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## Experience the INSIGHT with Myanmar Shalom Tours!

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. This itinerary is simply a suggested and can easily be customized to suit your preferences, schedule, budget, and interests.

## 9 DAYS/ 8 NIGHTS MYANMAR TRIP



### Highlight

- Discover the world famous golden Shwedagon Pagoda
- Visit Bagan and get stunning with its spectacular massive ancient temples
- Capture the mystery and romance of Mandalay
- Observe the influences of other cultures in the region
- Explore the tranquil waterways of Inle Lake through floating gardens and villages

### Day 1: Yangon arrival

Upon your arrival in Yangon, welcome by our tour guide and transferred to your hotel for check-in. Day at leisure and overnight in Yangon.

### Day 2: Yangon sightseeing (B)

Breakfast at hotel. Enjoy private tour and drive through downtown to explore the city centre and its fabulous mix of architecture and sites. The streets are filled with historical buildings many of which have a faded colonial charm not seen

elsewhere in Asia. You'll start at the post office – a lovely historic building, passing by Strand Hotel, Mahabandoola Garden and Independence Monument along the way.

Then visit famous Chauk Htat Kyi, home to a 70-meter long reclining Buddha. The feet of the statue carved with traditional symbols and often many locals gathering to pay homage and pray. Photo stop at the Karaweik Hall royal floating barge. Nothing will prepare you for Shwedagon Pagoda, with its glittering gold stupa. At the pagoda observe local pilgrims and monks offering their devotions and enjoy the amazing sunset view at Shwedagon pagoda.

After breakfast flies to Heho, gateway to Inle Lake. Breakfast at the hotel.

### **Day 3: Yangon – fly to Heho – Pindaya – Inle (B)**

Check – out hotel and transfer to the airport. Depart for Heho by domestic flight Morning, schedules flight) (30 mins flying). Then drive to Pindaya (Approx: 2 hours) through the Shan Plateau, through fields of mountain rice. Visit magnificent Pindaya caves set in a limestone ridge overlooking a picturesque lake where thousands of different types of Buddha images are display in the various cave chambers. Continue visit some local houses where families produce Shan paper and parasols. Drive to Nyaung Shwe (1/2 hrs.) – upon arrival, check in to your hotel. Overnight in Nyaung Shwe.

### **Day 4: Inle Lake - Indein (B)**

Enjoy the full day tour by private boat in Inle lake. Visit the Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda, the most holy religious site in southern Shan State. Be amazed by the local handicrafts, silk weaving, wooden handlooms and traditional blacksmith methods along the way. Visiting Inle Lake is not just about being on the water but also about discovering the Shan and Intha villages on the banks of the river. Pass the endless floating gardens, houses, monasteries built on stilts on the lake. Proceed to Nampun village and see local cheroot factory (where the Burmese cigars are made) and canoe carving.

We continue our sightseeing in Inle Lake, maneuvering by boat though long, scenic channels. We will visit the fascinating village of Indein, with its complex of ancient shrines and stupas and walk though exotic colonnades of stairways and shop stalls. We'll visit the "long neck" tribal women, and weaving and craft villages perched on stilts. See the lake's unique "leg rowers" – the Intha people row standing up with one leg wrapped around an oar. It is a feast for the senses and a photographer's dream.

### **Day 5: Inle – Mandalay – Amarapura (B)**

Transfer to the airport for your flight to legendary Mandalay, a city of great cultural importance. This morning visit a 200-year-old teak bridge, the most photographic site in Amarapura. Then continue to Golden palace Monastery famous for its intricate woodcarvings. Next visit local artisan's workshops of gold leaf making, woodcarving and marble carving. Continue to the Kuthodaw Pagoda, which is known as the world largest book due to the Buddhist scripture carved on 729 marble slabs. Before sunset

And then it's time for the ruined remains of the Royal Palace. This evening, enjoy a commanding overview of the city from the Mandalay Hill.

### **Day 6: Mandalay – Bagan (B)**

Early morning flight to Bagan. Begin our exploration by visiting a busy local market and gain an insight into the bustling market atmosphere in Bagan. You will spend the day exploring the architectural masterpieces of this amazing town by visit to a diverse selection of the most important pagodas and temples. Then get to learn more about the local culture with a visit to two workshops producing Bagan's most famous products: lacquer ware and wood crafts. Watch as the skilled craftsmen use techniques passed down through generations to create beautiful items. In the late afternoon climbing to the top of the sunset hill 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 7: Half day Ebike ride visit for Bagan & Villages (B)**

More than just temples, our tour introduces you to provide a great overview of Bagan's history, culture and local lifestyles. Today see the real way of life for most Myanmar people by visiting villages near Bagan to view the local lifestyle. Then you will explore Bagan from a different perspective as you explore the area by Pony cart. The cart can explore areas that cars are unable to enter giving a different feel of Bagan.

In the late afternoon transfer to jetty where a private wooden river boat is waiting. Sitting under the shade or on the open-deck you'll be treated to fabulous views as you cruise down the Irrawaddy River to Shwezigon Pagoda. A private boat tour

on the river during sunset time will hopefully show you a spectacular sunset. Relax and enjoy the scenery.

**Day 8: Bagan – Heho – Yangon (B)**

Morning flight back to Yangon. Then enjoy a 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! Drive through the city and observe the influences of other cultures in the region. Intersperse in the tour are various religious sites such as the St Mary's Cathedral, built in 1899, and the Buddhist landmarks of Sule Paya and over 100 year old beautiful Rangoon Synagogue. In there you will have the opportunity to meet with Trustee of the Synagogue to learn the Jewish Life in the Pagoda Land. Then visit Little India and Chinatown – stop to greet the vendors and let them introduce you to their wares – some familiar, some exotic.

After tour, take some rest at hotel before leave for airport.

**Day 9: Yangon – Departure (B)**

You will be picked up and transfer to airport for International departure flight.

City	3* Hotels
Yangon	Merchant Art Hotel(Art Concept) or Central Hotel(Deluxe) or Vintage Luxury Yacht Hotel (Deluxe) or similar
Bagan	Shwe Yee Pwint Hotel (Bagan room) or Bagan Umbra Hotel(Deluxe) or similar
Mandalay	Hotel Amazing Mandalay (Deluxe) or Ayarwaddy River View(Superior) or or similar
Inle Lake	Amazing Nyaung Shwe Hotel(Deluxe) or Nyaung Shwe City Hotel(Deluxe) or similar
Subject to Availability	

**Quotation: (2 pax)**

Tour cost per person: \$1100 (based on twin or double sharing room)

Supplement for classic ballooning at Bagan: \$300/person

**Inclusion:**

- 8 Nights accommodation with breakfast
- 4 Domestic air tickets (Yangon – Inle – Mandalay – Bagan – Yangon)
- English speaking local tour guide in each city
- Private boat in Inle Lake
- All entrance fee and zone fees
- Transfers and sightseeing by private air conditioned car
- Government tax and service charges

**Exclusion:**

- Visa to Myanmar
- Ballooning
- Meals & Drinks (Lunch & Dinner)
- International flight tickets
- Other personal expenses