

[Travel](#) • [Cruising](#)

The Strand Cruise Set To Launch New, Luxury Myanmar River Cruise Journeys

Jul 29, 2015 • By gsmlyth •



A wonderful new addition to the choice of luxury cruises in Myanmar, The Strand Cruise will sail four night cruises on the beautiful Ayeyarwady River from Bagan to Mandalay and three night cruises from Mandalay to Bagan.

Also known as The Elephant River, the Ayeyarwady flows from the top of the snow-capped Himalayas through the center of Myanmar and into the Andaman Sea. Legends and folklore of how this mighty waterway came to be have been passed down from generation to generation and today, it continues to astonish and inspire those who come across its path.

Ancient chronicles say Bagan may have been the cultural and economic capital of the Pagan Empire in the 9th Century. The city is home to over 2,000 monuments across a vast plain, making for a majestic landscape characterized by these stunning temples, stupas and pagodas.

The country's second largest city and the last royal capital of Burma, Mandalay is considered the centre of Burmese culture. Various elements of tradition and culture can be

seen in what is also known as the 'cycling city' due to the preference of many of the citizens to travel by

bike.

Offering a fascinating of discovery into temples, pagodas, palaces, monasteries and remote villages, the Strand Cruise's luxury Myanmar cruise tour journeys will operate from January to April and from July to December in 2016, and from January to April and July to September in 2017.

Rates for The Strand Cruise's three night Mandalay-Bagan cruise begin from US\$ 1,782 double occupancy / from US\$ 2,673 single occupancy and for the four night Bagan-Mandalay cruise from US\$ 1,976 double occupancy / from US\$ 2,964 single occupancy.

The rates include three meals during full sailing days and breakfast on day of disembarkation, sightseeing, local soft drinks and local beer and house wine during meals, shuttle transportation from point of embarking/disembarking to airport, port charges, English speaking guide (other language guides can be provided on request subject to availability), Wi-Fi in all cabins and public areas with satellite internet connection and complimentary international daily newspapers available on digital tablets.

A launch promotion is available from January to March 2016, offering a 20% discount on the public rates.

A four night Bagan to Mandalay Christmas cruise will sail from 22 to 26 December 2015, and a four night Bagan to Mandalay New Year Cruise from 29 December 2015 to 2 January 2016.

The delightfully luxurious accommodation on The Strand Cruise is a choice of Deluxe Cabin, Strand Cabin, State Suite and Strand Suite. Vessel facilities include the Upper Deck - the heart of the cruise - from where to enjoy spectacular views of the exotic scenery and sip on a cocktail, custom swimming pool, spa and wellness area complete with treadmills, weights and other gym equipment, The Strand Restaurant serving the finest of international and Asian cuisine, wine cellar, lounge and library corner.

When it comes to culinary indulgence aboard The Strand Cruise, al fresco dining, BBQs and wine tastings are other elements of the experience, along with the signature

The Strand Cruise is being positioned as a luxury Myanmar river cruise that is 'a reinvention of the legendary style and unique personality of The Strand Hotel within a contemporary river cruise experience, with exceptional standards of comfort, discreet personalised service, and design touches that combines the character of the Strand in its heyday as a meeting place for explorers and raconteurs with the latest technology such as individually controlled air conditioning and satellite WI-FI throughout the ship.'