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5 - 15 Dec 2015 (11-days) Myanmar Yangon, Mandalay, Bagan, Kalaw Trekking & Inle Lake Rm3380 (12 pax group), Rm3280 (14 pax), Rm3180 (16 pax), Rm2980 (20 pax and above) EXCLUDES FLIGHTS AIR ASIA KUL-Yangon-KUL

Update 3 Feb 2015 - Contact rachelheng123@gmail.com or call 012 352 0868 for registration. Air Asia included taxes is still lower Rm382 as per today fare. Group also have option go for MH, Rm598 as per today fare. Please confirm quickly, so that everyone can get the lower fare. Flight details as below.

BEFORE BUYING YOUR TICKET, PLEASE CHECK WITH US IF WE STILL HAVE AVAILABLE PLACES. Details for AirAsia (AA) Flight Bookings KLIA2 Yangon

Depart

5 DEC 2015 SAT AK504 KUL(KLIA2) to RGN(Yangon) 1720 1825

Return

15 DEC 2015 TUE AK 505 RGN(Yangon) to KUL (KLIA2) 1905 2320

If you like to fly in earlier our out later to take advantage of lower fares, please do so and inform us for hotel and airport transfers. (Note: extra airport transfer cost will be on your own)

Details for Malaysia Airlines (MH) Flight Bookings KLIA Yangon

Depart

5 Dec 2015 SAT MH742 KLIA to Yangon 13:50 15:00

Return

15 Dec 2015 Tues MH743 Yangon to KLIA 16:00 20:15









Bagan & Shwedagon Pagoda

<u>IMPORTANT NOTICE:</u> This is meant to be a "free and easy" budget trip. Participants should be relatively fit, with a good sense of humour, and above all, have the right attitude for close travel with others through possibly some trying times. Most definitely, this is not a trip for prudes, whiners, fuss-pots, and other similarly assorted types! Although every effort will be made to stick to the given itinerary, ground conditions may change and cause some disruption and/or deviation from the norm. Otherwise, have fun!

<u>Day 1 KLIA2-Yangon:</u> We meet at 140PM for the afternoon flight AK502 from KLIA2 at 1720PM Saturday 5 DEC 2015, reaching Yangon at 1825PM. Transfer to hotel. Overnight (O/N) Yangon.

<u>Day 2 Yangon-Overnight Bus</u>: After early breakfast, we start off at Pazun Daung wet market before commencing with our sightseeing tour around Yangon. This will include Shwedagon Pagoda (Golden Pagoda), Sule Pagoda, colonial-style city centre and Bogyoke (Scotts Market). Late afternoon, we transfer 4:30pm to bus station for our night bus to Mandalay 700km 10hr drive.

Day 3 Mandalay: Arrive Mandalay about 6am in the morning. Our sight-seeing begins with Mahamuni Pagoda, with its spectacular Buddha image covered with thick layers of gold leaves and Shwe Indin, one of the most outstanding monasteries in the country. We then visit Mahagandayon, famous Buddhist monastery where more than thousand monks live and study. We proceed to Inwa for lunch and then sightseeing around Inwa ruins by horse cart to visit Maenu Okkyaung Monastery, Nan Myint Tower & Bargayar monastery well known for its wood carving with 267 teak pillars. Time permitting, we shall visit

200-year old U Bein Bridge constructed entirely from teak and various cotton weaving, bronze-making, wood carvings and gold-leaf beating shops. O/N Mandalay.



<u>Day 4 Mandalay-Bagan:</u> After breakfast, we head to Mandalay bus station to catch our 8am express bus to Bagan (200km approximately 7 hours drive). Upon arrival about 2pm, transfer to hotel for refreshment. Free & easy rest of afternoon. Evening we shall visit Shwesandaw Paya Temple to catch the sunset colours, either by horse-cart, bicycle or car/bus. O/N Bagan.

<u>Day 5 Bagan:</u> After breakfast, short visit to the local Nyang Oo market. After that, we proceed with our half-day cycling tour in Bagan. Highlights include historic pagodas and temples such as Shwezegon Pagoda – the prototype for later Myanmar pagodas built by King Anawyethta, Ananda temple - a master piece of King Kyansittha, Kyansittha Umin (cave) - a tunnel with an interesting feature of paintings of mongo warriors and Htilominlo Temple noted for its plaster carvings. After lunch, continue sightseeing other places by car, such as Thatbyinnyu temple - the highest building in the Bagan plain and Dhamma Yangyi temple - the most massive temple. O/N Bagan.



Mt Popa/Inlake Lake/Pak Oo folks/Pindaya Market

Day 6 Bagan-Mt Popa-Kalaw: We will go Kalaw (situated 1,320 meter above sea level) on Southern Shan Mountains. Enroute we stop by Mt Popa, an extinct volcano more than 1,500 m above sea level to see middle plain regions spread below. Short stop to visit volcanic plug (736 meters high cone shape small hill built up of lava and rocks) on the slope of the main Popa. It is locally called Popa Taung Kalat. There are many pagodas, monasteries and spirit houses around the base of Taung Kalat.. The drive Mount Popa to Kalaw is about 220 km and it will be roughly about 8 hours driving. On the way from Mt Popa to Kalaw, one can see local village style, local farming, and change of country style from mid-land to Southern Shan Plateau. Arrive Kalaw (a beautiful hill town with cool weather) by evening. Take a walk along pine-dotted hill. O/N Kalaw.

Day 7 Trek in Kalaw-Pindaya-Nyaung Shwe: After breakfast, visit to local market and then drive to Myin Ka village in East of Kalaw and stop a junction. From here take footpath, the road and trails goes through beautiful scenery. After approximately 1½ hrs we will arrive PANE HNE PIN, a Palaung Tribal Village. They make their living from farming and hunting. They live in long houses, sharing with 4-5 families. From Pane Hne Pin (after lunch) we walk another ½ hour to the view point, where you will enjoy a panoramic view over Kalaw area.

Then return to Pane Hne Pin. Walk back another ½ hour to reach junction back to Kalaw. Visit Pindaya Caves, unique for the thousands of Buddha Images placed there by pilgrims over many centuries. O/N Nyaung Shwe.











Local people in market

Day 8 Biking Tour & short excursion in Inle: After breakfast, bike from Nyaung Shwe around 30 minutes to Red Mountain Winery. Group can free test varity of wine taste. Then continue to Mine Thauk Village (about 45 minutes) and go to Thalaoo (about 45 mins) and take boat go through and lunch stop. After lunch do sightseeing on the lake around at Ywama and Nanpam village and back to Nyaung Shwe.. O/N Nyaung Shwe.

<u>Day 9 Sagar Trip:</u> Go to Sagar which is the main attraction in Sagar is the sunken stupas, 108 old stupas often flooded by water, but it is the natural beauty, friendly people, local lifestyes and serene waterways that make this day trip an unforgettable adventure.

Set off this morning for your lakeside hotel for Sagar, the far southern region of Inle Lake. Less tourists make the trip down to this region yet it is one of the most beautiful places in the Shan State with the mountains forming a backdrop for the small villages and fishermen on the water.

The boat journey takes 2.5 to 3 hours but is full of fabulous view and home to many unique species of birds, both indigenous and migratory. Sit back, relax and enjoy the ride. Around 2.30 the boat will begin its journey back to the main section of Inle Lake. Traveling back in the afternoon the light has shifted and the route looks much different on the return, with different activities occuring on the water and in the villages. O/N Nyang Shwe.

Day 10 Inlake Lake-Indein: An excursion by boat on Inle Lake will include sights of the famous legrowers, typical floating gardens, local methods of fishing and village life. Visits are made to Phaungdaw Oo Pagoda, the weaving village of Inpawkhon and other sights. Explore one of the local 5-day markets (on market day only). By visiting 5-day markets, will get insight into the life-style of the ethnic Pa-O, Danu and Intha inhabitans who came to these markets to sell their goods. Then boat tour to Indein, at the western end of the lake. The boat go through a long channel where watch the farmers cultivate their produce. This ride is one of the most scenic boat tour. Follow a stair path lined up with magnificent columns to the top to visit the Pagoda Complex, Return to the boat jetty with a leisurely "nature walk'. O/N Nyaung Shwe.

<u>Day 11 Heho-Yangon-Home:</u> Early bus to Heho airport and fly back to Yangon. Spend rest of the day at Chinatown for lunch and final shopping. We fly home AK505 at 1905pm and will be arrived KLIA2 (KL) at 2320PM 15 DEC 2015.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. Cost cover accommodation, land transport, bus, guides, boat trip, bicycle rental and entrances fees.
- 2. Accommodation will be in budget hotels and guesthouses.
- 3. Not covered are airfares (Air Asia KL-Yangon-KL), Visa, Heho to Yangon flights (estimated USD120), airport taxes & fuel surcharges, activities and meals (except for breakfast in most stay).
- 4. Not covered are guide tips. Yongo encourages group members to be generous but should commensurate with services rendered.
- 5. A deposit of Rm900 is payable to confirm your place.
- 6. Cost is subject to change if there's a significant changes in foreign exchange rates and airfares.

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