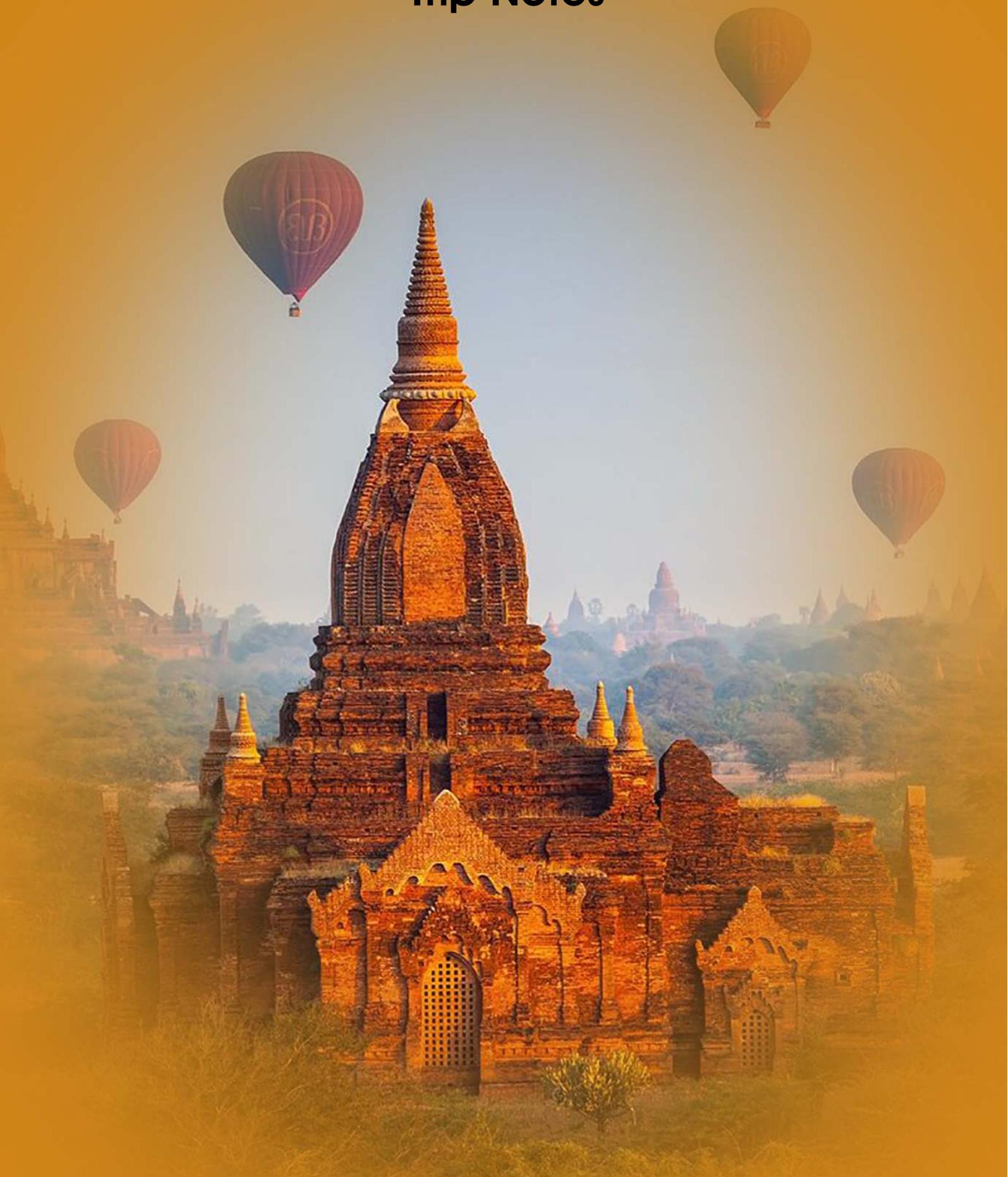


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19 days / 18 nights



### Trip Notes: 2020 - 2021

This fabulous tour takes in the best 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), the Jurassic-like countryside around Hpa An and the decaying British colonial streets of Mawlamyine. 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.

### Highlights

- wonder at the leg rowing fishermen at **Inle Lake**
- explore the charming hill station of **Kalaw**
- delve into the host of sights in the erstwhile royal capital **Mandalay**
- ramble through the **atmospheric ruins** of Bagan
- take the pilgrimage to **Golden Rock Pagoda**
- be wowed at the scenic surrounds of **Hpa An**
- discover the melancholic beauty of **Mawlamyine**
- be dazzled by the **Shwedagon Pagoda** at Yangon



## general tour information

### group size

Minimum 5, maximum 10

### days

19 days 18 nights

### starts and finishes in

Yangon

### price includes

Arrival and departure transfers  
All accommodation as specified  
All transportation between overnight stops and to and from included sightseeing  
Entrance fees for all sites listed as part of the itinerary  
Full time local tour guide  
Meals as specified  
Gratuities for hotel staff, guides and drivers

### price does not include

Visa costs  
Meals other than those listed  
Drinks, meal tips, laundry and other items of a personal nature  
International flights

### accommodation

Hotels (17 nights), Overnight luxury riverboat (1 night)

### optional single supplement

If you are a single traveller, you are not required to pay a single supplement as we will match you up with other travellers. If we are unable to match you up with another traveller of the same sex, we will pay your single supplement for you. Should you not wish to share accommodation at all, but would like to guarantee your own room throughout the tour a single supplement of USD 900 will be payable.

### transport

Private Vehicle, Flight, Boat, Train

### activities included

The following is a list of included activities on this trip. Other activities are optional and will be at your own expense.

Boat trip, Lake Entrance, (Inle Lake)  
Day trek to villages (Kalaw)  
Mandalay sites Zone fee, (Mandalay)  
Mingun Pagoda (Mingun)  
Archeological Zone, Horsecart ride (Bagan)  
Golden Rock (Golden Rock)  
Reclining Buddha, Ogre Island (Mawlamyaing)  
Shwedagon Pagoda (Yangon)





## general tour information

### meal inclusions

18 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners

### meals

Traveling with Incredible Indian Tours we ensure that you will experience a vast array of the gustatory treats available in Burma. Generally, meals are not included in the trip price when there is a choice of eating options. This allows you to choose where, and what to eat. More often than not however we eat together as a group. Your tour guide will offer suggestions for favourite restaurants throughout the trip.

### money exchange

As at May 2019

AUD1 = 1050 MMK

CAD1 = 1100 BTN

EUR1 = 1700 BTN

GBP1 = 1950 BTN

NZD1 = 1000 BTN

USD1 = 1500 BTN

There are an increasing number of ATMs in Burma, but ensure you bring adequate spending money in cash as you may not be able to withdraw from some machines with foreign cards. Only USD cash is acceptable to change in Burma. You will need fresh, clean, unfolded, un torn, unmarked notes from 2007 or later. The larger the note, the better exchange rate you will receive.

### spending money

Although entrance fees to specified sites are included in the tour price, there are additional sights that you may like to visit. Some sites may levy camera and video fees.

Spending money requirements will differ from one person to the next. You will need to take into consideration your spending habits when allowing for drinks, shopping, and optional activities.

You can eat and drink very well on US\$20-25 per day.

You will need to allow enough money for the following:

Meals – USD400

Optional Activities – USD100

Money for drinks, shopping and incidentals.

Tipping is an integral part of life in Burma and is essential to a smooth trip. To make things easier we cover tips for hotel room staff, local guides and for drivers of private transport we use. This does NOT cover restaurant tips (allow 10% on top of your restaurant bill).

### physical rating ●●●●○

There will be plenty of walking around towns or sites, which due to the warm climate may make general sightseeing a little more strenuous.

### culture shock rating ●●●●○

Conditions in Burma are not always as comfortable as in other countries. You will be exposed to some poverty and chaotic road traffic. Bargaining is a way of life in Burma, so come prepared.

### travel insurance

Travel Insurance is highly recommended whilst traveling to the Burma and is compulsory for any group tour with Incredible Indian Tours.

### participation waiver

All Incredible Indian Tours travellers are required to sign a Participation Waiver prior to or on day 1 of the trip. Please note that signing the form is a prerequisite of travelling with Incredible Indian Tours.

### visas

E-visas are now available for most nationalities and are valid for 28 days.

To apply visit <http://evisa.moip.gov.mm/newapplication.aspx>

### health

We recommend that you consult your doctor for current medical travel information about before departure. Your leader will be carrying a basic first aid kit, but we suggest you bring along your own as well as any personal medical requirements.

The following websites have up-to-date information about health requirements.

Australia <https://www.travelvax.com.au/>

New Zealand <http://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/healthy-living/travelling>

USA <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/>

UK <http://www.travelhealth.co.uk/>

Canada <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/health-safety/vaccines>

### communications

All of our hotels have Wifi, although speeds can be slow. You can purchase a local prepaid sim card (for unlocked cell phones) easily and inexpensively in Burma.



## general tour information

### your tour manager and tour guide

Your tour manager is there to organise and streamline your travels and to help you have the best trip possible.

We also have a full-time local tour guide in addition to your tour manager who will help us to get to know their country, introduce us to their local friends and recommend great local restaurants and experiences.

### responsible travel

We believe strongly in responsible travel. This includes being respectful to the local culture (ie dressing appropriately, and learning a few basic cultural do's and don'ts), being mindful of the environment, and leaving a positive image behind. Remember we are ambassadors for our country. Bringing a few photos of your family and home with you is a great way to interact with the locals by giving them a glimpse of your world whilst you visit theirs.

### joining & finishing point hotel

Summit Parkview  
350 Ahlone Rd, Dagon Township, Yangon  
Myanmar (Burma)  
Ph: +95 1 211 888 / 211 966

### transfer/joining instructions

As you come out of immigration and customs you will be bombarded by taxi companies and drivers to get a lift with them. Some will tell you that you must take a prepaid one. Politely ignore them and look for one of our smiling friends with your name on a board.

### early arrival information

If you are arriving earlier than day 1, extra accommodation at the Summit Parkview is available at TBA Single/Double per night per room. Please notify us as early as possible if you require extra accommodation as this hotel can be booked up well in advance.

### staying on

If you are staying on in Yangon after the tour, extra accommodation at the Summit Parkview is available at TBA Single/Double per night per room.

### what to take

We will be on the move a lot, so try to pack as lightly as possible. If you wish to bring gifts suggestions would be lipsticks, perfume, stationary and T-shirts. We stress that these things are for gifts for people that you may meet and share an experience with, NOT for children who are truant from school or begging. Ideally bring a backpack or a soft overnight bag with a strap. Suitcases and wheely bags may struggle as the roads and pathways can be rough and hard on luggage. Having said that we do not carry our bags for any distance.

Burma is a conservative Buddhist country and we ask that you dress accordingly. Please ensure that your shoulders and knees are covered.

### laundry

Laundry facilities will be available in most places we will be staying at for 2 or more nights. Elsewhere you may need to do your own laundry if required.

### weather

The weather during our journey should be great. Daytime temperatures will be warm - in the range 22-30°C with cool to cold nights requiring layers in Nyuang Shwe and Kalaw. In Yangon and the south, the temperatures will be a little closer to tropical, so lighter clothes here will suffice. Don't forget an umbrella, sun protection and a hat.

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### general tour information

#### checklist

Travel documents: passport, visa, travel insurance (don't forget your emergency insurance contact details), air tickets.  
Photocopy of above documents  
Day pack  
Health vaccinations/medication  
Medical/ First aid kit  
Money: US\$ Cash only  
Money pouch  
Comfortable walking shoes  
Warm jumper/sweater  
Oral rehydration powders or salts  
Alarm clock and torch/flashlight  
Sunscreen and mosquito repellent  
Ear plugs can be useful if you are a light sleeper  
Lock for your back pack or bag  
Comfortable walking/hiking shoes for our day walk in Kalaw  
Note: Certain items such as sunscreen, mosquito repellent and tampons are not readily available in Burma

We recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt to store your passport, air tickets, credit cards and cash. Avoid bringing valuable jewellery with you. Most hotels we use have safety deposit boxes.

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