

## Upper Irrawaddy Cruise

14 days / 13 nights

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| UI 17 | 23 Sep – 05 Oct 2008 | Downstream |
| UI 18 | 08 Oct – 20 Oct 2008 | Upstream   |
| UI 19 | 18 Oct – 30 Oct 2008 | Downstream |
| UI 20 | 31 Oct – 12 Nov 2008 | Upstream   |
| UI 21 | 10 Nov – 22 Nov 2008 | Downstream |

### Itinerary Downstream – Yangon-Bhamo-Bagan-Yangon

#### Day 1: Rangoon (Yangon):

**-/Lunch/Dinner**

Transfer from the airport check in to the 4 star Dusit Inya lake Hotel. Lunch and rest. We visit the Shwedagon Pagoda for the sunset followed by a welcome dinner at the hotel.

#### Day 2: Fly to Bhamo

**Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner**

Transfer to ship by local bus, Bhamo. Tour Bhamo in the afternoon for an evening walking tour of this important trading town set close to the Chinese border. In the evening we will have more time to explore Bhamo's bustling markets and Chinese temples.

#### Days 3: Singu

**Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner**

Chartering a smaller 'country boat' we will proceed upsteam from Bhamo and attempt to reach the village of Singu below the dramatic 1<sup>st</sup> Defile. Cruise through the 2<sup>nd</sup> Defile, the most dramatic of the three gorges with cliffs towering over the narrow channel.

#### Day 4: Shwegu

**Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner**

We continue upstream to Shwegu, another centre of pot making, and Kyun-daw a midstream island of monasteries and countless small pagodas. Stop overnight at a tribal village.

#### Days 5: Katha - Myanma Days

**Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner**

We reach the enchanting colonial town of Katha, setting for George Orwell's Myanma Days, and little changed since then. Of interested are the fire station's collection of IFC ship's bells taken from sunken ships in the Second War. Katha was the final resting place of the flotilla and here over a hundred ships were scuppered in 1942 in an Act of Denial before the advancing Japanese. If permitting we visit an elephant logging camp in the hardwood forests of the hills that surround the town and if time allows a visit to the lake at Indaw-lay offers a glimpse of highland Myanmar with its rich bird life.

#### Days 6: Tagaung Ancient City

**Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner**

We explore by foot the ancient city of Tagaung viewing the fortifications, a famous nat or spirit shrine and the archaeological area. In the evening we climb the Pagoda Hill at Tigyang with its stunning views of the Ayeyarwady (Irrawaddy).

#### Day 7: Kyaung-myong Potteries

**Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner**

Visit the spectacular potteries near Kyauk-myong where the famous 50 gallon water pots are hand made. we see all stages of manufacture from the throwing of the pots to the week long firing in huge kilns.

We enter the Third Defile and sail upstream all day stopping at Khan-nyat village with its many Buddhist monasteries and an orphanage we support. If free, the village orchestra and dancers will perform for us on the sun deck after dinner.

**Day 8: Mingun Pagoda and Mandalay**

**Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner**

We cast off early in the morning and stop at Mingun to see the largest working bell in the world the unfinished pagoda that is the largest single mass of brick building in the world. We also visit the Mingun Old People's Home originally established with the assistance of the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company in the 1930s. In the afternoon we travel to Mandalay for an orientation tour of the Mandalay city area visiting the Mahamuni Pagoda. The Mandalay classical ballet troupe will perform, on deck scenes from court dramas.

**Day 9: Ava and Amarapura**

**Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner**

In the morning we travel to Ava and explore the ruins, visiting Bagaya Kyaing, a 200 year old royal monastery made of teak with elaborate wood carving. Enjoy sunset at Amarapura U-Bein Bridge.

**Day 10: Yandabo Village and School**

**Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner**

Upstream to the Chindwin confluence and stop in the evening at Yandabo, a picturesque village with small family run potteries. Here we visit the Pandaw School built with donations from past Pandaw passengers. Sail in the afternoon and moor overnight at Thein Gone village to visit the new school and the monastery.

**Day 11: Pagan (Bagan)**

**Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner**

Tour a selection of the most significant of the 3,000 Buddhist monuments found at this World Heritage Site. We visit lacquer ware manufacturers. Puppet show on deck night.

**Day 12 – Pagan (Bagan) to Rangoon (Yangon)**

**Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner**

Fly to the capital and check in to Dusit Inya Lake Hotel. Coach trip to visit the famous Scots Market and if of interest the gem emporia.

**Day 13 – Rangoon (Yangon)**

**Breakfast/Lunch/-**

Optional early morning visit the World War II cemetery at Htaukchan. International departures.

## **Itinerary Upstream – Yangon-Bagan-Bhamo-Yangon**

**Day 1: Rangoon (Yangon):**

Transfer from the airport check in to the 4 star hotel. Lunch and rest. We visit the Shwedagon Pagoda for the sunset followed by a welcome dinner at the hotel.

**Day 2: Bagan:**

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**Day 12 – Bhamo to Rangoon (Yangon)**

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Optional early morning visit the World War II cemetery at Htaukchan. International departures.

## BOOK NOW!

#### Tour Price in US\$ per person:

UI 17

23 Sep – 05 Oct 2008 SPECIAL RATE!

| Cabin Type | US\$ per person<br>twin sharing | US\$ per person<br>single use |
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| Upper Deck | 4257                            | 4851                          |
| Main Deck  | 3861                            | 4653                          |

#### Tour Price in US\$ per person

UI 18, UI 19, UI 20, UI 21

| Cabin Type | US\$ per person<br>twin sharing | US\$ per person<br>single use |
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| Upper Deck | 4762                            | 5356                          |
| Main Deck  | 4257                            | 4851                          |

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#### 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

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| 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.**