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The Strand Cruise Offers Two Christmas and New Year's Cruises in Myanmar

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 The maiden voyages will run between Bahan and Mandalay this holiday season. Find out what's planned.

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The **Strand Cruise** has announced two maiden voyages for **Christmas** and **New Year's** in **Myanmar**, set to depart December 22 and 29, 2015. The cruises follow The Strand's regular four-night itinerary on the **Ayeyarwady River** between **Bagan** and **Mandalay**, with added inclusive experiences for the itinerary's 54 guests, as well as a **Golden Age of The Strand Christmas Day** gala dinner or **New Year's Eve** party.



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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.

Rates for the Strand Cruise's four-night maiden voyages in December are from \$3,592 per person and for each passenger making a booking, their companion sharing the same cabin will travel on a complimentary basis.

The Strand Cruise has also revealed further details of its scheduled itineraries and experiences. Following its two maiden voyages, the ship will commence its regular schedule on January 4, 2016, offering three-night sailings from Mandalay to Bagan departing every Friday and four-night sailings between Bagan and Mandalay departing every Monday. There is a special launch offer available for sailings from January to March 2016 of 20% off the high season rate. During this time, the three-night journey between Mandalay and Bagan will be from \$2,592 (usually from \$3,240) per person based on double occupancy, and the four-night journey between Bagan and Mandalay will be from \$2,874 (usually from \$3,592) per person based on double occupancy.

Shore excursions will take in Myanmar's famous landmarks, including a visit to the famous **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 to the temple of **Maha Aungmye Bonzan** after the crowds have departed from 5 p.m. until the following morning, when the monks of Ava will join passengers for a special farewell.

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Passengers booking one of the two Strand Suites will have added extras included in their rate, including a one-hour spa treatment of their choice, a night at **The Strand Hotel** pre- or post- cruise and private airport transfers between The Strand Cruise and the airport.

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