



LUXURY TAILOR MADE TRAVEL

## Signature Myanmar & the Irrawaddy 2019

11 days from \$6,295 per person

Private Journey

On this independent journey, embark on a four-night Irrawaddy River cruise aboard luxurious, all-balcony 'Sanctuary Ananda,' see Shwedagon Pagoda and explore Bagan's many temples.

### Included With Every Luxury Tailor Made Journey

- One-of-a-kind Itinerary Designed for You
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Exclusive Insider-Access Opportunities and Inspiring Sightseeing
- English-Speaking Local Guides
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Full Breakfast Daily
- Entrance Fees and Taxes
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support

### A&K Advantages

- Cruise the legendary Irrawaddy River in luxury during a four-night cruise on all-balcony 'Sanctuary Ananda'
- Spend two nights at Inle Lake, amid floating homes and gardens
- Explore Shwedagon Pagoda, a fantasy of golden *stupas*, serene Buddhas and mythical beasts
- Ride Like a Local by horse-drawn cart in Bagan

# 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

Begin your explorations with a stroll through Scott Market (Bogyoke Market) amid shops filled with antiques, old coins, Burmese jade and handicrafts. After lunch at a local restaurant, tour Shwedagon Pagoda, the most sacred Buddhist site in Myanmar. Standing nearly 330 feet tall, the venerated stupa is covered in gold leaf and topped by a finial encrusted with thousands of diamonds, rubies, sapphires and other precious gems. Continue to the Reclining Buddha at Chauk Htat Gyi Pagoda, a 213-foot-long statue with an expressive enamel face. View the story of the Buddha's life embossed on the soles of the statue's staggered feet. Return to your hotel, with time to relax.

Belmond Governor's Residence | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 3 INLE LAKE | TRANQUIL & TRADITIONAL

Fly to Heho, your gateway to Inle Lake and drive to the village of Nyaung Shwe, where you stop at a local Shan paper workshop. Explore the 19th-century Shwe Yan Pyay Monastery, built entirely out of teak wood. After lunch at a local restaurant on the lake, board a boat and see the floating gardens of Inle Lake. Visit Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda, a local shrine that houses five small gilded images of the Buddha, as well as Nga Phe Kyaung monastery.

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

## DAY 4 INLE LAKE | FIVE-DAY MARKET

After breakfast, pay a visit to the Five-Day Market to see regional hill tribe people in traditional dress bartering for goods and produce. Try your hand at making a *cheroof* (Burmese cigar) and stop at a blacksmith's workshop and a weaving factory, followed by lunch at the Intha Heritage House, serving authentic Intha dishes from recipes handed down through generations. Return to your hotel.

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

## DAY 5 MANDALAY | ICONS & EVENING PRAYERS

Fly to Mandalay and drive to nearby Ava. Explore the ruins by horse-cart, including Maha Aungmye Bonzan Monastery, Bagaya Monastery and the Watch Tower. Return to Mandalay, where you check in to your hotel. This evening, witness evening prayers at Shwe Kyin Monastery.

Rupar Mandalay Resort | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 6 MANDALAY | U BEIN BRIDGE

View the more than 700 marble slabs inscribed with Buddhist religious texts, referred to by some as the biggest book in the world, at Kuthodaw Pagoda. Stop at a gold leaf workshop and visit the Mahamuni Pagoda, a major Buddhist pilgrimage site. Then, board luxurious all-balcony 'Sanctuary Ananda,' your home for a four-night cruise upon the Irrawaddy River. After lunch, disembark to visit Sagaing, renowned for its monasteries and pagodas. Take in views from atop the Sagaing Hills. Visit the U Bein Bridge to see the spectacular sunset. Then, return to the ship for dinner.

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

## DAY 7 CRUISING THE IRRAWADDY | A TIMELESS JOURNEY

Early this morning, sail north to the quaint village of Sin Kyun to witness firsthand the way of life in this location seldom visited by outsiders. Afterwards, relax on deck observing local village life, or receive a spa treatment. Later, attend a *longyi* (traditional Burmese cloth) demonstration, followed by a talk on Myanmar's past, present and future.

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

## DAY 8 CRUISING THE IRRAWADDY | TEMPLES & PAGODAS

After breakfast, take a cooking class with the ship's Executive Chef. After lunch on board, head to the top of Tan Chi Taung Mountain to enjoy your first glimpse of the Bagan plain, containing more than 2,000 pagodas and stupas. Tonight, a candlelit sandbank dinner is served with the backdrop of the twinkling lights of Bagan.

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

## DAY 9 BAGAN | BALLOONING OVER BAGAN

Rise early for a hot air balloon ride (seasonally and weather permitting) over Bagan, as dawn illuminates the gold- and sand-colored stupas. Next, explore Nyaung Oo Market, Shwezigon Pagoda, Ananda Temple. Then, proceed to a pagoda complex in Bagan to watch the sunset before returning to the ship for dinner.

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

## DAY 10 YANGON | BURMESE ASTROLOGY READING

Disembark and fly to Yangon. Meet a traditional Burmese astrologer, who specializes in advising individuals on important life decisions — such as when to marry or buy property — in order to correctly choose days for these events that will bring good fortune. Your afternoon is at leisure, perhaps for some last-minute shopping.

Belmond Governor's Residence | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 11 DEPART YANGON

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and depart.



# Dates & Prices

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

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>Dec 20 - Dec 30, 2019</b>				
Classic Cabin - Bagan Deck	\$6,295	\$2,495	\$475	Call for Availability
Deluxe Cabin - Bagan Deck	\$7,295	\$3,095	\$475	Call for Availability
Deluxe Cabin - Mandalay Deck	\$7,995	\$3,995	\$475	Call for Availability
Luxury Suite - Bhamo Deck	\$9,295	\$5,495	\$475	Call for Availability
Aloungpayah Owner's Suite	\$11,795	\$8,995	\$475	Call for Availability

## Journey Details

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

Itinerary may operate with some slight routing changes due to low water levels.

Hot air balloon flights are subject to weather condition.

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: Start of sightseeing at 11:00 a.m. on Day 2 in Yangon.

Last group event: Lunch on Day 10 at 12:00 p.m. in Yangon.

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