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SANCTUARY ANANDA CRUISE 12 DAYS 11 NIGHTS - UPPER AYEYARWADY

The legendary river Ayeyarwaddy is the life blood of Myanmar. More remote scenery can be experienced during 12 day/ 11 night voyages through the gorges of the upper reaches of the Ayeyarwaddy. For to cruise slowly upriver on the broad brown Ayeyarwaddy from north of Yangon to Mandalay is to travel, very rapidly, back in time... to tiny villages sheltered beneath mango trees, to bullock-drawn ploughs and horse-drawn gigs, to women pounding laundry on river stones. And to crowded, laneway markets where garlic and knobbly tomatoes are piled high and three bunches of sweetly scented tea roses will set you back the equivalent of 20 cents. And everywhere, in every village and on almost all hilltops, golden-capped pagodas shimmer in the gauzy heat of the late dry season.

Tour type: Private tour

Duration : 12 Days

Departure: Base on customer's request

Tour Styles: Irrawaddy Cruises, Chindwin Cruises, Luxury Cruises

Destination: Mandalay - Sanctuary Ananda Cruise - Nwe Nyein - Kyar Nyet - Katha - Shwegu - Bhamo - Moeda - Sin Kyun - Sagaing - Yandabo Pottery Village - Bagan

ITINERARY TOUR:

DAY 1: MANDALAY TO NWE NYEIN

Welcome on board the Sanctuary Ananda.

Check in no later than 8.45am and settle into your suite. Lunch will be served on board as we set sail for the charming pottery-making village of Nwe Nyein.

Today we will spend sailing towards Nwe Nyein. which means you have ample time to enjoy the luxuries on board Ananda. As you will be sailing all day, why not take advantage of our spa treatments? We have a range of specially prepared offers on our holistic spa treatments for use on board today and tomorrow.

Join us at the Kansai Panorama Lounge for a welcome briefing along with a champagne and canapés reception followed by the welcome dinner on board the ship.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: NA

DAY 2: NWE NYEIN TO KYAR NYET

After an early breakfast, we'll take you on a walk to a pottery factory in the village of Nwe Nyein on the western bank of the Ayeyarwaddy River. Here we'll watch the craftsmen create beautiful pots as they work their potters' wheels with their legs.

As we glide down the river, you can enjoy talks and demonstrations on traditions such as how to wear a longyi (sarong) and the thanaka make-up technique (the local cosmetic used to protect skin from the hot sun).

We'll then spend the day travelling through soul-stirring riverscapes to Kyar Nyet where we will dock for the night.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: NA

DAY 3: KYAR NYET TO KANN NI



We depart from Kyar Nyet early in order to arrive in Tagaung in the morning. After a fine breakfast we shall depart to explore ancient Tagaung, which dates back to the Pyu Dynasty. This rich archaeological site still has the original city walls which have been extremely well preserved. Next we'll sail upstream to Katha which we will reach the following morning.

Join evening lecture where you will learn about Myanmar's history.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: NA



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DAY 4: KATHA TO SHWE GU

Start the day with a meditation session on the Sun Deck and for those who wish to learn how to prepare Asian delicacies, our chef will be happy to demonstrate.



We arrive into Katha mid-morning and after lunch on board you will have the chance to visit this charming town.

Since Katha was featured in George Orwell's *Burmese Days*, we'll take you by tuk-tuk to the author's former house in what was the British Club.

After the visit, we will sail upstream to Shwe Gu where we'll moor overnight. This evening we will screen one of the most famous movies about Aung San Suu Kyi, *The Lady*, in the Kansi Panorama Lounge with canapés.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
 Accommodation: NA

DAY 5: SHWE GU TO BHAMO

The ship will set sail from Shwe Gu at 5.30am and the day will be spent aboard Sanctuary Ananda.

While sailing towards Bhamo, just relax aboard the sundeck and watch the beautiful scenery and famous landmarks.

Enjoy a Kachin traditional dance performance before dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
 Accommodation: NA

DAY 6: BHAMO TO MOEDA

We arrive at Bhamo at lunchtime where there will be non-stop spectacular rivers scenes for you to admire before we dock to explore the town in the afternoon.

Our visit to Bhamo will let you see the market and downtown Bhamo, which includes a trip to Shwe Kyi Na pagoda and historic Catholic churches.

We'll set sail for Moeda village just before lunch, and as we travel down the river we'll pass the notable 'spirit rock' which has been sculpted into the shape of a parrot.

In the afternoon, visit an elephant logging camp where you can watch how elephants and people work in harmony.



Tonight, take part in a cocktail demonstration during which you will learn how to make Golden Land and Chindwin cocktails and taste them first hand.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
 Accommodation: NA

DAY 7: MOEDA TO KYAR NYAT

Join a morning meditation session on board the Sun Deck or relax during a leisurely cruise to Kyar Nyat.

Just before lunch, a lecture will take place in the Kansi Panorama Lounge.

In the late afternoon, take a guided walking tour of the small village of Kyar Nyat and you'll spy archaeological treasures and get an authentic taste of local life.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Accommodation: NA

DAY 8: KYAR NYAT TO SIN KYUN

This morning we will head South. While we sail, join our chef for a cooking demonstration of traditional Asian cuisine. For the next leg of the cruise, gaze at riverside pagodas such as Anya Thi Ha Taw on its island in the Ayeyarwady. Next stop is Sin Kyun, a village sponsored by Sanctuary Retreats Philanthropy and specializes in farming and hat making. We will arrive about mid-morning.



You can take an optional tour to witness first-hand the way of life in this unspoilt location seldom viewed by outsiders. Following the village headman's request for a library and a house for an English teacher, Sanctuary Retreats Philanthropy has donated the money necessary to begin this new partnership. We hope that with the support of Sanctuary Ananda guests, we will be able to provide further funds to improve the quality of life of the villagers.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: NA

DAY 9: SIN KYUN TO SAGAING

We'll cruise southwards to Mingun where the monumental temple and 90-tonne Mingun Bell, one of the world's heaviest ringing bells, awaits.

In the afternoon visit Amarapura, once known as 'The City of Immortals'. Today, the leisurely 'clackclack' from the looms of the cotton and silk weavers has replaced the noisy bustle of this former capital.

We will visit one of the textile workshops, followed by the U-Bein Bridge, a spectacular place to enjoy the sunset. This long teak bridge snakes across the ever evolving Taungthaman Lake. After sunset, catch a boat up the Ayeyarwady River and return to the Sanctuary Ananda.

In the evening, you will have the chance to watch a marionette show.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: NA

DAY 10: MANDALAY TO YANDABO

This morning, see Mahamuni Pagoda and Shwenandaw Monastery where hundreds of age-old marble slabs inscribed with Buddhist religious texts at Kuthodaw Pagoda are referred to by some historians as the 'biggest book in the world'.



We'll spend the afternoon sailing downstream to Bagan, which means you have ample time to enjoy the luxuries on board Ananda. Maybe have a spa treatment or relax by the pool with a book from our library?

In the afternoon, take part in a back of house tour of Sanctuary Ananda where you will learn how the ship works behind the scenes, from the engine control room to the wheel house.

In the evening, we will screen the movie about Yangon and enjoy delicious canapés in the Kansi Panorama Lounge.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: NA

DAY 11: BAGAN

Enjoy breakfast as we spend the morning sailing towards Bagan. After lunch, visit bustling Bagan by bus and its Nyaung-U local market and the great golden Shwezigon Pagoda. Then travel to the incredible 1091-built Ananda Temple.



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The day's finale is a quiet moment on the terraces of the Pyathatgyi Temple. Admire the light change on the pagodas as they exude antiquity and mystery. Finally the sun sets behind the hills on the far side of the Ayeyarwady River, filling the sky with a reddish glow, a truly magic moment.

A local performance will take place on board before a romantic sandbank dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: NA

DAY 12: BAGAN

Enjoy an early breakfast back on board before check out at 9am.

As your cruise trip comes to an end, we thank you for sailing with us on board the Sanctuary Ananda and immersing yourself in the magic of Myanmar.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: NA

PACKAGE PRICES: \$2499**Notes:**

- All prices are based on per adult, in Double/Twin sharing
- Small group tour available (max 10 guests): **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
- Surcharge will be applied for single traveler or single room request

OUR PRICE INCLUDE:

- 11 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches, 11 Dinner
- Accommodation
- All three meals during full sailing days with lunch and dinner on day of embarkation and breakfast on day of disembarkation
- Soft drinks and local beer
- All sightseeing as stated in set itineraries

OUR PRICE EXCLUDE:

- Peak season surcharge & compulsory dinner at the hotel (if any)
- Cambodia visa fee 30\$
- Domestic or international airfare if any
- Personal expenses, tips and gratuities
- Travel insurance
- Accommodations
- Meals: Lunch/Dinner as not stated in the program
- Beverage during meal
- Other services not mentioned above.

CANCELLATION POLICY:**Cancellation by Customer**

○ 60 days prior to the arrival date: Non Refundable deposit charge and the cancellation fees applied by the concerned services suppliers such as flight company, boat company, train, hotels... in accordance with their cancellations policies if any.

○ 59 – 31 days prior to arrival date: Cancellations fee of 30% per group/booking and plus the cancellation fees applied by the concerned services suppliers such as flight company, boat company, train, hotels... in accordance with their cancellations policies if any.



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- o 30 days – 15 days prior to arrival date: Cancellations fee of 50% per group/booking plus the cancellation fees applied by the concerned services suppliers such as flight company, boat company, train, hotels... in accordance with their cancellations policies if any.
 - o 14 – 7 days before arrival: Cancellations fee 70% charge plus the cancellation fees applied by the concerned services suppliers such as flight company, boat company, train, hotels... in accordance with their cancellations policies if any.
 - o Less than 7 days before arrival Or No show: 100 % charge per group/booking.
- *** Nonrefundable deposit and banking service fee will be forfeited in all cancellation cases.

CHILDREN PRICES:

- The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults
- For infant (<04 years old): FOC *except domestic ticket cost*
- 04 - 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate
- 04 - 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate
- 04 - 11 years old in twin share: 90% adult rate

