

AVG SELECT

15 DAY THAILAND & MYANMAR CRUISE TOUR

15 DAYS

Tour Code: STLM-15

Bangkok (3N) - Mandalay (2N) - Cruise on Irrawaddy (4N) - Bagan (2N) - Yangon (2N)



This 15-day journey will get you to explore the lively Bangkok before touring to Mandalay, Bagan and Yangon. Visit the magnificent Mt. Popa with impressive pagoda situated on top of the mountain, enjoy a 4-night cruise trip along the Irrawaddy river and admire a breath-taking panorama view of Yangon from a hot-air balloon in the air.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the dazzling Royal Grand Palace and Wat Po temple in Bangkok.
- Explore the Death Railway over the Kwai River and century-old floating markets.
- Spend 4 nights on a cruise along Irrawaddy River with multiple stops to local villages and cities.
- Enjoy breath-taking views of Yangon from a hot air balloon in the air.
- Luxury accommodation at 5-star hotels.

INCLUSION

- International and domestic flights.
- Free comprehensive travel insurance.
- Visa to Myanmar.
- Accommodation sharing double or twin with daily breakfast.
- Meals as per itinerary.
- All transfers with Air-con Car/Van/Coach.
- Professional English-speaking guides.
- Concierge from AVG Select.
- Cool water and fresh towel during touring.
- All tipping included.
- Free local SIM card with \$20AUD credit.

EXCLUSION

- Compulsory dinners applied for the nights 24 Dec & 31 Dec.
- Personal expenses such as drink, laundry and souvenirs etc.
- Other services not mentioned in the program.
- Early check-in on the first day and late check-out on last day (see supplement of each hotel).

REMARKS Please be aware that Flight Times, Hotels, Logistical Services and Days of Travel are all subject to availability and modifications outside of our control. When there are cancellations or delays, we will try our best to secure alternative arrangements of similar value to those in booking agreement.



DEPARTURE DATES

Coming soon

SURCHARGES

**All costs are Per Person basis*

- **AUD3,350** for Single Supplement.
- Pre & Post tour Surcharge - **AU\$200** per person. Any other arrangements are additional (i.e accommodation, transfers & meals).

ITINERARY



Grand Palace, Bangkok, Thailand

Day 1: Bangkok Arrival

Welcome to Bangkok, Thailand's capital! Upon arrival at the airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel for express check-in. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner at a fine dining restaurant with a Thai menu.

🍴 Dinner.

🏨 Hotel in Bangkok.

Day 2: Bangkok City Tour

This morning after breakfast, meet your private guide to begin your exploration of Bangkok by long-tail boat on the Chao Phraya River to the revered Grand Palace complex, the official residence of the kings of Siam – and later, Thailand. Visit the Emerald Buddha Temple, regarded as the most important Buddhist temple in Thailand. It contains an image of Buddha flawlessly carved from a single block of jade. Continue to Wat Po, one of Bangkok's oldest and largest temples, located next to the Grand Palace. The temple houses the gigantic, gold-plated Reclining Buddha and is the headquarters of the Traditional Medicine Practitioners of Bangkok. Lunch & Dinner today are included and served at local restaurants.

🍴 Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

🏨 Hotel in Bangkok.

Day 3: Bangkok - Kanchanaburi - River Kwai - Bangkok

Depart early this morning to catch up the best moment of visiting the world-famous Damern Saduak Floating Market where you'll observe the same way that the local people have traded for centuries. Then, board the train for a ride on the historic Death Railway over the Kwai River, which passes through lush forest along the original wooden viaducts. The other inclusions are also the Allied War Cemetery and JEATH War Museum, which is a replica of prisoner of war camp and contains many photographs, artifacts and other memorabilia.

Later this afternoon, transfer back to Bangkok and enjoy your dinner tonight at the hotel for the best convenience.

🍴 Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

🏨 Hotel in Bangkok.

Day 4: Bangkok - Flight to Mandalay

Savour a leisurely breakfast at hotel followed by free time until transfer to the airport for flight to Mandalay, Myanmar. Upon arrival, pick up & hotel transfer.

This evening, take the 30-minute city orientation by tuk-tuk followed by a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

🍴 Breakfast, Dinner.

🏨 Hotel in Mandalay.

Day 5: Mandalay City Tour

Today is spent discovering the main attractions that Mandalay has to offer. Start with Mahamuni Paya and its sacred Mahamuni Buddha image. An object of devotion, it has been covered in gold leaf by devout Buddhists. Then, visit a bronze casting workshop before enjoying lunch at a local restaurant. Continue to the carved, teak Shwenandaw Monastery. Donated to Buddhist monks in 1880, it is the only building from the original royal palace complex still standing after the destruction of World War II. Then, visit the Kuthodaw Pagoda, which features 729 marble slabs on which the entire Buddhist canon is

inscribed. Later, pay a visit to Mandalay Hill, which soars above the surrounding countryside.

🍴 Breakfast, Dinner.

🛖 Hotel in Mandalay.

Day 6: Mandalay - Cruise embarkation

This morning, personalize your holiday with a choice of one included optional tours to enhance your holiday. Perhaps, enjoy street food with lunch included or alternatively, you can take part in a guided horse cart ride to Ava.

In the afternoon, embark the luxury Pandaw ship to start your discovery along the beautiful river. Tonight, the ship moors at Sagaing.

🍴 Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

🛖 Overnight on Cruise on Irrawaddy River.

Day 7: Yandabo Tour

Explore Yandabo village, famous for its production of terracotta pottery from the river bank clay. This village is well-known as the place where the first Anglo-Burmese war ended by the peace treaty signed in 1826. Morning walking tour and a visit to a pottery workshop to see first-hand the production process. This is a hands-on experience which you are welcome to try.

🍴 Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

🛖 Overnight on Cruise on Irrawaddy River.

Day 8: Pakoku - Ayardaw

Explore Pakokku, experiencing the local market and town centre by Tuk Tuk. Sail to the Ayardaw charity clinic supported by Pandaw. Afternoon walk around the village.

Pakkoku is a city of about 100,000 inhabitants located 30 km from Pagan. Main produces are tobacco, cotton, peanuts, Thanatkha (traditional make-up and sun lotion) and textiles. Visit Pakokku's main market by Tuk Tuk. Stop at a cheroot workshop and discover how traditional cheroot cigars are made. Moor overnight at Tant Chi village.

🍴 Breakfast.

🛖 Overnight on Cruise on Irrawaddy River.

Day 9: Mt. Tant-Chi-Taung - Salay

Drive up the winding road of the Tant-Chi-Taung Mountain to visit the hilltop stupa. On the way back, watch a traditional paper-mache elephant dance performed by the villagers from Tant-Chi. Sail to Salay, a small town which was once a bustling trading port, now a sleepy village filled with colonial architectural treasures and timeless teak monasteries.

Walk from the ship to Yoke-Sone Kyaung, the best-known teak carved monastery in Burma, stopping at Salay House on return. Moor overnight at Salay.

🍴 Breakfast.

🛖 Overnight on Cruise on Irrawaddy River.

Day 10: Salay - Bagan

After breakfast, ship disembarkation is followed by the exploration of Nyaung Oo Market, where the locals meet to buy and sell vegetables, clothing, china and lacquerware. Continue on to the Shwezigon Pagoda, erected to house the Buddha's collarbone, frontal bone and tooth. Then, proceed to Kubyaunggyi Temple, renowned for its murals and pyramidal spire. After lunch, see the Htilominlo Temple, taking note of its murals, friezes and horoscopes, painted to protect the building from damage. Afterwards, climb into a horse cart for a ride to the Ananda Temple, the best-preserved in Bagan. Discover Ananda Okyaung, the largely intact remains of a monastery complex with mural-adorned walls depicting Burmese life from the 11th through 13th centuries. Stop at a lacquerware workshop to discover how this art developed. End your day watching the sunset at one of Bagan's many pagodas.

🍴 Breakfast, Lunch.

🛖 Hotel in Bagan.

Day 11: Bagan - Mount Popa - Bagan

After breakfast, embark on an excursion to Mount Popa, a dormant volcano with a Buddhist monastery at its summit. The monastery is a popular pilgrimage site for the devout. Walk among them as you explore the sacred locale. After lunch, stop in the village of Salay to learn more about its unique style of wooden architecture and Buddhist monastic life. Return to Bagan, passing through small villages, where you observe the gentle pace of daily life.

🍴 Breakfast.

🛖 Hotel in Bagan.

Day 12: Bagan - Flight to Yangon

Today, we'll take a morning flight to Yangon, the largest and economist city of Myanmar. Upon arrival, you'll be picked up and transferred to have lunch at a local restaurant. This afternoon, enjoy Balloon ride with bird's eye view over Yangon. Then,

transfer to Yangon station to take a city circle train for a one hour ride through rural areas with stopping at many stations. While you taking the train, observe ways of life for ordinary people who are going to their work, cigarette sellers, betel nut sellers, fortune-tellers, old newspaper seller. After one hour, the train disembarks at Insein station and you will be taken to your hotel to check in.

 Breakfast, Lunch.

 Hotel in Yangon.

Day 13: Yangon Free Choice Activities

Today, choose one of the included optional tours to enhance your holiday. Perhaps, you can attend the yoga & meditation session or go with our guide for the shopping tour.

Late this afternoon, to the world famous Shwedagon Pagoda where you'll witness the golden dome shining at sunset. This special tour is followed by a farewell dinner at a nice restaurant.

 Breakfast, Dinner.

 Hotel in Yangon.

Day 14: Yangon - Depart

Breakfast at hotel, transfer to Yangon international airport for your departure flight.

 Breakfast.

 N/A.

Day 15: Arrive Home

Arrive home today.

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