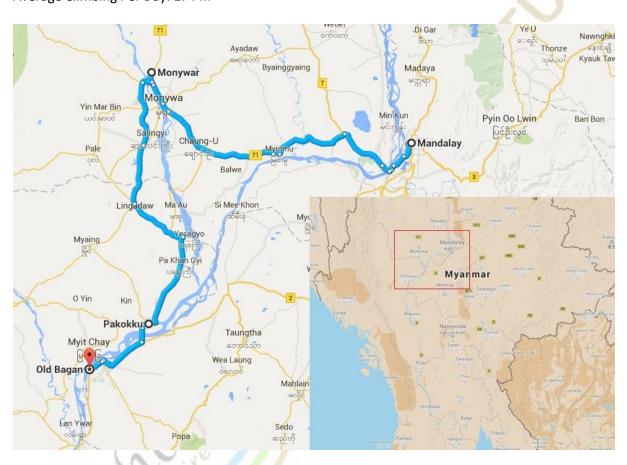


# Cycling Middle Burma, Mandalay to Bagan 4 Days / 3 Nights

Number of Cycling Days: 3 days Total Cycling Distance: 169 km Average Distance Per Day: 48 km Average Climbing Per Day: 174 m



Day	Destination	Activity	Difficulty	Transfer	Meals	Hotels
1	Mandalay – Chaung U –Monywa	Cycling up to 50km	Medium	3 hours	-/L/D	Win Unity
2	Monywa – Pakokku – Bagan	Cycling up to 66km	Medium	2 hours	B/L/-	Thiripyitsaya Sanctuary Resort
3	Bagan	Cycling up to 27km	Very Easy	-	B/L/-	Thiripyitsaya Sanctuary Resort
4	Bagan	Departure	-	15 mins	B/-/-	-



# Day 1: Mandalay - Monywa (Cycling)

(-/L/D)

We will leave Mandalay and take a transfer about 3 hours beyond the small town of Chaung-U. This transfer will bring you from the bustling city to the starting point for your pleasant ride on a tarmac road with little traffic as we cycle through the Chindwin Valley and see a variety of crops from orange orchards to sugar cane. We will stop at Monywa's famous Mohnyin Thambuddhei Paya, dates back to 1303 and claims to house more than 500,000 images of Buddha. Then we ride into Monywa.



After lunch at a local restaurant in Monywa, cross the Chindwin River by boat and continue cycling to Pho Win Taung Cave famous for its carving and mural paintings dated between the 14th and 18th centuries for another 22 km. Pass through several small farms and villages where we will have a glimpse of the Burmese way of life. After visiting the cave, return to Monywa and check-in at hotel.

Dinner will be served at local restaurant in Monywa.

Overnight in Monywa.

Distance and journey time:

Transfer from Mandalay to Myin Mu: 3 hours

Cycling distance up to: 50km Elevation: +273 m / -168 m

Difficulty: Medium

### Day 2: Monywa – Pakokku – Bagan (Cycling)

(B/L/-)

After breakfast, we ride south along the Irrawaddy River bank in search of A Myint & A Neint villages where we can find a group of very ancient pagodas and get to experience the life of the local villagers. It's a lovely ride, rural and quiet but mostly paved. We can take regular stops and interact with the locals who rarely come into contact with foreigners.



Upon arrival to Yesagyo junction we transfer by car until we reach the small river town of Pakokku. For centuries the only way to reach Bagan, the original capital of Burma, was by boat. Until more recently, when bridges and roads were built, Pakokku acted as the gateway to Bagan.

We'll arrive in Pakokku at midday and stop for lunch in a local restaurant.

After lunch, continue to our hotel in Bagan for some down time. This evening will be at our leisure.

Overnight in Bagan.



Distance and journey time:

Transfer to Bagan up to: 2 hours Cycling distance up to: 66 km Elevation: +127 m / -122 m

Difficulty: Medium

## Day 3: Bagan Temple (Cycling)

(B/L/-)

We will spend a half day biking around the ancient temples today morning. (Note: due to our biking route today in Bagan, we will not have a support car with us today. But a motorbike will be accompanying the group with drinks and snacks as well as to take care of any emergency situations.)

The perfect way to explore ancient Bagan is riding through and cover the famous temples and pagodas in the Archaeological Zone. After taking a morning cycle around the Archaeological Zone, we



return to hotel. This is good opportunity to cool down by taking a refreshing dip in the hotel pool.

This afternoon, we observe the process of making traditional lacquerware, one of Myanmar's best-known handicrafts and a specialty of Bagan. It's then onwards to a place where we can enjoy the sunset studded with chedis and temples and fading light is something you will never forget.

Overnight in Bagan.

<u>Distance and journey time:</u> Cycling distance up to: 27 km Elevation: +123 m / -124 m Difficulty: Very Easy

## **Day 4: Bagan Departure**

(B/-/-)

This morning is free at our leisure before transferring to the airport for our onward flight.

<u>Distance and journey time:</u> Transfer to airport up to 15mins

\*\*\* END OF SERVICES \*\*\*

"An itinerary may at times be altered by our guides due to local conditions, the skill of participants and other unexpected circumstances. Our priority is always the experience and safety of our clients."



### **RATES AND CONDITIONS**

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Location	Hotel	<b>Hotel Category</b>	Room Type	
Monywa	Win Unity	First Class	Deluxe	
Bagan	Thiripyitsaya Sanctuary Resort	Superior	Deluxe	

PRICING: in US Dollars per person for shared twin/double

Rates are valid until: 31 December 2020

Number of persons	2	3-4	5-6	7-10	11-15	SGL Supp
Price per Person in USD Jan - April 2020/ Oct – Dec 2020	1,110	965	910	885	880	345
Price per Person in USD May 2020 – Sept 2020	960	815	760	735	730	195

**Note:** Reservations during peak times (Christmas, New Year, Thingyan Water Festival, National Holidays) may be subject to supplementary charges and compulsory meals

#### Our services include:

- Vehicles: (varies based on local conditions and vehicle sizes available). Private air-conditioned vehicle for transfer and back up as itinerary.
- Bike and helmet rental
- 1 biking water bottle per each
- Plenty of water provided throughout the day while cycling
- Snacks and local fruits for cycling days
- Certified English Biking Guide
- Assistant guide on biking days for 11 cyclists and above
- Mechanic on biking days for 7 cyclists and above
- 1 first aid kit per guide
- Each guide will have a full set of travel bike tools
- Main support vehicle will have spare parts for biking days except in Bagan
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B Breakfast, L Lunch, D Dinner)
- Sightseeing tickets where mentioned in the itinerary.
- Accommodation as listed above with Twin/Double sharing included breakfast
- Flight reconfirmations



#### Our services don't include:

- Visa arrangement
- International and domestic flights
- Meals other than mentioned above
- Soft drinks, or beverages beyond water we can add this into costs at agents request
- Beverage and alcoholic drinks at mealtimes
- Any Tips
- Energy drinks or powders, performance bars, or performance gels, etc.
- Personal Travel Insurance
- Personal expenditure (Laundry, telephone)
- Any other services not clearly mentioned in the itinerary and in the inclusive portion.
- Credit card and bank transfer fees
- Other language speaking guides

## **Important Notes:**

- We strongly recommend the purchase of travel insurance (covering emergency medical evacuation) for trips.
- Prices are valid 30 days from date of offer. Past this date price and conditions may be readjusted.
- Reservations during peak times (Christmas, New Year, National Holidays) may be subject to supplementary charges.
- Rooms at hotels are available only from 1400 on arrival day till 1200 on departure date. A supplement will be added if early check-in or late check-out is desired.
- Please note that all the above services & tours have yet to be booked, they are proposed for your information only and we will not make any reservations before we receive your confirmation to do so.
- If one or some proposed service(s) is (are) not available at the moment of booking, we will try to find other possibilities/options or other similar service(s) in order to avoid changes to the program.
- Payment/ cancellation: 30% non-refundable deposit at the time of booking, balance due 60 days
  prior to departure. All payments to be made in NZ\$ using latest exchange rates at the time of
  booking/ balance due date. Cancellation conditions/ charges per our T&Cs.