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* 7 Days 6 Nights Yangon, Bagan, Inle Lake + Insein Tour * Phaungdawoo Pagoda Festival 27 September – 03 October (Panda Package)

Day 1: Arrival at Yangon (Breakfast)

Historical Tour

Tour Attractions: Chauk Htat Kyi, British colonial architectural buildings, Scott Market, Shwedagon Pagoda and Karaweik Palace

- Upon arrival at Yangon, you will be welcomed by our tour guide at the airport and brought on your tour



- ✓ First, 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!
- ✓ Proceed downtown on a private tour; downtown features many **British colonial architectural buildings** built in the 1900s. You will get to see the lovely general post office, Strand Hotel, Mahabandoola Garden and Independence Monument.

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 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!
- ✓ Finally, a wonderful dinner invitation awaits you at **Karaweik Palace** – a restaurant located on the Royal Lake. It is built in the style of Royal Barge used by Myanmar Kings for official functions and festivities. Experience local Burmese delights over your sumptuous dinner!
- Check-in for a night's stay in your hotel in Yangon



Day 2: Yangon – Bagan (Breakfast)

Majestic Bagan

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

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- Have an early breakfast at your hotel, following, you will be transferred to the Airport for a 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.
- ✓ Serving as a lodging place for the monks, the **Kyansittha Cave Temple** has characteristically long and dark corridors with countless wall paintings. The cave is 9 meters high and 23.5

meters long!

- ✓ 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).
- ✓ Be sure to check out the **Gawawplin Temple**, one of 90 religious monuments within the city, and also the second tallest temple in Bagan.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 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** from **Pyathatgyi Pagoda** or **Shwesandaw Pagoda**, a picture-perfect moment.
- Check-in for a night's stay in your hotel in Bagan



Day 3: Bagan – Heho – Inle Lake (Breakfast)

Pungdawoo Pagoda Festival

Tour Attractions: Inle Lake, Ngaphechaung Monastery, Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda and Inpawkhon

- Have an early breakfast at your hotel, following, you will be transferred to the airport for a domestic flight to Heho. On arrival at Heho Airport, you will be welcomed and brought on your tour.





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- ✓ 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.
- ✓ During the 18 days **Pungdawoo Pagoda Festival**, four out of the five Buddhas images are rowed around the Inle Lake in a colourful barrage to 14 villages along the Lake. The barge is towed by boats of leg rowers and followed by hundreds of boat, it's simply a spectacle.
- ✓ 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!
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Next, visit the weaving village of **Inpawkhon**, cheroot making and other cottage industries.
- Check-in for a 3 nights' stay in your hotel in Inle Lake

Day 4: Inle Lake (Breakfast)

PaungdawOo Pagoda Festival

Tour Attractions: Inle Lake boat rower and Nyaung Shwe Market

- Have a good breakfast at your hotel
- ✓ Continue enjoying the **PaungdawOo Pagoda Festival**
- ✓ Catch the **Inle Lake boat rower** race as boat-rowers use their legs to paddle towards the finishing line. This is the most famous and largest race in Inle Lake. Cheer for your favorite team!
- ✓ Visit the **Nyaung Shwe Market** where you can see locals trading in their native style and have the opportunity to buy many local-made products.
- Have a good rest in your hotel in Inle Lake



Day 5: Inle Lake – Indein – Inle Lake (Breakfast)

Indie Indein

Tour Attractions: Indein, Shwe Indein Pagoda and “Long-neck” Kayan women

- ✓ Have a good breakfast at your hotel; take a boat to Indein.
- ✓ You will then proceed to **Indein**, one of the small villages located at the western bank of the Inle Lake, which is surrounded by hundreds of ancient stupas overgrown with bushes. You will explore the Indein Creek as well – a narrow passageway with many twists and turns. On both sides, you can see famers plowing their land.



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- ✓ Upon reaching, continue by foot to the impressive **Shwe Insein Pagoda** built in 17th century. A Buddha image is enshrined in the main pagoda at the summit of the hill, surrounded by 1054 ancient Shan-style stupas below.
- Proceed back to Inle Lake to have a good rest at your hotel



Day 6: Inle Lake – Heho – Yangon (Breakfast)

Yangon Beauty

Tour Attractions: Kaba Aye (World Peace) Pagoda, National Museum and Chinatown

- Have a good breakfast at your hotel, following transfer to Heho for a domestic flight to Yangon
- Upon arrival, you will be welcomed by our tour guide and brought on your tour
- ✓ First, encounter the **Kaba Aye (World Peace) Pagoda** and **Kaba Aye Mahapathana Cave**. Be awe-struck by this man-made cave that spans 139metres in length, which was used to house the sixth synod (Buddhist Council) of Buddhist monks in order to revise the Buddhist scriptures.
- ✓ Know more about the culture and different ethnic groups of Myanmar at the **National Museum**
- ✓ Finally, head right into bustling **Chinatown** and soak into Burmese delights and culture. Be sure to head to 19th Street to try their specialty – Burmese BBQ!
- Have a good rest in your hotel in Yangon

Day 7: Departure from Yangon (Breakfast)

- Free till departure transfer to Yangon airport for homebound flight