



Bagan

EXCITING MYANMAR

Yangon, Bagan, Mandalay, Pyin Oo Lwin, Inle Lake

13 Days / 12 Nights

Let's explore country of Timeless Transitions. Myanmar is a surprise and delight to all the travellers. Be dazzled by its landscapes, pagodas culture and history. Witness the charm of this Asian country on our next tour to Myanmar. Myanmar is in fact the second largest country in Southeast Asia. Nicknamed "The Golden Land" after the nation's most precious metal, Myanmar is brimming with pagodas and Buddhist icons. The colour gold is seen in specks in every direction since the country is predominantly Buddhist; gold-covered pagodas are pervasive throughout the land.

Highlights: Sule Pagoda • Shwedagon Pagoda • U-Peinbridge • Mahagandayone Monastery • Sagaing Hill • Cruise on the Ayeyarwaddy River • Pyin Oo Lwin • Goteik viaduct Bridge • Red Mountain Vineyards



Day 1: OVERNIGHT TRAVEL
Meet Citibond Representative at the airport & board your overnight flight from London to Myanmar.

Day 2: YANGON (D)
Welcome to your Citibond Exciting Myanmar tour! On arrival, an English representative will greet you after immigration and customs, transfer comfortably to your hotel. Post check-in, day on leisure. Dinner at local restaurant & Overnight at hotel in Yangon.

Day 3: YANGON (B/L/D)
After breakfast, explore the lively cultural capital of Myanmar. The sightseeing tour starts with the short stroll at nearby Kandawgyi Park. Proceed to Bogyoke Aung San Museum, the former home of General Aung San -hero of Burmese independence and father of Nobel Peace Prize laureate and opposition leader AungSan SuuKy. Lunch at local restaurant. Nxt, explore downtown Yangon where the British colonial influence is still evident. The guided tour will start with a visit to Sule Pagoda, located at the heart of the city. The tour will also include a range of beautiful colonial style buildings, as well as the City Hall, a fine example of Myanmar architecture, and the Independence Monument. Visit the Shwedagon Pagoda, one of Myanmar's most sacred sites, and watch as the sun sets over its golden dome. Then, head to bustling Chinatown for the

night market. Dinner at local restaurant & Overnight at hotel in Yangon.

Day 4: YANGON - BAGAN (B/L/D)
After breakfast, you will be transferred to Yangon International Airport for flight to Bagan. Upon arrival in Bagan, set off to some of the area's highlights, including the golden Shwedagon Pagoda, Gupyaugyi Pagoda, noted for its frescoes and stucco works, and Ananda Temple, a masterpiece of the Mon architecture. After lunch, check-in to your hotel in Bagan and rest for a while. Later in the afternoon, the guided exploration of Bagan continues with Dhammayangyi Pahto, the largest of Bagan's temples as well as Thatbyinnhyu Temple and Manuha Temple. Admire the beautiful sunset from the summit of selected pagoda by our guide to round the day off. For a remarkable evening experience, A horse-drawn cart will take you to Dinner at a local restaurant with traditional Myanmar puppet show. Overnight at hotel in Bagan.

Day 5: BAGAN (B/L/D)
After breakfast, start the day with a visit to the vibrant morning market in Nyaung-U, catching a glimpse of local life and culture. Then, make a stop at a palm tree workshop -learn about collecting toddy (the juice of the palm tree) for making liquor, molasses and oil. For Lunch, indulge in a meal hosted by a

local family in their home. This is the perfect opportunity to interact with your host and to gain an insight into the country's delightful customs and traditions. Aside from its impressive variety of Buddhist religious and cultural heritage, Bagan is also famous for its exquisitely decorated lacquer ware. The afternoon tour includes a visit to a lacquer ware shop in New Bagan - here you can watch artisans craft, paint and engrave lovely cups, bowls and other accessories. Dinner at local restaurant & Overnight at hotel in Bagan.

Day 6: BAGAN - MANDALAY (B/L/D)
After breakfast, you will be transferred to Nyaung U Airport for flight to Mandalay. Upon arrival, transfer by coach to Amarapura, located 11km south of Mandalay. Visit the famous U-Peinbridge, the world's longest teak bridge. Next, proceed to Mahagandayone Monastery to catch a glimpse of the monastic way of life. Before heading for Lunch to a local restaurant, visit a wood carving and a bronze casting workshop. After lunch, transfer to Sagaing. Visits here include KaungMu Taw Pagoda and Swan-oo-pon-nya-shin Pagoda. Finally, climb Sagaing Hill to watch the beautiful sunset before returning to Mandalay to check in at your hotel. Dinner at local restaurant & Overnight at hotel in Mandalay.

Day 7: MANDALAY (B/L/D)
After breakfast, take a one-and-a-half-hour cruise on the Ayeyarwaddy River to the ancient city of Mingun. Upon arrival, sights include Mya TheinTan Pagoda and Mingun Bell, said to be the largest working bell in the world. Return by coach to Mandalay for a Lunch. In the afternoon, continue your sightseeing tour in Mandalay -major highlights include Kuthodaw Pagoda, containing the world's largest book and Shwe Nandaw Monastery, one of the finest examples of traditional Myanmar-style wooden monastery building in the country. Dinner at local restaurant & Overnight at hotel in Mandalay.

Day 8: MANDALAY - PYIN OO LWIN (B/L/D)
After breakfast, drive to the colonial hill station, Pyin Oo Lwin. Used by the British as a summer retreat, due to the cooler climate, this picturesque town is a joy to walk around. Visit the beautiful botanical gardens before lunch. In the afternoon visit some of the picturesque waterfalls, guided tour of coffee plantation in the surrounding area. Dinner at local restaurant & Overnight at hotel in Pyin Oo Lwin.

Day 9: PYIN OO LWIN - MANDALAY (B/L/D)
After breakfast, take a trip on one of the world's greatest train rides. This tour is a great way to transfer from Pyin Oo Lwin to Naung Cho (approx. 3hrs). The train line from Pyin Oo Lwin to Naung Cho passes through the hills of Shan state, over cascading rivers, and along the famous Goteik viaduct. The bridge, completed in 1900, was at the time considered a world masterpiece. It is the highest bridge in Myanmar and, at the time it was finished, the largest railway trestle in the world. Stop for a Lunch at a local restaurant. Return back to Mandalay by Car and leisure at hotel the rest of the day. Dinner at local restaurant & Overnight at hotel in Mandalay.

Day 10: MANDALAY - INLE LAKE (B/L/D)
After breakfast, you will be transferred to Mandalay International Airport for flight to Heho. Upon arrival, transfer to the jetty where a boat is waiting for you to start a full day of sightseeing on the lake. This will include the famous leg-rowing fishermen, floating gardens and the villages on stilts. A stop will also be made at Paung-Daw-Oo Pagoda, an important religious site in the Shan State. After lunch, visit traditional Shan style monastery Nga-Phe-Chaungand and Inntha village for tea and snacks. Next, visit a silk weaving workshop to watch the fascinating process of spinning and weaving lotus flowers into stunning products such as scarves and shirts. The last stop for the day will take you to a silversmith workshop to watch artisans craft lovely pieces of jewellery. Dinner at local restaurant & Overnight at hotel in Inle Lake.

Day 11: INLE LAKE (B/L/D)
After breakfast, start the day with visiting a local floating market. Next, transfer by boat to Indein Pagoda, which is a meeting point of Myanmar's many ethnic groups. Stop for a Lunch at a local restaurant. Then, proceed to Red Mountain Estate Vineyards and Winery in the hills of southern Shan state for a wine-tasting of locally grown wine. Return to the lake by coach. Upon return, you will be provided with canoes from the hotel to explore the lake at your own pace. Dinner at local restaurant & Overnight at hotel in Inle Lake.

Day 12-13: DEPART TO LONDON (B/L)
After Breakfast, Day time at leisure by the lake. Check out and transfer to restaurant for Lunch. Transfer to Heho airport for your flight to Yangon. On arrival in Yangon International Airport, in transit at airport till onward international flight to London. Good times never end! As you get ready for the airport and your flight back home, relive the high points of your 'Citibond Exciting Myanmar' tour. We are confident you will join us again, sometime soon...

Departure dates		
Departure	Number of days	Price per person
16-Jan-20	13 days / 12 nights	£2369
11-Feb-20	13 days / 12 nights	£2369
11-Dec-20	13 days / 12 nights	£2529
5-Mar-21	13 days / 12 nights	£2529

- What's included in your tour**
- International & Domestic Air fares.
 - Accommodation as specified in the itinerary.
 - Meals as mentioned in the itinerary.
 - Sightseeing as mentioned in the itinerary.
 - English speaking Tour manager throughout the tour.
 - All transportation in an air-conditioned private vehicle.



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Do you prefer to do something else? Citibond can tailor-make any itinerary specific to your requirements. Prices are subject to availability.