

Myanmar Shalom Travel & Tours

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Myanmar / Burma:

When Rudyard Kipling visited Burma a hundred years ago he described it as "quite unlike any land you know about". In the ensuing century little has changed, making it one of the few remaining places on Earth that can truly bring you back in time and experience to the Asia of old.

Myanmar, formerly known as Burma, sits at the crossroads of Asia's great civilizations of India and China, and looks out onto the vast Indian Ocean next to Thailand. One of South East Asia's largest and most diverse countries, Myanmar stretches from the sparkling islands of the Andaman Sea in the south right up into the Eastern Himalayan mountain range. Population of over 50 million with more than 130 different ethnic groups, Myanmar has a wealth of different cultures.

To this day Myanmar remains one of the most mysterious and undiscovered destinations in the world. An ancient land untouched by the modernization, it is a country where the people still adhere to age-old traditions and customs. The country is also home to intriguing old cities, stupa-strewn plains, pristine lakes and scenic trekking trails.

Wherever you go in Myanmar, whether it is cruising down the mighty Ayeyarwaddy River in style, drifting over the ancient city of Bagan by hot air balloon, or searching for that elusive tiger on the back of an elephant, there is always a feeling of adventure. Without fail, visitors to Myanmar will be amazed by the breathtaking beauty and unfailing show of hospitality by the Burmese.

“To this day Myanmar remains one of the most mysterious and undiscovered destinations in the world, a land of breathtaking beauty and charm that offers traditional Asian delights to all visitors.”



Major Destinations

There are four main stops on any Myanmar travel itinerary: Yangon, Mandalay, Bagan, and Inle Lake. In between, the country's smaller towns, pristine beaches and remote mountain areas are wonderful additions for visitors who have more time to spare.

Other popular Myanmar travel destinations include the trekking areas of Kalaw and Kengtung, the beaches of Ngapali and Ngwe Saung, or smaller towns such as Pindaya and Mrauk U.

Major Destinations



Yangon

Yangon still maintains its colonial charm with wide tree lined avenues, tranquil lakes, and gracious turn of the century architecture. The magnificent Shwedagon Pagoda dominates the city skyline, while at street level Yangon is a paradise for hunting out a variety of exotic arts and crafts. At night time Chinatown comes alive with its pungent aromas and delicious street food.



Mandalay

The principal cultural and economic city of upper Myanmar, and former royal capital, Mandalay still evokes images of a romantic bygone era. The royal palace and its impressive surrounding gate sits at the foot of the imposing Mandalay Hill. Positioned on the banks of the mighty Ayeryarwaddy River, Mandalay lies within easy striking distance of former colonial hill stations, ancient cities and other cultural attractions.



Bagan

Bagan is one of the main tourist destinations in Myanmar and one of the most remarkable archaeological sights in Asia. The magic of Bagan has inspired visitors to Myanmar for nearly 1000 years. Once the centre of a glorious kingdom, ancient temples dot the landscape as far as the eye can see. Today, apart from spectacular sunset views and serene river cruises, Bagan is also the centre of the expanding Myanmar lacquerware industry.



Inle Lake

Just a short plane flight away from Yangon in the cool green highlands of Shan State, and yet seemingly worlds apart from the rest of Myanmar, lies Inle Lake in an area of outstanding natural beauty. The lake itself sits at a pleasant 2900 feet above sea level and is famous for its leg rowers, floating markets and prolific birdlife. Colorful hill tribes inhabit the surrounding fertile valleys and forested mountaintops, and their hand-woven silks are a specialty of the region.

Major Destinations

Kalaw

Kalaw was a beautiful hill station in the British days, located 1400 meters above sea level. Many of the Tudor-style houses and English gardens of colonial days remain. From Kalaw there are good trekking and hiking possibilities to the neighboring villages of the local hill tribes, which continue a traditional way of life.



Mrauk U

Mrauk-U, the ancient city of the Rakhine Kingdom (15th Century), is known for its old temples with paintings showing Indian cultural influence. Mrauk-U offers a number of important archaeological sites and several temples of unique design. Mrauk-U can be reached by boat traveling up river from Sittwe (Akyab), the capital of Rakhine State. The boat trip takes about 5 hours from Akyab.



Kyaiktiyo (Golden Rock)

Well known as Golden Rock Pagoda is located on Mount Kyeikhtiyo. This mystical pagoda stands on a gold gilded boulder, precariously perched on the edge of the hill over 1,100 meters above sea level. The Kyaikhtiyo pagoda is one of the most ancient and celebrated of all pagodas in Myanmar. Once at the pagoda, one can enjoy a spectacular view, which is particularly beautiful at sunrise or sunset. The whole site has a magical feeling.



Ngapali Beach

The name "Ngapali", has no meaning in Burmese, but comes from the Italian "Napoli" (the city of Naples). Miles of empty white sand beaches, brilliant turquoise seas, all backed by towering coconut palms, Ngapali is Myanmar's premier beach destination. Intimate resorts offer visitors the chance to swim, sail, kayak, and feast on lobster and prawn by candle light as the sun sinks into the Indian Ocean. Ngapali is the perfect place to unwind and savor those few precious weeks in Myanmar.





Tour Programs

Whether for a short journey or a long in-depth holiday, Myanmar Shalom can create an itinerary suited to fit your needs and is sure to create a lifetime of memories.

With expert guides and insider knowledge, our Myanmar tours are nothing short of extraordinary. Choose one of our customized Myanmar tour packages and trek through untouched villages, relax on empty beaches, and sit in solitude atop an ancient temple as the sun sets. Myanmar is a land of wonder which is sure to enchant visitors who take the time to travel around the country. At Myanmar Shalom we pride ourselves on being able to fill everybody's travel plans with just the right mix on your Myanmar tour packages.

Myanmar Shalom Tours Collection

- Ancient Kingdom of Myanmar
- The Very Best of Myanmar Tour
- Luxury of Myanmar with Road to Mandalay Cruise
- Jewish Heritage Tour
- Unique Opportunity to visit Myanmar with Ellen Mayer
- Exquisitely Designed Culinary Journey to the Heart of Burma
- Young Professional Tour
- The Lost City of Maruk U
- Yangon & Golden Rock
- Beach Tour
- Trekking Tour
- Journey Beyond the Ordinary Tour
- Customized Tour



Ancient Kingdom of Myanmar

6 Days / 5 Nights: Ancient Kingdom of Myanmar

Myanmar's rich history and exotic culture is reflected in this tour of former capitals. Explore Myanmar's charming city, Yangon, and take a colonial smell of it, before heading to Mandalay, the last royal capital of Myanmar, that features fascinating Pagodas and local handicrafts. The former ancient capitals of Amarapura, Ava and Sagaing bring you to discover different monasteries. This program is perfect for those who wish to see Myanmar but in very short time.

Highlights

- Explore the colonial heritage of one of Southeast Asia's most impressive capitals
- Visit The Royal Mandalay Palace, the last Palace of the Myanmar Monarch
- Discover ancient capitals - Ava, Amarapura and Sagaing
- Visit Bagan and get stunning with its spectacular massive ancient temples

DAY 1: Yangon

Enjoy a full day private tour to explore the colonial heritage of one of Southeast Asia's most impressive capitals, basking in its unique spiritual atmosphere. Visit downtown Yangon, colonial buildings, Independent monument. Enjoy the amazing sunset view at Shwedagon Pagoda.

DAY 2: Yangon - Bagan

Flight from Yangon - Bagan. Begin our exploration of Bagan by visiting a busy local market and continuing with visits to a diverse selection of the most important pagodas and temples. In the late afternoon climb up to the top of the Temple for sunset views. Sit back relax and be amazed by the beauty of Bagan as you watch the sun slowly set behind the ancient Pagodas.

DAY 3: Bagan - Mandalay - Amarapura

Flight from Bagan to Mandalay. Upon arrival visit a 200-year-old teak bridge, the most photographic site in Myanmar. Visit Mahamuni Pagoda. Next visit Golden palace Monastery famous for its intricate woodcarvings. Continue to the Kuthodaw Pagoda,

which is known as the world largest book. Visit Mandalay Hill and see the best view of Mandalay from the top of Mandalay hill as the sun slowly sets.

DAY 4: Mingun - Ava - Saging

You cannot leave this enchanting country without getting to know its heart and soul - the magical Irrawaddy River. Boat trip on the Ayeyarwaddy River to Mingun and visit the Mingun Bell, weighing 87 tons and being the world's largest intact bronze bell, the unfinished Mingun Paya (built with the intention of being the world's biggest pagoda).



DAY 5: Mandalay - Yangon

Flight from Mandalay - Yangon. Upon arrival visit to Scott Market, the sprawling 75-year-old Market. At the market you will find a whole variety of interesting Burmese souvenirs, from lacquer ware to gems & jewelry - bargain at the stores to fully experience the Burmese market atmosphere. The tour continues to Chauk Htat Kyi, a huge reclining Buddha image, followed by a photo stop at the Karaweik Hall royal floating barge.



DAY 6: Yangon - Departure

After breakfast, day at leisure until transfer to airport for International departure flight.



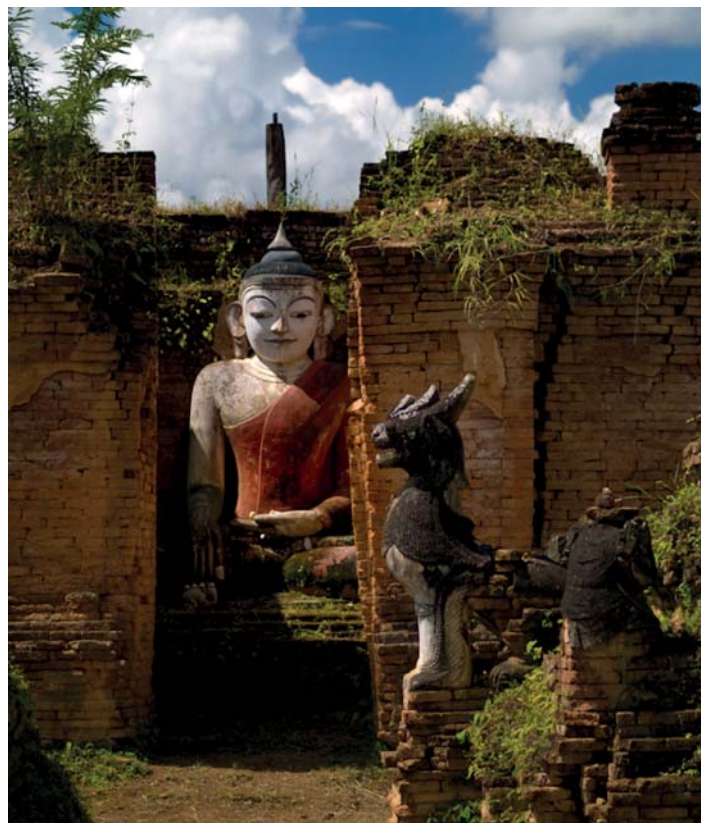
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The Very Best of Myanmar Tour

9 Days / 8 Nights: The Very Best of Myanmar Tour

This exciting program is most used by first time visitor to Myanmar and gives the traveler fascinating access into highlights of the country's ancient history and more recent colonial past. Spend one night in Yangon and travel to Bagan, one of Asia's best-preserved ancient cities and visit the magnificent ruins of temples and pagodas. Continue on to Mandalay, Burma's capital before the British arrival and still an important cultural center, and the jumping-off point for visits to the nearby ancient cities of Amarapura, Sagaing and Mingun. Next visit the Inle Lake region, a delightful expanse of calm waters and floating gardens inhabited by the Intha people and other ethnic minorities. This is the popular program



Highlights

- Admiring the sunset at awe-inspiring Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon
- Viewing the ancient temples and palaces of legendary Mandalay
- Walking on 200-year-old world longest teak bridge, U Bein
- Visiting ethnic minority villages on the shores of the lake
- Cruising the tranquil waters in Inle Lake in Shan State
- Exploring Bagan's thousands of 1,300-year old ruins by car, bike or horse cart

DAY 1: Yangon

Welcome by our tour guide at the airport. Enjoy the private tour of Yangon city.

DAY 2: Yangon - Bagan

Flight to Bagan and upon arrival visit a diverse selection of temples & pagodas.

DAY 3: Bagan

Sightseeing in Bagan or excursion to Mt. Popa, an extinct volcano with spectacular views, 4981 feet above sea level.

DAY 4: Bagan - Mandalay - Amarapura

Flight to Mandalay - Visit Royal Palace, Mandalay Hill, U Bein Bridge, night market.

DAY 5: Mandalay - Mingun - Ava

Sailing upstream to Mingun and visit the world's largest intact bronze bell, the unfinished Mingun Pagoda (built with the intention of being the world's biggest pagoda).

DAY 6: Mandalay - Inle Lake

Flight from Mandalay to Inle Lake. Enjoy the tour of Inle Lake by private boat to see floating garden, villages and ethnic tribes.

DAY 7: Inle Lake - Indein

Visit the fascinating village of Indein, with it's complex of ancient shrines and stupas and walk through exotic colonnades of stairways and shop stalls

DAY 8: Inle Lake - Yangon

Flight back to Yangon from Inle Lake. Upon arrival visit the sprawling 75-year-old Market. Sunset view at the Shwedagon Pagoda.

DAY 9: Yangon - Departure

Day at leisure until transfer to airport for International departure flight.



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Luxury of Myanmar with Road to Mandalay Cruise

9 Days / 8 Nights: Luxury of Myanmar with Road to Mandalay Cruise

This luxury tour combines the highlights of Burma with several days on the Ayeyarwady River aboard the legendary Road to Mandalay. The elegant river cruiser Road to Mandalay provides the ultimate vantage point from which to absorb Burma's serene beauty, taking in its golden-spired pagodas, ancient temples, sleepy riverside settlements and saffron-clad monks. You will stay the finest hotels, enjoy the best restaurants and experience a level of service you could only dream about. The warmth of the Burmese and their amazing hospitality rewards all travelers with a VIP feel.

Highlights

- Staying in Myanmar's best hotels
- Enjoy a candle-light dinner at a pagoda ruin & wine cellar at Inle Piness
- Amazing four-night cruise on the Ayeyarwady with Road to Mandalay
- Experience a breathtaking sunrise balloon ride over Bagan
- Explore impressive colonial and spiritual heritage of Yangon
- Travel by traditional horse cart through scenic countryside

DAY 1: Yangon (Friday)

Welcome by our tour guide at airport and transferred to historic Victorian-era hotel, The Strand, where your luxury suites await. Enjoy the private tour of Yangon.

DAY 2: Yangon - Bagan - Road to Mandalay Cruise (Saturday)

Flight from Yangon to Bagan. Upon arrival transfer to the Road To Mandalay berthed on the Ayeyarwady River.

DAY 3: Bagan – Mandalay – Cruise (Sunday)

Optional morning program for Balloon over Bagan. Enjoy sightseeing in Bagan and evening program and entertainment on board.

DAY 4: Mandalay – Cruise (Monday)

Cruising on the Irrawaddy River to Mandalay. enjoy a guided tour of the key sights of Mandalay

DAY 5: Mandalay – Mingun – Sagaing – Cruise (Tuesday)

cruise to Mingun. Visit the most important sights such as the pretty Hsinbyume Pagoda and the world’s largest uncracked bell.

DAY 6: Mandalay – Inle Lake (Wednesday)

transfer to Mandalay airport for your flight to Inle Lake. Enjoy the private boat ride and dinner at the Wine Cellar in Inle Princess Resort

DAY 7: Inle Lake – Indein (Thursday)

Visit the fascinating village of Indein, with it’s complex of ancient shrines and stupas then visit the “long neck” tribal women, and weaving and craft villages perched on stilts.

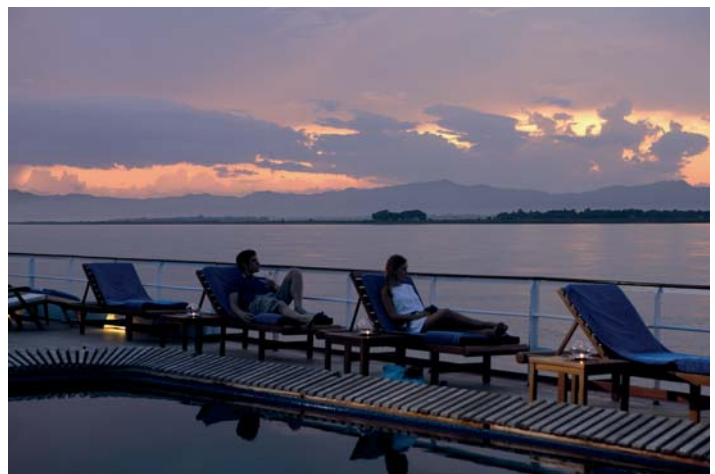
DAY 8: Inle Lake – Yangon (Friday)

Flight back to Yangon. Enjoy Sunset view at Shwedagon and dinner at Le Planteur Restaurant, the finest French Indochina restaurant in town.

DAY 9: Yangon – Departure (Saturday)

Day at leisure until transfer to airport for International departure flight.

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Tour Programs

Jewish Heritage Tour

Join us to keep the Jewish spirit alive in Myanmar

9 Days/8 Nights trip to Myanmar (Burma)

- Highlights**
- Visit 110 year old beautiful Rangoon Synagogue and the threatened Jewish Cemetery
 - Memorable Shabbat in Rangoon and filling the quiet synagogue with joy and song
 - Learn the escape of Jewish community from Japanese occupation in WWII
 - Explore colonial and spiritual heritage of Yangon and observe the influences of other cultures in the region
 - Discover the world famous golden Shwedagon Pagoda
 - Visit Bagan and get stunning with its spectacular massive ancient temples
 - Visit ancient capitals - Ava, Amarapura and Sagaing
 - Cruising the tranquil waters of Inle Lake to see extraordinary floating gardens and ethnic minority villages

DAY 1: Yangon (Thursday)
 Arrive Rangoon and welcome by our tour guide at the airport. Enjoy private tour to explore the colonial heritage of one of Southeast Asia's most impressive capitals.

DAY 2: Yangon (Friday)
 Visit the over 100 year old beautiful Rangoon Synagogue. Meet with Trustee of the Synagogue and members of local community. Other amazing features of this incredible synagogue are the 120 years old Torah from Baghdad, Iraq, souvenir shop with handmade Burmese Judaica and historical photos showing the prominent role the Jewish community once played in Burma. Visit neighborhoods that reflect Yangon's Burmese, British, Indian and indigenous influences. Then visit the 130 years old Jewish Cemetery with over 600 graves. Visit Nanthida Jetty to see river life on the Yangon River. Shabbat service will make this quite but beautiful Synagogue with joy and songs again. Shabbat dinner & overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 3: Shabbat in Yangon (Saturday)

Today tour guide will take you to the walking tour to the Neighborhood (Sandwith Road, York Road) where many Jews from Rangoon used to live. (The Jewish School building in that area where once over 200 Jewish students attended is now changed to government High School building. Most of the houses in that area are now renovated to new buildings.) Dinner at the Hotel. After dinner, "Searching for Baghdad - Iraqi Jews in Southeast Asia: A Daughter's Journey" documentary film (Histories & Stories about Iraqi Jews in Burma, Singapore & Hong Kong) will show at small theater room at the Hotel.

DAY 4: Bagan (Sunday)

Flight to Bagan and upon arrival visit a diverse selection of temples & pagodas.

DAY 5: Bagan - Mandalay - Amarapura - Av (Monday)

Flight to Mandalay - Visit Royal Palace, Mandalay Hill, U Bein Bridge, night market.

DAY 6: Mandalay - Irrwaddy - Mingun (Tuesday)

Sailing upstream to Mingun and visit the world's largest intact bronze bell, the unfinished Mingun Pagoda (built with the intention of being the world's biggest pagoda).

DAY 7: Mandalay - Inle Lake (Wednesday)

Flight from Mandalay to Inle Lake. Enjoy the tour of Inle Lake by private boat to see floating garden, villages and ethnic tribes.

DAY 8: Inle Lake - Yangon (Thursday)

Continue sightseeing in Inle by boat. Fly back to Yangon in the afternoon. Upon arrival enjoy a visit to Scott Market (Bogyoke Aung San Market) the sprawling 75-year-old Market. At the market you will find a whole variety of interesting Burmese souvenirs, from lacquer ware to gems & jewelry - bargain at the stores to fully experience the Burmese market atmosphere! Farewell dinner at the Hotel.

DAY 9: Yangon - Departure (Thursday)

After breakfast, day at leisure until transfer to airport for International departure flight.

* This itinerary is designed for group tours only. Every year we have 2-3 Jewish group tours to Myanmar including "South East Asia through Jewish Eyes" arrange by Lotus Tours, Ltd. and led by Rabbi Marvin Tokayer, one of the foremost authorities on the Jewish experience in the Far East. If you are interested in organizing tour, please contact us for more information. info@myanmarshalom.com.



"Trip to Burma was "A trip of Lifetime". More than expected. Learned about Jewish & non-Jewish history, culture and especially the friendly people."
Daniel & Rebecca Grossman

Recommend Reading: Almost Englishmen: Baghdadi Jews in British Burma by Ruth Fredman Cernea.



Asian Odysseys with Myanmar Shalom Travels & Tours

Unique Opportunity to Visit Myanmar with Ellen Mayer, Southeast Asia Travel Specialist

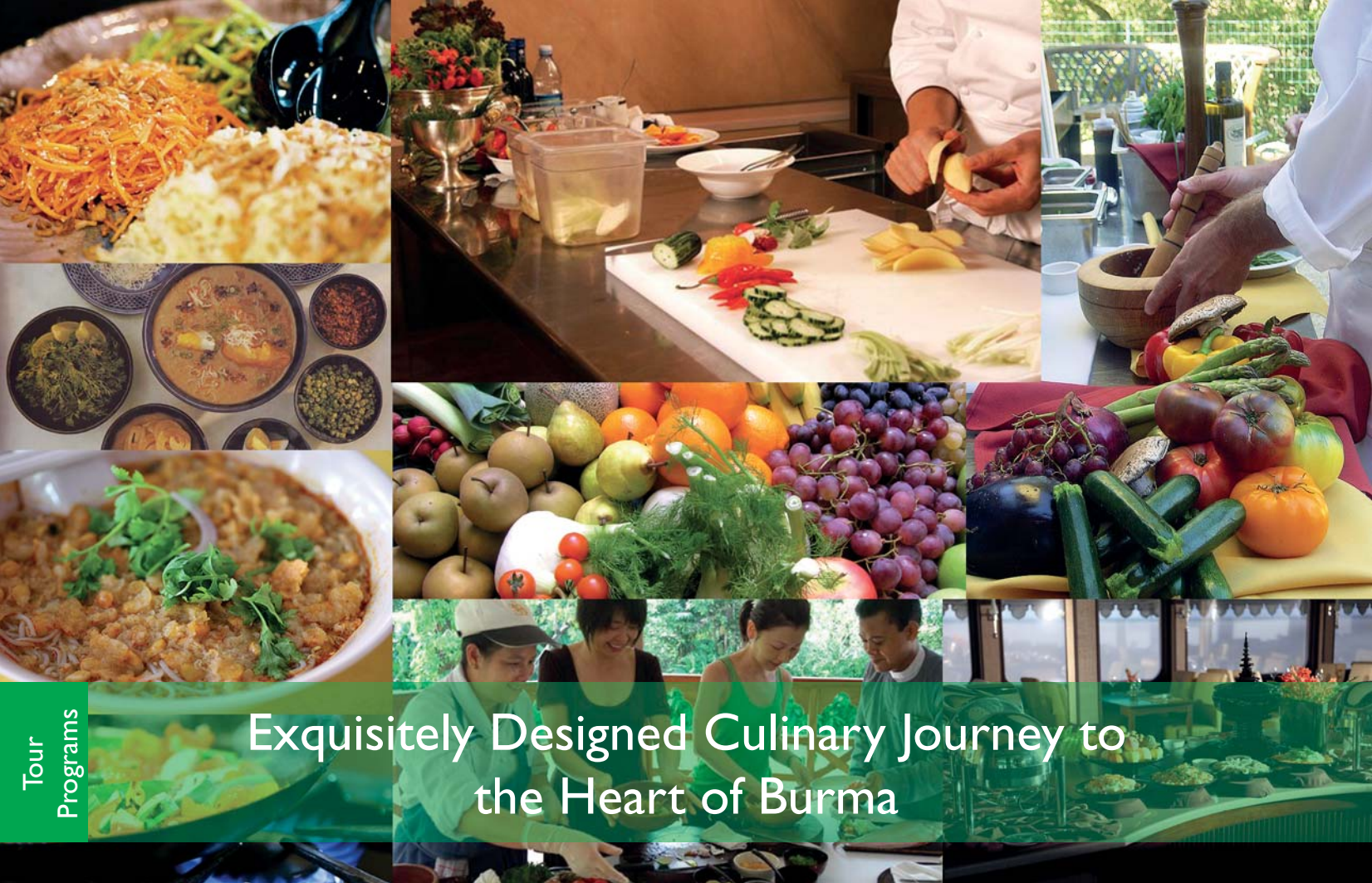


Myanmar Shalom Tours in Yangon with Asian Odysseys, USA, have created an itinerary that is both rich and rewarding. Included are major sight-seeing highlights and fascinating cultural experiences. Special highlights include a candlelit dinner at an ancient pagoda, classical dance and marionette shows, horse cart excursions through local villages, private boat tours on the waterways of the Irrawaddy River and though Inle Lake, and excursions to Pa-O villages in Inle Lake just recently opened to exploration. Colorful markets, talented artisans and beautiful natural scenery await us. Isolated from modern influence for decades, each of these destinations offers us an opportunity for an exciting and fulfilling journey.

With a focus on the culture, people, arts and sights of Myanmar, we will see fairy-tale pagodas, fascinating architecture and lively street life. We will stay at deluxe boutique hotels and sample gourmet cuisine. Our guides are carefully chosen for their wealth of knowledge and their ability to help us understand these diverse cultures and sights. The warmth and hospitality of the local people will make this journey memorable. January is an ideal time of the year to visit this area. I am drawn to return to these places again and again. Join me and our small group for a trip that is exciting, exotic – and fun!

Ellen Mayer, Southeast Asia Travel Specialist

***This 10 Days tour usually departs on January.
More information about upcoming tour, please contact Ellen Mayer
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www.asian-odysseys.com***



Tour Programs

Exquisitely Designed Culinary Journey to the Heart of Burma

14 Days - Exquisitely Designed Culinary Journey to the Heart of Myanmar

Sitting at the crossroads of the great civilizations of India and China, Myanmar brings new meaning to an exotic, mysterious journey. You are sure to be captivated by the ancient Burmese civilization explored through this distinctive and diverse culinary adventure.

At the heart of it all, you will ramp up cooking experiences to extraordinary, starting in Yangon. Unique and stimulating cooking experiences continue throughout your journey including a rare opportunity to cook in a family kitchen, assisted by village cooks who will personalize your culinary adventure; then you dine with the family in a Northern Burmese home.

Your taste buds will go over the top, far off the tourist track, with visits to tea houses, people's markets, a rice noodle factory, a winery, floating vegetable gardens, traditional local breakfasts, and everywhere, meals at authentic Burmese restaurants.

The crown jewel of the city has to be the magnificent

Shwedagon Pagoda, dominating Yangon's skyline. Yangon is a paradise for unique shopping finds. Scotts Market will charm you and after all that shopping, we'll head for an evening in Chinatown, alive with the pungent aromas of delicious street food.

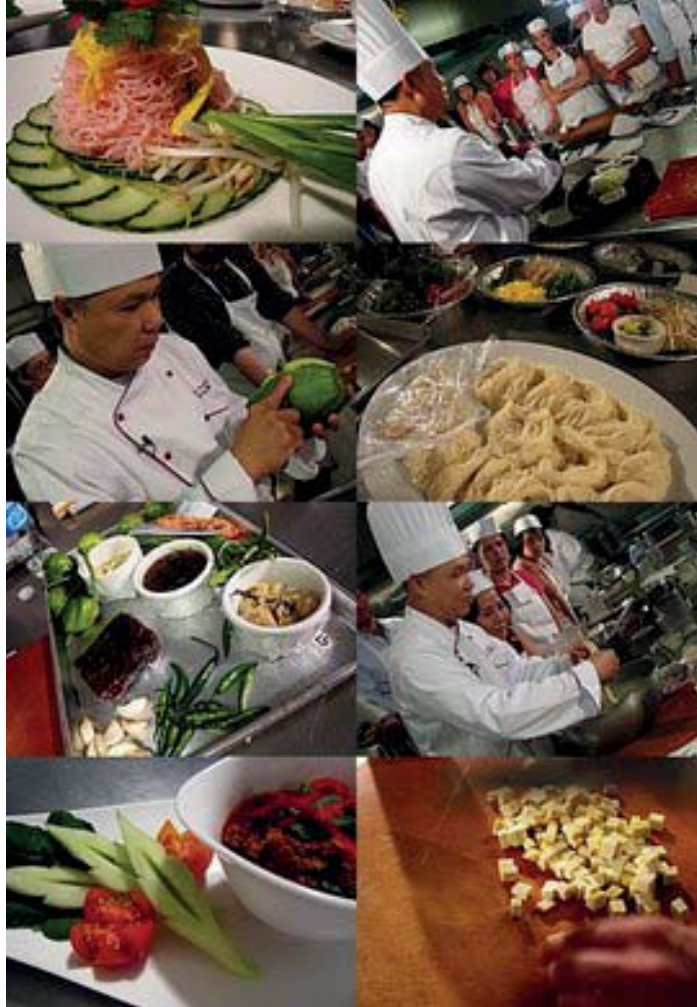
Explore Mandalay, the center of Burmese culture, where you will experience history come to life and wander through colorful Zeycho market for finger silk, cotton weavings, marble carvings, bronze and silver crafts, and the famous kalaga (shwe chi doe) tapestries.

Experience the piece de resistance, a three-day luxury cruise on the Irrawaddy River, stopping for overnight moorage at a river village north of Mandalay. What will set your riverboat apart are not just the luxury, comfort and world-class service. Instead you will remember most the incredible images along the river banks as you lounge on board or go ashore for up close and personal people to people adventures.

Nothing prepares you for the utter grandeur of Bagan, the capital of the first Burmese Kingdom, and now one of Asia's richest archaeological sites. With its more than 2,000 pagodas and temples set in a vast plain beside the Irrawaddy River, it will take some time to register you are looking at this panorama of pagodas and stupas, none of which are identical.

Back in Yangon you enjoy more cultural treats and some last minute shopping. When you gather for a special farewell dinner, you will delight in sharing treasured memories as your stories beyond the plate.

There is much to experience during this journey to the Burmese heart and soul of Myanmar. This exquisitely adventure to the heart of Myanmar is designed for small group. If you are interest to get more information, please contact at info@myanmarshalom.com



Young Professional Tour

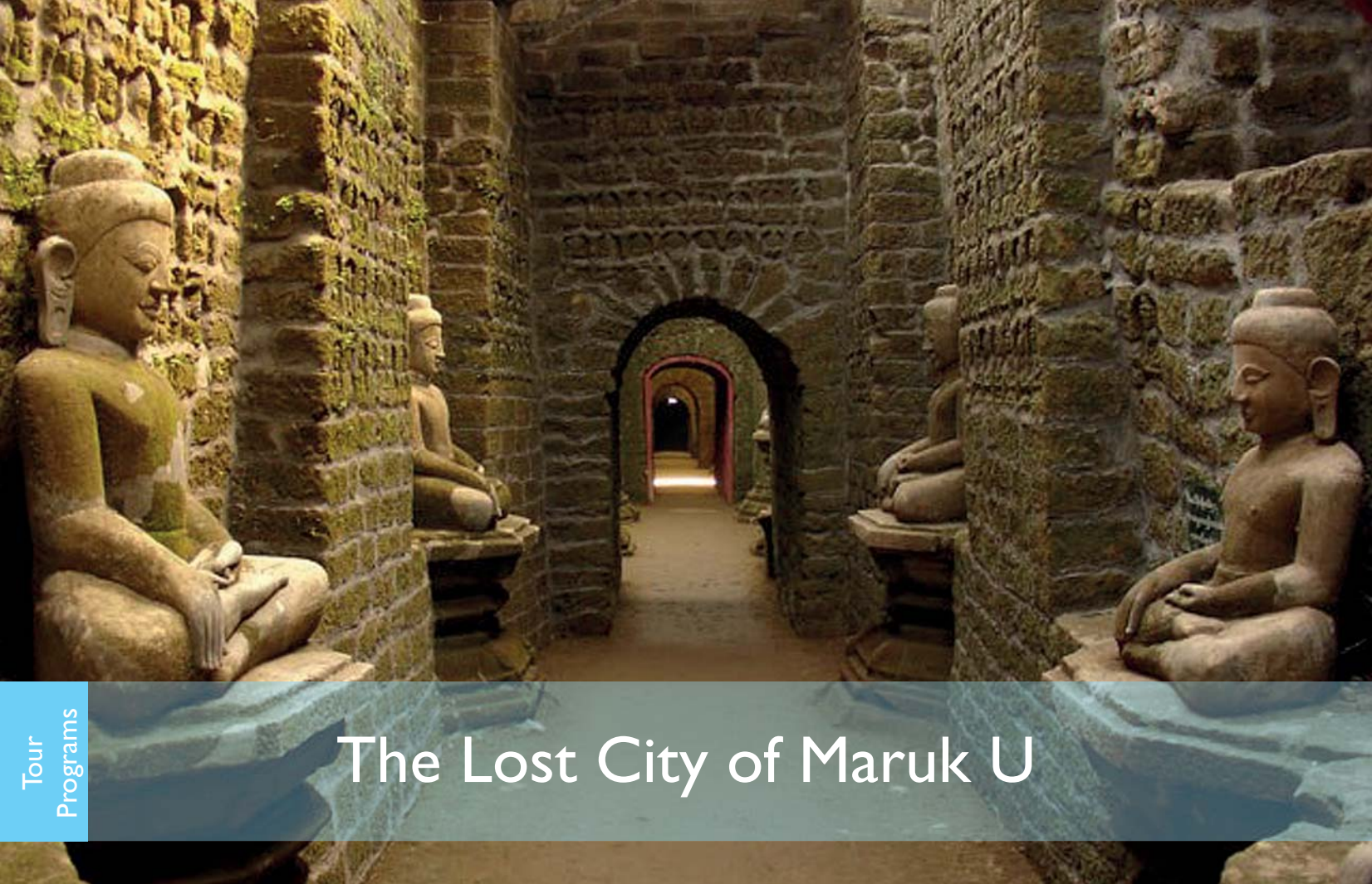
What separates this tour from our other tours? This tour is focus on Young Professional (age between 25-35). Instead of focusing on just the traditional sightseeing aspect of a tour, this tour blends in the elements of socializing, culture, flexibility, leisure, adventure, and entertainment to truly make this an unforgettable experience. Anyone can drive a bus and take you from site to site but not everyone can create an environment that is full of excitement and downright fun!

We know what the young and energetic travelers want on vacation. Let us alleviate the worries and showcase the heart and soul of Myanmar, like no one else can. We have crafted the complete Myanmar experience, centered on our rich first-hand travel experiences.

Not only do you visit the "must-see" attractions, but you experience intimate, eye-opening activities and make unforgettable memories. Remember, on this young professional tour, sightseeing and having fun does not end at sunset.

Share your experiences with like-minded young professional. We will immerse you in new cultures through entertaining activities, which will create life long friendships.

If you are interested in organizing alumni group, young professional group, reunion group or private tour, please contact us for more information.



The Lost City of Maruk U

4 Days / 3 Nights: The Lost City of Mrauk U

Explore some of Myanmar's less visited archeological sites in The Lost City Of Mrauk U tour. In this Myanmar tour, you will realize the importance the city had centuries ago and witness the abandoned Mrauk U's remarkable ruined temples. The city offers the visitor many chances to study the cultural and a proud heritage handed down to the present day Rakhine generation by their forefathers.

Highlights

- Discovering of one of Myanmar's ancient Kingdoms where tourists seldom visit
- Visiting the oriental provinces near the border with Bangladesh
- Watching sun rise over the enchanting city of Mrauk U from the top of the hill
- Learning the legends and myths that abound in this once glorious city

DAY 1: Yangon – Sittwe

Flight from Yangon to Sittwe, the capital of Rakhine State, visit the colorful fish market and the Cultural Museum

DAY2: Sittwe – Mrauk U

Cruise upstream along Kaladan River on boat trip (approx: 5 hours) to Mrauk U, a major archaeological site in Myanmar.

DAY 3: Mrauk U

Enjoy sunrise from the top of the hill. After breakfast continue sightseeing in Mrauk U. Experience the local lifestyles at the market before exploring the ruins of the Royal Palace and Archaeological Museum.

DAY 4: Mrauk U - Yangon

Depart with the daily speedboat from Mrauk U to Sittwe then transfer flight to Yangon.

* You may combine this tour with other cities. This private tour can be arrange for single traveler, couple, family and group tour. Prices vary according to selected accommodation and season. Please contact us to discuss your individual requirements.



Yangon & Golden Rock

4 Days 3 Nights – Yangon & Golden Rock

The Golden Rock tour is a great way to extend your Myanmar tour and experience the scenery and life in the area. You will visit one of the important Buddhist pilgrimage site in Asia as you depart from Yangon and make your way to Kyaikhtiyo, the Golden Rock. At this site, a small pagoda stands on a large golden rock that appears to be falling off a cliff.

Highlights

- Wandering the wide avenues of Yangon, past ancient trees and colonial buildings
- Driving through countryside to Golden Rock, a pagoda perched on a huge
- Admiring the sunset at awe-inspiring Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon
- Visiting ancient Mon capital

DAY 1: Yangon

Arrive Yangon – welcome by our tour guide. Enjoy a full day private tour to explore the colonial heritage of one of Southeast Asia’s most impressive capitals.

Visit The Great Shwe Dagon Pagoda - The world famous stupa, its golden stupa is the 'heart ' of Myanmar. At the pagoda we observe local pilgrims and monks offering their devotions and enjoy the amazing view at Shwedagon pagoda. Visit Chaukhtat Gyi - A huge reclining Buddha Image, and Kaba Aye Pagoda - World Peace Pagoda. In the afternoon drive through to the city and see colonial buildings, visit Sule Pagoda – landmark in the heart of city, Independent Monument, Nanthida Jetty to see river life on the Yangon river, and evening stroll along the China Town & Fruit Market.

DAY 2: Yangon – Golden Rock

Leaving Yangon in the morning, enjoy a scenic journey by road to Golden Rock (Drive via Bago: 194 km - 5 hours). Late morning, arrive at Golden Rock base camp and transfer to transit junction with one of the small open trucks in a one hour ride. Once at the pagoda, you can enjoy a spectacular view, which is particularly beautiful at sunrise or sunset. The whole site has a magical feeling. Overnight in Goldenrock.



DAY 3: Golden Rock - Bago - Yangon

Early sunrise time, strolling around the hill sites & return to hotel & breakfast there. Then go back to base camp from the hill. Arrive base camp, continuous drive to Bago and many temples and pagodas at Bago. Traditional Cheroot making & waving method workshop, after that go back to Yangon on the way sightseeing at Htuk Kyaunt war cemetery (second war soldiers allied). Shopping at Bogyoke Aung San (Scott) Market. Then visit Karaweik Royal Barge - A royal floating Barge on a lake for the fantastic photo view. Overnight in Yangon.

DAY 4: Yangon - Departure

Morning breakfast at hotel. Visit Kaba Aye Pagoda which in Myanmar.

This private tour can be arrange for single traveler, couple, family and group tour. Prices vary according to selected accommodation and season. Please contact us to discuss your individual requirements.



Beach Tour

4 Days / 3 Nights Ngapali Beach Break

Ngapali Beach Break Myanmar is ideal for travelers looking to experience a serene getaway at an unspoiled seaside destination. Accessible via a short flight from Yangon, Ngapali is one of Myanmar's finest sand beaches and offers the perfect setting for a blissful escape. This tour package is highly recommended for those seeking a break in a peaceful beach location. Surrounded by welcoming Burmese hospitality and unspoiled coastal scenery, you probably would not want to leave Ngapali.

DAY 1: Yangon – Thandwe – Ngapali Upon arriving at Thandwe Airport, you will be received and driven to Ngapali Beach, located 20 minutes away. After checking in, you are free to enjoy the rest of this afternoon at your leisure.

DAY 2-3: Ngapali

Enjoy two full days of leisure in Ngapali. You can simply relax on the beach, swim in the waters or take a biking excursion to nearby villages to meet local

fishermen and observe their daily lifestyles. If you are seeking a more adventurous experience, take a boat trip to swim, snorkel or dive around the surrounding islands. Overnight in Ngapali.

DAY 4: Ngapali Beach – Yangon

Today, after a leisurely morning, transfer to Thandwe airport for your onward flight.

This tour can be combined with other tours. This private tour can be arranged for single traveler, couple, family and group tour. Prices vary according to selected accommodation and season. Please contact us to discuss your individual requirements.



Trekking Tour

Trekking Tour

For those looking to add a taste of adventure to a Myanmar tour, these guided soft trek tours are a great introduction to the culture and scenery of the Shan States. Walking from village to village through spectacular highland scenery, you'll be presented with stunning views and exceptional cultural encounters. With lightly undulating hills and a relaxed pace of travel, even less experienced trekkers will easily be able to enjoy the wonder of the Shan State on this Myanmar tour packages.

Day Return: Pindaya Trekking

After breakfast, trekking will start at 8:00 am to Sikya-inn Danu village, taking approx. 2 hours. Take a rest for a while, have snack and green tea. Then onwards to hike to Yasakyi village where hill tribe Palaung live. It takes another one and a half hour (4 km) and upon arrival there around noon, we'll have boxed-lunch and rest in a monastery. Then, time to stroll in the village and discover their ways of life. On return, we will trek a different way, gazing at the evergreen scenery en route and visit Linne-inn and Taung-paw-gyi Danu villages. Total trekking hour 4/5.

Day Return: Kalaw Trekking

Depart from Kalaw in the morning about 8:00 and after 2 & 1/2 hours walking distance, through small ranges with tea-leaf and cheroot-leaf plantations, approach to Ywar Thit village to meet local villagers Danu people. Then proceed to Tar Yaw village of Palaung people. TarYaw village is reputed for its long houses of old style Palaung tribe. The long houses have six or eight Palaung families stay together. In the house, hand-made weaving can be seen. Proceed to view point with a small shop for picked lunch. Enjoy beautiful sceneries and panorama from view point. Total trekking hours are about 5 hrs for the whole day.

3 Days / 2 Nights Kalaw - Inle (Trekking Tour)

Day 1: Start your trek this morning after breakfast, heading through several villages where you will meet friendly locals and observe their traditional lifestyles. The scenery varies as you pass over peaks and down through valleys. Late this afternoon, reach a picturesque village of the Pa-O people where you'll have dinner and enjoy a local homestay. (Trekking Time: 4 hours)

Day 2 With an early morning walk around the village you'll see the farmers hard at work as they plant or harvest wheat, ginger and a variety of other crops. Then resume your trek, making your way to Kon Hla village in time for lunch followed by a short afternoon walk to Htee Thein. The walk today offers great views of the Shan Mountain Range and you'll reach your overnight homestay in plenty of time to explore the village. (Trekking Time: 4 hours) Overnight at Htee Thein village.

Day 3 The final day of trekking is mostly downhill and takes you to Inle Lake. Depending on the day, you will trek three hours to Indein or four hours to Than Daung to see the floating market. After three days of trekking, you'll arrive on the lake shores and enjoy a relaxing boat trip along the waters, stopping for lunch in a stilted restaurant, before continuing to your hotel for check in. (Trekking Time: 4 hours)



Journey Beyond the Ordinary Tour

14 Days / 13 Nights - Journey beyond the Ordinary Tour

Find yourself drawn in by the allure of one of Asia's most mysterious countries on this journey into Myanmar. This 14 day tour takes in Myanmar in all its diversity, from the glistening spires of Yangon's Shwedagon Pagoda to the old colonial hill station of Pyin Oo Lwin, visiting the floating gardens and stilted monasteries of Inle Lake and ethnic tribes, the atmospheric pagodas of the forgotten capital, Bagan, legendary Mandalay and relaxing at famous Ngapali beach.

Highlights

- Sunset at splendid Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon
- Travel by traditional horse cart through scenic countryside to explore in Bagan
- Cross the bridge over the breathtaking Irrawaddy River to Sagaing
- Visit ancient capitals - Ava, Amarapura and Sagaing
- Visit colonial hill station, Maymyo
- Cruising the tranquil waters in Inle Lake in Shan State
- snorkeling, fishing and windsurfing opportunities at Ngapali beach

DAY 1 & 2: Yangon

Enjoy the private tour of Yangon City. Visit downtown Yangon, China town & Indian quater, colonial buildings and Independent monument, National Musuem & Gems Museum. Visit Yangon river and sunset view at Shwedagon Pagoda.

DAY 3: Yangon - Bagan

Flight from Yangon to Bagan. Visit diverse selection of Pagoda and temples.

DAY 4: Bagan - Mt. Popa

Excursion to Mt. Popa, an extinct volcano with spectacular views, 4981 feet above sea level.

DAY 5: Bagan - Mandalay - Saging

Flight from Bagan - Mandalay. Sightseeing in Mandalay and Sagin

DAY 6: Mingun - Ava - Maymyo

Boat ride to Mingun and then by car to colonial hill station Maymyo.

DAY 7: Maymyo - Mandalay

Visit to beautiful botanical garden, waterfall, Peik Chin Myaung Cave and winemaking workshop

DAY 8: Mandalay - Pindaya - Inle Lake

Flight from Mandalay to heho then by car to Pindaya, unique site housing thousand of Buddha images places there by pilgrims and devotes over the centuries.

DAY 9: Inle Lake - Indein

Enjoy the tour of Inle Lake and Indein by private boat. Visit the "long neck" tribal women, and weaving and craft villages perched on stilts.

DAY 10: Inle Lake - Ngapali beach

Flight from heho to Ngapali beach

DAY 11 & 12: Ngapali Beach

Enjoy two days leisure on the beach for sun bathing, swimming and strolling along the white sand beach.

DAY 13: Ngapali - Yangon

Flight back to Yangon from Ngapali beach.

DAY 14: Yangon - Departure

ay at leisure until transfer to airport for International departure flight.

This private tour can be arrange for single traveler, couple, family and group tour. Prices vary according to selected accommodation and season. Please contact us to discuss your individual requirements.

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HOTELS & RESORTS PORTFOLIO

There are over 500 Hotels, Resorts, Motels, Guesthouse and Inns in Myanmar. Myanmar Shalom virtually works with all of them! Deciding where to stay can be an overwhelming process! We have put together a collection of our favorite hotels, ranging from boutique guesthouses to eco lodges as well as comfortable classic hotels to help with your decision. Whatever your needs, our excellent selection of hotels offers a variety of exceptional experiences. All of our selected hotels are fantastic bases from which to explore this magical country and make your stay in Myanmar all the more memorable.



The Strand Hotel

Originally built in 1901 by the famed Sarkies Brothers, The Strand Hotel in Yangon, stands for all that were wondrous and opulent in a bygone era. The Strand still remains one of Yangon's most renowned landmarks. Located in the heart of the city, the hotel's 32 beautifully appointed suites are the essence of timeless elegance, and boast high ceilings; teakwood floors, spacious bedrooms and luxurious bathrooms.



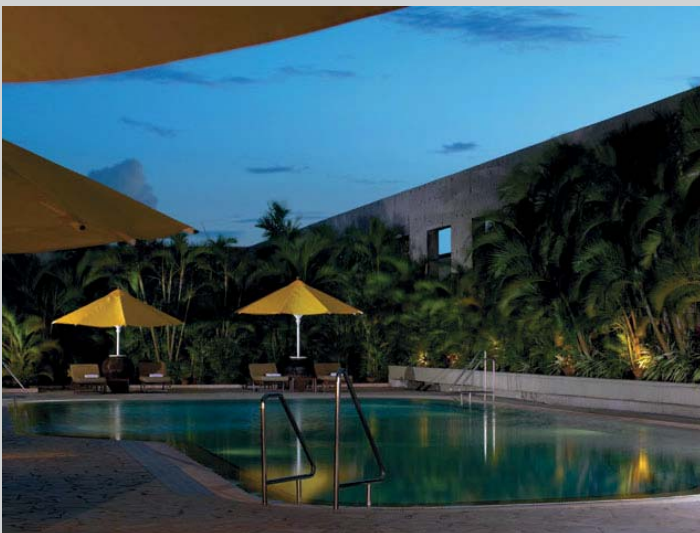
The Governors Residence

A romantic, colonial-style mansion dating from the 1920s, The Governor's Residence is redolent of the days when it was home to the ruler of Burma's southern states. With its fan-cooled verandas and teak armchairs, this delightful Orient-Express hotel in the elegant Embassy Quarter of Yangon (formerly Rangoon), conjures up a bygone era while offering every modern pleasure.



Park Royal Hotel

Park Royal combines the gentle hospitality of Myanmar with first-class service and facilities. Superbly located in the hub of the city, this luxuriously-appointed, modern hotel allows you to relax while enjoying the rich heritage of a culture that spans more than a millennium.



Traders Hotel

With a blend of sophisticated elegance, international facilities and warm hospitality, Traders Hotel -Yangon is further enhanced by Myanmar's distinctive and fascinating culture.

Savoy Hotel

Savoy is Yangon's first truly 'boutique' hotel and is designed in a classic, colonial style with a unique blend of teak wood and traditional European and Burmese furnishings and antiques creating an intimate atmosphere like a private club.



Thiripyitsayar Sanctuary Resort

With lush gardens, spacious interiors, and the gently flowing Irrawaddy River nearby, the Bagan Thiripyitsaya Sanctuary Resort is considered to be Bagan's premier hotel. Aside from attractively appointed bedrooms and suites, it offers world-class cuisine and other amenities such as a Spa and the biggest outdoor pool and sundeck in the area.

Aye Yar River View Hotel

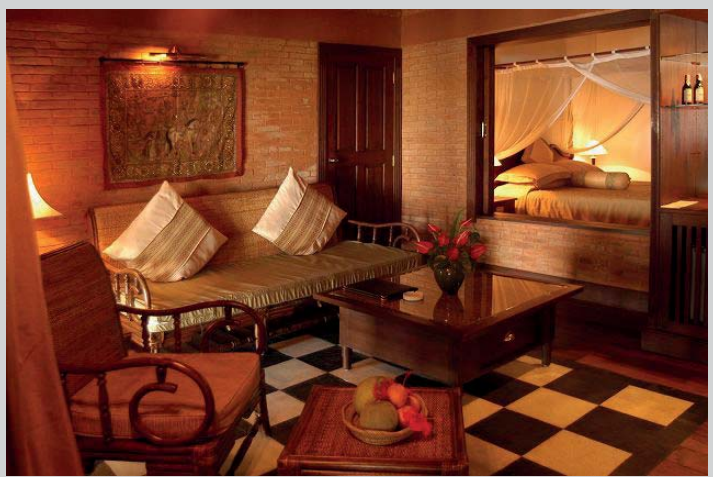
Aye Yar River View Hotel is one of the best hotels in Ancient Bagan City area with the most reasonable prices. This luxury hotel provides its guests with outstanding service of unique quality and to high security standards, as well as all flexibility required.

Aureum Palace

This incomparable Resort and Spa set amid 27 acres of Tropical landscaped gardens offers the ultimate in luxury for guests seeking a superlative vacation experience. Museum quality antiques and artifacts adorn each villa, complementing the majestic ambiance of the resort.

Bagan Thande Hotel

The two storey building was built in 1922, for the then Prince of Wales when he visited Bagan. It's the only and prominent colonial era building in Ancient Bagan City.





Mandalay Hill Resort

Located at the foot of Mandalay Hill and facing the Royal Palace, each and everyone of the 206 rooms and suites commands stunning views. Mandalay Hill matches the exquisite surroundings, both inside and out.

Hotel by Red Canal

The boutique-style hotel is a celebration of all things Myanmar, featuring teak furniture and fixtures & fittings made from rattan, mother-of-pearl and other local materials as well as Myanmar marble lining the bath room walls

Mandalay City Hotel

Mandalay City Hotel is an urban resort hotel that addresses the needs of value-orientated business and leisure travelers. Offering the right mix of convenience, comfort, functionality and price.

Sedona Hotel

Nestled in the heart of Mandalay city, Sedona Hotel Mandalay is an oasis of calm and tranquility set amidst four acres of landscaped gardens. The hotel has unbridled views of the Mandalay's most famous attractions - the majestic Royal Palace situated directly in front of the hotel and the iconic Mandalay Hill looming in the background.



Inle Princess Resort

Inle Princess Resort rests on the eastern shore of Inle Lake within the blue treetop ranges of the Shan Hills. The lake's top resort offers guests a secluded retreat with 46 traditional wooden chalets, built upon stilts along the shallow waters of the shoreline. The spacious rooms were built by local craftsmen using native woods and bamboo and are decorated with Burmese silk textiles. The rooms also feature private balconies with impressive views of fields, mountains and Inle Lake.



Inle Resort

The Inle Resort is a deluxe resort, distinctive among its peers, in a unique tourist destination. Blessed by location, typical in outlook and differentiated by service, Inle Resort offers a holistic guest experience that is invigorating to the senses and yet rich in culture and adventure.



Inle Lake View Resort

The Inle Lake View Resort is deluxe boutique hotel of international standard on the shores of Inle Lake, built on 15 acres of lush land of trees and flowers, ideally located in a picturesque area overlooking the Inle lake. The Inle Lake View Resort is perfect retreat for those wishing to experience the 'real' Myanmar and have a relaxing holiday at the same time.



Pristine Lotus Spa Resort

The Inle Lotus Suite is freestanding Villa with artificial pond. The ultimate in hillside living - the finest way to spend the most valuable of today's luxuries, your time. high-quality designer accommodation affording great views of the Lake. With 115 square meters of living room, private swimming pool, Inle Lotus Suite will be a house in itself, promising a whole new hotel experience at this unique destination.





Amata Resort

Located in Ngapali, Myanmar's premier beach destination, Amata Resort is nestled on five acres of tropical greenery fringed by a pristine stretch of shoreline. The resort covers more than five acres of tropical wonderland and guests are luxuriously accommodated in seventy teak, bamboo, cane and rattan cabanas, bungalows and suites.



Sandaway

Located on Myanmar's pristine Ngapali beach, the charming Sandaway Hotel is a relaxing coastal getaway. The boutique property offers 56 individual two-storey villas and cottages set amid lush tropical gardens. Couples on a romantic trip, families on a beach holiday or beach-lovers seeking sand and sea will all delight in the tranquil, welcoming surroundings of the Sandaway.



Ayavata Cruises

There is no better way to discover Myanmar's Irrawaddy and Chindwin Rivers than a sail onboard one of Ayavata Cruises' deluxe boats.

Rv Pandaw 1947 was built on the Clyde in Scotland in 1947 in the style of the pre-war steamers of the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company. Arriving in what was then known as Burma in 1950 the Pandaw was put into service in 1951 to carry both cargo and passengers along the Irrawaddy River. In the 1998 she was converted into a 16 cabin luxurious river cruiser by the revived Irrawaddy Flotilla Company and following a second major refitting in 2003 has been operated by Ayavata Cruises.

RV Paukan is the newest addition to the Ayavata Cruise. The lovely Paukan is a boutique hotel on the river, beautifully furnished with a unique combination of modern and traditional motifs. The timber-walled cabins are furnished with colonial style cupboards, dresser and doors while the ceiling is traditional Myanmar. The single or double beds are proper and comfortable ones and not mere bunks, enough room for 55 passengers who will be looked after by a 30-member crew.

Road to Mandalay

Cruising gently along the Irrawaddy River, The Road To Mandalay accesses the unique sights, scents and sounds of Burma (Myanmar) in Orient-Express style and luxury. Originally built as a Rhine cruiser in Germany in 1964, the ship was later purchased and refurbished by Orient-Express and transported to Myanmar in 1995, where it's been plying the Irrawaddy River ever since. Inside this graceful river cruiser the emphasis rests on traditional comfort combined with delightful luxury.

The ship also offers evening marionette and dance shows by local performers. During the day time, demonstrations and lectures are scheduled should you wish to enhance your understanding of local culture. The Road to Mandalay has a crew of on-board chefs who provide the best in local and international cuisine. Trips vary from 3-11 nights, cruising between the cities of Mandalay and Bagan.

Please check our Luxury of Myanmar with Road To Mandalay Cruise Tour program





Malikha Lodge

Malikha Lodge is situated in Northern Kachin State, Myanmar's greenest and most remote state. Perched high above the Nam Lang River with glorious views of mountains and rice terraces, Malikha Lodge has been designed by world famous architect Jean Michel Gathy of Aman Resorts fame to create a feeling of luxury and seclusion in this wilderness setting.

From the lodge, guests have easy access to elephant rides and nature treks through primordial forested ridges as well as kayaking and rafting excursions along cascading rivers. Despite its remote location, the Malikha Lodge is outfitted with modern facilities, making it the perfect base camp for adventurers of all types.

Balloon over Bagan

Imagine . . . floating over thousand year old pagodas and the mighty Ayeyarwaddy River, as the sun sinks slowly behind distant mountains. Described by Marco Polo as "one of the finest sights in the world", Bagan in Myanmar is a vision of unparalleled natural beauty. Now, Balloons over Bagan affords visitors a unique opportunity to see this ancient kingdom, as it never has been seen before.

Flights last around 45 minutes but the entire experience lasts about two and a half hours. The balloons can carry up to fourteen passengers on each flight. All equipment is supplied by Cameron Balloons of the UK, the world's largest balloon manufacturer, and all pilots and technicians are UK-licensed pilots and public transport inspectors.



Why Travel with Myanmar Shalom?

Myanmar Shalom Travel and Tours has designed and arranged tours for travelers, carefully crafted to the needs and interests of each individual and group. Our local guides, sightseeing programs, hotels and restaurants are carefully chosen to provide an insightful, authentic and meaningful connection to Myanmar's people and to directly benefit the local economy.

We know everyone has their own unique travel style and that's why we work with you to create a personalized itinerary tailor-made to suit your schedule, budget and interests.

With our network of suppliers, we can access the best rates and latest promotions and pass these savings on to you.

Myanmar Shalom understands the benefits of a good working relationship. With our clients, we share a common commitment to quality and the delivery of authentic travel experiences with high level of service and professionalism.

- Prompt response
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- Thorough knowledge of Myanmar Travel market
- Provide tailor-made itinerary
- Provide distinguished Guides
- Provide variety of hotel choices with best rates
- Value for money you spent
- Absolute professionalism and a great travel experience
- Friendly office team

Management & Operation Team



Moses Samuels- Managing Director

Travelers from around the world know Moses Samuels as the dedicated host and Trustee of the only synagogue in Myanmar, Musmeah Yeshua. For more than twenty years, Moses Samuels has taken care of the small remaining Jewish community in Burma, as well as the cemetery, and has helped numerous visitors with hotel, airline and other travel arrangements. Many grateful recipients of his knowledge and his assistance have urged Moses Samuels to open a travel agency so that he might more formally help people experience the beautiful and diverse country that is his home. His lifelong experience in Yangon, his lifelong knowledge of Burma, is now available to travelers throughout the world. Moses Samuels' unique role in Burma has been chronicled in articles in the New York Times, Washington Post, International Herald Tribune, and numerous other newspapers.



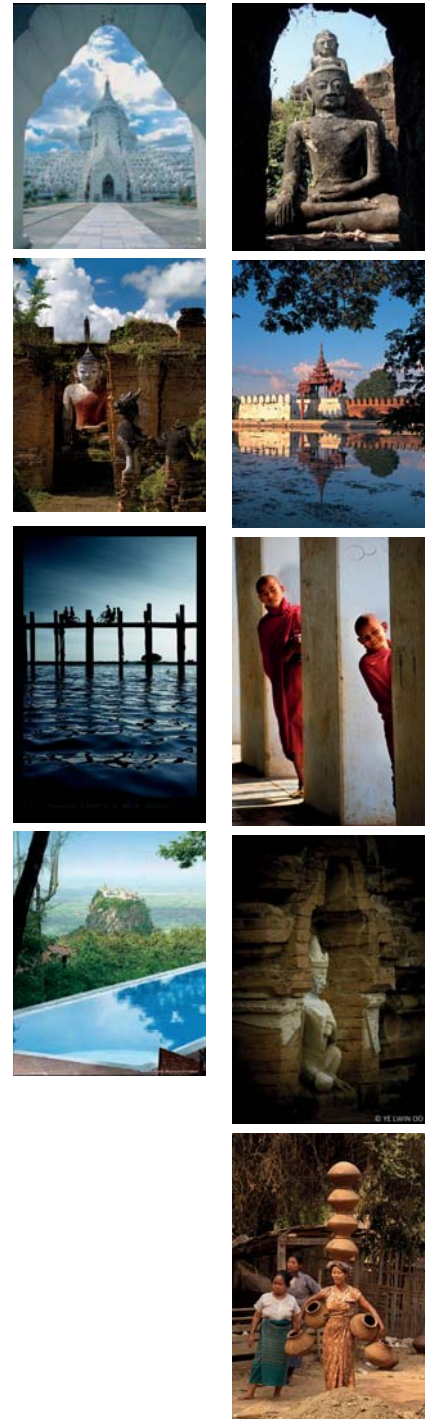
Sammy Samuels- Marketing Director and Travel Consultant

An honors graduate of Yeshiva University, Sy Syms School of Business in New York City, Sammy Samuels has promoted his country, Burma to all who know him. That's why some of his friends and colleagues call him the "Ambassador of Burma." He has worked at the American Jewish Congress, and has been presented his history and personal experiences in Burma at synagogues and communal events. During his years in America, Sammy has assisted many people in designing and arranging their visits to Myanmar. Through Myanmar Shalom, Sammy is bringing more tourists to his amazing country.

Operation Team & Tour Guides

Myanmar Shalom's tour guides range from youths to seniors, all of whom are very knowledgeable, flexible and understanding of the rigorous requirements of today's travelers; they are also dedicated to their profession and act as proud ambassadors of the places you visit — the place they call home — they will ensure that you see the very best in each locale, from famous monuments to the unexpected gems that make each destination unique. They'll also help you choose a great restaurant, unique marketplace, or help you find the best price on that must-have souvenir.

Our operation team and office team are reinforced with young, enthusiastic, energetic and career-oriented people. They have extensive experience hosting group and individual tours, sharing their love and knowledge of their native country with visitors from around the world. At Myanmar Shalom we not only offer you the sights and sounds of this exciting land but we introduce you to the smiling faces and open hearts of our people while providing quality travel services to clients.



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