



ENCHANTING MYANMAR & THAILAND

Day 1 *DEPART FOR BANGKOK, THAILAND*

Depart from your hometown today to begin your Asian adventure.

Day 2 *ARRIVE BANGKOK*

Arrive in Bangkok tonight. After clearing Immigration and Customs, the local representative will be on hand to welcome you and transfer you to your luxury accommodations.

MANDARIN ORIENTAL HOTEL

Day 3 *BANGKOK – YANGON, MYANMAR*

Fly today to Yangon, formerly Rangoon. Yangon became the capital of Myanmar in 1885 when the British completed the conquest of Upper Myanmar.

The day is at leisure until this evening's welcome dinner party.

STRAND HOTEL

Day 4 *YANGON*



Today's full-day sightseeing will introduce you to this city filled with tree-shaded boulevards and shimmering stupas. Begin at Sule Pagoda, the gleaming octagonal pagoda that stands in the center of the city. Continue to the National Museum to view glimpses of Burmese history, including the eight meter high Sihasana Lion throne used by the last Burmese king. A visit to Bogyoke (Scott) Market displays crafts, gems and fabrics from all corners of Myanmar.

In the afternoon, discover three additional pagodas, each having their own religious importance, including Shwedagon Pagoda – the highlight of any visit to Yangon. Towering over the city, this pagoda is the most sacred in the country, built to house eight hair relics of the Buddha. A visit here at sunset is magnificent, with the changing colors reflecting off of the golden stupa.

STRAND HOTEL

Day 5 **YANGON – HEHO – INLE LAKE**

Fly to Heho this morning, then drive to Inle Lake. Here you enjoy an excursion by boat on Inle Lake, located in Shan State. The lake's shore and islands are home to 17 villages on stilts, mostly inhabited by the Intha people. Enjoy the spectacular scenery and observe the skilled fisherman, unique in their leg-rowing techniques. Visit the floating gardens and an Intha village.

You will also visit Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda, Nga Phe Kyaung Monastery, and a lotus and silk weaving village.

INLE LAKE VIEW RESORT

Day 6 **INLE LAKE**



Traveling by boat today to the western shore of Inle Lake, discover a stairway leading to the hidden temple complex of Indein. The site consists of hundreds of small stupas overgrown by moss and greenery. Continue on foot, past the rice fields, to arrive in the village of Sae Ma. Here you meet with the local people while exploring the village, visiting a school and observing activities in one of the local monasteries.

INLE LAKE VIEW RESORT

Day 7 **INLE LAKE – HEHO – MANDALAY**

Depart Inle Lake today, driving to Heho. Fly to Mandalay to board your cruise ship, your home for the next three nights.

After lunch on board, take in the key sights of Mandalay.

ROAD to MANDALAY CRUISE

Day 8 **MANDALAY**

In the morning, visit Sagaing, the living center of the Buddhist faith in Myanmar. It is also famous for its silversmiths who carry on the tradition of their ancestors.

Before noon, your cruise sets sail down the Ayerwaddy River. Relax and enjoy the many amenities on this luxury cruise.



ROAD to MANDALAY CRUISE

Day 9 BAGAN

You arrive in the ancient city of Bagan this morning and set out to discover its many scenic offerings, including several pagodas which turn either reddish or pink against the sunlit sky. There were once 13,000 temples and pagodas in the Bagan area, most were built between the 11th and 13th centuries. Today there are still about 2200 structures dotted throughout the plain. It's one of the most impressive archeological sights in southeast Asia.

ROAD to MANDALAY CRUISE**Day 10 BAGAN**

This morning, you disembark the cruise and transfer to your lovely accommodations for the night.

THIRIPYITSAYA HOTEL

In the afternoon, visit Ananda Pahto, one of the largest and best-preserved temples in Bagan. Also visit the Dhammayazika Pagoda.

Day 11 BAGAN – YANGON – BANGKOK, THAILAND

You depart Bagan via a flight to Yangon; then bid farewell to Myanmar as you connect to your flight to Bangkok.

Returning to your renowned Bangkok hotel, the evening is at leisure for relaxing along the Chao Phraya River.

ORIENTAL HOTEL**Day 12 BANGKOK or Homeward Bound**

Participants on the 12-day journey will transfer to the airport today for your flight home.

Those continuing on for more sights of Thailand will enjoy a morning tour of the city and its famous temples, including the Temple of the Golden Buddha and the Temple of Reclining Buddha.



This afternoon, visit the Grand Palace which includes the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, one of the Thailand's holiest treasures.

MANDARIN ORIENTAL HOTEL

16 DAY TOUR CONTINUATION**Day 13** **BANGKOK – CHIANG MAI**

You are transferred to the airport this morning for the short flight to Chiang Mai, the largest and most culturally significant city in Northern Thailand. Tour the city and some of its temples, including the oldest, Wat Chiang Man, and Wat Suan Dock which is now a Monk School. See the ancient city walls and gates and browse the local market before settling in to your luxury resort accommodations for the next two nights.

MANDARIN ORIENTAL DHARA DHEVI

Day 14 **CHIANG MAI**

This morning's excursion will take you to the Maesa Elephant Camp to see the elephants at work in the forest. Enjoy watching these magnificent animals as they take their morning bath and begin their daily training and work. Continue on to the Orchid Nursery and learn about the cultivation of these beautiful plants.



In the afternoon, you will visit one of the most sacred temples in this area, Wat Prathad Doi Suthep, and then spend some time at a local hill tribe village and learn about their typical lifestyle.

MANDARIN ORIENTAL DHARA DHEVI

Day 15 **CHIANG MAI – BANGKOK**

The morning is at leisure before departing in the afternoon via your flight to Bangkok.

Upon arrival in Bangkok, you are transferred to your airport hotel where the remainder of the day is at leisure in preparation for your flight home.

NOVOTEL SUVARNABHIMI HOTEL

Day 16 **BANGKOK – FLYING HOME**

You are transferred to the International Airport today. Your journey comes to an end as you board your international flight.

Arriving home, you are greatly enriched and enlightened by the sights and experiences you have had in this extraordinary part of the world.

ACCOMMODATIONS

MANDARIN ORIENTAL HOTEL, Bangkok

Deluxe River View Rooms



Beautifully set on the banks of the Chao Phraya River, River of the Kings, the Mandarin Oriental Bangkok has hosted the most distinguished travelers for more than 130 years. Follow the legendary Chao Phraya River through the heart of Bangkok to the door of one of the world's most luxurious hotels. A paragon of contemporary luxury and rich in history, filled with stories of celebrated guests who have considered it home during their world travels. Enjoy a strong flow of natural daylight, thanks to floor to ceiling windows and balcony facing the river in Deluxe River View Rooms which also have a spacious seating area. Throughout, the furnishings are Thai silk, harmoniously designed in neutral colors. www.mandarinoriental.com/bangkok

STRAND HOTEL, Yangon

Deluxe Suites



One of The Leading Small Hotels of the World originally built in 1901, the Strand Hotel in Yangon stands for all the wondrous and opulence in a bygone era. Restored to its former glory, the Victorian-styled Strand combines the charms of the 1920s and 1930s with lavish modern-day amenities. Located in the heart of the city, the hotels 32 beautifully appointed suites are the essence of timeless elegance and boasts high ceilings, teakwood floors, spacious bedrooms and luxurious bathrooms. A private collection of local art pieces and antiques evokes a sense of nostalgia. With more than a century of hospitality excellence, The Strand continues a legacy that prevails with its impeccable service, state-of-the-art facilities and choice location. www.ghmhotels.com

INLE LAKE VIEW RESORT, Heho

Junior Suites



The Inle Lake View Resort is the only deluxe boutique hotel of international standards on the shores of Inle Lake, built on 15 acres of lush land of trees and flowers. Ideally located in a picturesque area overlooking the western edge of Inle Lake, the hotel offers luxury and elegance throughout. The restaurant serves some of the finest wine and cuisine to be found in Myanmar, and the spa center is beautifully designed and able to cater to the most discerning visitor. www.inlelakeview.com

ROAD TO MANDALAY CRUISE

State Cabins



The Road to Mandalay luxury river cruiser was completely refurbished in 2009. The interior emphasis rests on traditional comfort combined with delightful luxury. The spacious en suite



cabins are fully air-conditioned and furnished with the most beautiful fabrics, finest linens and softest towels. The Road to Mandalay offers 42 total cabins of which 18 are state cabins located on the State Deck Level. Spread across four decks providing luxurious facilities in excellent comfort and space, the Road to Mandalay offers sublime views of Myanmar and the Irrawaddy River.

www.orient-express.com/web/rtm/road_to_mandalay.jsp

THIRIPYITSAYA HOTEL, Bagan

Deluxe Garden View Rooms



Situated on the banks of the Irrawaddy, Myanmar's river of history and legend. The resort sprawls over 24 acres of landscaped gardens, which is home to mature tropical trees and flowers, as well as native birds and a number of small tame animals. Oriented towards the west, the resort revels in panoramic river views, glorious sunsets and silver moon glow, and a pervading atmosphere of profound peace, warmth and comfort. Deluxe Garden View Rooms look out to the landscaped garden each offering a spacious veranda.

www.bagan-thiripyitsaya-sakura-hotel.com/

MANDARIN ORIENTAL DHARA DHEVI, Chiang Mai

Deluxe Villas



Spread over 60 acres of natural landscape, the hotel offers a self contained world of beauty, incorporating serene paddy fields and exotic plantations. Mandarin Oriental Dhara Dhevi is Chiang Mai's only luxury hotel and resort where you can enjoy one of the world's most beautiful spas and surround yourself with the rich heritage of the Lanna Kingdom. Deluxe Villas have separate sitting area with views of Paddy Fields and Tropical Gardens and generously proportioned bathrooms. Throughout the resort enjoy an atmosphere of culture and calm, with the display of beautiful artifacts from a private collection amidst the welcome shroud of lush tropical greenery. www.mandarinoriental.com/chiangmai