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| **Ancient Kingdom of Myanmar – 7 Days**  **Duration:** 7 Days/ 6 Nights **Tour Route:** Yangon – Mandalay – Irrawaddy - Bagan**Start/End:** Yangon/ Yangon |
| 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.  **Day 1: Yangon Arrival - Sunset at Myanmar's Most Important Pagoda**  Upon your arrival in Yangon, welcome by our tour guide and transferred to your hotel for check-in. 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. Learn about the fascinating history of the city as well as get a taste for the more modern side of the city.  Then visit famous Reclining Buddha Pagoda, 70-meter long, and the feet of the statue carved with traditional symbols and often many locals gathering to pay homage and pray. In the late afternoon set off to see the sunset at the breathtaking Shwedagon Pagoda, one of the most beautiful sacred sites in all of Myanmar. The exterior of the stupa is plated with 8,688 solid gold slabs, its tip set with 5,448 diamonds and 2,317 rubies, sapphires and topaz. A huge emerald sits in the middle to catch the first and last rays of the sun. At the pagoda observe local pilgrims and monks offering their devotions and enjoy the amazing sunset view at Shwedagon pagoda.  **Day 2: Yangon – Mandalay – Amarapura Myanmar's Enchanting Old Capitals (B)**  Morning flight from Yangon to Mandalay. Upon arrival – private tour of legendary Mandalay, last capital of royal Burma, still one of the largest cities in Myanmar, and a cultural and spiritual centre. This morning visit to Mahamuni– the pagoda, one of the country’s most revered Buddha images in Myanmar, covered in over 15 cm of gold leaf. Mandalay is well-known for its skilled craftsmen. Visit local artisan’s workshops of gold leaf making, tapestries, woodcarving and marble carving. Many of the techniques used to create these have remained unchanged for those used centuries ago to craft items for the Royal Court. In the afternoon visit the beautiful Golden palace teak monastery, the only remaining building from the 19th century Royal Palace. This grand teak building is known for its exquisite woodcarving.  Continue to the Kuthodaw Pagoda, which is known as “the world’s biggest book” due to the Buddhist scripture carved on 729 marble slabs. Before sunset visit a 200-year-old teak bridge, the world’s longest teak bridge built by Mayor U-Bein, one of the most photogenic sights of the country and not to be missed.  **Day 3: Mandalay – Cruising the Great Irrawaddy – Mingun (B)**  After breakfast transfer to Jetty and you’ll board a private local boat for a trip up the Irrawaddy to Mingun (45 min each way). Visit the Mingun Bell, the world’s largest intact bronze bell, the unfinished Mingun Pagoda (built with the intention of being the world’s biggest pagoda). Mingun's other highlight is the Hisnbyume Pagoda, a white-washed temple built to resemble Mount Meru. Throughout Mingun there are small neighborhoods crafting traditional basketry and other artistic items and there is plenty of time to stop and interact with the craftsmen and friendly locals. Back to Mandalay and continue sightseeing around the city.  **Day 4: Mandalay – Bagan - Exploring the World Heritage Site (B)**  After breakfast drive from Mandalay to Bagan (about 4 hours) on the way stop at Mt. Popa, an extinct volcano that stands more than 1500 metres high. There are 777 steps from the base of the vertical pedestal takes you to a monastery honoring what has come to be known as the center of Nat spirit activity in the nation.  Upon arrival to 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.  **Day 5: Bagan & Villages - Mystique and Charm in Ancient Bagan (B)**  Begin our exploration by visiting a busy local market and gain an insight into the bustling market atmosphere in Bagan. 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. Continue sightseeing around Bagan and surroundings.  This afternoon - visit to the traditional lacquer ware workshop to observe the production of one of Myanmar’s best-known handicrafts. Continue to Ananda Temple, an architectural masterpiece and one of Bagan’s most beautiful temples. Enjoy an unforgettable sunset over the plains from one of the elevated viewpoint. Sit back relax and be amazed by the beauty of Bagan as you watch the sun slowly set behind the ancient Pagodas.  **Day 6: Bagan – 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 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.  **Day 7: Yangon – Departure (B)**  After breakfast - day at leisure until transfer to airport for International departure flight.   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **City** | **Superior Hotels** | **Deluxe Hotels** | **Super Deluxe Hotels** | | Yangon | Reno Hotel or Hotel Esperado or Hotel Accor or similar | Sayarsan Hotel or Zealax Hotel or Summit Park Hotel or similar | Chatrium Hotel or Lotte Hotel or Park Royal Hotel or Melia or Wyndham Grand Hotel similar | | Bagan | Bagan Umbra Hotel or Bagan Cottage Hotel or Gracious Hotel or Acacia Hotel orsimilar | Thazin Garden Hotel or Royal Palace Hotel or Myanmar Treasure Hotel or similar | Tharabar Gate Hotel or Amata Garden hotel or Aye Yar river view or similar | | Mandalay | Hotel Sakura Princess or Mandalay Lodge Hotel or Dragon Phoenix Hotel or similar | Rupar Mandalar Hotel or Ritz Grand Hotel or Yadanarbon Dynasty Hotel or Ibis Mandalay or similar | Mingalar Mandalay Hotel or Mandalay Hill Resort or similar |   **Quotation**   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | **2 pax** | **3-5 pax** | **6-10 pax** | **Single Supplement** | | Superior Hotels | $610 | $525 | $428 | $150 | | Deluxe Hotels | $675 | $589 | $492 | $214 | | Super Deluxe Hotels | $771 | $685 | $589 | $300 | | **2 Domestic Flights: $220 - $235 per person**  Meals at local restaurants: Lunch $10 – Dinner $14 per person | | | | |   **Cost Included**   * (6) Night accommodation with breakfast * All transfer and sightseeing by private air conditioned car * 2 domestic flights (Yangon – Mandalay & Bagan – Yangon) * Private boat in Mingun * English speaking local tour guide in each city * All entrance fees for places as mentioned in the itinerary * Government tax & Service charges   **Not included:**   * Meals and Drinks (Lunch and Dinner) * Visa arrangement * Travel Insurance * Other personal expenses * International airport tax and flight tickets |