



### *Once in a Lifetime Excursion to Myanmar*

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We proudly offer luxurious river cruise trips managed by "Ayravata Cruise Company"

(1) RV Paukan 2007 (a newly built Charming Cruising Boutique Hotel)

**PASSENGERS:** 55

**CABINS:** 29 WITH PRIVATE BATHROOM AND SHOWER

**UPPER DECK:** 14 DELUXE (6 DOUBLE, 8 TWIN) \* 21 SQ.MT./226 SQ. FT.

**MAIN DECK:** 10 SUPERIOR TWINS \* 15 SQ.MT./161 SQ. FT.

**LOWER DECK:** 3 SINGLE FOR GUESTS:10 SQMT / 107 SQ. FT.

**LOUNGE & BAR ON THE SUNDECK/SOLARIUM (CAPACITY 35 SEATS)**

**DINING ROOM ON THE MAIN DECK (CAPACITY: 56 SEATS)**

**MESSAGE ROOM 2 ON THE LOWER DECK**

(2) RV Paukan 2012 (A small cruising boutique hotel);

**PASSENGERS:** 34

**CABINS** 18 WITH PRIVATE BATHROOM

*UPPER DECK:* 6 DOUBLE DELUXE WITH BALCONY \* 25 SQ.MT / 270 SQ. FT

*MAIN DECK:* 8 TWIN DELUXE WITH FRENCH BALCONY \* 23 SQ.MT./250 SQ. FT.

*LOWER DECK:* 2 SINGLE FOR GUIDES/TL: 8 SQ MT / 86 SQ. FT.

**DINING ROOM** ON THE MAIN DECK (CAPACITY: 34 SEATS)

**LOUNGE & BAR** ON THE UPPER DECK (CAPACITY 16 SEATS INDOOR AND 15 OUTDOOR)

**SOLARIUM** ON SUN / ROOF DECK (CAPACITY: 16 SUN CHAIRS)

(3) RV Paukan1947 (an original Scottish made Colonial Steamer formerly known as Rv Pandaw).

**CABINS: 16 DELUXE CABINS WITH OWN SHOWER/WC (BERTHS 32)**

**DINING ROOM 1 (32 SEATS)**

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Program: RV4: Yangon stopover with Grand Voyage of Chindwin River (14days/13nights)

**Day 01: Arrival Yangon (by morning/ midday flight)**

Upon arrival to Yangon by morning/ midday flight, you will be welcomed by tour guides and transferred to hotel. You will be arranged on the trip planning depending upon your arrival time. In the afternoon orientation tour of the city ending with the visit of the most enchanting and spectacular Pagoda of Myanmar: **theShwedagon**. Overnight stay at Chatrium Hotel or similar.  
Lunch at local restaurant and dinner at hotel.

**DAY 2: Yangon– Bagan**

Early morning transfer to the airport. Flight to **Bagan**, one of the Asia’s most important archaeological sites and one out of two most eminent religious old cities in South East Asia. The sightseeing startswith a visit to Nyaung Oo market – a typical local market; followed by visits to most distinctive pagodas such as Shwezigon Pagoda – the holiest one believed to be enshrined with Buddha tooth and hair; Gubyaukgyi Temple (Wetkyiinn village) – the 13th century ‘cave temple’ with fine frescoes of scenes from Jakatas; Ananda Temple –one of the masterpieces surviving and remaining in Bagan and considered to be in the Mon architecture style. Afternoon, we will visit a lacquer ware factory followed by a visit to local village. We will view the sunset from the top of one of the temples. Stay at Aureum Palace Hotel or similar.  
Lunch at local restaurant and dinner at hotel.

**DAY 3: BAGAN – PAKKOKU**

Board the ship at 09.00 hrs. We cast off at 09.30 hrs and sail upstream to the Irrawaddy and Chindwin confluence. If time permits we stop in Thein Gone, a typical river village where we visit the school and the monastery. Continue cruising north to the bustling town of Pakkoku where we visit the monastery, cheroots and weaving workshops. We pass the Chindwin andIrrawaddy river confluence and we stop for the night.

#### **DAY 4: PAKKOKU – PAKHAN–GYI – AHMYINT VILLAGE – MONYWA**

Visit the little town of Pakhan–gyi. This post–Pagan period provincial capital was walled with a moat and originally had a governor's palace. We see the old walls; visit the museum and a spectacular 19th century wood carved monastery. Continue cruising to Ahmyint village and visit the local market, see beautiful houses and the lovely 17th century style Min Kyaw Swa stupas with 18th century style paintings. Arrive at Monywa, the Chindwin River largest port, in the early evening.

#### **DAY 5: MONYWA (HPOWINDAUNG AND SHWEBADAUNG CAVES)**

Visit **Hpowindaung** and **Shwebadaung caves** where hundreds of Buddha Statues are placed inside niches decorated with wonderful mural paintings. If the weather and time allows we will also visit Twin Daung Lake better known as lake of “Spirulina”, the famous green–blue algae rich in protein, vitamins and minerals. The origin of the lake is unknown, some geologist claim to be an extinct volcano crater, others a crater formed by a meteorite. Alternatively we drive to **Kyaukka village** to visit a “plain” lacquer ware type workshop. Known as “Kyauk Kar” this kind of lacquerware has only two colors, black and red made by natural pigments.

#### **DAY 6: KANI**

Late morning explore the village of **Kanee** and climb the pagoda hillock for its view. Continue sailing upstream until late at night to reach the village of Kani.

#### **DAY 7: KIN – MINGIN**

Early morning we explore **Kin village** with its beautiful wooden houses and the woodcarvings monastery. Continue sailing upstream to the small enchanting town of **Mingin**. Explore its temples and 1900's wooden houses and the Min Kyaung Monastery with old Buddha Images.

#### **DAY 8: KYIDAW**

At **Kyidaw** (Kyi Taung Oo) we visit Shwe Za War Yaw monastery one of the oldest and best preserved wood carved monastery of Myanmar, embellished with wooden sculpted idols with fascinating gold leaf wall decorations. We walk through a beautiful scenario of paddy fields to the village of **Kan** where we visit another splendid example of Myanmar old monastery. Afterwards we return to the ship by local boat. Proceed upstream up to Kyaw Zin, a village very close to Kalewa, where we stop for the night.

#### **DAY 9: KALEWA**

In the morning we explore **Kalewa**, the main river port for the trading with India, the lively market and climb up to **Shwe Moat Htaung stupa** for the beautiful view. Back to the ship before lunch and keep on cruising upstream to Mawlaik.

#### **DAY 10: MAWLAIK – SAILING BACK DOWNSTREAM**

**Mawlaik** (situated 35 km from the Indian Border) was the administrative capital of this area rich of Teak forests. It is a pleasant colonial town with its golf course surrounded by splendid colonial houses built by the Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation in the 1920's and 1930's (there is still a small community of Indians that used to work for the Scottish company and their descendents). The governor's house, the administrative building, the school, the hospital, the “Dak Bungalows”, company headquarter are well

preserved, still in use nowadays and nicely maintained. Being this our turnaround point, we begin sailing back downstream to Monywa.

**DAY 11: *SAILING DOWNSTREAM FOR 100 MILES***

Continue sailing all day downstream. Stop at **Kyauk Hlay Gar village**, famous for its Petrified Wood, where we visit the school and the typical houses.

**DAY 12: *MONYWA – MANDALAY***

Arrive at Monywa in the morning. Transfer by coach to **Mandalay**.

Check in at Mandalay Hill Resort or similar.

Lunch at local restaurant and dinner at hotel.

**DAY 13: Mandalay– Yangon**

Flight to Yangon. Check-in to the historic **Strand Hotel** or Chatrium Hotel (or similar 4 stars hotel).

**DAY 14: Yangon Departure**

The last day in Myanmar to say goodbye to this beautiful golden country. You will be transferred from your hotel to the airport for your onward.

Pricing: Please contact Exquizit Travel LLC for availability and pricing of complete tours inclusive of pre and post cruise trip.

Visa Requirements:

All people entering Myanmar requires visa which must be obtained from Embassy of Union of Myanmar. Please check with the Embassy in your country for up to date information regarding visa application process. We strongly advise you to start arranging your visa process at least 45 days prior to your departure.

Health Issues and Travel Insurance:

We recommend travelers to have vaccinations in advance of travel. We also suggest you consult with your doctor to discuss about your health care needs specific to your holiday. You must be comprehensively insured as condition of travelling with Exquizit Travel. Travelers need to purchase coverage includes but not limited as for personal accident and medical expense, evacuation and repatriation, baggage loss and cancellation or curtailment of the tour.

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If you would like to book pre or post tour arrangement on hotel additional to the program, please either contact Exquizit Travel ([info@exquizittravel.com](mailto:info@exquizittravel.com)) or your local travel agents.

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