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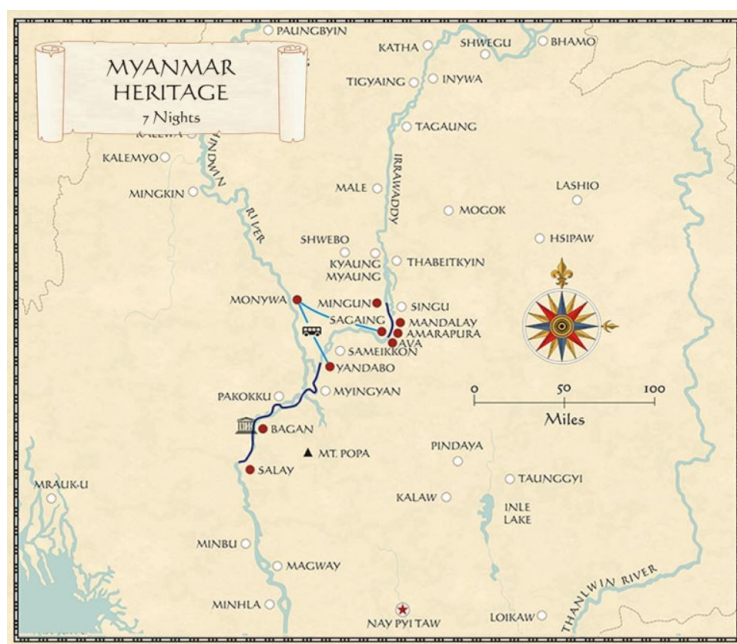
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MYANMAR HERITAGE (PAUKAN 2012)

Between Prome and The Irrawaddy River has witnessed the history of Myanmar and gave it life. On its banks are located all the “must see” highlights of the Golden Land from the city of Pyay (Prome), where the roots of the Bamar civilization can be found, to the Royal Capitals of Mandalay, Amarapura and Ava passing through the glorious city of Bagan with its 3,000 temples and pagodas where sat the First Myanmar Empire yond Mandalay the river wonderful second life. There is no better way to visit all Myanmar than taking a “boutique” cruise on the Irrawaddy in the comfort of our ships. No more long coach trips and the hassle to pack and unpack luggage.



ITINERARY

DAY 1 : BAGAN - SALAY

TRANSFER : Transfer from airport or hotel to Jetty can be arranged at supplement upon request. Pls note that it takes approximately 30 minuts drive from Airport and Hotel to ship (Koe Lone Ye Kin). Please note: We are not able to accept early arrival before 11:00 AM. **EMBARKATION** Board the Ship at Koe Lone Ye Kin Jetty 11:00 am and cast off 11:30 am, welcome cocktail in the saloon. **AFTERNOON EXCURSION :** Salay After Lunch, we walk ashore at Salay, a small town founded in the 13th century with Bagan-era shrines, beautiful 19th century teak monasteries and preserved British colonial buildings. We

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explore the Salay House, a restored 1906 colonial trading company warehouse on the bank of the Irrawaddy. Our walk takes us along the town's main Strand Street towards the local market before turning away from the river to visit the beautiful Yoke Soun Kyaung Taw Gyi wooden monastery. This ornately carved teak monastery was designed as a copy of the Crown Prince House of Mandalay, and is now a museum boasting remarkable wood carvings and artifacts. We pass some interesting Bagan-era monuments on our way to visit Mann Paya, a pagoda with a beautiful lacquerware Buddha, before returning to our ship with a stroll past some of Salay's many beautiful colonial. Dinner and moor overnight mid stream.

DAY 2 : BAGAN

MORNING EXCURSION : Bagan This morning our excursion takes us to one of the most incredible areas of Myanmar: Bagan. Once the center of the Pagan Empire, Bagan today is a tourist, artist, and archeological mecca. We will start the tour with ShweZigon Pagoda construction during the reign of King Anawrahta and a Buddhist religious place, is believed to enshrine a bone and tooth of Gautama Buddha, the massive Htilominlo, built by King Htilominlo on the site where he was chosen from the five sons of King Nadaungmya to be the crown prince of Pagan. While the murals that once decorated much of the inside of this temple have only survived on the ceilings, Htilominlo boasts the finest plaster carvings which still remain undamaged on the arch pediments. Then stop by Thatbyinnyu Pagoda for photo shoot on the way back to ship for Lunch.

AFTERNOON EXCURSION : Bagan After lunch, we visit Gubyaukgyi Temple (Great Painted Cave Temple), where the richly-colored paintings are thought to date to the original construction period in the early 12th century and we will also see a sand painting

demonstration by a local artist. Next to this temple is the gilded Myazedi Stupa, which offers both a linguistic and a historical significance: an inscription consecrating Gubyaukgyi in four languages (Pyu, Mon, Old Burmese, and Pali), which established Pyu as an important cultural influence in the early Pagan period. Then a visit to Bagan would not be complete without exploring one of the most famous temples of Bagan, Ananda. Built in 1105 CE during King Kyanzittha's reign, it is one of only four surviving temples from this period. We will explore the cruciform of the temple, with four standing Buddhas facing north, south, east, and west. After that we stop by Dhammayan Gyi Pagoda for photo shoot. For our final stop of the day we proceed to the Bagan Viewing Hill where we will view the sunset over the pagodas and stupas of Bagan before returning to the ship.

DAY 3 : BAGAN - RIVER VILLAGE

MORNING EXCURSION: Bagan Explore some of Bagan's local markets selling wood carvings, fabric, longyis and rattan product. Visit a workshop to see the ancient technique of lacquer ware making. Alternatively, guests can hire a horse cart or a bicycle and explore the site on their own (or) have a splendid Balloon Flight over Bagan (surcharge applied - optional). Back to the ship around Noon and cast off.

AFTERNOON EXCURSION: River Village We cruise upstream all day. Stop at River village for a walk. Dinner followed by a Puppet Show on the sundeck.

DAY 4 : YANDABO

MORNING EXCURSION : Yandabo In the morning we arrive at Yandabo, a picturesque river village specializing in Pot-Making, where the peace treaty of the First Anglo-Burmese war signed on Feb. 24, 1826. We go ashore for a walking at some pot-making



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workshops and visit the monastery. We cruise upstream the rest of the day, moor overnight near Myin Mu.

DAY 5 : MONYWA-SAGAING

FULL DAY EXCURSION : Monywa Early morning drive by coach (approx. 1 ½ hours) to Monywa to visit the Hpowindaung cave where hundreds of Buddha Statues are placed inside niches decorated with wonderful mural paintings dated back to the 14th century. Serve Lunch at local restaurant in Win Unity Hotel in Monywa. After lunch we visit the splendid Sambuddhai Kat Kyaw pagoda with its more than 500,000 Buddha images. Drive back to Myin Mu and Overnight night at River bank.

DAY 6 : AVA-SAGAING-AMARAPURA

MORNING EXCURSION: Ava Visit Ava by horse-cart visiting the beautiful 200 year old teak Bagaya Kyaung Monastery, Nanmyin watchtower (27mt. high) and the Me Nu Ok Kyaung monastery. Return to ship & sailing to Sagaing. **AFTERNOON EXCURSION:** Sagaing – Amarapura In the afternoon, we visit to Sagaing Hill, a hill studded with many Pagodas and Monasteries rich in wood carving and religious art. Then we travel by coach to Amarapura, the penultimate Burmese Royal Capital (1783) to visit a traditional silk weaving workshop followed by U-Bein Bridge, the world's longest wooden bridge (1.2 km) and enjoy the sunset there. Dinner and overnight on board near Sagaing Hill.

DAY 7 : MINGUN-CENTRAL MANDALAY

MORNING EXCURSION: Mingun After breakfast we will enjoy a leisurely walking tour of the small town of Mingun. Our first stop is King Bodawpaya's monumental, uncompleted stupa. During construction, an astrologer to the king argued that the king would die upon completion of the temple, and work was immediately halted. Had it been completed, it would have been

the largest in the world. The cracks we see are the result of the 23 March 1839 earthquake that shook the area. We continue our walk to the Mingun Bell, which was the heaviest working bell in the world until 2000 when the Bell of Good Luck was unveiled in Henan, China. After having the opportunity to stand inside the bell as it is rung, we have time to shop in the local market, famous for its makeshift galleries that display inexpensive art from both local and internationally known artists. Lunch on board. **AFTERNOON EXCURSION:** Central Mandalay Visit central Mandalay: Mahamuni Pagoda, then visit to the workshops of gold leaf making and marble carving. And visit to Kuthodaw Paya, which contains the world's biggest book, near by Mandalay Hill where spiraling staircases lead to sweeping views of the city and its temples and Sunset time at Mandalay Hill. Dinner on board. Overnight at Mandalay.

DAY 8 : MANDALAY

Morning disembark at Gawein Jetty around 9:00 am

Please Note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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VESSEL TYPE:	River Cruise
LENGTH:	10 metres
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	34
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	2011/2012

The RV Paukan 2012 was launched in September of 2012. She was 'born' in the well-known Ahlone Ship Yards on the banks of the Yangon River, where men with decades-long experience started work on her in 2011. Captain Michael Symes of His Britannic Majesty's 7th Regiment who saw the shipyards in 1795 noted the Yangon River as "the most favourable river in the world for naval architecture". The 200 years-old tradition of excellent craftsmanship still exists in this workplace and a sister vessel, the RV Paukan, was also 'born' here in 2007. RV Paukan 2012 is slightly smaller than this older sister and is in the same genre of a floating boutique hotel of timeless elegance. Paukan 2012 is a gem of a vessel, a compact but elegant vessel made of teak with a hull of marine steel. The walls and floors are of timber with each plank carefully chosen to show off the beautiful grain. The decor is modern chic, with a touch of Myanmar culture through a few traditional motifs, wooden figures, fabrics and paintings. There are 18 cabins, twin and double, with attached bathrooms for a total of 34 passengers. . . The price is inclusive of transfer between the ship and airport, all meals, sightseeing tours and entrance fees at monuments. All the cabins are nicely decorated and comfortable with ensuite

bathrooms. The most beautiful cabins are the two 'Premier' on the upper deck, each with French windows on two sides, leading out to a spacious balcony. The six Double Deluxe cabins on the upper deck have a balcony and French window, as do the eight Twin Deluxe cabins on the main deck. With the drapes pulled aside, there lay in front of your eyes the amazing view of the river as it changes moods during different times of the day. There are also two single cabins on the upper deck. The dining room with a capacity for 34 is a spacious hall on the main deck where every morning a lavish and scrumptious breakfast buffet is served. The other meals are prepared with loving care for freshness and incredible tastes by experienced chefs. If you are a vegetarian, inform the steward in advance. The lounge on the upper deck seats 16 and the open deck with a wellstocked bar leading out from it seats 15. It is the perfect place to make new friends or to hold a party, if you are already with friends. In fact, a cruise on the Paukan 2012 is a perfect way to celebrate a special moment in your life, surrounded by friends. The lounge is arranged and decorated tastefully with comfortable chairs, for groups of several people or in a more intimate setting. The solarium on the roof deck is the best place to enjoy an evening drink as the sun sets with a backdrop of the sky's spectacular display

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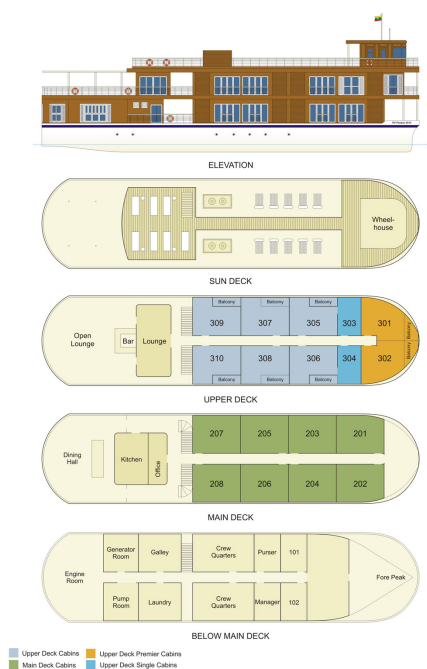
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