

Golden Land Cruise (Mandalay-Bagan-Pyay)

13 days / 12 nights

GL35	24 Nov 08 - 06 Dec 08	Downstream
GL36	22 Dec 08 - 03 Jan 09	Upstream
GL37	04 Jan 09 - 16 Jan 09	Downstream
GL38	17 Jan 09 - 29 Jan 09	Upstream
GL39	27 Jan 09 - 08 Feb 09	Downstream
GL40	08 Feb 09 - 20 Feb 09	Upstream
GL41	18 Feb 09 - 02 Mar 09	Downstream
GL42	03 Mar 09 - 15 Mar 09	Upstream
GL43	16 Mar 09 - 28 Mar 09	Downstream

“This is a very different travel experience. Sailing through the heart of ‘Middle Myanmar’ we pass through a varying landscape – from the lush teak plantations around Prome to the desert country of Pagan. We visit a number of small villages and towns and see local agriculture and manufacturing at first hand. These places are remote from the modern world and offer a glimpse of a timeless, lost Myanmar far from the usual tourist track. We also visit a number of old monasteries and temples of art historical interest in this cultural heartland of old Myanmar.”

Downstream Itinerary – Mandalay-Bagan-Pyay

Day 1: Rangoon (Yangon):

Transfer from the airport check in to the 4 star Dusit Inya Lake Hotel; afternoon orientation tour by coach followed by visit to the Shwedagon pagoda.

Day 2: Rangoon (Yangon) to Mandalay

Early morning flight from Yangon to Mandalay. In the afternoon we tour central Mandalay visiting Mahamuni pagoda and Shwe-im-bin teak carved monastery and Mandalay Hill for sunset. We stop to see tapestry making and other traditional crafts.

Days 3: Ava and Amarapura

Morning visit by boat and walk in the beautiful hill with over 1000 hermitages and sanctuaries, visit in wood carving and religious art. Return to ship for lunch. In the afternoon we explore these ancient capitals by coach or sampan visiting the teak Bagaya Kyaung, Menu Ok-kyang and crossing the U Bein Bridge to see the paintings in a temple.

Days 4: Sagaing and Sail Downstream

Explorations Sagaing Hill and area with its many hermitages; we cast off at lunchtime and proceed downstream with a brief pilot stop at Myinmu.

Days 5: Yandabo Potteries and Oh Ne Kyaung Village

Yandabo is a very small rural village that specializes in pot making. We visit the Pandaw School and the new dispensary both built with past donations from Pandaw passengers. In the evening we cross the river to visit Oh Ne Kyaung, a very different village where we hope to build another school attached to local monastery.

Days 6: Pagan (Bagan) Monuments

We tour a selection of the 3,000 listed monuments in this important World Heritage Site. Afternoon further explorations of Bagan and visit lacquer workshops.

Days 7: Tan Kyi Tang Mountain and Sale (Saley)

Ascend Tan-chi-taung mountain by foot or by WWII jeep for the spectacular sunrise over Bagan. Sail downstream to Sale. In afternoon we here visit a number of teak monasteries including the Yout-saun-kyauing with its spectacular wood carving; we also explore an area of splendid colonial-style houses.

Days 8: Taung Ba Lu School and Magwe Gold Bricks

If river conditions permit, morning visit to Taung Ba Lu School project sponsored by Noble Caledonia and Pandaw Cruises. Afternoon we climb the river bank and wend our way through a labyrinth of passages and paths to reach the magnificent Myat-thalon- Pagoda. This Pagoda is constructed with solid gold bricks. Of interest are the many nat shrines and hermitages within the temple precincts.

Days 9: Minhla Forts

Minhla and Gwechaung – we visit the two Italian built forts constructed to keep the British at bay from Royal Myanmar. We climb the Gwechaung hill for the view. These were captured by the British in the 3rd Anglo Myanma War. The fight for the Minhla redoubt was the only serious action in the war and the death of a young subaltern inspired Kipling to write a poem. Gwechaung, the more impressive of the forts was captured from the rear before the Myanma could turn the guns around.

Days 10: Thayemyo Frontier Post

This pleasant colonial town once guarded the border between Royal Myanmar and British Myanmar following the 2nd Anglo Myanma War of 1855, many of the buildings including the covered market date from this period. Thayet also boasts the oldest golf course in Myanmar (1885) said by the locals to be reciprocally clubbed with the Royal & Ancient St Andrews (however when we mentioned this in an early brochure we received a curt note from the R&A Secretary denying any such association). Outside the town is an extensive war cemetery where Turkish prisoners of war were laid to rest. Captured in Iraq, the Turks were transported to labour camps in Myanmar where they died in their hundred of malaria. In the town itself we visit the market, see the colonial houses and ride out by horse cart to see the countryside and golf links.

Days 11: Prome(Pyay) and Ancient Pyu

Visit the 5th -8th century archaeological site of Thiri-ya-kittiya, former centre of the Pyu civilization with a fascinating museum of early Buddhist artifacts and sculpture.

Days 12: Prome (Pyay) to Rangoon (Yangon)

Disembark and drive to Yangon; transfer to the Inya Lake Hotel and afternoon coach trip to the Scot Market.

Days 13: Rangoon (Yangon)

Early morning visit to war graves at Htaukchan; transfers for international departures.

Upstream Itinerary – Pyay-Bagan-Mandalay

Day 1: Rangoon (Yangon):

Transfer from the airport check in to the 4 star Dusit Inya Lake Hotel; afternoon orientation tour by coach followed by visit to the Shwedagon pagoda.

Day 2: Prome (Pyay) and the Ancient Pyu

Drive by coach to Prome (4.5 hours) and board Pandaw II; after lunch visit the 5th – 8th century archaeological site of Thiri-ya-kittiya, former centre of the Pyu civilization with a fascinating museum of early Buddhist artifacts and sculpture. Cast off at sundown with cocktails on deck.

Days 3: Thayetmyo Frontier Post

This pleasant colonial town once guarded the border between Royal Myanmar and British Myanmar following the 2nd Anglo Myanma War of 1855, many of the buildings including the covered market date from this period. Thayet also boasts the oldest golf course in Myanmar (1885) said by the locals to be reciprocally clubbed with the Royal & Ancient St Andrews (however when we mentioned this in an early brochure we received a curt note from the R&A Secretary denying any such association). Outside the town is an extensive war cemetery where Turkish prisoners of war were laid to rest. Captured in Iraq, the Turks were transported to labour camps in Myanmar where they died in their hundred of malaria. In the town itself we visit the market, see the colonial houses and ride out by horse cart to see the countryside and golf links.

Days 4: Minhla Forts

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Days 5: Magwe Gold Bricks

We climb the river bank and wend our way through a labyrinth of passages and paths to reach the magnificent Myat-thalon Pagoda. This pagoda is constructed with solid gold bricks. Of interest are the many nat shrines and hermitages within the temple precincts. Tour town by trishaw and visit market.

Days 6: Sale (Saley) Monasteries

Here we visit a number of teak monasteries including the Yout-saun-kyaung with its spectacular wood carving; we also explore an area of splendid colonial-style houses; moor at the Tan-chi-taung mountain ascend on foot or by WWII jeep for the spectacular sunrise over Pagan.

Days 7: Pagan (Bagan) Monuments

Pagan - we tour a selection of the 3,000 listed monuments.

Days 8: Theingone Monastery

Further explorations of Pagan; we cast off at lunchtime and proceed upstream.

Days 9: Yandabo Potteries and Pandaw School

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Days 10: Ava and Amarapura Old Capitals

We explore these ancient capitals by coach or sampan visiting the teak Bagaya Kyaung, Menu Ok-kyaung and crossing the U Bein Bridge to see the paintings in a temple.

Days 11: Sagaing Hills

Morning visit by boat and walk in the beautiful hills with over 1,000 hermitages and sanctuaries, rich in wood carving and religious art. Return to ship for lunch and sail up to the Mandalay Gawein jetty. In the afternoon we tour central Mandalay visiting the Mahamuni pagoda and Shwe-inbin teak carved monastery. We stop to see tapestry making and other traditional crafts.

Days 12: Mandalay to Rangoon (Yangon)

Disembark (Gawein Jetty) and fly to Yangon; transfer to the Inya Lake Hotel and afternoon coach trip to Scots Market.

Days 13: Rangoon (Yangon)

Early morning visit to war graves at Htaukchan; transfers for international departures.

Tour Price in US\$ per person

Cabin Type	US\$ per person twin sharing	US\$ per person single use
Upper Deck	4168	4703
Main Deck	3861	4455

BOOK NOW!

Costs inclusive:

Accommodation in Yangon, Cabin as per booking, transfers and transportation as per itinerary, sightseeing, domestic flight as per itinerary, main meals as mentioned, English speaking Guide, all entrance fees, free flow of soft drinks, coffee, tea, Mineral Water

Costs exclusive:

**International flights, Visa fees, fuel surcharge, imported drinks/alcohols, INSURANCES!!!
Personal expenses such as tips, telephone, laundry, minibar, tips**

Payment Terms:

1. 20% deposit is required upon confirmation of any booking and is non-refundable!
2. Final balances must be paid 60 days before departure or the booking may be cancelled and the deposit forfeited.

Cancellation Terms:

Pandaw got very strict cancellation periods therefore we need to ask for the same policy!

For cancellations of confirmed bookings, the following charges will apply:

70 days or more	-	20% of total amount
56 to 69 days	-	30% of total amount
29 to 55 days	-	40% of total amount
15 to 28 days	-	60% of total amount
8 to 14 days	-	90% of total amount
7 days or less	-	100% of total amount

Terms and Conditions of Carriage on Pandaw Ships:

1. Though every effort will be made to ensure that the published itinerary is followed as closely as possible, given uncertain river and other local conditions, all schedules and itineraries may be subject to alterations and delays at short notice.
2. The ship's purser and captain are jointly responsible for passengers' comfort and safety. Passengers must accept their decisions and instructions.
3. Whilst our crew do everything in their power to facilitate landings, access to ship at certain river stations can be difficult, with steep and sometimes slippery river banks. Elderly passengers should consult their doctor to ensure that they fit for travel. Wheel chairs are not allowed.
4. In the case of water levels being too high or low or defects to the vessel beyond the control of the company an alternative itinerary will be offered to passengers after consultation between the ship's captain and the company's management, subject to accommodation and meals being maintained on board the vessel unless by prior agreement with the passenger.
5. Should it prove difficult to embark or disembark passengers at the scheduled points the company are not liable to bear any extra cost of transporting passengers to and from the revised point of embarkation or disembarkation unless passengers or their agents have purchased a complete package tour which includes land services from us. Any reason for changing the points of embarkation or disembarkation can not count as a reason for canceling this contract.
6. Passengers should seek advice from their doctor regarding relevant inoculations and prophylactics for travel to these countries.
7. Passengers must be fully insured to cover any risk of medical expense and repatriation (which includes repatriation of remains) and the Company is in no way responsible for such liabilities. Passengers must settle before departure any medical bills incurred whilst on a company ship for doctor's attendance, drugs supplied, and any other medical facilities provided by the company for passenger.
8. Once a booking has been received through a sales agent or directly from the passenger a contract exists between the Company and the passenger and these terms and conditions must be adhered to by both parties.
9. Unless otherwise agreed agents are responsible for the transfer of their passengers to and for the ship on time and in the event of a late arrival the ship is not obliged to delay departure thereby upsetting tight schedules.
10. **The company accepts no liability or responsibility for loss or damage to passenger's property** whilst on board a company vessel.
11. During the river stops on the company provide a guide service in the English language. Foreign language guides must be pre booked and there may be extra charges for this. Personal guides must be booked at normal rates in passenger accommodation.
12. The company reserve the right to refuse to allow anyone on board if a ticket can be produced and the company can not guarantee the exact allocation of cabins and deck location which may in the event of extenuating circumstances differ from the cabin number indicated on the ticket.
13. Within the ticket price fuel costs have been calculated on average prices as of the publication of this document. Should fuel prices rise by more than 10% the company will be entitled to impose a fuel supplement equivalent to the amount by which the fuel price exceeds the price allowed for in the contract.
14. It is not permitting to allow any breed of animal on board.
15. Infants below the age of 4 years may sleep in their parent's cabin without extra charge but the company can not guarantee the available of a cot. Children of 4 years and + must solely occupy a berth and pay full rate.
16. In the event of a dispute the law of the country in which the vessel is operating will apply.
17. The company reserves the right to change the vessel without notice.
18. Payment terms and cancellation policy is printed on an invoice issued for each booking whether for an individual or for a group. Passengers and their agent must abide these terms and the company reserves the right to either cancel an existing reservation or to refuse passage in the event that these terms have not been adhered to.
19. In the event that one passenger enters into a commercial or other form of relationship or arrangement with other passenger the company is no way liable for the obligations of one passenger to another passenger or any claim arising thereof.
20. **For cruise departures where occupancy is less than 5 cabins the company reserve the right to cancel the departure giving all passengers with confirmed booking 30 days prior notice of this intention.** An alternative departure date will the cancelled cruise will be refunded. In the event that a passenger has cancellation fees and the Company subsequently cancels that departure then any cancellation fees (and down payment) will be refunded in full on the request of the passenger.
21. The company reserve the right to change a cabin allocated without notice and in the event that a passenger is downgraded to a cheaper cabin then the difference in cost between the cabins will be refunded to the passenger or the passenger's agent.

22. **Force Majeure: in the case of circumstances beyond normal control, such as war, civil or political unrest, strikes, catastrophes, epidemics or disruption to fuel supplies for the vessel, the Company may cancelled the cruise and there will be a full refund of all monies paid by the passenger. In the event of a cruise being cancelled as a result of the above force majeure situation following the commencement of that cruise period then monies will not be refunded.**