extra space at the time of booking and pay a 100% surcharge of the ticket price. Failure to provide accurate information in advance could lead to the refusal of flight at the launch site, whereby no refund will be offered.

Minimum height 4.6 inches .tall (137 cm)

For Child under age of 8 years will not accept to fly . No children under 8, and under 16 must be accompanied by adult.

We will need height and weight of each balloon passenger when booking.



Extensions

Glorious Beach Escape

Although it is a popular retreat for locals, Ngapali has retained its lazy, fishing town appeal for decades. Spend four glorious days basking in the sun and give your body a well-deserved break from the exertions of the marathon at the Amata Resort.

Rustic fishing settlements are scattered around the area, making Ngapali a perfect base for exploring other small towns and villages. Or why not go snorkelling and discover the underwater world off the shores of the beach? Whatever your interests, Ngapali is the perfect destination for the end of your Myanmar journey.

Day 1 - 26 Nov 2018: Bagan - Ngapali

After breakfast, we fly to Thandwe and drive to the village of Ngapali. Check in to our hotel, the Amata Resort, and spend the rest of the day at your own leisure.

Day 2 - 27 Nov 2018: Ngapali

Go for a stroll in the village and enjoy delicious local dishes, swim in the crystal clear water or have a nap under the swaying palms. Just relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings!

Day 3 - 28 Nov 2018: Another day in paradise

Snorkel, swim or just laze on the beach. Enjoy your last day!

Day 4 - 29 Nov 2018: Departure

After breakfast and checkout we head to the airport for our flight to Yangon and your onward journey. Flying time is approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes and arrival in Yangon is estimated before noon. However, flight times are not yet confirmed and delays do occur, so it is NOT recommended to book your onward flight out of Yangon earlier than 15:00 today.



Magical Inle Lake

Famous for their special leg rowing technique, the Intha people are one of several hill tribes living on and around Myanmar's second largest lake. The beautiful floating gardens dot this vast lake and make up for a meditative landscape to sail around. On shore crumbling stupas at the foot of the mountains enhances the dreamlike scenery and it is almost as if you are on a different planet. If the included guided tours aren't enough, you can rent a canoe and paddle through the calm waters or take a bicycle and explore the lush countryside. Either way, Inle Lake is balm for the soul.

Day 1 - 26 Nov 2018: Heho and Inle Lake

After breakfast and checkout, fly to Heho. En route to Nyaung Shwe, we visit the Shew Yan Pyae Monastery. Then we stroll through the local morning market before sailing to Inle and check in to our hotel.

Day 2 - 27 Nov 2018: Inle Lake

Wake up to the serene surroundings of the lake. Today we enjoy a full-day boat tour on the lake. Its calm waters are dotted with floating vegetation and fishing canoes. Experience the lake's unique 'leg rowers' - Intha fisherman who row standing up with one leg wrapped around a single oar, leaving their hands free to work the conical fishing net. We stop at Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda, the holiest religious site in southern Shan State. Visit a traditional silk-weaving workshop which uses wooden handlooms and a blacksmith's forge.

Pass endless floating gardens, where Intha lake dwellers grow fruit and vegetables. Continue by boat to visit Nga Phe Kyaung Monastery, one of the oldest on the lake, where you can see exquisite Buddha statues which are more than 200 years old.

Day 3 - 28 Nov 2018: More Inle

Explore a 5-day rotating market (if your visit coincides with the schedule) which offers an insight into the life of the ethnic Pa-O, Danu and Intha people who come to these markets to sell and buy goods. long-tailed boat across the lake to Indein, at the western end of Inle, for one of the most scenic trips on the Lake. Passing through the busy village of Ywama, the largest on the Lake, with many channels and tall teak houses on stilts; enter a long, often tree-lined canal, either side of which farmers cultivate their land against the backdrop of the Shan Hills. Disembark at the jetty and walk for 15 minutes through Indein village to reach the 14th - 18th century pagoda ruins of Nyaung Ohak. A covered walkway popular with souvenir stallholders leads up to Shwe Inn Thein Paya, a complex of weather-beaten 17th - 18th century zedi; some newly reconstructed.

Day 4 - 29 Nov 2018: Departure

After breakfast, transfer to Nyaung Oo Airport depart for Yangon by morning flight. Flying time is approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes and arrival in Yangon is estimated before noon. However, flight times are not yet confirmed and delays do occur, so it is NOT recommended to book your onward flight out of Yangon earlier than 15:00 today.



Mount Victoria and Chin Villages

26-29. November 2018 - 4 Days / 3 nights

This extension includes a visit to the Nat Ma Taung National Park, rich in rare and beautiful fauna and flora, which earned it a status of Outstanding Universal Value by Unesco... Quiet and relaxing walks on the small town of Kanpetlet and surrounding villages through small churches and homesteads, where the older local women of the Dai, Upu and Ya ethnic tribes sport intricate tattooed patterns on their faces... and a 3-hour hike up Mount Victoria's upper path, with an incredible sight once exiting the forest.

Also known as Nat Ma Taung in Burmese, it is the highest mountain in the Chin State and third tallest in Myanmar, located at 3,053m above sea level.

Day 1 - On our way to Mindat

We will begin this program with a brief meet and greet at the hotel and then begin our long drive on a small passenger car from Bagan to Mindat.

Along the way, the path can sometimes be rocky and bumpy and cattle can often be seen running through crop plantations and meadows. Lunch will be provided along the way. We will briefly stop at Chin village.

This day will be good for scenic photography and interacting with the local villagers, and will conclude with the arrival to Mindat, 4860 feet above sea level. Dinner will be provided at the hotel.

Day 2 - Mindat Market - Chin Villages – Kanpetlet

For our second day, we will begin with breakfast at the hotel and then head towards the Chin Village. Here we get to meet the locals, including some of the Chin women who still dress in their traditional attires, smoke tobacco pipes, and, depending on their age, might even have their faces covered in intricate traditional tattoos, a rite-of-passage practice that signified their arrival to womanhood, with symbols representing identifying messages of each tribe, and which is now outlawed by the government.

We will have lunch at a local restaurant and then leisure time to wander around the city center and local market in Mindat before heading towards Kanpetlet, where we will spend the night at a simple hotel.

Day 3 - The wonders of Mount Victoria

After an early breakfast at the hotel, we will go through the town of Kanpetlet to visit some of the smaller villages, enjoying the sight of the churches and simple homesteads, decorated with buffalo horns. This quiet rural backwater and tranquil environment will provide the perfect setting for a picnic before our next adventure.

Afterwards, we'll drive to the National Park's upper base camp to head for the summit of the wondrous Mount Victoria, which stunning nature and biodiversity has earned it the title of ASEAN Heritage Park.

Although the footpath is a little steep, the reward of this hike is the unbelievable view once we come out of the forest, rich with bird life and rare flora and fauna.

After our 3-hr hike, we return to upper base camp and down to our hotel in the picturesque old town of Kanpetlet.



Day 4 - Kanpetlet – Bagan – Flight to Yangon

Today, we'll have a morning breakfast at the hotel and then begin the drive to Bagan (150km), driving along the mountainous areas, through mist and quiet valleys. Arrival to Bagan, where guests will board domestic flight and fly to Yangon where the tour ends. We do not recommend you to book an evening flight out of Yangon because domestic flights often get delayed.

Important Notes

A trip to Mount Victoria must be regarded as an adventure tour because of the prevailing travel conditions: substandard accommodation with infrequent electricity supply, roads in a challenging or poor condition. Itineraries may have to be changed on the spot because of weather, transportation problems, etc. It is essential that all guests visiting Mount Victoria are fully aware of travel conditions as described above.