

# Discover Bagan



**Duration: 5 days**

Burma's answer to Cambodia's Angkor temples, Bagan is one of the most unforgettable sights in Burma. The remains of an ancient kingdom on the banks of the Ayeyarwady River, at its height in the 11th – 13th Centuries, Bagan was home to over 10,000 Buddhist temples and pagodas. Though many of them were destroyed, over 2000 remain, presenting an inspiring vista of a plain of spires – especially impressive at sunset.

We take time to explore some of the main temples, which can be climbed to appreciate the views, and then have time to simply wander and enjoy, marvelling at the sheer scale of the ancient site. Close-up, many have impressive architecture, carvings and murals. We then have time to fly on to Yangon and finishing our experience with the magnificent golden Shwedagon Pagoda.

## DETAILED ITINERARY

### Day 1: He Ho - Bagan

*(main group departs He Ho for Yangon same day)*

We say our farewells to the rest of our group at He Ho, and board our plane for the short flight to Bagan, where we head to our hotel in the adjacent modern town of New Bagan. This afternoon we take a boat ride out to Kyun Thiri, an island on the Ayeyarwady River, home to a striking wooden monastery and small village. We visit both, allowing us to discover this agricultural society. The farming methods here are manual, and apart from the occasional glimpse of a mobile phone, you will feel you have been transported back several centuries. Taking the boat back to Bagan, we linger to enjoy the sunset views over the river. Night hotel.

*Breakfast provided; provide own Lunch & Dinner*

### Day 2: Bagan

Today we enjoy a tour around some of the main temples of Bagan. These include the golden stupa of Shwezigon Pagoda – Bagan's most important reliquary shrine, it is believed to enshrine a bone and tooth of Buddha – and the visually striking whitewashed Ananda Temple, with its four standing Buddhas. Many of the temples still have ancient frescoes, murals and friezes, some of them very well-preserved, whole others are open to visitors to

climb; the views over the dusty plains, scattered with green vegetation and red-brick temples are marvellous and give us a feel of the sheer scale of this ancient kingdom. Night hotel.

*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner provided*

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### Day 3: Fly to Yangon

Depending on our flight times, there may be time to visit more temples, or simply relax and watch the world go by before transferring to the airport for our flight to Yangon. On arrival we transfer to our hotel, where you are free to relax, or explore independently. Night hotel.

*Breakfast and Lunch provided; provide own Dinner*

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### Day 4: Yangon; Flight departs

We enjoy a city tour of Yangon, a modern bustling city which nevertheless is known for its crumbling colonial architecture sitting alongside buildings with more of a Chinese and Indian influence, as well as gilded Buddhist temples. The main highlight is the magnificent golden Shwedagon Pagoda, which we explore before heading back to the airport for our overnight flight home.

*Breakfast provided*

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### Day 5: Arrive UK

Land back in the UK

#### **Important Information**

Extension requires a minimum of 2 people to operate

NB: It is advisable to book early to guarantee availability and avoid any disappointment.

What's included?

- Hotel accommodation (3\* or equivalent) in twin/double rooms
- Meals as indicated in itinerary; expect them to be fairly local in style
- Entrance fees (Bagan and Shwedagon)
- All transportation, internal flights and airport transfers
- Local English-speaking guide

What's not included?

- Meals as noted in itinerary
  - Any entrance fees to optional sites or activities
  - Any personal spending, extra drinks, snacks or souvenirs
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