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Myanmar Discovery Photo Tour

This trip will give you the opportunity to learn more about photography, interact with the local children and to experience the culture that this beautiful country has to bring!

During this trip you get the unique opportunity to learn the tricks of the trade of Photography from Anthony Asael, the founder and executive director of AiA and a spectacular renowned photographer who has had over sixty expositions in ten countries. Anthony has traveled around the world extensively and has also worked in Myanmar in the past, knowing well its stunning views.

Places : Bangkok – Yangon – Bagan – Mt Popa – Mandalay - Amarapura – Mingun – Inle Lake – Pindaya - Kalaw

Day 1 : 23rd of October

Bangkok

Arrival in Bangkok

Day 2 : 24th of October

Yangon

Arrival Yangon to Yangon International Airport and transfer to hotel. Visit around Yangon.

Drive through downtown to explore the city center and its fabulous mix of architecture and sites. The streets are filled with historical buildings many of which have a faded colonial charm not seen elsewhere in Asia. You'll start at the post office – a lovely historic building- and to Sule Paya in the middle of downtown, passing by Strand Hotel, Mahabandoola Garden and Independence Monument along the way. Then visit Little India and Chinatown.

Photo stop at the Karaweik Hall royal floating barge. But nothing will prepare you for Shwedagon Pagoda, with its glittering gold stupa. At the pagoda, observe local pilgrims and monks offering their devotions and enjoy the amazing sunset view at Shwedagon pagoda. It will be a day with a lot of photo opportunities and perfect introduction to Myanmar.





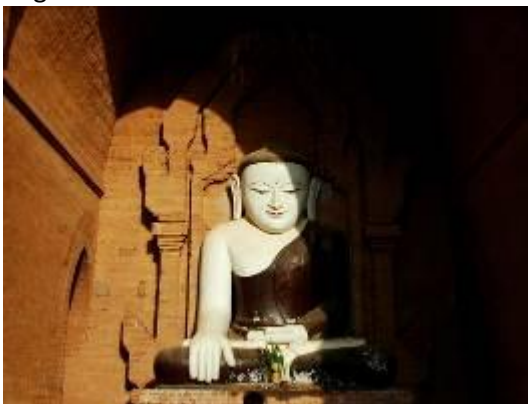
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Day 3-4: 25-26th of October

Bagan

Early morning flight to Bagan. Begin exploration of Bagan by visiting a busy local market and gain an insight into the bustling market atmosphere in Bagan. You will spend the day exploring the architectural masterpieces of this amazing town by visit to a diverse selection of the most important pagodas and temples. In the late afternoon climbing to the top of the Temple for sunset views. Sit back relax and be amazed by the beauty of Bagan as you watch the sun slowly set behind the ancient Pagodas.



Day 5 : 27 of October

Mt Popa - Mandalay



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Mount Popa is an extinct volcano with spectacular views, 4981 feet above sea level. 777 steps lead up to the Buddhist shrine place on the top of the Popa peak. On the top of mountain there are monasteries, pagoda and shrines indifferent styles.

Day 6: 28th of October

Mandalay – Amarapura

Full day sightseeing in Mandalay - visit the second most sacred image in Myanmar next to the Shwedagon Pagoda is the Mahamuni Pagoda. Next visit Golden palace Monastery famous for its intricate woodcarvings. Continue to the Kuthodaw Pagoda, which is known as the world largest book due to the Buddhist scripture carved on 729 marble slabs.

Before sunset visit a 200-year-old teak bridge, the most photographic site in Myanmar, and one of the Ancient Cities called Amarapura. In Amarapura, first you can visit to Mahgandhayone Monastery where thousands of Monks are studying and U Bein Bridge, the longest Teakwood Bridge over 100 years old. Then drive to the rest of 2 Ancient Cities of Inwa (AVA) & Sagaing.



Day 7 : 29th of October

Mandalay - Mingun

Tentative visit of an orphanage run by local monks in order to organize Art in All of Us activities.

Following, you embark on a scenic boat cruise on the magical Irrawaddy River, watching river commerce and villages as they were centuries ago. Mingun is about 11 km (one hour each way) upriver from Mandalay and home to the impressive Mingun Bell, the world's largest intact bronze bell, the unfinished Mingun Paya, and lanes filled with art galleries and bullock taxis.



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Day 8 : 30th of October
Inle Lake

Enjoy the full day tour by boat in Inle lake. . The five Buddha images of Phaung Daw U Pagoda are the holiest in Inle Lake. It is a highlight for any kind of photographer.



Day 9 : 31st of October
Inle – Pindaya

Participate to the “Paing Daw Oo Pagoda Festival” with the Pagoda Procession from Mine Phyo Village to Naung Taung Village which will start at 7:00AM.

Watch the procession of leg-rowed boats, which are ceremoniously tugging four Buddha statues situated on a royal barge clockwise around Inle Lake. Throughout the event leg-rowed boat races are being held and you will come across them during the excursion on the lake. Hundreds of other vessels travel in the entourage in a general festive atmosphere. Thousands of people from around the Shan State attend this most holy of all Shan celebrations.



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Visit to Local Market Day in Inn Dein. Then drive to Pindaya, Mainly famous for its limestone caves where thousands of Buddha images have been consecrated for worship over the centuries.



Day 10 : 1st of November
Kalaw

Trekking in small local villages around Kalaw hills.



Day 11 : 2nd of November
Yangon

Return in the morning to Yangon and visit more of this stunning city through your lens.
Return to Bangkok in the evening.

MORE PHOTOS OF MYANMAR CAN BE SEEN HERE:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/anthonyasael/sets/72157605557905258/>

Conditions

The price of the trip is of 2930 Euros all included, based on a double occupancy room. Single supplement is of 330 Euros.

50% of the price shall be paid at the inscription and 50% 1 week before the start of the trip.



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Price includes accommodation, 3 meals/day, entrances of pagodas, guides, local transportation, local guides, photo classes, and trekking guide

Price does not include international flight, personal expenses, alcohol, insurance, departure tax, tips, visa

The itinerary of the trip and dates could be changed with consultation of all the participants if for reasons beyond our control an activity should be canceled.