

MYSTIC MYANMAR

8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS



ITINERARY IN BRIEF

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| Day 1 | Yangon Arrival – Colonial-historical centre – Markets – Golden Pagoda |
| Day 2 | Yangon – Bagan |
| Day 3 | Bagan – Mandalay |
| Day 4 | Mandalay - Ava (Inwa) – Sagaing – Amarapura – Ubein Bridge |
| Day 5 | Mandalay – Heho – Inle Lake – Indaing |
| Day 6 | Markets – Leg Rowers – Traditional workshops |
| Day 7 | Red Mountain Estate Vineyard – Yangon |
| Day 8 | Depart Yangon |



ITINERARY IN DETAILS

Day 1: Yangon Arrival – Colonial-historical centre – Markets – Golden Pagoda (-/-)

Min ga la ba! Welcome to Yangon, Myanmar. You are greeted by your guide and driver at the International airport for your transfer to the hotel.

In the afternoon, start your introductory half-day tour which takes you to the colonial-historical centre of Yangon, a photo stop to the Karaweik Hall royal floating barge; and the gilded Sule Pagoda, dating back over 2,000 years. Next stop will be at the Bogyoke (Scott) Market, where hundreds of gemstone, handicrafts, art, clothes and food stores are tucked in a maze of color, it is considered Yangon's best market for handicrafts. **(Bogyoke Market is closed on Mondays and public holidays).**

Our last visit for today will be the Shwedagon Pagoda, one of the world's most spectacular religious monuments in the world rises majestically over Singuttara Hill to the city Yangon, casting its golden gleam over the low-lying capital. This 2,500-years old structure, which contains the relics of four Buddhas, is the guardian temple of Yangon and the most sacred site for the people of Myanmar. Start from the Eastern entrance of Shwedagon pagoda and walk through the small shops where monk accessories, Buddha statues, flowers etc. are sold. The entrance is always very busy with sellers and local pilgrims. You'll learn about the daily life of the local people who reside in the immediate surroundings and gain a deeper insight into the Buddhist religion as you provide offerings to the monks. Then, walk along the pagoda platform clockwise, as is tradition, around the main Pagoda. During this interactive walking tour of the pagoda, explore walkways and hidden gems that are unknown to most visitors. Stopping in one of the pavilions to prayer, you might get a chance to meet a Buddhist monk and talk about Buddhism and meditation or simply contemplate. Continue through the back door of Shwedagon Pagoda and discover its fascinating history. As you walk the magnificent grounds and interior and even you can visit a local fortune-teller (if time permits) and learn about the ancient spiritual beliefs.

Day 2: Yangon – Bagan (B/-)

After breakfast transfer to Yangon Airport for domestic flight to Bagan. Upon arrival in Bagan, proceed on a sightseeing tour, starting with the busy local market and continuing with visits to a diverse selection of the most important pagodas and temples. The Dhamayazeka Zedi is our first visit, providing panoramic views of the temple studded plains of Bagan. We continue to the Archeological Museum and the gold gilded Swezigon Stupa, purported to contain a holy tooth relic of the Buddha. Not far from the stupa, the Myingaba Gu Byaukgyi Temple is a sight to behold, housing Bagan's best preserved mural paintings of the Buddha's Jataka re-incarnations. Next, we learn how Bagan's famous lacquerware crafts are produced in Myingaba Village, and then visit Htilominlo Temple to learn how Burmese sand paintings are created. The day's temple tour ends with a visit to the beautifully symmetric and majestic Ananda Temple with its four standing Buddha images that seem to gaze at the viewer with fixed serenity wherever the viewer stands.