

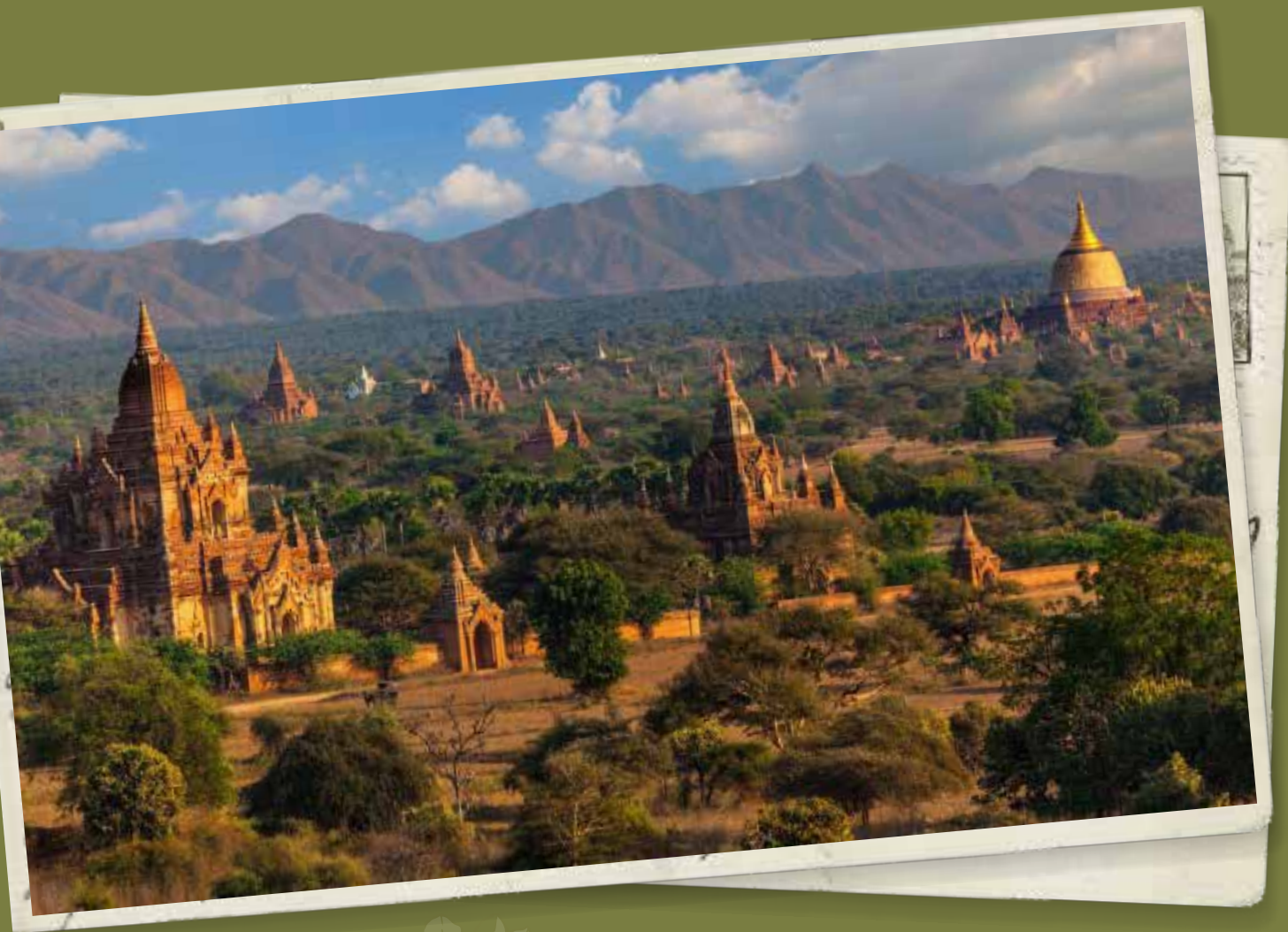


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Small Group Departure

MYANMAR'S ANCIENT HIGHLIGHTS



ITINERARY MAP & OVERVIEW



Departure Dates: 14 January 2018 - 23 January 2018
08 February 2018 - 20 February 2018
05 March 2018 - 14 March 2018

Trip Type: Small Group Departure

Number of Guests: Group of 5 - 10 Travellers

Room Type: Single/ Double/ Twin Rooms

Travel Style: Classic and Cruise

Destinations: Myanmar

Date	Location	Accommodation
Day 1 - Day 3	Yangon	Belmond Governor's Residence
Day 3 - Day 4	Bagan	Aureum Palace Hotel
Day 4 - Day 8	Cruise Bagan - Mandalay	Anawrahta Cruise - Golden Land Voyages
Day 8 - Day 10	Heho/ Inle Lake	Novotel Inle Lake Myat Min
Day 10	Heho - Yangon	Departs for home





DAY 1 - YANGON

Arrival to Myanmar

Upon arrival, when you leave the airport terminal please look for a tour guide displaying a welcome signboard with the Trails of Indochina logo and your name. Transfer from the airport to your hotel with guide.

Remainder of the day is at leisure.

Meals: None

Accommodation: Belmond Governor's Residence/ Deluxe

Address: 35 Taw Win Road, Dagon Township

Tel: 95 1 229 860. Fax: 95 1 228 260





DAY 2 - YANGON

Full Day City Tour and Myanmar Puppet Theatre

The city of Yangon is home to a vast collection of cultural sites.

Start the day with a visit to the magnificent Shwedagon Pagoda, one of Buddhism's most sacred sites believed to house eight hairs of the Gautama Buddha as well as relics of three former buddhas. The 99m (325ft) high golden stupa can be seen from almost anywhere in the city.

Drive to Kandawgyi Lake, a favourite picnic spot for locals and walk around the lake taking in scenes of local life. Continue to the Sule Pagoda, a 2,000-year-old golden temple in the southern part of the city. Finish the day with a visit to Chaukhtatkyi, known for its 70m (230ft) long Reclining Buddha. Later, return to your hotel.

Before electricity and TV came to Myanmar, puppet theatres were the highlight of entertainment as the sun went down. Expert puppet masters used to spend a lifetime as an apprentice, learning the ancient art of puppetry, including designing and carving the intricate wooden puppets, making their bright colourful clothing and learning how to master the rapid moves and dances passed down to them through generations. Fast, fun and often full of laughter and drama, the theatre in Yangon was set up to preserve this once thriving source of entertainment and to teach the younger generation the art of puppetry. Learn about the craft and watch a performance in a puppet theatre today.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Belmond Governor's Residence/ Deluxe





DAY 3 - YANGON - BAGAN **Bagan Highlights Tour**

After breakfast, meet with your guide at hotel and transfer to the airport for a short flight to Bagan.

Upon arrival, when you leave the airport terminal please look for a tour guide displaying a welcome signboard with the Trails of Indochina logo and your name. Transfer from the airport to your hotel with guide.

The regular check-in time is at 14.00; early check-in is NOT included and subject to availability.

The ancient city of Bagan in central Myanmar is reminiscent of other great ancient Southeast Asian cities such as of Angkor in Cambodia. Bagan, formerly known as Pagan, was the capital of several ancient Burmese Kingdoms. Approximately 2,200 of the originally 4,400 temples remain standing in Bagan.

Start your day with a visit to Shwezigon pagoda, one of the four most significant buildings in Bagan which served as the centre of reflection and prayer. Then, continue to Ananda temple with its four huge standing – Buddha images and numerous seated figures arranged around the interior gallery. Make a short excursion at Anauk Pwa Saw village to see the cotton weaving work as well as Minanthu village which produces cooking oil from peanuts. Also enjoy lunch at local restaurant on the way. Return back to hotel and take a rest.

In the late afternoon, visit to the Dhammayangyi pagoda, Bagan's largest temple. The temple is a large square, single story, pyramidal temple with six monumental ascending exterior terraces. Finally, enjoy sunset from one of the most scenic spots in town and return to the hotel in the early evening.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Aureum Palace Hotel - Resort - Bagan/ Orchid Villa - Lake View

Address: Near Bagan Viewing Tower, Min Nanthu Village, Nyaung Oo

Tel: 95 61 60046-7



**DAY 4 - BAGAN****Embark on Anawrahta Cruise for 5 Days 4 Nights/ Golden Land Voyage**

Spend your morning time at leisure.

Around noon you disembark the luxurious Anawrahta, berthed at the quay of Bagan. After a warm welcome by our staff offering some refreshments you move into your “home” for the next days. Enjoy a leisurely lunch as the ship sails towards Pakkoku.

Pakkoku is an old trading town on the western riverbank of the Ayeyarwady. Right before the arrival you see the longest bridge of Myanmar (Pakokku Bridge). On shore the tour takes us to some of the small industries in this area, such as a cheroot-rolling factory and a producer of ‘Burmese slippers’ (“flip-flops”). Local handicraft vendors try to make their living with it. A visit of the thriving market gives us an insight of the local goods and trading. Pakokku is also well-known for the production of Tobacco. If you like to buy some Burmese cigars, this is the place.

We continue touring to the Shwegu Temple. This temple features incredible, intricate carvings made from rare Yamane wood. It also houses a unique Buddha image seated on a lotus throne.

Back on board lunch is served and Anawrahta continues her journey, eventually arriving at the utmost highlight of this journey - Mandalay. The ship will dock at the Mandalay pier at the early afternoon (approx. 2PM).

As the evening approaches and the Burmese sun immerse everything in a golden light a special event will take place at the Kipling’s Bar. Dress up in style as we send “A toast to the past” during a British club gathering where gents may whiff cigars and ladies sip on tasty gins with tonic. Share some tales of the old (British-Burmese) days. Isn’t sometimes the time to lose time. Adjacent dinner is served at the Hintha Hall. If you feel like it you can join our open air cinema under the stars on the sun deck showing classic movies (depends on weather conditions).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Anawrahta Cruise/ Deluxe - 4 nights “Golden Land Voyage” Bagan - Mandalay





DAY 5 - ANAWRAHTA CRUISE

Pakkoku - Yanderbo

For early morning risers, there is a special opportunity to participate at a yoga session on the sun deck. Strengthen your muscles and ease your mind by merging with the Ayeyarwady and its therapeutically slow flow upstream. We leave in the morning from Pakkoku for our next stop Yanderbo. While you are enjoying breakfast, the ship passes the confluence of the Ayeyarwady and it's greatest tributary, Chindwin River.

We arrive at the quiet, small riverside village of Yanderbo. An unique and fascinating gem of a village where in 1826 the King of Ava signed the Treaty of Yanderbo, signaling the end of the First Anglo-Burmese war. Nowadays the villagers produce a type of water pot which is reputed to keep water cooler than pots from anywhere else in the country. Anawrahta's broad-knowledge guides will offer you the explanation to that. On foot we explore the village. You quickly notice that the villagers here are extremely friendly, charming and open for chit-chats. You will definitely take back home some enchanting memories. Their techniques and skills to produce a variety of pots and utensils are perplexing. Try yourself to work on one of these pots. Back on board a delicate lunch buffet awaits you.

The ship continues its journey northwards. Gaze on the river banks of this eternal stream from your bench on the sun deck or alternatively, a spa treatment would have the same recreation effects. In the afternoon we learn more about some of the long-lasting traditions (Longyi and Thanaka demonstration). A fascinating presentation about the history and culture of Myanmar follows afterwards.

Before dinner you may like to enjoy one of our various treatments in the Thanzin Spa. Dinner is served at the Hintha Hall restaurant. If you feel like it you can take a seat at our open air cinema under the stars on the sun deck showing a classic movie (depends on weather conditions).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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DAY 6 - ANAWRAHTA CRUISE

Yanderbo - Ava - Mandalay

In the morning, our yoga class helps you to get in the right form for a day.

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast as the ship sails some more miles northwards before we arrive in Ava.

In Ava, we disembark for a wonderful discovery of some very highlights of this former royal capital. By horse-drawn carriage we explore this area, sprinkled with many kinds of distinguished ancient monasteries and fanes: Bagaya Kyaung a jaw-dropping teak monastery built in 1834, which nowadays continues to be a monastic school; Maha Aung Mye Bonzan Monastery or the Nanmyint watch tower come both in a different art and creation. It is the peace of Ava which you will then hopefully absorb during a laid-back apéritif at a secret place in the middle of this sacred spot on earth.

Back on board a feast of a lunch buffet is served and Anawrahta continues the cruise northwards, eventually arriving at the utmost highlight of this journey - Mandalay. Take some time to observe the beautiful Sagaing Hills with loads of scattered pagodas while the ship is passing by. We will dock at Mandalay at the early afternoon (approx. 2PM).

In the afternoon, a magnificent tour shows us some of the most interesting sights of Mandalay. Observe the incredible process of the gold-leaf beating, visit a silk-weaving manufacturer and finally have a stroll through the amiable streets hosting many marble-carving workshops. The ultimate highlight of this day is a sunset cruise in a small rowing boat around the famous 200 year old "U-Bein Bridge"- a true "Kodak" moment. We wistfully return to the boat.

After some refreshing time and before dinner, you are invited to watch a traditional dance and music performance by students and teachers of the Mandalay Art School. After dinner our nightly open air cinema is offering another classic movie on the sun deck (depends on weather conditions).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Anawrahta Cruise/ Deluxe/ 4 nights "Golden Land Voyage" Bagan – Mandalay





DAY 7 - ANAWRAHTA CRUISE

Mandalay - Mingun - Mandalay

Wake up in the early morning and follow the going-ons on the Ayeyarwady before breakfast is served.

Today we take our guests on an amazing discovery of the most impressive pagodas of Mandalay during a morning tour. First we visit the Kuthodaw Pagoda, which is known as the “the world’s largest book”. This pagoda comprises of a gilded pagoda, hundreds of shrines housing inscribed marble slabs and several pavilions.

We continue to the Mahamuni Pagoda, which is one of the most important Buddhist pilgrimage sites in Burma and houses the most highly revered Buddha image in the country. Last but not least the atmospheric Shwenandaw Monastery, which is maybe the finest examples of traditional 19th century wooden monastery buildings. It used to be part of King Mindon’s Mandalay Royal Palace. From this elevated point we can entirely overlook the city of Mandalay.

We return to the ship and have lunch while Anawrahta sets sail to the site of Mingun. Mingun showcases the monumental, unfinished stupa of King Bodawpaya. It has never been completed, due to an astrologer claiming that states: once the temple would be completed, the king will die. Via a relaxed walking tour we reach the closeby world’s biggest un-cracked bell, weighing 90 tons. Upon return to the ship our cruise manager invites to a high tea at dusk with cocktails, sweets and treats. Anawrahta sail gently back to Mandalay.

Dinner is served in the restaurant and afterwards the crew offers some farewell entertainment in the lounge before you retire for your last night onboard.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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DAY 8 - MANDALAY - HEHO/ HEHO – INLE LAKE

After breakfast, your stay on your floating and luxury home regrettably ends. Heritage Line and the Anawrahta crew wish you a wonderful onward journey in the Golden Land - Myanmar.

Meet your guide at the pier and you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Heho.

Upon arrival at Heho airport, after you have cleared all customs procedures, please look for our Trails of Indochina airport assistance who will be holding a signboard with your name on it. He will lead you to the exit/entrance compound and hand to your guide. Transfer from airport to Nyaung Shwe pier, then embark on a short boat to your hotel.

The regular check-in time is at 14.00; early check-in is NOT included and subject to availability.

Remainder of the day is at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Novotel Inle Lake Myat Min/ Junior Suite

Address: Mine Thauk Village, Nyaung ShweTsp, Inle Lake, Shan State

Tel: 95 9 3028 4418





DAY 9 - INLE LAKE Full Day Tour

Located in Central Myanmar's Shan State, Inle Lake is the country's second largest at 22km (13mi) long and 11km (7mi) wide. Located at an altitude of 880m (2,887ft), the lake is also one of the highest in the country, with a cool climate and exceptional flora and fauna. There are an estimated 70,000 people living in more than 200 villages on or around the lake.

Start your exploration on a boat cruise passing floating villages and gardens on your way to Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda, the holiest religious site on the lake and home to five Buddha images completely covered by worshippers with gold leaf.

Continue to the Heya Ywama Village and observe traditional handicraft workshops including silk weaving on wooden handlooms and blacksmithing before having lunch at a local restaurant. Also visit cheroot making (the traditional cigar of Myanmar) and gold and silversmith workshops.

On the way back to your hotel, catch a glimpse of the lake's unique leg-rowers, the Intha people who row standing up with one leg wrapped around the oar.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Novotel Inle Lake Myat Min/ Junior Suite





DAY 10 - HEHO - YANGON

Departure

After breakfast, meet with your guide at hotel and transfer to the airport for your departure flight. Upon arrival in Yangon, connect your departure flight.

This wraps up your time in Myanmar. We hope you enjoyed your journey with us!

Meals: Breakfast



YOUR QUOTATION



- Tour quotation is based on the suggested hotel/room categories. Price is subject to change due to availability and fluctuation in airfares.
- We will only proceed with making a booking upon receiving your written confirmation. We recommend your early confirmation to avoid disappointment of unavailability and varying prices.

Tour Price	Based on group of 5 – 10 travelers
Price per person on double/ twin share	US\$ 5,867
Price per person in single room	US\$ 7,814

NOTES:

- All flight times are local.
- Flight times and the daily order of sightseeing are subject to change.
- Transfer times are approximate and subject to local conditions at the time of travel.
- BUDDHA IMAGES IN MYANMAR: Myanmar government has recently become strict about the import/export of Buddha statues and images and also the use of images of the Buddha as tattoos or other decoration. We would like to inform all travelers in Myanmar to exercise caution with regards to displaying the Buddha image and not to openly display a tattoo of the Buddha or any clothing with the Buddha image. Likewise, do not attempt to take antique Buddha images out of the country without proper documentation and permission.
- Please refer to the pre-departure guide which has been provided with this proposal.



TOUR INCLUSIONS:

Inclusive of:

Overnight accommodation is inclusive of hotel tax, hotel service charges and includes daily breakfast

5D4N Anawrahta cruise (Shared cruise/private cabin)

Private transfers and transportation on tour

Sightseeing with Local English speaking guides (one guide in each city)

Entrance fees and boat rides

Meals as specified (meals only, no drinks/ water)

Airfares: RGN-NYU/MDL-HEH/ HEH-RGN (Economy class with airport tax)

Cold towels and water on sightseeing days

Welcome pack

Non-inclusive of:

Airport Assistance Service

Separate luggage truck

Myanmar visa

Other meals where not mentioned in the program

Drinks/water at included lunches and dinners

Other flights & airport taxes

Hotel early check in/ Late check-out

Overweight luggage

Personal expenses

Travel insurance

Tips & gratuities

Other services not listed in inclusive column

GENERAL BOOKING CONDITIONS



PAYMENT

- 20% of the total tour cost to be deposited upon commitment of the tour. This deposit is non-refundable.
- 80% of the total tour cost to be paid 46 days prior to arrival date.
- 100% of the total tour is required 45 days prior departure or within 24 hours of confirmation if travelling within 45 days from departure.
- For payment by credit card, please go to our secured website at the following <http://www.trailsofindochina.com/payment/loginpayment> to access for online payment and log in with username and password as below:

Username: go

Password: payment

- For payment by Wire transfer, you will find our bank details on invoice that will be sent to you once all services are confirmed. Please kindly note that Any bank charges levied by your bank relating to transfer must be covered by you. If payment amount is less than US\$ 1,000, you will be required to add in another US\$ 35 international transactions fee.

Kindly make sure that you list our sale code or invoice number so that your payment can be identified exactly.

CANCELLATION: Any cancellations must be made in witting.

- 22 days or more prior to arrival date: 20% deposit
- 21 - 15 days prior to arrival date: 50% of the total tour cost
- 14 - 8 days prior to arrival date: 75% of the total tour cost
- 7 days or less prior to arrival date: 100% of the total tour cost

Special conditions: Depending on airlines, hotels, cruises' cancellation policies, the above conditions may be modified.



VISAS

Please ensure your passport is valid more than 6 months from the date of return for every country you are visiting. Please also ensure there is sufficient space in your passport to allow for all immigration procedures, taking note that some South East Asian countries take up a full page for the visa sticker and need yet more space on a separate page for entry & exist stamps.

Kindly note that visa service is not included in our proposal. Please contact Trails of Indochina for any visa service or guidance. Please note the following general information is subject to change concerning visas from our part of the world.

Myanmar: According to the official requirements from the Myanmar immigration authority, visitors to Myanmar who have a Myanmar embassy in their home country are required to obtain a tourist visa from that embassy. An e-visa is now also available for Myanmar. Please check here, if it is available for yourselves: <http://evisa.moip.gov.mm/NoticetoTourists.aspx> or please refer to the details from Myanmar Predeparture Information.

TRIP & TRAVEL INSURANCE

The tour price does not include personal insurance. Travelers are highly recommended to purchase Trip Insurance & Travel Insurance upon commitment of the booking in case of force majeure. Trip Insurance covers the cost of your trip should you be forced to cancel your trip before you start the trip. Travel Insurance covers such costs as emergency and medical evacuation, hospital fees, property loss, etc which could possibly happen during the trip. If you would like Trails of Indochina to have a copy of your Trip Insurance & Travel Insurance information in case of emergency, please forward these details to your agent who will in turn forward to our office.