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8 DAYS YANGON TO MANDALAY

DAY 1: Arrival & Sightseeing around Yangon (D)

Mingalar bar ! you will be welcomed by our Guide at Airport and transferred to hotel. Start your Sightseeing of **Yangon**, formerly known as Rangoon. City tour, with as highlights our visit to the

- Colonial-structured Buildings in downtown area
- the massive reclining Buddha at **Kyaukhtatgyi Pagoda**;
- the royal floating barge named **Karaweik Palace**; and
- the world-famous golden stupa, **Shwedagon Pagoda**, whose golden dome rises 98 meters above its base and is covered with 60 tons of pure gold.

Stay overnight in Yangon.

DAY 2: Yangon - Inle Lake (B/L)

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and short flight to Heho. Upon arrival, drive to young Shwe, the gateway of Inle Lake. Full-day tour of beautiful **Inle Lake** which is referred as **the Venice of Asia**, featuring stilt houses and villages, floating gardens, fishermen using ancient techniques such as leg-rowing, and, on the shores, workshops of traditional artisans, e.g. weavers and cigar-makers. Also included are visits to sanctuaries such as **Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda** and **Nga Phe Chaung Monastery**. Stay overnight on Inle Lake.

DAY 3: Indein/Heho-Bagan (B/L)

After breakfast, visit to **the colorful local market around Inle lake**, where villagers from the surrounding area sell their products. Continue your exploration to the western banks of the lake and travel down a small canal to **Indein - a Pa-Oh village** which is known for **its stupa-covered hill with 1,054 stupas** constructed between the 17th and the 18th centuries. Spend time exploring Indein on foot, strolling around the village, visiting a local school and making your way to the top of the hill where you can wander amid the weather-beaten stupas and enjoy magnificent views of the lake below. In the late afternoon, transfer to Heho airport and fly to Bagan. Stay overnight in Bagan.

DAY 4: Sightseeing in Bagan (B/L)

Today is the comprehensive tour of Bagan, the beautiful city, one of Myanmar's premier historical and cultural centres, home to more than 2,000 temples and pagodas ! Our tour includes shrines such as **Ananda, Htilominlo, Thatbyinnyu, Dhammayangyi, Sulamani**, and **Shwezigon Pagoda**, plus secular sights such as **Nyaung U market and traditional workshops**. Overnight stay in Bagan.

DAY 5: Bagan - Mt Popa - Mandalay (B/L)

This morning leave Bagan and 4 hrs. drive to Mandalay. On the way we will stop at a **local palm tree plantation, a typical Local Village and Mount Popa**, an extinct volcano with spectacular views and shrines associated with Myanmar Nats spirits, said to be born here, making this volcano a major centre of pilgrimage. Arrive Mandalay in the evening and transfer to hotel. Stay overnight in Mandalay.

DAY 6: Mandalay : Amarapura, Ava and Sagaing (B/L)

Today full day tour of deserted cities around Mandalay: Amarapura, Ava, & Sagaing. Start the sightseeing with the visit to **Sagaing** city which has over 600 Buddhist monasteries where monks and nuns study and meditate. Stop at **the local market, clay pot making** and **Nunnery** to learn the daily life of Buddhist nuns. Next visit is **Ava, a grand imperial capital** left to fall into magnificent ruin. The city is now a rural area where livestock graze and farmers raise crops amidst **the remains of pagodas, palace towers, monasteries, and massive city walls** that once formed the outline of a seated lion. The day comes to a close with a visit to **Amarapura**, known as the City of Immortality. **Enjoy sunset at U Bein, the world's longest teak bridge** stretching close to 1200 meters across Taungthaman Lake. Overnight in Mandalay.

DAY 7: Mandalay & Mingun (B/L)

After breakfast, transfer to the jetty for a pleasant boat ride upriver to **Mingun**. Upon arrival, explore **the ruins of the vast Mingun Pagoda**. Continue to **the beautiful Hsinbyume Paya** and **the Mingun Bell**, weighting 87 tons and being the world's largest intact bronze bell. Sail back to Mandalay. Continue visit to the **Mandalay Palace, Shwenandaw Monastery**– noted for its exquisite woodcarvings, **gold leaf beating workshop** and **Kuthodaw Pagoda** – known for containing the world's largest book. Conclude the tour by visiting **Mandalay Hill to watch the sunset and the panoramic view of the city**. Overnight in Mandalay.

DAY 8: Departure (B)

This morning is free for you to explore the city at your leisure. Transfer to Mandalay Airport for your onward flight . Goodbye Myanmar and we hope to serve you next time.

Includes

- 07 night hotel accommodation (Twin/Double Share)
- 07 Breakfast, 06 Lunch, 01 Dinner
- Private transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- 02 domestic flights
- English language-speaking guide
- Drinking water and refreshing towels on touring days
- Entrance fees for visits mentioned in program
- Private Boat fee in Inle Lake

Excludes

- International flights
- Travel insurance
- Visa stamp fees
- Early check-in & late check-out surcharge
- Personal expenses
- Meals & Drinks not mentioned
- Tour Options (quoted separately)
- Tips & gratuities for guide and driver