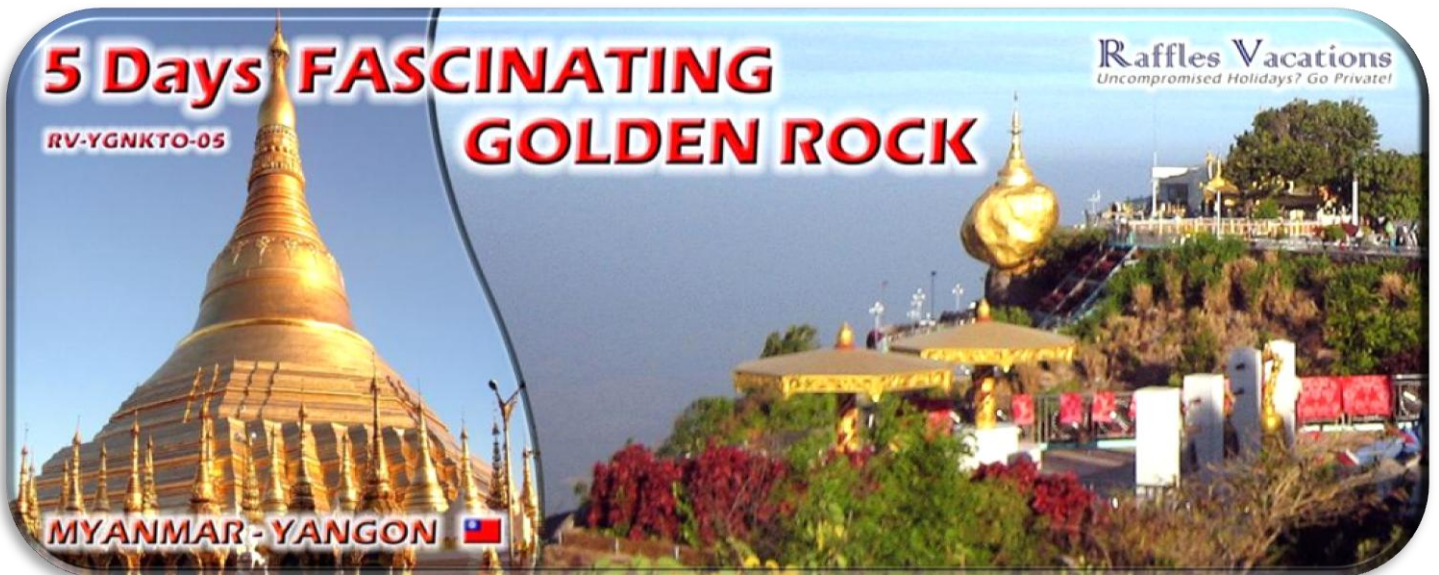


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MYANMAR - YANGON

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Dinner

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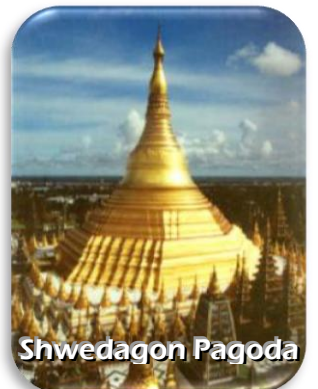


Chaukhtat Gyi

Day 2: Chaukhtat Gyi Pagoda / Shwedagon Pagoda / Kaba Aye Pagoda / Mahapasana Guha Cave / Botataung Pagoda / Sule Pagoda / Bogyoke Market / Chinatown

Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

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Shwedagon Pagoda

Day 3: YANGON – KYAIKHTIYO (Golden Rock)

Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

After breakfast, you will depart for your journey to *Kyaikhtiyo*. Upon arrival at Kinpun Base Camp 1 at the foot of Mount Kyaikhtiyo, you will transfer to a public truck (about 45mins) to proceed to Base Camp 2. For environmental reasons, other than the public trucks, no other vehicles are allowed up the mountain. Upon reaching Base Camp 2, you will proceed for a 45 mins trekking to reach the magnificent and famous *Kyaikhtiyo Pagoda (Golden Rock)* – a huge boulder completely covered by gold leaf and delicately balanced on the edge of a cliff; an incredible feat of nature! On top of this boulder is a gilded pagoda, said to hold a strand of hair belonging to Buddha. Overnight in Kyaikhtiyo.



Bogyoke Market

Day 4: KYAIKHTIYO – BAGO – YANGON

Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

After breakfast, return back to Yangon. En route, visit Bago City. *Shwethalyaung Pagoda* – Built in 994 AD by King Mingadippa, it is 55m long and 16m high, another big reclining Buddha image in Myanmar built during 9th century. *Shwe Maw Daw Pagoda* – originally built by the Mon to a height of 23m in the 8th century, it was rebuilt higher several times until it finally reached its present 114m stature in 1954; the highest pagoda in Myanmar. *Kyeik Pun Pagoda* – built by King Dhamma Zedi in 1476 AD, 4 gigantic Buddha images in sitting posture facing the 4 cardinal points of the compass. *Kanbawzathardi Palace* – the famous palace of King Bayinnaung (1551-1581 AD) is being extensively excavated and some buildings are being rebuilt. Thereafter, return back to Yangon. Transfer to hotel for check-in and overnight stay in Yangon.



Golden Rock

Day 5: Depart YANGON

Breakfast

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Kanbawzathardi Palace

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Day 2: YANGON – TWANTE – YANGON

Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

After breakfast, take trip to *Twante* – the ancient city 24 km away from Yangon. Noted for its **pottery and cotton weaving industries**, it offers visitors an opportunity to have a glimpse of the way of life an along the famous canal, which was dug during the colonial era as a short cut across the OAyeyarwddy Delta. A large market in the centre of town near the canal banks was destroyed by fire in January 1995 but has since been rebuilt. Although agriculture and fishery are important business here, pottery is the most commonly found in Twante. The art of pottery had originated since a millennium years ago. All the villagers are busy moulding the items on the potter-wheels, baking, designing and applying ceramic. Thereafter, visit **Shwesandaw Pagoda** – In Myanmar, there are four big Pagodas bearing the name “Shwe Sandaw”; this one is in Twante.

After sightseeing, return back to Yangon and transfer to hotel for a short rest. Thereafter, visit **Chinatown** and **Downtown**, savouring the local night life, witnessing the variety of food and way of life in Yangon before proceeding for your dinner at local restaurant. Overnight in Yangon.

Day 3: YANGON – BAGAN

Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

After breakfast, transfer to airport for domestic flight to Bagan. Upon arrival, proceed for your tour to **Nyaung U Market** – a local village market. **Shwezigon Pagoda** – built by King Anawrahta in the early 11th century as a religious shrine. **Htilominlo Temple** – this large temple was built by King Nantaungmya in 1218 and is known to be the last Myanmar-styled temple built in Bagan. **Ananda Temple** – built around 1105 by King Kyanzittha; from the architectural point of view, it is the most elegant temple. **Dhamayangyi Temple** – built by King Narathu (1167-70), is the most massive temple in Bagan and noted for its fine brick work. **Shwesandaw Pagoda** – also known as Ganesh or Mahapeine after the elephant-headed Hindu god, whose images once stood at the corners of the five successive terraces; enjoy the sunset view from the upper level. Overnight in Bagan.

Day 4: BAGAN – MANDALAY

Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

After breakfast, transfer to airport for your domestic flight to Mandalay. Upon arrival, proceed to Amarapura for sightseeing. **U Bein Bridge** – built in 1782 at the time when Amarapura was the royal capital, it is 1.2 km long and over 150 years old. Crossing the Taung-Tha-Man Lake is one of the main attractions for visitors and it is the longest teakwood bridge in the world. **Silk Weaving Industry** – Myanmar's traditional handicraft. **Mahamuni Pagoda** – the great facial of Buddha and it was brought to Mandalay from Rakhine State during the reign of King Bodawpaya in 1784. The image is completely covered with 15cm thick gold. **Gold Leaf Making Workshop** – witness the process of how the square gold leaf tissues are hand-made. **Shwe Nan Daw Monastery** – a superb example of an ancient wooden building with intricate carvings. **Kuthodaw Pagoda** – made of marble and is listed as the world's largest book in the Guinness World Records, it is a 13-acre field of 729 pieces of stones on marble slabs. **Mandalay Hill** – a superb panoramic view of Mandalay city can be seen from the top, the ideal spot for a sunset view of the city. Overnight at Mandalay.



Twante Pottery



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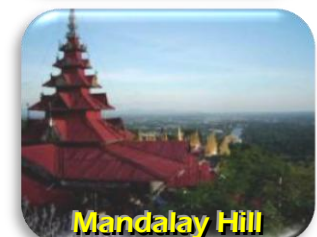
Htilominlo Temple



Ananda Temple



Kuthodaw Pagoda



Mandalay Hill



Day 5: MANDALAY – HEHO – INLE LAKE

Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

After breakfast, transfer to airport for your domestic flight to Heho. Upon arrival, proceed to Inle for sightseeing by boat on **Inle Lake**. See the **One Leg Rowers** who have developed an original, eccentric method of rowing the boat with one leg. **Floating Cultivation** – see how the villagers cultivate the vegetables on the lake. **Hpaung Daw U Pagoda** – cherished by Bagan Emperor Alaung Sithu, it is one of the main principle shrines in Myanmar and dating back to the 18th century. The Buddha images are famous because many prayers came true after praying her. **Silk Weaving Shop** - witness how the traditional Myanmar clothes are made. **Nga Phae Chaung Monestry** – this wooden monastery was built on stilts of Inle, about 2 centuries ago; century-old wooden sculptures can be seen here. It is widely known as “Jumping Cat Monastery” because cats from this monastery can jump and leap through hoops. Overnight at Inle.



Inle Lake

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Botataung Pagoda

Day 7: Depart YANGON

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