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Christmas debut for Burma's new cruiser

Burma's latest luxury offering is looking to appeal to the UK market with the launch of offers for its maiden voyages.



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The Strand Cruise is a sister to the well-established Strand Hotel and has released details of its sailing schedule and pricing, including a launch offer valid from January-March 2016.

It has also announced details of two Christmas and New Year 2015 maiden voyages on the Irrawaddy River between Bagan and Mandalay. On these December 22 and 29 sailings, each passenger booking at published rates can be accompanied by a companion sharing the cabin on a complimentary basis; rates starts from £2,326 per person.

The two festive maiden voyage departures follow The Strand Cruise's regular four-night itinerary but will have "added surprises and inclusive experiences".

The first 10 cabins booked on these two December sailings will also receive a complimentary hot air balloon ride over the ancient temple site of Bagan.

Following its two maiden voyages, the ship will commence its regular schedule on January 4 offering three-night sailings from Mandalay to Bagan and four-night sailings between Bagan and Mandalay - the launch offer gives 20% off the high season rate.

New levels of luxury



Shore excursions include a visit to the U-bein bridge and an exclusive mooring overnight at Ava on the four-night itinerary, allowing Strand Cruise passengers access to the temple of Maha Aungmye Bonzan from 5pm until the following morning, when the monks of Ava bid passengers farewell.

“The Strand name has been associated with luxury hospitality and a pioneering spirit here for the past 114 years,” said Olivier Trinquand, vice president, Strand Hotel & Strand Cruise. “So our unsurpassed knowledge of this beautiful country means we have been able to secure exclusive moorings and create more authentic experiences onshore, visiting less frequently visited villages.”

The boat takes 54 guests, and prices for stays onboard include all excursions and activities in the set itinerary, three meals during full sailing days, breakfast on day of disembarkation, soft drinks and local beer, house wine during meals, port charges, guides and satellite WiFi, thestrandcruise.com