



# Incredible Indian Tours Incredible Burma 19 Days ex Yangon 2 - 20 March 2022



**Maximum Group Size** 10

**Accommodation** 17 nights, 1 night luxury river 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 Wednesday 2nd March 2022

**Finishes in** Yangon on Sunday 20th March 2022

**Costs** US\$5990 per person twin share (US\$7180 including *optional single supplement*)

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 Mawlamyayina. 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

This morning 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 on Inle Lake or gentle strolls through the town and local produce market.

### Days 3-4 Inle Lake

We take a wonderful 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 as well as looking out for some of the unique leg-rowing fishermen.

On day 4, spend time hiking in the hills, or hire a bicycle 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

We take a local train journey today to the hill station of Kalaw. Riding the Taunggyi Express, we wind through the plateau and across the Heho Plain.

### Day 6 Kalaw

Don your hiking shoes for a short day trek through the local tribal Palaung settlements taking lunch in one of the local villages, and perhaps visiting a local school.

### Days 7-8 Mandalay

A wonderful days drive today through some of the back roads of Burma and up over the Shan plateau brings us to Mandalay, the cultural capital. 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 some of the ancient structures and pagodas scattered in the vicinity of our fabulously located hotel.

On day 11 we take horsecarts through the countryside to explore this fascinating region and be wowed by a few of the 2000-odd temples dating back to the 9th century CE.

### Day 12 Kyaiktiyo (Golden Rock Pagoda)

We catch a morning flight to Yangon, and from there drive direct (5 hours) to Kinpun (the base town for visiting Golden Rock), arriving to enjoy the late afternoon in this interesting little village.

### Day 13 Kyaiktiyo (Golden Rock Pagoda)

We have a full day to explore the unique and fascinating Golden Rock Pagoda with a cable-car trip to get to the top of the mountain, and a bus ride back down after a spectacular sunset.

### Day 14 Mawlamyayina

This morning we take a drive through the tropical landscape to amazing Hpa An where we'll visit some of the remarkable sights including Sadan Cave and Mount Zwegabin. In the late afternoon we'll drive 1.5 hours to the old colonial seaside town of Mawlamyayina, only recently opened up to foreigners.

### Days 15-16 Mawlamyayina

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

On day 16 we spend a full day visiting remote Ogre 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.

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