



# Incredible Indian Tours Incredible Burma

## 19 Days ex Yangon 13 Jan - 31 Jan 2018



### Maximum Group Size 10

**Fully Escorted** by Deb Kindness of Incredible Indian Tours

**Accommodation** 17 nights hotels, 1 night boat

**Transport** Domestic Flights, Train, Private Vehicle, Boat

**Meals** 18 breakfasts 1 lunch, 2 dinners

**Entrance Fees** Included for all sites visited as part of the itinerary

**Starts in** Yangon on Saturday 13th January 2018

**Finishes in** Yangon on Wednesday 31st January 2018

**Costs** from **USD4500** per person twin share

This fabulous tour takes in the main sights of Burma including the hill tribes near Kalaw. We visit Inle Lake, Mandalay and ancient Bagan and venture south to the pilgrimage site of Kyaiktiyo (The Golden Rock) and the decaying British colonial streets of Mawlamyain. Only now opening up to the west, Burma or Myanmar is an as yet unspoilt remnant of South East Asia with a fascinating blend of India, Thailand and China, yet with it's very own flavour, and some of the friendliest people you'll ever meet.

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 Yangon

Arrival Day. No group activities today. In the evening there will be a welcome meeting before heading out for dinner.

### Day 2 Inle Lake

We take a short flight to Heho on the Shan plateau, home to the many varied tribes of the Shan state. We make our way down to the friendly town of Nyaung Shwe, which is a starting point for boat trips, bike rides, canoe journeys or gentle strolls through the local produce market.

### Days 3-4 Inle Lake

We take a full day's boat trip on the massive expanse of Inle Lake, visiting the weekly market, the Phaung Daw U pagoda, and the floating gardens.

On day 4, spend time hiking in the mountains, or hire a cycle and visit the local villages, waterways and pagoda. The local market in Nyaung Shwe is worth a visit. Whilst in Nyaung Shwe we also enjoy a local dinner in the home of one of our friends.

### Day 5 Kalaw

A train journey today to the pleasant hill station of Kalaw. Riding the Taunggyi Express, we wind through the plateau and across the Heho Plain.

### Day 6 Kalaw

We take a short day trek through the local tribal Palaung settlements taking lunch in one of the local villages, and visiting a local school.

### Days 7-8 Mandalay

A short flight across the rugged mountains gets us to the cultural capital of Burma. Mandalay has a wealth of sights to dazzle the senses. We visit the U Bein bridge, the Shwe Ein Bin teak monastery and the Mahamuni Pagoda. Enjoy sunset from Mandalay Hill and soak in the atmosphere of the cultural heart of the country.

### Day 9 Mingun & Overnight Boat

We take a short boat ride to the ancient capital Mingun before boarding our private luxury boat for lunch and an overnight journey along the Irrawaddy River.

### Days 10-11 Bagan

Arriving into Bagan by mid morning, we spend the afternoon exploring the ancient structures and pagodas scattered in the vicinity of our well positioned hotel.

On day 11 we take horse carts through the countryside to explore this fascinating region and be inspired by the 1000 year old pagodas that surround you.

### Day 12 Yangon

Time this morning to explore more of ancient Bagan or take a side trip to Mount Popa, home to the Nat spirits and where you can glimpse an awesome vista of the countryside from the peak of this volcanic tower.

In the late afternoon of day 12 we take a short flight to Yangon.

### Day 13 Kyaiktiyo (Golden Rock Pagoda)

A half a days drive through the central heart of Burma and we arrive in Kinpun, which is the base camp access point to the Golden Rock Pagoda pilgrimage site.

### Day 14 Mawlamyain

This morning we make the pilgrimage to Golden Rock by road, joining many other Burmese on this very important spiritual journey. After lunch, we return down the mountain, then take a short drive through the tropical landscape to the old colonial seaside town of Mawlamyain, only recently opened up to foreigners.

### Days 15-16 Mawlamyain

A day to explore Mawlamyain and nearby sights, including the worlds largest reclining Buddha and a meditation centre.

On day 16 we spend a full day visiting remote Oge Island, where you get to see typical Burmese life, including workers making wooden handicrafts, rubber bands, slate boards amongst other things.

### Days 17-18 Yangon

We return to Yangon by road. Spend the afternoon exploring the sights, including the Shwethalyaung Buddha and the Botatauna Pagoda, or take a stroll around Inya lake.

Having saved the best for last, we make a morning visit to the amazing Shwedagon Pagoda, the spiritual hub of the nation before some last minute souvenir shopping in Bogyoke market.

### Day 19 Departure Day

There are no organised activities today. You are free to depart at anytime.