MANDALAY PASSAGE CRUISE THE IRRAWADDY



MARCH 17-29, 2017* These dates do not include air travel dates.



The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

With these specialists at your side, become intimately engaged in the unique rhythms of Myanmar and its serene Irrawaddy River, adding another memorable chapter to the rich story of your life.

Above: Mingun

Inspiring Moments

- Uncover Bagan, once the seat of the Myanmar dynasty, now an ethereal wonderland of golden pagodas and temples.
- Immerse yourself in the serene, mystic beauty of the Irrawaddy River as it unfolds before you.
- Walk through the river villages of Yandabo and Shwe Pyi Thar and see local artisans at work.
- Experience twilight's stirring spell during sunset behind Bagan.
- Visit Kalaywa Monastery, Yangon's holy learning center.
- Marvel at the glittering Shwedagon Pagoda, Myanmar's most sacred Buddhist temple.



Dear Johns Hopkins Alumni and Friends,

Journey to the Golden Land where old world charm permeates a dreamy setting of gilded pagodas, lofty temples and treasured archaeological sites. Myanmar, formally Burma, will embrace you with warmth and geniality on our 12-night journey from Mandalay to Yangon including nine nights onboard the refined Irrawaddy Explorer.

Though hidden from the international community for centuries, today Myanmar is tiptoeing toward an optimistic future. Explore riverside villages, visit religious sites peppered with saffron-cloaked monks, and watch lavender sunsets illuminate ancient ruins. Along the way, enjoy ample spells to relax and appreciate the panoramas and biodiversity of the storied Irrawaddy River. Peel back the country's ethereal layers and discover a destination where gold dust lingers and spirituality radiates through a cache of veiled wonders.

From engaging cultural opportunities to magnificent scenery, your itinerary has been specially planned by travel experts to offer an incomparable experience. Space is limited so we encourage you to make your reservations today!

Sincerely,

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iscover Myanmar's reservoir of fascinating traditions, cultural gems and friendly locals. Begin in Mandalay, and journey into the heart of the Golden Land past gilded pagodas, crumbling stupas and majestic monasteries. Onboard the Irrawaddy Explorer, discover the tranquil pace of life along the Irrawaddy River; enjoy excursions to traditional villages; and travel like a local via horse cart, oxcart and trishaw. Marvel at Bagan's treasured landscape, and learn how Buddhism is imbedded in Myanmar's culture and history. Experience Myanmar as few are able, and allow it to leave a special imprint on your heart.

DAY ONE

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Welcome to Myanmar! Upon arrival in Yangon, proceed to Mandalay on a short flight. Transfer to the Mandalay Hill Resort & Spa.

Gather for a Welcome Reception and Dinner at the hotel this evening.

YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE

Free time means something different to every traveler. Some people like to linger in a cozy café, while others prefer to stay on the go. That's why we have designed an *elective* activity and a posttrip extension in Inle Lake to allow you to craft your individual travel experience. Check out our itinerary for more details. We've done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.

ELECTIVE experiences are available at an additional cost.

DAY TWO

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Mandalay | Irrawaddy Explorer | Amarapura

Excursion: *Mandalay.* Visit Kuthodaw Paya, which contains the world's biggest book, see Mahamuni Pagoda and explore unique workshops of gold leaf. Embark the Irrawaddy Explorer, and enjoy lunch onboard the ship.

Excursion: *Amarapura.* Visit the 16th-century Burmese royal capital, Amarapura, see the U Bein Bridge and delight in a sampan cruise and champagne toast.

Tonight, gather for a Welcome Aboard Reception and Dinner.

Cultural Performance: *Traditional*

Myanmar Dance. Delight in a riveting show of traditional music and dance that is presented by local performing arts school students.

DAY THREE

MINGUN | AVA

Excursion: *Unfinished Pagoda and Ava.* See the "Unfinished Pagoda" at Mingun village. Visit a local market, famous for its makeshift galleries. Explore Ava in an iconic horse cart to see Bagaya Monastery, the tilting Nanmyin watchtower and the brick edifice of Mei Nu Ok Kyaung Monastery.

DAY FOUR

Excursion: *A Day of Buddha.* Admire hundreds of Buddha statues and stunning murals inside the Hpowindaung and Shwebadaung caves.









After lunch, marvel at the splendid Thanboddhay Pagoda that features more than 500,000 Buddha images. Walk through the colorful pavilions, and see towering golden pillars and stupas.

DAY FIVE

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YANDABO | SHWE PYI THAR

Excursion: Yandabo. Explore this picturesque village, famous for its terracotta pottery. Walk through the village, and visit workshops where the pretty pottery is created.

Excursion: Shwe Pyi Thar. Sail to Shwe Pyi Thar, a traditional Irrawaddy River village, which is known for its production of sweet jaggery candy. Enjoy a leisurely walk through the village. Cultural Experience: Longyi and Thanaka. Learn about the origins of Myanmar's national dress as well as the commonly seen "body paint."

Cultural Performance: Myanmar Puppetry. Enjoy a traditional puppet show featuring puppeteers, singers and musicians.

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ELECTIVE | Bird's-Eye View of Bagan.

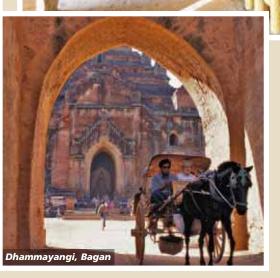
Glide over Bagan's landscape of rice paddies, pagodas and temples. This pre-sunrise hot air balloon suspends you over mist-shrouded tropical panoramas, the best way to fully absorb Bagan's mysticism and wonders. Celebrate with a champagne toast upon landing!

Excursion: Bagan. Explore one of the world's richest archaeological sites, featuring more than 2,000 pagodas. Visit Ananda, one of Bagan's most famous temples, and Dhammayangi, Bagan's largest temple. Enjoy a sand painting demonstration by a local artist. Following lunch, visit a traditional lacquerware workshop. Then, see the Gubyaukghi Temple, the Myazedi Stupa and the Shwe San Daw temple. If you wish, enjoy a glorious Bagan sunset from a viewpoint.

DAY SEVEN

BAGAN | TAN KYI MOUNTAIN Excursion: Bagan's Village Life. Explore Bagan's local markets and see wood carvings,

fabrics, longyis and rattan products. Visit a traditional Burmese lacquerware workshop, and see the gilded Shwezigon Pagoda, a religious site



built by King Anawrahta during the early Bagan Empire. You may choose to hire a horse cart or a bicycle to explore the site on your own. Continue to Tan Kyi village and admire Irrawaddy vistas from the temple.

DAY EIGHT

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Excursion: *Salay.* Founded in the 13th century, Salay features Bagan-era shrines, 19th-century teak monasteries and British colonial buildings. Stroll by the river, and visit the Yoke Soun Kyaung Monastery, a museum with remarkable wood carvings and artifacts. Continue to Mann Paya, a pagoda with an intricate lacquerware Buddha.

Educational Focus: From Early Innovators to Closed Society.

Cultural Event: *Tea Leaf & Ginger.* Learn to make a Tea Leaf and Ginger Salad. Discover where the ingredients are grown, taste the savory salad and take home a recipe card.

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DAY NINE Magwe

Excursion: *Magwe.* Enjoy the atmosphere of Magwe's vibrant market. Climb aboard trishaws for a tour of Magwe city and a visit to Myat Than Lun Paya, a pagoda built on a hilltop in 1929. Beautiful panoramas linger at the top!

Educational Focus: *Myanmar – Past and Present.*

DAY TEN

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THAYETMYO | PROME | THAYEKHITTAYA

Excursion: *Thayetmyo, Prome and Thayekhittaya.* Ride in a horse cart, and explore the colonial charms of Thayetmyo. Visit the oldest golf course in Myanmar, and enjoy the sights and smells of a local market. Continue to Prome. Once controlled by the Mon tribe during the Bagan era, Prome boomed along with the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company in the 1890s and it is now an important trading post. Explore Thayekhittaya, also known as Sri Ksetra, part of the Pyu Ancient Cities. This UNESCO World Heritage site boasts a museum with an excellent collection of maps, Hindu deities and Buddha images. Visit the museum, and enjoy a tour of the excavation sites.

Tonight, enjoy a Farewell Dinner on the ship.

DAY ELEVEN

Disembark the ship, and drive to Yangon. Upon arrival, check in to the Sule Shangri-La.

Independent Exploration: Spend an afternoon and evening at leisure in Yangon.



Irrawaddy Explorer

The Irrawaddy Explorer redefines luxury while introducing passengers to the wonders of Myanmar. Three decks filled with character and warmth educe an ambience of an elegant British estate. With just 28 cabins, the Irrawaddy Explorer offers guests a true small-ship experience while onboard entertainment reflects the culture and biodiversity of the local area. It's the attention to detail that makes traveling on the Irrawaddy Explorer an unforgettable treat.

Take your seat in the Customs House Dining Room to enjoy refined service and five-star gourmet meals prepared with the freshest ingredients. Enjoy breathtaking views few have witnessed from the ship's balconies, and recap the day's highlights in the Writer's Lounge where handcrafted cocktails and refined elegance await. At the day's end, retire to your climate-controlled cabin and fall asleep to the gentle rhythm of the river.



DAY TWELVE

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YANGON

Excursion: *Kalaywa Monastery.* Visit Kalaywa Monastery and learn about young monks living there. A group donation to the monks is included.

Independent Exploration: Make your own discoveries in Yangon this afternoon.

Excursion: *Shwedagon Pagoda*. Visit the gilded Shwedagon Pagoda. Bedazzled with 27 metric tons of gold leaf, this is Myanmar's most sacred Buddhist temple.

Local Flavor: Enjoy dinner at a restaurant set in a restored British colonial building.

DAY THIRTEEN

YANGON

This morning, transfer ★ to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.





Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.

★ Provided for AHI FlexAir participants

BILID denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners. Elective experiences available at an additional cost.

ACCOMMODATIONS |







SULE SHANGRI-LA YANGON

Our travel experts have selected these luxury properties, each in a prime location, for your comfort. Details in the design and décor celebrate the local culture and enhance the ambience of each hotel. Their restaurants feature menus of elegantly prepared local and international cuisine. Of utmost importance is the superior quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to maximize the enjoyment of your stay.

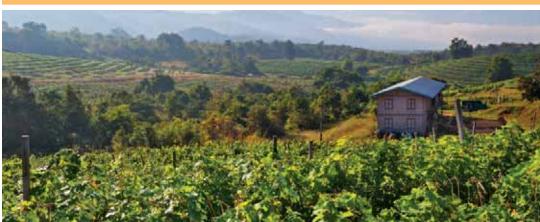


TWO NIGHT POST-TRIP EXTENSION IN INLE LAKE

Visit Inle Lake and delight in one of Myanmar's most inimitable and tranquil landscapes. Following the main program, enjoy two nights at the Villa Inle Resort & Spa. Taste local vintages during a winery outing and enjoy local cuisine for lunch. Climb aboard a long-tail boat for a full-day excursion on Inle Lake where you will get an intimate look at the lake's stilted villages and local life. Tour workshops that produce silks, cigars and textiles, and marvel at the wooden Nga Hpe Kyaung Monastery.

Includes flights between Yangon and Heho; accommodations at Villa Inle Resort & Spa; a daily buffet breakfast; two lunches; excursions; the services of an expert guide; and transfers between airport/hotel with baggage handling.

Price: \$995 per person, double occupancy; \$1,290 single occupancy



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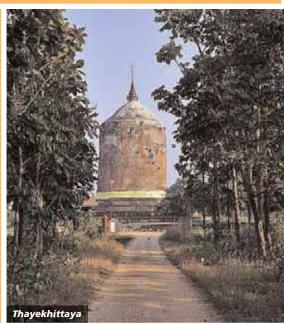
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