

Strand announces launch offer and maiden voyage celebrations



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The U-bein bridge in Myanmar

The Strand Cruise, the river cruise company based in Myanmar, has revealed full details of its schedule and pricing, including a special launch offer, valid for sailings from January-March 2016.

For each passenger making a booking, a companion sharing the same cabin will travel on a complimentary basis.

It has also announced details of two Christmas and New Year 2015 maiden voyages between Bagan and Mandalay. The two festive maiden voyage departures are scheduled for 22 and 29 December, 2015, and follow The Strand Cruise's regular four-night itinerary on the Ayeyarwady River between Bagan and Mandalay.

The festive itineraries include added surprises for the 54 guests, as well as a 'Golden Age of The Strand' Christmas Day gala dinner or New Year's Eve party. The first ten cabins booked on these two December sailings will also receive a complimentary hot air balloon ride over the ancient temple site in Bagan.

Following its two maiden voyages, the ship will commence its regular schedule on 4 January 2016 offering three-night sailings from Mandalay to Bagan departing every Friday and four-night sailings between Bagan and Mandalay departing every Monday.

The Strand Cruises will feature shore excursions to the landmarks of Myanmar, such

as the U-bein bridge on both north- and south-bound departures, and an exclusive mooring overnight at Ava on the four-night itinerary, allowing Strand Cruise passengers access the beautiful temple of Maha Aungmye Bonzan after the crowds have departed from 5pm until the following morning.

Olivier Trinquand, vice president, Strand Hotel & Strand Cruise, said: "Our unsurpassed knowledge of this beautiful country means that we have been able to secure exclusive moorings and see less frequently visited villages and landmarks for a more genuine interaction with local communities."

"It is an exciting time for the Strand as we extend our presence in Myanmar, bringing to life the style and personality of The Strand Hotel within a contemporary river cruise experience."