



Myanmar Inle Lake Extension specially prepared for Small Group Travel

Valid: February 2017

Day 1 18 February 2017 Sunday

Yangon – Heho – Pindaya Cave – Kalaw K7 266 / 0830 – 0940

Meet your guide at the jetty and transfer to airport for your flight to Heho. Upon arrival to Heho, meet your guide and transfer to Pindaya Cave. (2 hrs drive)



Your day tour includes visits to industries like bamboo paper making, pottery, tea factory, traditional umbrella making industry and nearby Pa O villages to see their ways of life and cultures. Also enjoy a visit to Pindaya market and the highlight of your visit, the famous Shwe U Min pagoda caves with thousands of Buddha statues. (BL)

Continue in the afternoon by car to Kalaw.

Overnight at Dream Mountain Resort – Deluxe Room

Day 2: 19 February 2017 Sunday

Kalaw – Inle Lake

After breakfast we travel through the beautiful natural forest and rural scenery of Kalaw area. Your guide, specialized in Elephant conservation, will take you for a rewarding day in the forest surrounding Kalaw encountering elephants, their mahouts and people living in the surrounding area.



A group of young tourism professionals originating from Kalaw decided to set-up a project in Kalaw that focused on protecting nature, elephants and the traditions of the local people living in an area close to Kalaw. In a big part of this private protected forest, nature can grow undisturbed creating a natural habitat for animals that could otherwise be easily hunted down and killed. The project includes creating a natural environment for some Myanmar elephants

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from this part of the world and helping the local population to grow out of the vicious circle of poverty through education and micro finance.

Depending on your arrival time and how long you want to walk through the forest (walks from 30 min up to 4-5 hours are possible – simply let us know what you prefer) you will find yourself in the natural surroundings of Asian jungle



A delicious lunch with local specialities (often from Nepalese origin) will be served in a traditional village, in the jungle or in the camp.

After lunch it is time to help the mahout washing and feeding the elephant. Walk back in the afternoon to the main road and continue by road. En route we stop to visit a traditional paper and parasol making ‘factory’, and then continue to Inle Lake.

Located in southern Shan State Inle Lake is a vast natural lake surrounded by traditional Shan villages. On the lake itself the Intha people have been living for many centuries in villages built entirely on stilts. We travel by private longboat to reach our lakeside accommodation where we relax for the next 3 nights. (BL)



Overnight at Pristine Lotus

Day 3: 20 February 2017 Monday

Inle Lake

The Shan cuisine is famous for its refined taste and the possibility to make amazing dishes with just a few local ingredients. At 08:30 the local chef of the Viewpoint restaurant will take you to the market for a discovery of local products which you will bring back to the kitchen of the restaurant. Learn the secret recipes of the Shan cuisine and cook your own lunch. An aperitif is offered in the kitchen. A great half day excursion that will teach you the basics of Shan cooking (to try it at home!)

We will also visit a local cheroot factory (where the Burmese cigars are made), floating tomato gardens, Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda, an Intha house.

Overnight at Pristine Lotus

Day 4: 21 February 2017 Tuesday

Inle Lake

Today we will take you by private motorboat around the lake to discover the natural beauty of the lake, visit the floating gardens, see some of the famous leg rowers and have some tea at a local family's house. On and around the lake traditional markets are held in different villages according to a 5-day rotating schedule and today we will take you to visit a colourful market frequented by Shan and PaO people living nearby.



In the south of the lake the ruins of Indein are certainly worth a visit. Partly covered by vegetation the area looks like a “pagoda forest”. We will walk about 1 hour to enjoy a fantastic view over the lake. A home-made cooked lunch is served in a local house. We continue towards the Nam Pan village for a very interesting trip going local with a small canoe. Whenever you are tired paddling yourself we continue by motorboat back to your hotel. (B,I)

Overnight at Pristine Lotus

Day 5: 22 February 2017 Wednesday

Inle Lake – Heho – Yangon K7 267 / 1135 – 1245

After breakfast at hotel drive to village of Nyaung Shwe, visit Shwe Yan Pyay Buddhist monastery, transfer to airport to fly to Yangon, connect to international flight. (B)

**Cost AUD2090.00.00 per person twin share,
AUD620.00 single supplement**

Using below hotels (subject to availability at time of booking)

Dream Mountain Resort – Deluxe Room (Kalaw)

Pristine Lotus – Floating Duplex (Inle Lake)



Based on 14 passengers sharing in a in double room. Includes domestic airfare, water and cold towels on travelling days with guide or vehicle.

Includes

- All transfers and transport as per program
- Internal domestic flights
- Cold bottled water and face towel fresheners
- All accommodation as per program (based on double/twin sharing room)
- Service of English speaking local guides
- All meals as mentioned (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- All entrance fees on tour

Not included

- Air tickets international
- Insurance
- Personal expenses
- All drinks
- Visa fees and/or visa authorization
- Tips
- Other expenses not mentioned on the itinerary
- Any compulsory and peak season surcharge (normally New Year periods)

How to Reserve Your Tour:

- * Please email Sue Kuti at SmallGroup Travel sue.kuti@smallgrouptravel.com.au to reserve your place/s on this tour.
- * Please send Sue your signed and completed booking form, which outlines booking conditions for the tour. Please complete this form and return it with your deposit of 25% of the tour cost per person..
- * On receipt of your deposit and booking form, we will then forward additional pre-departure information regarding visas, currency, medical requirements, weather and much more.
- * Payment of your tour balance is then required 70 days before your departure.

PRICE INCREASES

Prior to full payment being made and air tickets issued, tour prices can increase due to reasons beyond the control of Inca Tours and SmallGroup Travel: currency fluctuations, variation of

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hotel contract rates or airline price increases. It is therefore in your interest to protect against such increases by paying in full at your earliest possible convenience. Once you have paid in full, your tour price is 'locked-in'. At the very least it is recommended to pay for flights at time of deposit to ensure the included quoted fare is locked in - any increase in air taxes or airfare are not applicable once ticket has been issued.

DOCUMENTATION

For all international travel you must be in possession of a passport with at least 6 months validity remaining and also at least 2 blank pages. For this particular itinerary, as at today's date, Australian passport holders do require a visa for Myanmar.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is a condition of travel with SmallGroup Travel that you have adequate travel insurance to cover you for unexpected emergencies while on your holiday. It is very important to make sure that it covers you until the date you actually return home. Please discuss your travel insurance needs with Sue Kuti.

I look forward to sharing this great adventure with you!

Thank you for choosing SmallGroup Travel and Inca Tours.

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