



MYANMAR PHOTOGRAPHY TOUR

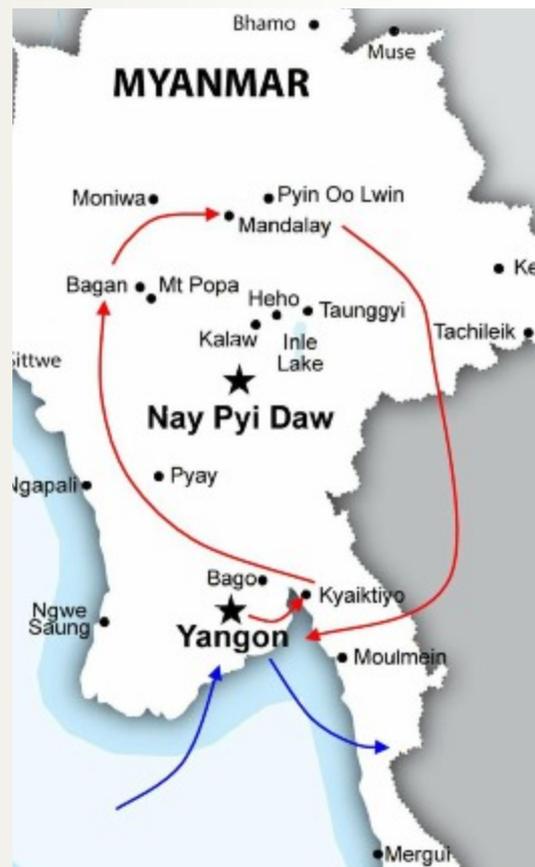
Tour code MYS-05
Route Yangon – Kyaikhtiyo - Bagan – Mandalay – Yangon
Duration 09 days / 08 nights
Features Charming and ancient pagodas, incomparable landscape, great taste of normal people, colorful houses, sunshine, all make Myanmar top exotic photographic point that you should not miss in your world journey.

Itinerary in brief

Services Included

DAY 1. ARRIVAL IN YANGON (D)
 DAY 2. YANGON (B)
 DAY 3. YANGON – KYAIKHTIYO (GOLDEN ROCK) (B)
 DAY 4: KYAIKHTIYO – YANGON (B)
 DAY 5: YANGON – BAGAN (B)
 DAY 6: BAGAN (B) (BY BALLOON / HORSE CART)
 DAY 7: BAGAN – MANDALAY (B)
 DAY 8: MANDALAY – MINGUN BOAT TRIP – MANDALAY (B/-/D)
 DAY 9: MANDALAY – YANGON DEPARTURE

English-speaking tourguides (station guides)
 Twin-shared room with daily breakfast
 Meals as stated
 Land transfer by private air-con vehicles as per program
 Horse cart tour (1.5 days) in Bagan
 Boat trip (one-way) at Mingun
 Water during transfer



Services Excluded

Visa
 Domestic flight (quoted separately)
 International flight
 Other meals and drinks
 Tips
 Personal expenses



Itinerary in details

DAY 1. ARRIVAL IN YANGON (D)

Arrival in Yangon, pick up by tourguide + driver at the airport, transfer to Yangon, check-in hotel.

Meeting with tourguide or representative of Threeland in Yangon to advise about some "Do's and Don'ts" in Myanmar when taking pictures as well as cultural traditions of Myanmar, weather conditions, habits and so on, aiming to protect the local culture, ecology, and have the best support from the locals. At leisure in the rest of the day for your very first pictures of Yangon. Dinner at Karaweik restaurant located by Kadawgyi Lake enjoying a traditional exciting show of Myanmar artists. O/N Yangon.

DAY 2. YANGON (B)

Early morning transfer to Shwedagon pagoda, a 2,600-year-old pagoda of Myanmar, a remarkable religious construction not of Asia but the world with great ancient bells, golden-plated stupas, meditation venues and vast area full of revered ambience. We will spend at Shwedagon for appx. two to three hours for visiting and taking pictures before coming back to the hotel for breakfast. Continue to explore Yangon, the former capital city of Myanmar before 2006 with all excitement of an Asian colourful town but much higher success in maintaining cultural traditions, from the daily costumes to the respect to Buddhism and hospitality toward visitors. We will walk along Pansodan Street with many colonial tranquil and graceful buildings and small bookstores for pictures and intermingle with the people in their normal daily life. Afternoon we will visit Sule Pagoda and Scott Market and the Open Market nearby for great pictures. Back to the hotel late afternoon. At leisure in the rest of the evening. O/N Yangon.

DAY 3. YANGON – KYAIKHTIYO (GOLDEN ROCK) (B)

After breakfast at hotel, transfer via Bago to Kyaikhtiyo to visit the famous Golden Rock temple of Myanmar. Upon arrival at the base camp, we will be transferred by Truck (as per regulation at the Golden Rock area) to the mountain top, then go uphill on foot about one hour until reaching the Rock. Taking pictures on the way, the hillside, of the sunset in the area surrounding the Golden Rock, one of the top wonders of Myanmar with a scary location and great balance to hold a Buddhist temple on top will be our great experience. Back to hotel late afternoon. O/N Golden Rock.

DAY 4: KYAIKHTIYO – YANGON (B)

Leave hotel as soon as possible together with our guide to reach the Golden Rock in the sunrise, when many Buddhists flock here for pilgrimage. After taking pictures here we will be back to the hotel for breakfast, then go by truck again downhill and take our private vehicle to be back to Yangon via the excavation site of King Bayinnaung, who reigned Myanmar during the Toungoo Dynasty for 30 years. Visit a handicraft cottage and a monastery at Bago on the way back. End the day with a tour to a local pottery village to photograph traditional Myanmar pottery made manually hereby. O/N Yangon.



DAY 5: YANGON – BAGAN (B)

Breakfast at hotel or pickup breakfast box prepared by hotel in case of early flight. Transfer to the airport for our flight to Bagan. The guide and driver in Bagan will be waiting for us at the airport and transfer us to check in hotel. Situated on a plain stretching along Irrawaddy River, ancient Bagan is dotted with thousands of stupas and temples, built between the 11th and 13th century, making it one of the most remarkable archaeological sites in Asia. We will start our photography tour at Nyang-U, a small town near Bagan, then the Shwezigon pagoda, one of the four most significant buildings in Bagan which served as the center of reflection and prayers. Go on to the Htilominlo pagoda, famed for its original fine plaster carvings and glazed sandstone decoration which are remarkably well-preserved. The temple stands 46m high and houses four Buddha statues on the lower and upper floors. In the afternoon, continue to the Mingalazedi pagoda, which is one of the few temples in Bagan with a full set of glazed terra cotta tiles. Finally, we will visit the Dhammayangyi pagoda, Bagan's largest temple. The temple is in a large square, single story, pyramidal shape with six monumental ascending exterior terraces. The brickwork is perhaps the finest that can be found around Bagan. Enjoy the sunset on the boat. Back to the hotel. O/N Bagan.

Please note! The area of Bagan is very dusty and driest in Myanmar. Tools and equipments should be protected properly.

DAY 6: BAGAN (B) (BY BALLOON / HORSE CART)

Early morning enjoy the sunrise over Bagan in a hot air balloon and take photographs from the air. Back to the hotel for breakfast. Start our horsecart tour in Bagan (2 people maximum on each cart) with a visit to Minnanthu village and 13th century-styled pagodas, go on to enjoy daily activities of the locals at Pwa-saw village. Try our temple photograph skills on a tour of the Payathonezu temple with its colorful religious paintings, then visit Thanbula pagoda, Lawkananda pagoda, Ashae-Pet-leik and Anauk-Pet-leik pagodas. In the afternoon visit Sulamani temple, Dhamayangyi temple, then go on to a lacquerware workshop to see the craftsmen at work and learn from them their techniques. Enjoy breathtaking sunset by horse cart ride, an extremely memorable experience about Bagan. Back to the hotel late afternoon. O/N Bagan.

Please note: The cost of the balloons are separated as they are operated until 31 March annually and not functional in the low season until 1 October or later. In low season, the balloon will be replaced by the whole day visit by horsecart.

DAY 7: BAGAN – MANDALAY (B)

After breakfast at hotel, we will be transferred to the airport for our flight to Mandalay. Pickup at Mandalay airport. Being the Burmese capital city in the 2nd half on 19th century, Mandalay, different from other tranquil and dreamy towns of Myanmar, is an especially hectic, business-minded but the religious heart of upper Myanmar at the same time. After visiting Mahamuni temples, we will check-in hotel and have a short rest for refreshment. Afternoon visit a former royal capital, Inwa, founded in 1364 and lasted for 400 years as a royal capital. The highlights here include the 'Leaning tower of Ava', Maha Aungmye Bonzan, a brick-and-stucco monastery, and the elegant teakwood monastery Bagaya Kyaung. Go on to Sagaing, a former capital of the Shan kingdom in 14th century, slightly downriver from Mandalay, where we can take great pictures of many stupas scattered over Sagaing Hill. Before the sunset we will reach Amarapura and begin our photo trip at Mahagandayon monastery, which is a school for young monks, and the nearby U-Bein Teak Bridge, which is more than 2 centuries old and at 1.2km, holding the fame of the longest teakwood span in the world. The bridge makes an incomparable view at the sunset that no visitor to Mandalay ever skips. Back to the hotel after the dusk. O/N Mandalay.

DAY 8: MANDALAY – MINGUN BOAT TRIP – MANDALAY (B/-/D)

After breakfast, drive to Kywezon Jetty to photograph busy riverside activities in the morning and take a local riverboat to the ancient capital of Mingun (appx one hour each way), home to the world's largest ringing bell, which weighs over 87 tons. Pay a visit to the site of the bell and continue to the unfinished Mingun Mantara pagoda, built in late 18th century by King Bodawpaya. A massive earthquake then had made upper portion of the pagoda collapse but the site is still impressive and remarkable. Visit Settawya pagoda, walk to the huge Mingun Bell (90 tons), and the Hsinbyume pagoda nearby. Back to Mandalay by boat, visit cottage crafts as the gold leaf making industry, tapestry, wood carving, bronze making, and marble stone carving. Go on to the Golden Palace Monastery, located close to Mandalay Hill, built in early 19th century, being famous for its teakwood carvings of Buddhist myths. Also at the foothill of Mandalay Hill situated Kuthodaw pagoda, built in 1857 and home to the world's largest. Drive up to Mandalay Hill, which is home to many religious sites, and photograph the magnificent sunset from the 230m high summit. Farewell dinner in Mandalay.

DAY 9: MANDALAY – YANGON DEPARTURE

Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to the airport for flight back to Yangon and take our departure flight back home.

