



THE MAGIC OF MYANMAR

Cruise along the mighty Ayeyarwady River to explore ancient sites, visit timeless villages and meet wonderful local people

land of spectacular scenery and golden pagodas, Myanmar is home to a proud and welcoming own costumes and customs, displayed in festivals throughout the year — Myanmar is a melting pot of colour and energy. people. The country ranges from snow-peaked mountains and deep forests best be absorbed from the decks to unspoilt beaches, ancient architectural of our luxurious river cruiser, sites, villages and vibrant towns.

ethnic groups — each sporting their fascinating country.

Belmond Road to Mandalay. As we Enjoying the slower pace of life have been operating in Myanmar for among the traditional arts, crafts and more than 20 years, we have built an culture, visitors will feel as if time has unrivalled wealth of expertise and stood still. With more than 100 different are pioneers of luxury cruising in this





The ancient city of Bagan features thousands of Buddhist temples spread across a sun-baked plain, some vast For an unforgettable experience, you can embark on a champagne sunrise and its glistening pagodas.

Myanmar's second largest city, Mandalay, is its cultural and spiritual heartland. Once the setting for King Ayeyarwady River along whose mighty Mindon's court, it is now also the home of the 10 Burmese Traditional Arts. Glimpse the old city along dusty lanes lined with marble carvers and learn the art of bronze casting, or experience local culture and participate in an almsgiving at a monastery.

As the gateway to the country for most international visitors, Yangon offers an excellent introduction to and ornate, others in evocative ruins. Myanmar. Set on the Yangon River, this colourful city is a melting pot of diverse cultures and customs. It is home to the balloon ride to view this ancient site renowned, jewel-encrusted Shwedagon Pagoda and to Belmond Governor's Residence, a tranquil garden hotel.

Yet the heart of Myanmar life is the length unfold scenes of timeless cities, venerated shrines and day-to-day living. Small fishing boats contend with barges, women lay out washing to dry, blooming shrubs give way to dense forest. Look out for kingfishers, egrets and the rare Ayeyarwady dolphin.

ON BOARD

Chapter Two

As the world glides past, relax and enjoy fine dining, stunning scenery and an ever-helpful, friendly crew







NEW HORIZONS

With cool spaces in which to mingle, luxurious cabins and indulgent touches, a great journey lies ahead

Life on board is an exciting but also relaxing Western cuisine, and the outdoor area on experience; our 82 guests become part of the Observation Deck, Road to Mandalay the family. From the moment you step on Grill, opens for one night per trip, offering board, you enjoy the unobtrusive attention of our experienced and friendly staff. Add to that the fine cuisine from our Executive the Road to Mandalay Grill, also opens to Chef, an onboard guide team, daily entertainment, topical lectures by local and star dining venue in Bagan. international experts, cooking classes, yoga on deck and a spa and exercise room, and the Observation Deck Bar — are relaxing you have an all-round unforgettable spaces in which to mingle with fellow experience. We are also the only river travellers. The outdoor pool area is located on cruiser operating in the area with our own the Observation Deck, the largest outdoor

Restaurant, offering both Eastern and contemporary and local ambience.

local grilled specialities, live music and fine wines. Every Friday and Saturday night, outside guests, representing the only five-

Our two bars — the Piano Bar and space of any river cruise in Myanmar. Our dining experiences comprise the
It has recently been refurbished to reflect a



Our graceful river cruiser, designed with cabins enjoy outward-facing windows passengers' comfort in mind, reflect to make the most of the fantastic views local styles and materials in its elegant satellite TV, air-conditioning, generous interiors. The cabins feature luxurious closet space and spacious en-suite furnishings by local artisans, including bathrooms with locally made soaps and a hand-tiled jade feature wall in our Deluxe and State Cabin bathrooms. All bottled water is replenished daily.



CABIN PLANS

Our en-suite cabins provide a cosy and sophisticated haven in which to relax and savour the glorious scene

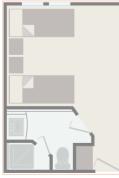
Across four decks, there are five categories of cabins: Single, Superior, Deluxe and State Cabins, plus the lavish Governor's Suite, with its own butler service and sitting room.



GOVERNOR'S SUITE



CABIN



DELUXE CABIN



SINGLE

CABIN

ILLUSTRATIONS NOT TO SCALE







SUPPORTING MYANMAR COMMUNITIES

One of the most beguiling aspects of Myanmar is its people, whose openness and warmth make an enduring impression on our guests. Belmond is dedicated to giving back to these people and to ensuring that their country remains a place of beauty for years to come. With the help of generous donations from guests and volunteering programmes run by our staff, Belmond actively contributes to local communities. We have recently helped construct an infant playschool and middle school in Shwe Kyet Yet village and opened a new school building in the village of Pon, near Bagan. We have now supported a total of 21 schools along our cruise routes since our company started working in Myanmar in 2015. Through the passion and dedication of our onboard doctor, Dr Hla Tun, in 2011 we opened a free medical clinic in Bagan which has treated more than 40,000 patients. Our chefs help the monks of a nearby monastery to prepare a free lunch for the patients and their families. Guests aboard Belmond Road to Mandalay can visit this clinic to meet the team at work. Finally, as part of our commitment to the environment, we operate a recycling programme to help safeguard Myanmar's majestic landscapes.



JOURNEY

Chapter Three

Connect with the local culture, enjoy exclusive experiences and discover the real Myanmar while river cruising with us

THE JOURNEYS

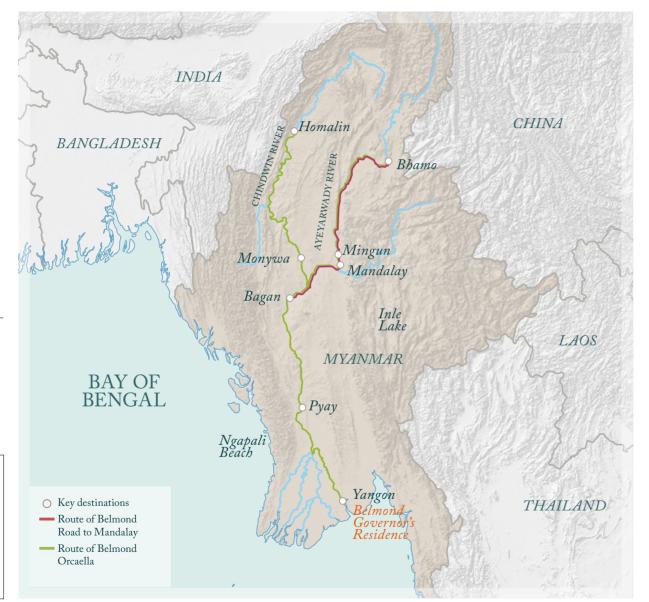
Iourney on board Belmond Road to Mandalay with internal flights between Yangon and the ship, transfers from the airport to the ship (not included for Ayeyarwady Experience and Taste of Myanmar), meals, excursions and guides all included. In addition to tours to the region's highlights, Belmond Road to Mandalay offers a choice of additional excursions for active pursuits, or to experience the arts, cuisine or culture of Myanmar

JOURNEYS

- Gorges of the Far North
- Images of a Golden Land
- Highlights of Myanmar
- Ayeyarwady Experience
- Taste of Myanmar

For more information and prices, please visit belmond.com/roadtomandalay

The rivers of Myanmar vary from season to season, with as much as a 30ft variance in water level. From January through June, the Ayeyarwady's levels may drop for a few weeks to a few months, creating a narrower channel for navigation. To allow for these changes, Belmond Road to Mandalay may operate a revised itinerary and mooring locations may be amended.



Routes shown are for guidance only and are subject to change



IMAGES OF A GOLDEN LAND

BAGAN-MANDALAY 4 NIGHTS

From spiritual Sagaing to the enigmatic ruins of Mingun, cruise along the Ayeyarwady River from Bagan to Mandalay

DAY 1 Guests arriving into Bagan visit a bustling market and temple with fine views en route to Belmond Road to Mandalay. After lunch on board, visit Ananda, one of Bagan's most magnificent temples. The day ends watching the sun set, then dinner is served under the stars. DAY 2 Go on an adventure of your choice: a bicycle or horse-and-cart ride around the temples of Old Bagan, a hot-air balloon flight, a sunrise temple tour or a village community project then relax as we sail towards Mandalay.

DAY 3 Arrive in Mingun and choose from two tours: discover its historical sites or join a walk through a rural village. In the evening you are invited to wear a traditional sarong to our cocktail party on the Observation Deck. DAY 4 Early risers can participate in a Buddhist almsgiving ceremony on shore, then either visit historic sites around Mandalay or explore the city's renowned traditional crafts. Enjoy a farewell dinner and acrobatic show on board. DAY 5 Disembark for your onward travel arrangements.

2017 departure dates: January 07, 14, 21, 28; February 04, 11, 18, 25; March 04, 11, 18, 25; April 01; August 19, 26; September 02, 09, 16, 23, 30; October 07, 14, 21, 28; November 04, 11, 18, 25: December 09, 16

HIGHLIGHTS OF MYANMAR

MANDALAY-BAGAN 3 NIGHTS

From majestic Mandalay to breathtaking Bagan, cruise along the Ayeyarwady River

DAY 1 Visit the Sagaing Hills en route to the ship. Board the ship at Shwe Kyet Yet village near Mandalay. Enjoy an afternoon exploring Mandalay's key sites and traditional arts. Your last visit of the day will be to the renowned and amazing teak U Bein Bridge at sunset. Return back on board for dinner. DAY 2 Join a Buddhist almsgiving ceremony and experience village life near our jetty before the ship sets sail. Alight in Ava to explore the ancient capital. Take a traditional horse-andcart tour or embark on a bike ride. DAY 3 Rise early to attend a soothing meditation session before the ship arrives in Bagan, giving you the opportunity to explore the magnificent, temple-strewn plain. End your visit by watching the sunset over the plains, then dine under the stars on the Observation Deck. DAY 4 Early risers can experience a sunrise hot-air balloon flight before disembarking for onward travel.

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LOCAL WOMEN CARRY GOODS IN BAGAN

A Y E Y A R W A D Y E X P E R I E N C E

BAGAN-MANDALAY 2 NIGHTS

Cruise in style along the Ayeyarwady River, alighting to explore and enjoy local customs

DAY 1 Board the ship at Bagan. Those who arrive early can explore the magnificent temple complex by mountain bike, horse and cart or hotair balloon. As the ship sails towards Mandalay, enjoy onboard activities. In the evening, dine on Asian and Western specialities in the Restaurant. DAY 2 During the morning's sailing enjoy a sunrise voga session, a meditation class, or a Myanmar cookery demonstration. Arriving in Mingun, choose to visit the historical sites of Mingun or join a walk through a rural village. In the evening you are invited to wear a traditional sarong to our cocktail party on the Observation Deck. DAY 3 Early risers may wish to join in a Buddhist almsgiving ceremony in Mandalay. All guests disembark for your onward travel arrangements.

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TASTE OF MYANMAR

MANDALAY-BAGAN 2 NIGHTS

Discover a land barely touched by time on this condensed tour, including the temples of Bagan

DAY1 Board the ship at Shwe Kyet Yet village near Mandalay. Arrive early to participate in a Buddhist almsgiving ceremony before sailing. Disembark in Ava to explore the ancient capital. As the ship sails to Bagan, enjoy onboard activities then dine on Asian and Western cuisine in the elegant Restaurant. DAY 2 Explore the magnificent, temple-strewn plain and visit local temples. In the afternoon visit Ananda, one of Bagan's most magnificent temples, and explore an off-the-beaten-track temple by torchlight. End your visit by watching the sunset over the plains. Dine under the stars on the Observation Deck. DAY 3 Dawn risers can experience a sunrise hot-air balloon flight over the pagodas before disembarking for onward travel arrangements.

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EXTEND THE

EXPERIENCE

Chapter Four

Find out about our inclusive tours and be inspired to add a few extra days onto your trip to discover more



Our Inclusive Tours create tailormade experiences that include a
cruise on our luxury river cruiser,
plus an exclusive lakeside or beach
stay, or wider forays into Cambodia,
Laos and Thailand, where we have
authentic Belmond hotels. We can
also organise sightseeing options or
culturally themed stays in cities and
resorts before or after your cruise.
All domestic flights, transfers and
experienced guides are included.

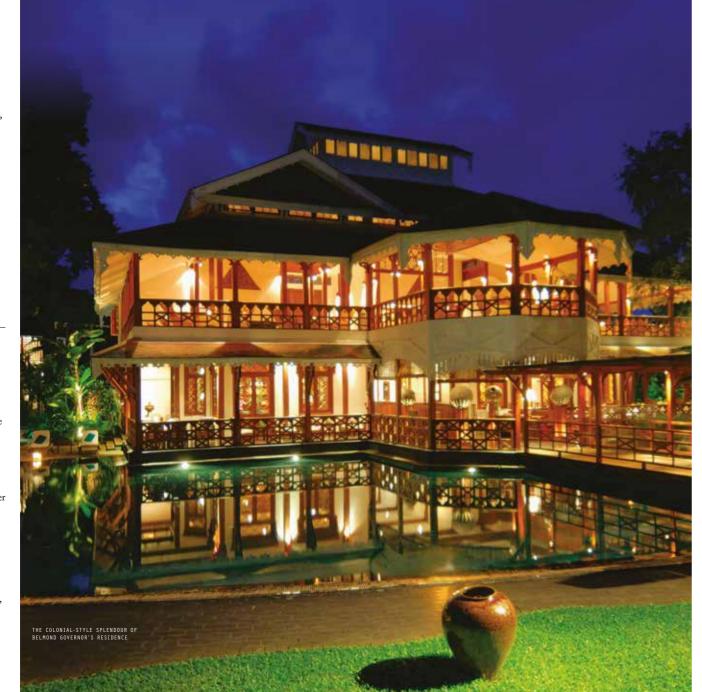
HIGHLIGHTS OF YANGON

Explore Yangon, Myanmar's former capital, known as the "Garden of the East"

Admire the diamond-encrusted stupa of the sacred Shwedagon Pagoda, or explore the bustling Bogyoke Aung San Market, a treasure trove of lacquerware, tapestries woodcarvings, silverware and jewellery.

Intrepid travellers can visit, on an overnight extension, the remarkable Golden Rock, a gold-leaf-covered boulder topped with a pagoda on a cliff edge. Extend the visit to include more nights in the Southern Mon State region.

If you're visiting Yangon, we can organise a stay at the luxury **Belmond Governor's Residence**, a colonial-style teak mansion in Yangon's leafy Embassy Quarter. Cool off in the fan-shaped pool, sip iced cocktails in the Kipling Bar and dine on Asian and European cuisine in the Mandalay Restaurant.







BEACH BREAKS

Combine your cruise with a relaxing spell on a glorious beach in Ngapali, Koh Samui or Bali, and let us customise your itinerary

Myanmar's most famous beach, **Ngapali**, is totally unspoilt. It's the perfect place to relax under a palm tree or stroll along the sandy beaches. Swim or snorkel in clear waters or go fishing.

Stay in one of our carefully selected hotels. The Ngapali Bay Villas & Spa, set among coconut palms, is beside Ngapali beach. The Amara Ocean Resort's 28 luxury bungalows overlook the beach in a palm grove. We also recommend Sandoway Resort.

A short flight from Bangkok, the

Thai island of **Koh Samui** has turquoise waters and pristine sands. Stay in a beautiful villa at **Belmond Napasai** to enjoy its private beach and shaded gardens or to explore Ang Thong National Marine Park.

The magical Indonesian island of **Bali** is also renowned for its sandy beaches and crystal-clear coves. Stay at **Belmond Jimbaran Puri**, where each villa has a private pool beside one of the island's best beaches and dine on the sands as the sun goes down.

INLE LAKE

Escape to Myanmar's magical freshwater lake and discover the scenic beauty and rich cultural heritage of the region

This beautiful, highland lake in the Shan Plateau of eastern Myanmar is home to diverse ethnic groups, including the famous Intha leg rowers, who have a distinct style of rowing with one leg. The lake is renowned for its traditional floating villages, gardens and water hyacinth, while the shoreline is dotted with ancient pagodas and island-bound monasteries, markets, artisan workshops and wildlife reserves. Experience the former hill station at Kalaw or the impressive Pindaya Caves filled with

8,000 Buddha statues. Our extensions include accommodation, your own personal guide and touring by boat, as well as your flights and transfers.

Stay at Inle Princess Resort, located on the lake's eastern edge. This secluded retreat comprises a cluster of traditional wooden and bamboo chalets with tranquil views across the water and towards the blue-peaked Shan Hills. Other suggestions for accommodation include Villa Inle Resort and Aureum Inle Resort & Spa.





OUT AND ABOUT IN MYANMAR

We can also arrange a selection of excursions taking in one or more attractions

As Myanmar opens to the world, discover more with Belmond during a pre- or post-cruise tour. Enjoy trekking through the farmlands of Loikaw, the home of the ethnic Padaung, or a visit to an elephant conservation camp. In the Mon and Kayah States, experience the beauty of the

natural landscapes near Hpa-An and visit the seaside town of Mawlamyine. Let the mountains of Mrauk Oo captivate you or charter a private yacht and experience the tropical paradise of the Mergui Archipelago, a region of hundreds of uninhabited islands near the Thai border.

CAMBODIA AND LAOS

Visit Cambodia, home of the Angkor temple complex, or the UNESCO World Heritage town of Luang Prabang in Laos

Cambodia offers fine architecture along with unspoilt jungles and mountains, as well as the stunning complex of Angkor Wat with more than 100 temples, shrines and pagodas. Enjoy the intimacy of nearby **Belmond La Résidence d'Angkor** on the banks of the Siem Reap River.

Largely untouched by tourism, Laos boasts stunning landscapes and a rich

cultural heritage. The ancient town of Luang Prabang has traditional Lao and European colonial buildings, decorated with gilded stuccos and mirrored mosaics, among mountain scenery and lush gardens. While there, stay at the spacious **Belmond La Résidence Phou Vao**, overlooking the Mekong and Nam Khan rivers, with mountain views.



BANGKOK AND SINGAPORE

Complement your relaxing cruise with the excitement of the hig city. Choose your destination and we can arrange the rest

Bangkok, capital of Thailand, boasts attractions such as the Grand Palace, the Floating Market and the gigantic reclining Buddha. Other sights include the Robot Building, the three-headed elephant statue and the so-called "David Beckham Temple".

During your stay, we recommend the Mandarin Oriental Bangkok. Overlooking the Chao Phraya River, it is renowned for impeccable service and superb cuisine. Or see how luxury meets sophisticated Thai charm at The Peninsula, Bangkok, where guests enjoy exquisite riverside dining and a three-tiered pool. Vibrant Singapore is known for shopping — from the designer stores along Orchard Road to the antique shops in Chinatown — but is also home to a delicious dining scene and stunning parks. Don't miss the futuristic "Supertrees" in the Gardens by the Bay.

We recommend you stay at the famous Raffles Hotel, housed in a beautiful colonial building and where the Singapore Sling was invented. Alternatively, enjoy a location in the heart of the city at The St Regis, Singapore, which also houses one of Asia's finest private art collections.



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