



LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

Myanmar & the Irrawaddy 2020

11 days from \$4,995

Limited to 18 guests

Journey to spiritually rich Myanmar to experience the serenity of Inle Lake, observe life along the banks of the Irrawaddy River from aboard 'Sanctuary Ananda' and watch the rising sun illuminate thousands of temples in timeless Bagan.

A&K Advantages

Cruise in luxury for three nights on the legendary Irrawaddy River aboard all-balcony 'Sanctuary Ananda'

Experience floating gardens and a private viewing of a traditional Intha boat race on tranquil Inle Lake

Soar above thousands of pagodas and capture the photographs of a lifetime on a magical hot air balloon ride

Experience the ceremonial lighting of a thousand oil lamps at the gilded Shwedagon Pagoda

Enjoy privileged access to a local celebration of a young monk's first entry to the monastery

Itinerary

DAY 1 ARRIVE YANGON, MYANMAR

Arrive in Yangon, where you are met and transferred to your hotel.

Belmond Governor's Residence

DAY 2 YANGON | QUEEN OF THE EAST

Today, enjoy your first taste of Myanmar, a profoundly Buddhist country, where many ancient traditions still flourish. Visit Bogyoke Aung San Market (Scott Market) to see where locals gather, socialize and shop. After lunch, see the Reclining Buddha at Chauk Htat Gyi Pagoda, a 213-foot-long statue with an expressive enamel face. This evening, transfer to Shwedagon Pagoda, the most sacred Buddhist site in Myanmar, for a sunset oil-lamp lighting ceremony. Standing nearly 330 feet tall, the venerated *stupa* is covered in gold leaf and topped by a finial encrusted with thousands of precious gems. View this mesmerizing wonder firsthand, as your local guide explains the history behind the holy relics it enshrines, which include strands of hair from the head of Siddhartha Gautama, the Buddha. Tonight, gather for a special welcome dinner.

Belmond Governor's Residence | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3 BAGAN | TEMPLES & PAGODAS

Fly to Bagan, a city with more than 2,000 Buddhist pagodas and temples, the first of which was built by King Anawrahta in 1044. Upon arrival, you are taken to a local restaurant for lunch before continuing to your hotel. After a short rest, visit a local lacquerware workshop. This evening, enjoy a Scenic Sundowner from a special viewing platform overlooking Bagan's temple-dotted landscape.

Aureum Palace Hotel & Resort, Bagan | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4 BAGAN | YOUNG NOVITIATES & TIMELESS TEMPLES

This morning, witness a *shinbyu* (novitiation ceremony), a coming-of-age ritual celebrating an aspiring young monk's first entry to the monastery. Enjoy privileged access to this time-honored tradition and the village festivities. Visit the well-preserved Ananda Temple, built in 1090. Next, travel to the village of Wetkyi-In to see the wonderful Kubyaukgyi Temple, renowned for its ancient murals. Board luxurious all-balcony 'Sanctuary Ananda,' your home for a three-night cruise on the timeless Irrawaddy River.

'Sanctuary Ananda' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5 CRUISING THE IRRAWADDY | A HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE

Rise early for an exhilarating hot air balloon ride (weather permitting) over Bagan, as dawn illuminates the gold- and sand-colored *stupas*. After breakfast on board, explore Nyaung Oo Market and observe locals selling and bartering for goods. Return to the ship for lunch, and listen to a special onboard talk about Myanmar's history and vision for the future, followed by demonstrations of the *longyi* (traditional Burmese cloth worn by men and women) and *thanakha* (a white cosmetic paste made from ground bark).

'Sanctuary Ananda' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6 CRUISING THE IRRAWADDY | U BEIN BRIDGE

Today, learn the secrets of Burmese cuisine during a cooking demonstration at a delightful Chef's Table experience. After lunch, disembark to visit Sagaing, a former royal city renowned for its monasteries, pagodas and *stupas*. Proceed to Amarapura, where you embark by boat to view the picturesque U Bein Bridge — the oldest and longest teakwood bridge in the world. Watch locals riding bikes, carrying crops and commuting from work cross this tall, iconic landmark for an insight into everyday life here as well as an ideal sunset photo opportunity.

'Sanctuary Ananda' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7 MANDALAY | ICONS & EVENING PRAYERS

After breakfast on board, explore a gold-leaf workshop, where the metal is hammered paper-thin and prepared for use in some of Myanmar's holiest sites. This afternoon, visit the Shwenandaw Monastery and view the more than 700 marble slabs inscribed with Buddhist religious texts at Kuthodaw Pagoda, referred to as the biggest book in the world. Later, witness evening prayers at Shwe Kyin Monastery.

Rupar Mandalay Resort | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 8 INLE LAKE | FLOATING GARDENS

Fly to Heho and drive to Nyaung Shwe to visit a Shan paper workshop. Enjoy a firsthand look at the artisans who produce this distinctive paper, using fibers from the mulberry tree, and craft a wide range of items from it, most notably Burmese parasols. This afternoon, board a boat and explore the ingenious floating gardens of Inle Lake. To create these gardens, used for growing fruit and vegetables, fishermen gather together lake plants such as water hyacinths and seagrass and anchor them with bamboo poles embedded in the lake bottom. Layers of mud, ash and more vegetation are then applied to form a farmable surface strong enough to stand upon. Transfer to your lakeside boutique hotel for the evening.

Aureum Palace Hotel & Resort, Inle | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 9 INLE LAKE | DESIGN YOUR DAY

This morning, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities:

Enjoy an Artisan Visit, to see cigar-like cheroots hand made at a local workshop, and tour a weaving factory.

Bicycle Through the Countryside in the company of a local guide, taking in the lush surroundings and local life.



Attend a Cooking Class led by a local chef, for the hands-on opportunity to prepare traditional Burmese dishes. After lunch, privately witness an Intha boat race with afternoon tea. Marvel at the coordinated effort required by the 20 participants per boat, each using the traditional single-leg rowing technique that local fishermen still employ.

Aureum Palace Hotel & Resort, Inle | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 10 YANGON | FAREWELL DINNER

Fly to Yangon and transfer to your hotel. Later, savor afternoon tea with a local writer, artist and intellectual who shares her insight into contemporary Burmese culture and politics. Tonight, toast your time in Myanmar at a special farewell dinner.

Belmond Governor's Residence | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 11 DEPART YANGON

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and depart.

Extensions



Pre-Tour Extension: Bangkok

Explore the Grand Palace, behold the spectacular Reclining Buddha at Wat Pho and glide on the *klongs* (canals) by boat.

3 days from \$1,395
Single Supplement from \$595
Internal air from \$525
✈ Bangkok/Yangon

Available to add to select departure dates.

[See Dates & Prices For Details >](#)

DAY 1

Arrive in Bangkok, Thailand, and transfer to your luxurious hotel.

The Peninsula Bangkok

DAY 2

Depart the hotel and explore the Royal Grounds of the Grand Palace by *tuk-tuk*, and then tour the palace. Next, behold the spectacular Reclining Buddha at Wat Pho. Later, glide along the Chao Phraya River and *klongs* (canals) by boat. Tonight, gather with your fellow guests for dinner.

The Peninsula Bangkok | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 3

After breakfast, fly to Yangon to begin your main journey.



Explore Hong Kong: Stopover Package

Take advantage of an incredible opportunity to spend two nights in Hong Kong before or after your journey.

3 days from \$2,395
Single Supplement from \$1,395

International air not included.

3 Days

Experience Hong Kong Island by land, air and sea, beginning with a look at the city's bustling market culture with stops at the Sheung Wan Dried Food and Herbal Market, street-side antique shops, and an open-air curio market. Ride the Peak Tram funicular up to Victoria Peak for a stunning view of Victoria Harbour and finish with a traditional *sampan* (wooden boat) ride through the local floating villages.

The Peninsula Hong Kong | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch (Day 2); Breakfast (Day 3)



Explore Dubai: Stopover Package

Take advantage of an incredible opportunity to spend two nights in Dubai before or after your journey.

3 days from \$1,795
Single Supplement from \$1,195



Hotel Options:

Park Hyatt Dubai, from \$1,795 | Single Supplement from \$1,195
 Taj Dubai, from \$1,895 | Single Supplement from \$1,195
 Mandarin Oriental Jumeira, Dubai, from \$2,195 | Single Supplement from \$1,495

International air not included.

3 Days

Fly to Dubai and check in to your luxury hotel. Discover the best of this dazzling city, viewing its remarkable architecture, visiting the Spice Market and colorful shops at the Deira Gold Souk, and ascending the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest skyscraper. On the last day, continue on to your journey or board your flight home.

Park Hyatt Dubai or Taj Dubai or Mandarin Oriental Jumeira, Dubai | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch (Day 2) Breakfast (Day 3)

Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Jan 16 - Jan 26, 2020				
Classic Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,495	\$2,195	\$475	Waitlist - Call A&K
Deluxe Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,995	\$2,595	\$475	Waitlist - Call A&K
Deluxe Cabin Mandalay Deck	\$6,695	\$2,995	\$475	Waitlist - Call A&K
Luxury Suite Bhamo Deck	\$7,995	\$4,395	\$475	Waitlist - Call A&K
Aloungpayah Owner's Suite	\$9,995	\$6,695	\$475	Call for Availability
<i>Optional pre-tour extension available on this departure.</i>				
Jan 23 - Feb 02, 2020				
Classic Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,495	\$2,195	\$475	Call for Availability
Deluxe Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,995	\$2,595	\$475	Call for Availability
Deluxe Cabin Mandalay Deck	\$6,695	\$2,995	\$475	Call for Availability
Luxury Suite Bhamo Deck	\$7,995	\$4,395	\$475	Call for Availability
Aloungpayah Owner's Suite	\$9,995	\$6,695	\$475	Call for Availability
<i>Optional pre-tour extension available on this departure.</i>				
Jan 30 - Feb 09, 2020				
Classic Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,495	\$2,195	\$475	Waitlist - Call A&K
Deluxe Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,995	\$2,595	\$475	Waitlist - Call A&K
Deluxe Cabin Mandalay Deck	\$6,695	\$2,995	\$475	Available
Luxury Suite Bhamo Deck	\$7,995	\$4,395	\$475	Available
Aloungpayah Owner's Suite	\$9,995	\$6,695	\$475	Call for Availability
<i>Optional pre-tour extension available on this departure.</i>				
Feb 06 - Feb 16, 2020				
Classic Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,495	\$2,195	\$475	Waitlist - Call A&K
Deluxe Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,995	\$2,595	\$475	Waitlist - Call A&K
Deluxe Cabin Mandalay Deck	\$6,695	\$2,995	\$475	Waitlist - Call A&K
Luxury Suite Bhamo Deck	\$7,995	\$4,395	\$475	Waitlist - Call A&K
Aloungpayah Owner's Suite	\$9,995	\$6,695	\$475	Call for Availability
<i>Optional pre-tour extension available on this departure.</i>				
Feb 13 - Feb 23, 2020				
Classic Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,495	\$2,195	\$475	Call for Availability
Deluxe Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,995	\$2,595	\$475	Call for Availability
Deluxe Cabin Mandalay Deck	\$6,695	\$2,995	\$475	Call for Availability

Luxury Suite Bhamo Deck	\$7,995	\$4,395	\$475	Call for Availability
Aloungpayah Owner's Suite	\$9,995	\$6,695	\$475	Call for Availability
<i>Optional pre-tour extension available on this departure.</i>				
Feb 27 - Mar 08, 2020				
Classic Cabin Bagan Deck	\$4,995	\$1,995	\$475	Waitlist - Call A&K
Deluxe Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,495	\$2,395	\$475	Limited Availability
Deluxe Cabin Mandalay Deck	\$6,195	\$2,795	\$475	Limited Availability
Luxury Suite Bhamo Deck	\$7,495	\$4,195	\$475	Call for Availability
Aloungpayah Owner's Suite	\$9,495	\$6,495	\$475	Call for Availability
<i>Optional pre-tour extension available on this departure.</i>				
Mar 12 - Mar 22, 2020				
Classic Cabin Bagan Deck	\$4,995	\$1,995	\$475	Limited Availability
Deluxe Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,495	\$2,395	\$475	Available
Deluxe Cabin Mandalay Deck	\$6,195	\$2,795	\$475	Available
Luxury Suite Bhamo Deck	\$7,495	\$4,195	\$475	Available
Aloungpayah Owner's Suite	\$9,495	\$6,495	\$475	Call for Availability
<i>Optional pre-tour extension available on this departure.</i>				
Oct 08 - Oct 18, 2020				
Classic Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,495	\$2,195	\$475	Call for Availability
Deluxe Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,995	\$2,595	\$475	Call for Availability
Deluxe Cabin Mandalay Deck	\$6,695	\$2,995	\$475	Call for Availability
Luxury Suite Bhamo Deck	\$7,995	\$4,395	\$475	Call for Availability
Aloungpayah Owner's Suite	\$9,995	\$6,695	\$475	Call for Availability
<i>Optional pre-tour extension available on this departure.</i>				
Oct 15 - Oct 25, 2020				
Classic Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,495	\$2,195	\$475	Waitlist - Call A&K
Deluxe Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,995	\$2,595	\$475	Available
Deluxe Cabin Mandalay Deck	\$6,695	\$2,995	\$475	Available
Luxury Suite Bhamo Deck	\$7,995	\$4,395	\$475	Available
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Oct 22 - Nov 01, 2020				
Classic Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,495	\$2,195	\$475	Limited Availability
Deluxe Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,995	\$2,595	\$475	Available
Deluxe Cabin Mandalay Deck	\$6,695	\$2,995	\$475	Available
Luxury Suite Bhamo Deck	\$7,995	\$4,395	\$475	Available
Aloungpayah Owner's Suite	\$9,995	\$6,695	\$475	Call for Availability
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Oct 29 - Nov 08, 2020				
Classic Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,495	\$2,195	\$475	Call for Availability
Deluxe Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,995	\$2,595	\$475	Call for Availability
Deluxe Cabin Mandalay Deck	\$6,695	\$2,995	\$475	Call for Availability
Luxury Suite Bhamo Deck	\$7,995	\$4,395	\$475	Call for Availability
Aloungpayah Owner's Suite	\$9,995	\$6,695	\$475	Call for Availability
<i>Optional pre-tour extension available on this departure.</i>				
Nov 05 - Nov 15, 2020				

Classic Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,495	\$2,195	\$475	Limited Availability
Deluxe Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,995	\$2,595	\$475	Available
Deluxe Cabin Mandalay Deck	\$6,695	\$2,995	\$475	Available
Luxury Suite Bhamo Deck	\$7,995	\$4,395	\$475	Available
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Nov 19 - Nov 29, 2020

Classic Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,495	\$2,195	\$475	Call for Availability
Deluxe Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,995	\$2,595	\$475	Call for Availability
Deluxe Cabin Mandalay Deck	\$6,695	\$2,995	\$475	Call for Availability
Luxury Suite Bhamo Deck	\$7,995	\$4,395	\$475	Call for Availability
Aloungpayah Owner's Suite	\$9,995	\$6,695	\$475	Call for Availability

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Dec 03 - Dec 13, 2020

Classic Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,495	\$2,195	\$475	Limited Availability
Deluxe Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,995	\$2,595	\$475	Available
Deluxe Cabin Mandalay Deck	\$6,695	\$2,995	\$475	Available
Luxury Suite Bhamo Deck	\$7,995	\$4,395	\$475	Available
Aloungpayah Owner's Suite	\$9,995	\$6,695	\$475	Call for Availability

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Dec 10 - Dec 20, 2020

Classic Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,495	\$2,195	\$475	Call for Availability
Deluxe Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,995	\$2,595	\$475	Call for Availability
Deluxe Cabin Mandalay Deck	\$6,695	\$2,995	\$475	Call for Availability
Luxury Suite Bhamo Deck	\$7,995	\$4,395	\$475	Call for Availability
Aloungpayah Owner's Suite	\$9,995	\$6,695	\$475	Call for Availability

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Dec 17 - Dec 27, 2020

Classic Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,495	\$2,195	\$475	Limited Availability
Deluxe Cabin Bagan Deck	\$5,995	\$2,595	\$475	Available
Deluxe Cabin Mandalay Deck	\$6,695	\$2,995	\$475	Available
Luxury Suite Bhamo Deck	\$7,995	\$4,395	\$475	Available
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Journey Details

Internal Air: Economy class from \$475
Yangon/Bagan; Mandalay/Heho/Yangon

This journey contains some active elements.

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 9:00 a.m. on Day 2.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Day 10.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Itinerary will operate with routing changes in the case of low water levels.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).