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* 10 Days 9 Nights Yangon, Bagan, Mount Popa, Mandalay, Pindaya, Inle Lake + Ngapali Beach Tour * (Urial Package)

Day 1: Arrival at Yangon

- Upon arrival at Yangon, you will be welcomed by our tour guide at the airport and transferred to your hotel
- Check In for a 2 nights' stay in your hotel, free and easy for the night
- Have a good night's rest in your hotel in Yangon

Day 2: Yangon (Breakfast)

Historical Tour

Tour Attractions: Sule Pagoda, Scott Market, Chauk Htat Kyi, Karaweik Hall and Shwedagon Pagoda

- Have a good breakfast at your hotel; you will proceed for your tour thereafter.
- ✓ First, you will proceed to downtown which has many **British colonial architectural buildings** built in the 1900s. Pay a visit to **Nanthida Jetty** and the **Sule Pagoda** located in the heart of the city & the **city hall** as well.
- ✓ A Shopping Heaven awaits you at **Scott Market (Bogyoke Aung San Market)**, a shopping market with more than 2000 shops selling all kinds of products. Look out for the beautiful and exotic "Shan Bag" velvet slipper, lacquer ware and handicraft. If you are a fan of gems, the market contains many gem workshops and galleries featuring Jade, Rubies, Sapphires, and other precious stones from Myanmar.



- ✓ Also, you will come face to face with the **Chauk Htat Kyi** reclining Buddha statue. It sits at a length of 70 meters (The height of six stories!) and is the fourth largest reclining Buddha statue in Myanmar. Look out for the 108 intricately inscribed sacred symbols on the soles of the Buddha!
- ✓ Photo-Stop! Right at the **Karaweik Hall** royal floating barge
- ✓ Following, discover the world-famous, gold-encrusted (sheathed in 11 tons of

pure gold and 4,350 diamonds weighing 1800 carats) **Shwedagon Pagoda**, boasting a long history of over 2,500 years. Surrounding it is 64 smaller pagodas with four large ones right in the center of the four cardinal points. Don't miss the glorious sun-set scene right at the Pagoda as well!

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Day 3: Yangon – Bagan (Breakfast)

Majestic Bagan

Tour Attractions: Nyaung Oo Market, Shwezigon Pagoda, Wetkyi-Inn Gu Byauk Gyi temple, Ananda Temple, Dhammayangyi Patho and Ayeyarwaddy River

- Have an early breakfast at your hotel, following, you will be transferred to Yangon Airport for a 1 hour 20 minutes flight to Bagan. On arrival at Nyaung Oo Airport, you will be welcomed and brought on your tour.
- ✓ Embark on a local market visit at **Nyaung Oo Market** where you can almost find all the ingredients needed in a Burmese kitchen. Beyond the fresh fruits and vegetables on sale, see traditional longyi (outfit), rattan items and even tea leaves, Myanmar's specialty, on sale.
- ✓ Next, visit the famed and significant **Shwezigon Pagoda** where it was the first to have the layout that it has. The pagoda subsequently served as a prototype for subsequent stupas throughout the country. It enshrines a copy of the sacred tooth relic of the Buddha.



- ✓ Check out **Wetkyi-Inn Gu Byauk Gyi temple**, best known for its frescoes and stucco works. It features scenes from the 550 Jatakas (Buddha's birth stories).
- ✓ No words can be used to describe the amazing architectural beauty of the

Ananda Temple. Often regarded as Bagan's finest, largest and best preserved, you will be blown away by its sheer magnificence.

- ✓ Next up, you will visit a **lacquer factory** where you can study the steps to make a unique Bagan-style lacquer ware and see impressive finished products.
- ✓ Come face to face with biggest and widest temple in Bagan - **Dhammayangyi Patho** boasts of its massive scale and structure.
- ✓ Lastly, watch the breathtaking Bagan's sunset over the legendary **Ayeyarwaddy River**, a picture-perfect moment.
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Day 4: Bagan – Mount Popa – Bagan (Breakfast)

Mystical Mt. Popa

Tour Attractions: Mt. Popa, U Pone Nya Museum, Yoke Sone Monastery and Man Paya

- After having a good breakfast, you will make an excursion to Mt. Popa.



- ✓ **Mt. Popa** is an extinct volcano that last erupted over 20,300 years ago. Mt Popa is famous for the monastery that seats atop a huge rocky outcrop. The Taungkalat is famous for being home to 37 “nats” (spirits), which are represented by statues at the base of the volcanic outcrop. Climb atop and you will find a 360 degree panorama of the entire region. You will also visit the other stupas and monasteries in the area.
- Have a good night’s rest in your hotel in Bagan

Day 5: Bagan – Mandalay (Breakfast)

Immense in Mandalay

Tour Attractions: Mahagandayon Monastery, U Bein Bridge, Bagaya Kyaung Monastery, Mahamuni Pagoda, Shwe In Bin Kyaung, Shwe Nan Daw Kyaung and Kuthodaw Pagoda

- Have a good breakfast at your hotel, following, you will be transferred to the airport for a domestic flight from Bagan to Mandalay. On arrival Airport, you will be welcomed
- ✓ You will explore **Mahagandayon Monastery**, one of the biggest teaching monasteries in Myanmar. At 10 in the morning, close to a thousand novice monks line the streets to receive alms from people.
- ✓ Get ready your cameras as you visit the **U Bein Bridge** – a 200-years-old teak bridge. The bridge is definitely one of the icons of Myanmar and is the longest teak bridge in the world!
- ✓ Next, you would want to check out the **Bagaya Kyaung Monastery** which is entirely constructed out of steak wood and is a representation of the Watzayanta Palace, the highest level of heaven in Buddhism.
- ✓ On the way, you will visit a traditional hand-weaving silk workshop, see how silk is actually made.



- ✓ A must to visit is the **Mahamuni Pagoda** which is one of the most important Buddhist pilgrimage sites in Burma. The temple houses the Mahamuni Buddha image, one of the five embodiments of the Buddha which was created when he was alive. The Buddha is covered in a thick layer of gold leaves (15cm!) pasted on by devotees.



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- ✓ Following, a **wood carving, gold leaf beating, bronze and marble casting** village awaits you; check out how they are made, you can even learn from them!
- ✓ A tranquil oasis of peace, the **Shwe In Bin Kyaung** is a must-visit. Built in 1895, the project was commissioned by a pair of wealth Chinese jade merchant and is entirely elevated on stilts.
- ✓ Be awe-struck by the mystical and rich history of the **Shwe Nan Daw Kyaung (Golden Palace Monastery)**; made entirely out of teak wood in the mid-nineteenth century, it is one of the few relics that still maintains the old architectural charm of ancient Myanmar. Its unique blend of part palace part monastery is a result of its long history. Be sure to check out its story!
- ✓ Up for some major reading? You got to see the **Kuthodaw Pagoda**, also known as the “World’s Largest Book”, which features 729 shrines each containing a single marble slab inscribed both sides with Burmese transcript. Each stone slab represents a page in the teachings of the Buddha.
- ✓ Enjoy a bird’s eye view over the entire Mandalay town from the **Mandalay Hill** whilst enjoying the sunset. A picture perfect moment.
- Check-in for a night’s stay in your hotel in Mandalay



Day 6: Mandalay – Heho – Pindaya – Inle Lake (Breakfast)

Pindaya Secrets

Tour Attractions: Limestone caves, Shwe U Min Pagoda and Pindaya Lake

- Have a good breakfast at your hotel, after which, transfer to Nyaung U airport for your domestic flight to Heho. Proceed to Pindaya thereafter.
- ✓ On the way to Pindaya, you will observe fields of dry cultivated mountain rice and potato on your sides and you will also observe local tribes villages such as Pa O, Taung Yo and Danu.
- ✓ Pindaya is famous for its **limestone caves**; climb up the 200 steps covered stairway to reach the entrance of the cave. Come face to face with a 15-meters tall **Shwe U Min Pagoda** at its entrance. The caves houses an impressive collection of over 8000 Buddhas of various sizes, made out of alabaster, teak, marble, brick, lacquer and cement. An interesting feature is a set of stalagmites that can be struck with a large wooden mallet to produce a gong tone. Be amazed by it!
- ✓ At the base of the Pindaya Hill, where **Pindaya Lake** is, you will see many big banyan trees. It is the only water source for bathing and cleaning.
- ✓ You will be driven to Nyaung Shwe Jetty, following take a boat to your hotel. Check-in.
- Check-in for a 2 nights’ stay in your hotel in Inle Lake



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Day 7: Inle Lake (Breakfast)

Intriguing Inle Lake

Tour Attractions: Floating market, Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda, Ngaphechaung Monastery, floating gardens and Inpawkhon

- Have a good breakfast at your hotel; proceed for your tour in Inle Lake.



- ✓ Proceed to explore the tranquil **Inle Lake**, a highland lake which is 900 meters above sea level. The Lake is inhabited by the Intha people who are unique for their leg rowing. Keep an eye out for these leg-rowed traditional boats; they are a sight to behold.
- ✓ A unique sight, Inle Lake's **floating gardens** are formed by extensive manual labor by locals to grow vegetables and fruits. Weeds from the deeper parts of the lake are used to form floating beds which rise and fall according to water levels, thus making the garden flood-resistant.
- ✓ Explore Inle Lake's **floating market** which features hand-made products such as tools, carvings and textiles amongst others. Trading is completely conducted on the lake itself in small boats!
- ✓ Following, check out the **Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda**, the most sacred shrine in Southern Shan State, located right in the middle of the lake. The main hall houses five small golden Buddha images which are completely covered in gold leaves pasted by devotees.
- ✓ Built at the end of the 1850s, the **Ngaphechaung Monastery**, built entirely on stilts, is famous for their cats who have mastered the ability to jump through hoops. Be amused by their talent!
- ✓ Next, visit the weaving village of **Inpawkhon**, cheroot making and other cottage industries.
- Return to your hotel for a good nice rest at your hotel in Inle Lake.

Day 8: Inle Lake – Heho – Ngapali Beach (Breakfast)

- Have a good breakfast at your hotel, following, take a boat trip to the Jetty and then proceed to drive to Heho airport for domestic flight to Thandwe (Ngapali Beach).
- Upon arrival at Thandwe, transfer to Ngapli Beach, check in for a 2 nights' rest in your hotel
- Have a good night's rest at Ngapali Beach

Day 9: Ngapali Beach (Breakfast)

- Free day

Day 10: Ngapali Beach – Yangon; Departure from Yangon (Breakfast)

- Have a good breakfast at your hotel, transfer to the airport for your flight to Yangon
- Transfer to Yangon international airport for homebound flight