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## THE AYEYARWADY EXPERIENCE

Visit gilded pagodas and bustling markets as you cruise the Ayeyarwady in supreme luxury on board Orcaella. IMMERSE YOURSELF IN MYANMAR Gain a unique perspective on the country, led by one of our expert guides. Our personalized excursions allow you time to enjoy the sights at leisure. Visit a rural school and take tea with the villagers. Witness a novitiation ceremony at a secluded monastery. Wander around the ancient temples of Bagan. On-shore adventures are complemented by onboard relaxationswim in the pool, sip a cocktail on deck, or indulge in a relaxing massage. Internal flights within Myanmar included between Yangon and ship, as per itinerary



#### **ITINERARY**

#### Day 1: Bagan

Board Orcaella at Bagan and enjoy a delicious lunch. Later, disembark for a guided tour of the ancient city and witness the unforgettable sunset over the Bagan plain.

#### Day 2: Bagan

Start the day with a shopping tour in Bagan and a visit to the gilded Shwezigon Pagoda. You may also wish to arrange a tour of Old Bagan by horse cart or bicycle. In the afternoon, set sail towards Salay where you can visit the Wooden Monastery and an impressive 20ft Buddha made of straw lacquer.

#### Day 3: Magwe

Visit the port town of Magwe and its famous Myathalon Pagoda, devotees come from miles around to join in religious festivals. Continue to Min Hla and for a late afternoon visit to the local

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fort, the site of a great battle during the second Anglo-Burmese War.

#### Day 4: Sri Ksetra

Longyi tying and Thanakha wearing demonstration on the Observation Deck. Afternoon visit by bus to the ancient city Sri Ksetra (Fabulous City) with its unique cylindrical shaped stone stupas. Dating back to the 5th 9th century, this city flourished during the rule of the Phyu. During the 1890s Pyay was a booming trade town, and there is still much activity in and around the docks. Next, enjoy a city tour, visit the impressive Shwe-san-daw Pagoda and the imposing 10-storey Sitting Buddha watching over this important site.

#### Day 5: Shwe Taung

Set out by bus on a morning excursion to Shwe Taung town and visit Shwe Myat Mhan Pagoda to see the only bespectacled Buddha in Myanmar (thought to have curing powers). One the way back, discover local industry with a visit to a local sweets confectioner and a bamboo shoot pickle maker. Return to Orcaella and depart from Pyay. Spend the afternoon relaxing on board and taking in the scenery.

#### Day 6: Zalon & Danuphyu

Disembark at the small port of Zalon. Take a tuk tuk along the main street, lined with stunning colonial-style wooden houses and large tropical gardens. Arrive at the Pyi Taw Pyan Pagoda. Continue to another little-visited town called Danuphyu. This is where the revered General Maha Bandula led a Burmese defensive against the British troops during the Anglo-Burmese War.

Spend the morning relaxing on the deck as you make your way to Yangon. Join an optional excursion; choose between shopping in Yangon or a heritage tour.

#### Day 8: Yangon

Disembark in the late morning for your onward travel arrangements.

#### Please Note:

All timings shown are for your guidance only. Confirmed timings will be supplied with your travel documents. Please ensure you bring your travel documents on the day of your journey.

#### Day 7: Yangon

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## YOUR SHIP: ORCAELLA

YOUR SHIP:	Orcaella
VESSEL TYPE:	Luxury River Boat
LENGTH:	101 metres
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	50
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	2013

Discover the rich heritage of the Ayeyarwady and Chindwin Rivers with a luxurious cruise aboard Belmond Orcaella. On Belmond Orcaella there are 25 spacious cabins all open on to the river, giving guests a real connection between ship and land. The extravagant floor to ceiling glass doors provides the perfect frame to the river and its banks. Belmond Orcaella can accommodate up to 50 guests across 2 Balcony Suites, 1 Junior Suite, 13 State and 9 Deluxe Cabins. All cabins have en-suite facilities and are arranged over two of the ship's four decks. FACILITIES Restaurant - The on-board menu showcases the finest gourmet of Eastern and Western delicacies The Piano Bar, where afternoon tea is served Deck Pool Bar Swimming pool and sun deck 2 On-board Boutique Wellbeing Centre Myanmar is a mysterious and magical land with magnificent temple architecture set in timeless and sublime landscapes. Myanmar still retains the natural, untouched beauty and charm of centuries past. One of the trip's greatest assets is the Burmese crew who infuse the boat with a glow born of an inherently sweet-tempered Buddhist culture. Every day guests disembark the ship for a few hours to take advantage of culturally enriching sightseeing excursions with local guides.

Buffet-style lunch is served in seven different themes: Burmese, Shan, Thai, Indonesian, Chinese, Indian and European. Local entertainment takes place in the Observation Lounge in the evening. Afternoon Tea and aperitifs/cocktails are served in the Piano Bar with a delightful musical accompaniment. A range of beauty treatments from aromatherapy massages, facials, manicures and pedicures are available for guests in the Belmond Orcaella



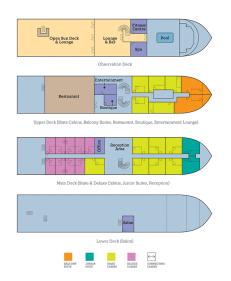
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