

New Strand Cruise Myanmar Journeys To Blend Iconic Luxury, Enchanting Local Culture

The Strand Cruise experience will mirror the legendary style, heritage and world-renowned reputation of sister property The Strand Hotel in Yangon and embody the characteristics of exceptional standards of comfort, discreet personalised service and the latest technology expected by the travel savvy.

At a length of 61 metres, The Strand Cruise ship will have 10 Deluxe Cabins, 13 Strand Cabins, two State Suites and two Strand Suites offering lavish accommodation. Facilities onboard will include a swimming pool, spa and wellness area, The Strand Restaurant serving fine international and Asian cuisine, al fresco dining area, wine cellar, lounge and library corner and the Upper Deck for cocktails and socializing.

A key design feature of The Strand Cruise ship, including in the cabins, are floor to ceiling windows to maximize the views of the picturesque Myanmar countryside. Traditional materials such as locally carved teak detailed with gold leaf are also being incorporated into the ship's decor.

A superb addition to the choice of luxury Myanmar river cruises, The Strand Cruise will offer four night journeys on the beautiful Ayeyarwady River from Bagan to Mandalay and three night journeys from Mandalay to Bagan.

These start from US\$1,782 double occupancy / US\$2,673 single occupancy for Mandalay to Bagan and from US\$1,976 double / US\$2,964 single for Bagan to Mandalay. A 20 per cent discount on the public rates is available for January to March 2016 sailings.

Bagan is home to over 2,000 temples, stupas and pagodas which are spread across a vast plain and make for an awe-inspiring landscape. Ancient chronicles say Bagan may have been the cultural and economic capital of the Pagan Empire in the 9th Century.

Mandalay is the country's second largest city and the last royal capital of Burma. It is considered the centre of Burmese culture, is home to numerous monasteries and more than 700 pagodas and is also known as the 'cycling city' due to the preference of many of its citizens to travel by bike.

The Ayeyarwady River on which The Strand Cruise will sail is also known as The Elephant River. Flowing from the top of the snow-capped Himalayas through Myanmar and into the Andaman Sea, the Ayeyarwady abounds with legends and folklore and is rich in history. It is the country's largest river and most important commercial waterway.

The Strand Cruise ship will moor at enchanting spots along its north and south bound journeys, including by Old Bagan itself and at the foot of an ancient Buddhist monastery on Sagaing Hill in Mandalay. Excursions included in the cruise itineraries will take in iconic landmarks like U-Bein Bridge in Mandalay and a number of the main temples in Bagan including Tant Kyi Taung temple. The royal cities of Mingun and Ava are also visited.

The Strand Cruise rates include three meals during full sailing days and breakfast on day of disembarkation, sightseeing as stated in itineraries, 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.

What do you think about this?

The Strand Cruise is a reinvention of the legendary style and unique personality of The Strand Hotel in Yangon, as a contemporary river cruise experience offering exceptional standards of comfort and discreet personalised service with the latest technology such as individually controlled air conditioning and satellite WI-FI. Sailing the beautiful Ayeyarwady River between Bagan and Mandalay, The Strand Cruise operates four and three night cruises that are a fascinating journey of discovery. <http://www.thestrandcruise.com>

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