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# Myanmar: Highlights roundtrip

\$1,169 per person

14 days - 13 nights

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## Myanmar: Highlights roundtrip

Visit all the highlights, from Mandalay to Yangon

About this tour

Travel in pleasant pace through Myanmar, by car with driver, train and boat. This trip starts and ends in the capital Yangon, where you visit the golden pagoda Swedagon. By train you travel up north to Mandalay. The best way to discover this pleasant city and its surroundings is by bike. The journey continues to Bagan, where you will have time for the numerous stupas and temples in the area. A bike is preferable here as well. From the plains of Bagan to the colonial hillstation Kalaw. Here you start a 2-day trekking with overnight in a local house in a Shan village. On day two you will pass several villages. The last part is by car to Lake Inle. The area around the lake is perfect for cycling, kayaking or boat trips. Finally, you fly via Yangon to your next destination.

### What will you do

- Discover the Swedagon Pagoda in a special way
- Cycling through Mandalay and surroundings
- Discover the temples and stupas of Bagan by bicycle
- 2-day trekking in the Shan Mountains, stay overnight in a local house
- Combined bicycle, kayak and longtail boat tour at the Inle-lake area

### Where

Myanmar is a fascinating country. The large number of minorities, influences from India, China and from the British colonial period create a mixture of styles in architecture, traditional clothing and cuisine. Geographically Myanmar has well-known names such as the Irrawaddy River, the Shan Mountains and the Andaman Sea. There are thousands of monasteries and pagodas still in use in the predominantly Buddhist country, but there is also the historic site of Bagan! So, no lack of variety in Myanmar!

### Itinerary

Day 1: **Yangon** | arrival at the airport, transfer by our driver to the hotel

Day 2: **Yangon to Mandalay** | In the morning you will visit Myanmar's most famous pagoda, Shwedagon. Together with a guide you will discover special stories about this special place. Later today you will travel by train to Mandalay. You will spend the night in a sleeping compartment.

Day 3: **Mandalay** | around 9 in the morning you arrive at Mandalay. First to the hotel to refresh. In the afternoon you get on your bike to discover some nice spots in and outside the city.

Day 4: **Mandalay** | Discover the more touristy places yourself today. Visit the Mahamuni Pagoda, the royal palace, Mandalay Hill or the wooden Shwenandaw monastery.

Day 5: **Mandalay to Bagan** | Our driver will take you to Bagan today. Along the way you will visit a cave temple and you will meet Myanmar's protected star turtle.

Day 6: **Bagan** | Together with a guide you will tour the temples and pagodas today on

bike. This way you will see most of this old historic site and you will get to lesser known places.</p>

Day 7: <p><strong>Bagan | </strong>Today you have again time for this Unesco World Heritage. Make sure you catch a sunrise or sunset.</p>

Day 8: <p><strong>Bagan | </strong>By car you will go to small town Pakkoku today. You will visit markets, workshops and monasteries. After lunch you will make a relaxing boat trip on the Irrawaddy River.</p>

Day 9: <p><strong>Bagan to Kalaw |</strong> The driver will drive you to Kalaw today, a drive of about 6 hours. In the afternoon you will have time to walk through this former British mountain resort.</p>

Day 10: <p><strong>Kalaw trekking | </strong>You start trekking this morning in the Shan Mountains. Walk on small trails through villages, fields and beautiful scenery. Today is about 20 km walk. Overnight is in a simple, local house with the Pa O tribe.</p>

Day 11: <p><strong>Trekking to Lake Inle | </strong>Wake up early today for the second day on the trail. Hike for about 2 hours before boarding a small boat which brings you in 1.5 hour to the hotel in Nyaung Shwe.</p>

Day 12: <p><strong>Lake Inle | </strong>Alternately by bike, boat or kayak you'll set out on and around Lake Inle today. A full, active day full of nice discoveries.</p>

Day 13: <p><strong>Lake Inle | </strong>Enjoy a relaxed day. Or maybe you want to visit one of the wineries in the area. Tasting is possible</p>

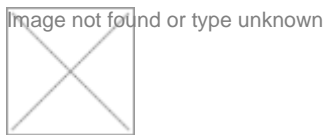
Day 14: <p><strong>Lake Inle to Yangon |</strong> We take care of the transfer to the airport. From here you fly to Yangon and on to your next destination</p>

#### **Additional info**

The price of this trip is based on 2 travellers, low season, subject to availability of the planned hotels and including CO2 compensation.

We have assumed standard hotels. But it is also possible to choose more luxurious hotels. The trip can always be adjusted in many ways.

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**Fun fact:**

The white pasta that many women and children wear on their faces is called 'thanaka'. It is made from the bark of trees and ensures that the skin remains beautiful and that the sun does not colour the skin too much.

**Travel Tips:**

The Burmese cuisine has delicious curries that are somewhere between Indian and Thai and therefore have their own taste. In addition, tealeaves in Myanmar are not only used for tea, but they are also used in the popular dish 'laphet thakh', a tealeave salad.

**Testimony**

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