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**7 - 16 Jan 2023 (10-days) Myanmar (Yangon, Mandalay, Bagan, Kalaw Trekking & Inle Lake)**

**Trip Cost per person Rm4600 (15-19pax), Rm4400 (20pax) **\*\*EXCLUDES FLIGHTS****

(Note : Based on USD1 = RM4.55. We will make final adjustment on the cost based on the USD exchange rate in Dec 2022)

**Flight Details as follows - tickets to be bought after group forms.**

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**Pindaya Market**



**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** 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!

**Day 1 KLIA or KLIA2-Yangon:** We take morning flight from KLIA to Yangon. We will have lunch at local restaurant. Afternoon or late evening visit Shwedagon Pagoda, one of the world's most spectacular religious monuments. The golden dome rises 98 meters above its base and is covered with 60 tons of pure gold. Thereafter visit to Karaweik Hall, a royal floating barge for photo stops. Overnight (O/N) Yangon.

**Day 2 Yangon-Overnight Bus:** After early breakfast, we start off at Pazun Daung wet market before commencing with our sightseeing tour around Yangon. Then drive to Yangon Railway station take circular train to Kyi Myin Daing Station. Riding the circle line train provides a window into the daily routine of the Myanmar people away from the commercial center of the country. After pick up from Kyi Min Daing station will continue visit Sule Pagoda - the landmark of Yangon City Centre, City Hall and surrounded by some colonial style building where you can observe activities in Yangon people life style. Afternoon will visit China Town, Church and Bogyoke (Scotts) Market (Note : closed every Monday & PH). In the early evening transfer to Aung Mingalar Highway bus station to Mandalay 700km, 10 hr drive. Overnight bus.



Bagan & Shwedagon Pagoda

**Day 3 Mandalay:** Arrive Mandalay about 6am in the morning. After breakfast, visit a couple of high light places in Mandalay, Mahamuni Pagoda, with its spectacular Buddha image covered with thick layers of gold leaves, Shwe Inbin, one of the most outstanding monasteries in the country . Continue drive directly to Amarapura, 15km from Mandalay. Visit Mahagandayon, a famous Buddhist monastery, where more than thousand monks live and study. And then proceed to Cotton Weaving, Bronze Making, Wood Carvings and Gold Leaf Beatings. After lunch and continue to AVA (Inwa) by ferry boat crossing the river. Sightseeing in Inwa ruin by horse cart to visit Maenu Okkyauing Monastery, Nan Myint Tower & Bargayar monastery well known for its wood carving with 267 teak pillars cross back to Amarapura by ferry boat. Short visit to U BEIN bridge which is 200-year-old and built in 1782 at the time when Amarapura was the royal capital. O/N Mandalay.

**Day 4 Mandalay-Bagan:** 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.

**Day 5 Bagan:** 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 Anawmyetha, 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.





**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.

**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 variety of wine taste. Then continue to Mine Thauk Village (about 45 minutes) and go to Thalao (about 45mins) 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.

**Day 9 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 inhabitants 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.



**Day 10 Heho-Yangon-Home:** 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 and will arrive in KLIA (KL) at **16 JAN 2023**.

#### **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 USD52, Heho to Yangon flights (estimated Rm450), 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 **Rm1200** 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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