

BURMA & THE TREASURES OF MALAYSIA



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“This is Burma, and it will be quite unlike any land you know about”

– RUDYARD KIPLING

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FEBRUARY 28: Singapore Arrive at Singapore Airport from Australia and transfer to hotel. Rest of day at leisure.

MARCH 1: Singapore Discover the many facets of this dynamic city-state where centuries-old traditions continue in the shadow of skyscrapers. Whether you view Singapore as a dining, shopping or cultural mecca, your included sightseeing reveals there's much to explore in the Lion City. See the city's Colonial heritage in all its splendour as you drive past Parliament House, the Supreme Court, Raffles Hotel and City Hall. Marvel at the elaborate façade of the Sri Mariamman Hindu Temple and wind up over 300 ft. to the top of Mt Faber for sweeping panoramas of the city, port and islands.

MARCH 2: Singapore A day to explore on your own or alternatively take one of our optional sightseeing tours: the iconic Gardens by the Bay or the Singapore Flyer, the world's tallest observation wheel. Embark Aegean Odyssey.

MARCH 3: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia View a landscape of beautiful mosques, grand museums and historic memorials during this tour of Malaysia's capital. It's all a far cry from the city's 19th century start as a humble tin mining settlement. Start with the National Museum, where the superb displays include a life-size exhibit of a Malay wedding and a reconstructed village compound. Visit Independence Square, where British colonists once played cricket and the Malayan flag was first hoisted in 1957, and proceed to the Petronas Towers for a photo stop – the most memorable symbol of Kuala Lumpur without a doubt.

MARCH 4: AT SEA

MARCH 5: Phuket, Thailand Today there's a choice of included tours. Follow in the path of James Bond as you navigate Phang Nga National Park where sheer limestone karsts thrust dramatically from the sea. Step aboard a traditional Thai longtail boat – let the scenery speak for itself. Or travel by speed boat to Phi Phi Le, where you'll visit stunningly beautiful Maya Bay, seen in the film *The Beach*. Swim or snorkel with colourful fish and explore fjord-like Pileh Cove with its steep limestone walls. Both excursions feature lunch in a local restaurant before returning to the ship.

MARCH 6: AT SEA



MARCH 7-9: Yangon, Burma Cruising up the Yangon River into the heart of the city you'll see how much of the local life is lived by the river. With an early evening arrival, why not disembark after dinner and enjoy a stroll to the Strand Hotel? Next day head out of Yangon to Bago. Stop en route at the Thamanay Buddhist Seminary, a charming monastery; before visiting the 8th-century Shwemawdaw, or “Great Gold God” Pagoda, whose towering golden spire makes it the country's tallest. After lunch in a local restaurant continue sightseeing with a visit to the temple of the remarkable 180-foot long reclining Shwethalyaung Buddha. Alternatively,

take one of our two optional excursions by air: to Bagan or Mandalay.

Your stay in Burma concludes with a city tour including the 2,600-year-old Shwedagon Pagoda, one of the world's most spectacular monuments. Prepare for an image overload: gold domed stupas, one with a 76-carat diamond atop its spire, prayerful pilgrims, coloured flags and flower offerings

MARCH 10-11: AT SEA

MARCH 12: Penang, Malaysia Choose from two very different excursions today – to Fort Cornwallis, the site where Capt. Francis Light first landed, Chew Jetty; an early Chinese settlement where houses are built on stilts over the water, and the unique Snake Temple. Or tour the UNESCO World Heritage Site of George Town with its myriad temples, mosques and churches.

MARCH 13: Malacca, Malaysia This once-sleepy fishing village became a stopover for traders from Asia and then Europe. Centuries of colonisation influenced the architecture and cultures. Visit a ruined Portuguese fort, picturesque Dutch Square and St Paul's Hill with its sweeping view of the straits that gave this city its name. Afterwards, there'll be time to wander towards Jonker Street, an intriguing area dotted with antique shops, craft stores and colourful restaurants.

MARCH 14: Singapore Fly home to Australia



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