

MYANMAR & SINGAPORE TALES



Day 1 : Arrive Yangon

Upon arrival at Yangon airport transfer to hotel. After refreshing begin a sightseeing tour of this picturesque garden city. Start with the old colonial-style center and gilded Sule Pagoda, followed by a visit to Chauk Htat Kyi, a huge reclining Buddha image, Bogyoke Market. The highlight of every visit, Shwedagon Pagoda, one of the world's most spectacular religious monuments is saved until late afternoon when the light is magical. Spend time here and watch people come to pray and make offerings, it is a unique experience.

Day 2 : Yangon - Bagan

After breakfast transfer to the Yangon airport for your domestic flight to Bagan. Upon arrival start your tour at the busy local market continuing with visits to the most important pagodas and temples in Bagan: Shwezigon Pagoda, Gu Byauk Gyi, and the Ananda Temple, one of the largest temples. Later see a lacquer craftsman's workshop in the nearby Myingaba village. Continue on to the Manuha and Nanbaya Temple. End the day with a breathtaking sunset in the vicinity of Bagan's ancient monuments.

Day 3 : Bagan

Optional morning program: Balloon flight over the Bagan temples. After breakfast explore Min Nan Thu Village by horse cart. See the Tayokepyay Temple, Phaya Thone Zu and Nandamanya Temples and the Kyat Kan Cave monastery, a famous meditation center in Bagan. Later visit a farming village before an excursion to the nostalgic Nat Htaung Kyaung, a monastery famous for its woodcarvings. The day ends with a picturesque river cruise during sunset.

Day 4 : Bagan - Heho - Inle Lake

After breakfast transfer to Bagan airport for your domestic flight to Heho. Upon arrival transfer to Inle Lake to board a boat to take you to the hotel. Inle Lake is magical, its calm waters are dotted with Intha stilt house villages, floating vegetable gardens and fishing canoes against the backdrop of the beautiful Shan hills. In the afternoon take a long-tailed boat across the lake for one of the most scenic trips on the Lake. Later walk through Indaing village to reach the pagoda ruins of Nyaung Ohak, offering stunning views from the top.

Day 5 : Inle Lake

After breakfast explore a 5-day markets and get insight into the lifestyle of the ethnic Pa-O, Danu and Intha who came to the markets to sell their goods. During the boat ride on the lake you see the famous leg rowers and the typical floating gardens where fruit and vegetables are grown. Visit the traditional Paukpar village, with its neat rows of bamboo houses, here you might be able to stop by a family for Shan tea. In the afternoon see Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda, the holiest religious site in the south. Next is the boat construction workshop at Nampan village, you also see silk weaving on wooden handlooms and a cheroot and blacksmith shop. Continue by boat to the Nga Phe Kyaung Monastery, one of the oldest on the lake. On the way back let the beauty of the sunset over Inle Lake enchant you.

Day 6 : Inle Lake - Heho - Yangon

After breakfast leave transfer to the Heho airport for return flight to Yangon. Upon arrival transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon visit the Bogyoke market which gives the opportunity to see Myanmar's wide range of handicrafts, art galleries and antiques shops. Continue to the jetty along Strand Road and walk along the Yangon river where you see the harbour area.

Day 7 : Yangon - Singapore

After breakfast transfer to the Yangon airport for your departure flight to Singapore. Upon arrival in Singapore transfer from the airport to your hotel.

Day 8 : Singapore - City Tour

After breakfast experience the history, culture and lifestyle of Singapore during your city tour. While passing through the different districts see the old and new, the blend of east and west in modern Singapore. Highlights are the Colonial district with a view of Padang and the Esplanade Theatre, the Raffles Landing site and the Merlion, Singapore's mystical half-lion, half-mermaid. Later drive into the vibrant streets of bustling activity at Chinatown, a place rich with the traditions and the great culture of China. Last is a visit to the Orchid Garden at the Botanical Garden.

Day 9 : Singapore Departure

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your international return flight.