

## MYANMAR | THAILAND

Myanmar, formerly known as Burma, covers an area of 677,000 square kilometers - approximately the size of France and Great Britain combined. It shares borders with Thailand, Bangladesh, China, India and Laos. Myanmar has a population of some 50 million and is among the most ethnically mixed countries in Southeast Asia. Officially the Burmese government distinguishes 135 different ethnic groups. Each group has its own distinct customs, culture and dialect. The major ones are Burman, Shan, Karen, Mon, Kachin, Chin, Kayin, Kayar and Rakhine. Over 85 percent of the Burmese citizens are Buddhist. The official language is Burmese, and Yangon is the largest city and the capital of the country. Myanmar is blessed with great geophysical diversity varying from snow-capped mountains in the north to wide rivers and extensive plains in the center. The Andaman and the Indian Sea encircle the south. The 2000-kilometer Ayeyarwaddy River flows south from its source in East-Tibet making its vast delta one of the most fertile, agricultural regions of the world. Decades of social and economic isolation have preserved many parts of Burmese unique culture and tradition, which have been lost in other Asian countries. Myanmar is a captivating country endowed with rich natural and cultural treasures combined with friendly and hospitable people. It remains one of the most exciting and fascinating places to be discovered in the world.



### **EXPLORE MYANMAR( 11DAYS) LAND COST: US\$ 1599.00 + INTERNAL AIR: \$380.00**



Arrive in Yangon, the hustling & bustling capital of Myanmar, the city today still maintains its colonial charm and gracious turn of the century old architecture. You will take a full day tour of wonderful pagodas including world famous Shwedagon Pagoda You will then fly to Bagan, situated on the eastern bank of the Ayeyarwaddy River, which covers more than 17 square miles and more popularly known as the “city of four million pagodas”. Take a boat to Monywa, and enjoy the local market at Pakokku. Continue to Mandalay, the last capital of royal Burma, which is still one of the largest cities in Myanmar, and a cultural and spiritual center. You will then fly to Heho and drive to Inle lake, an area of outstanding natural beauty. The lake itself sits at a pleasant 4,260 ft. above sea level and is famous for its leg rowers. Floating markets and prolific bird life, colorful hill tribes, inhabit fertile valleys, forested mountain tops and friendly people make this one of the must see in Myanmar. Before you return to Yangon, you will also visit Kalaw, a popular hill station during the British days.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF MYANMAR( 8DAYS) LAND COST: US\$ 1185.00 + INTERNAL AIR: \$450.00**



This short trip to Myanmar starts from arrival in Yangon. After the sightseeing tour of Yangon, fly to Bagan which is a spectacular plain stretching away from the Ayeyarwaddy River, dotted with thousands of 800-year old temple ruins. Continue to Mandalay, the last capital of Royal Burma and still one of the biggest cities in Myanmar. Fly to Heho and make an excursion tour to Inle Lake, a beautiful lake with calm water. Fly back to Yangon before you return home.