



## MRAUK U

### The Lost Kingdom

Yangon – Sittwe – Mrauk U

5 days / 4 nights

This Tour takes you to the ancient city Mrauk U which was the 15th century capital and once one of the wealthiest places in Asia. Through the journey you will discover mysteries and wonders to be found in the villages and former hidden city. tattoo-faced ladies and other unique cultural practices are there to explore. Let your curiosity get the best of you and explore this one hidden kingdom.

#### **Day 1/ Yangon – Sittwe**

Morning transfer to the airport for your flight to the coastal city of Sittwe, arriving in the early afternoon. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel for check in and take a short rest.

Then enjoy a half-day sightseeing tour including a visit to the Rakhine State Cultural Museum and the stunning Payagyi Temple. At sunset, you'll enjoy the best views in the city at a place called "the point", a platform overlooking the mouth of the Kaladan River where it merges with the sea. Stay overnight in Sittwe.

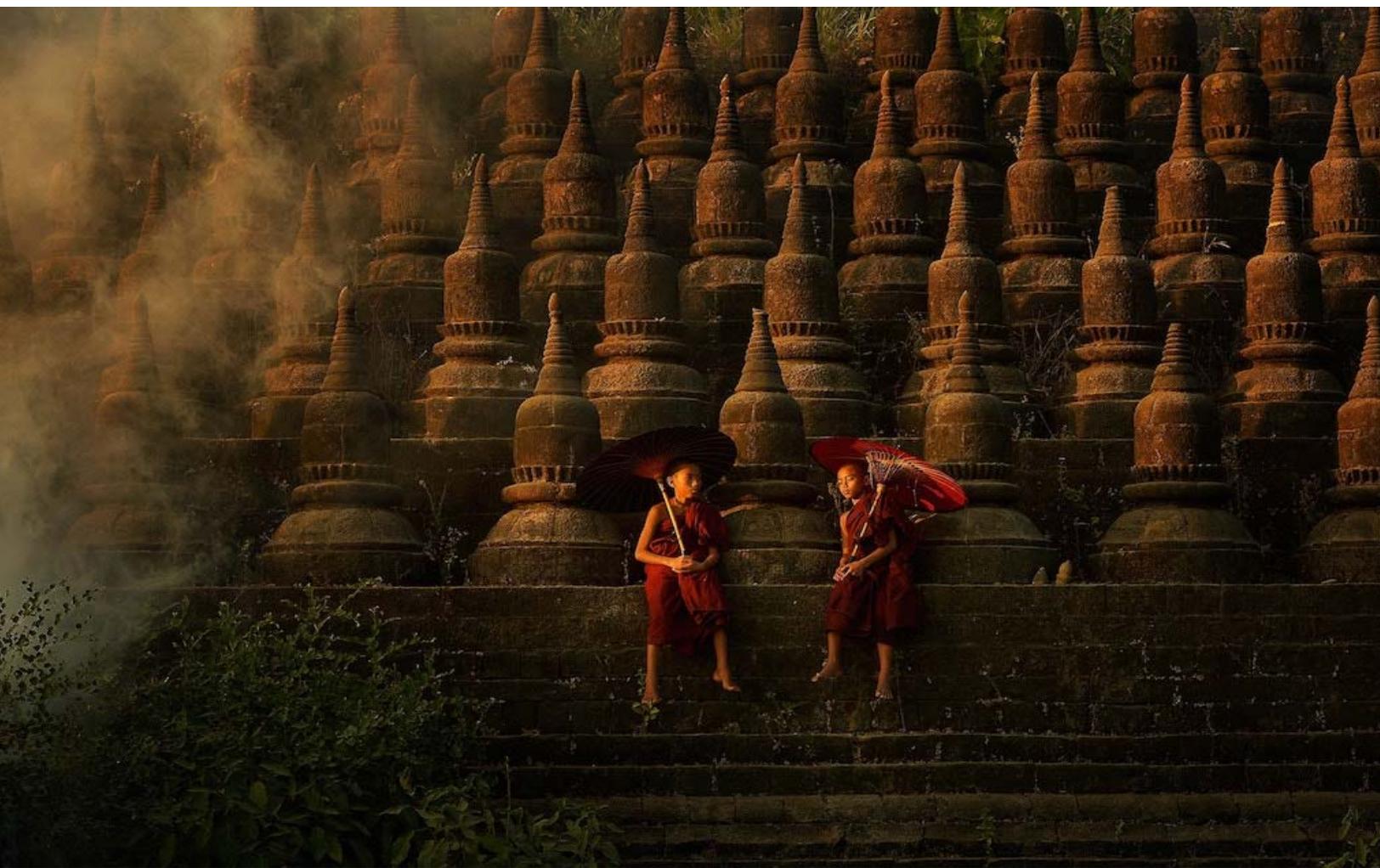
#### **Day 2/ Sittwe – Mrauk U (B,L)**

After an early breakfast, visit the colorful fish market to see the ways of life of local fishermen. Then transfer to the jetty and board a local boat for an upstream voyage on the Kaladan River (5-6 hours according to the current) to Mrauk U. Along the journey, you'll pass through quiet scenery and sleepy fishing villages, spotting golden spires piercing the treeline here and there. Arrive at Mrauk U in the early afternoon and check in hotel. Start your exploration in Mrauk U, the exotic one-time capital of the powerful Rakhine Kingdom. Visit to many impressive temples such as

the Shittaung Temple where the 80,000 Buddha images and beautiful stone carving can be seen and Htokekan Thein, the ordination hall from the Mrauk U dynasty. Stay overnight in Mrauk U.

#### **Day 3/ Mrauk U (B,L)**

Wake up early morning to capture a memorable sunrise over the panoramic view. Today you'll see more of Mrauk U's fascinating historic sites including the ruins of Ko Thaug - an ancient palace where the remains of walls and stone carvings can still be seen and Mahabandola Monastery, home to a collection of bronze and Rakhine-style Buddhas, as well as the plate pagoda - Laungbankpyauk Pagoda - so-named after the colorful tiles that line its front wall. You'll also have the chance to visit some local Rakhine villages and see their traditional wooden houses. At sundown, you'll head to top of Shwetaung Hill - the perfect vantage point for viewing the city as the sun sinks beneath the horizon.



#### **Day 4/ Mrauk U – Chin Villages (B)**

Today embark on an adventurous excursion to Chin villages around Mrauk U. After breakfast, drive (45 minutes) to the jetty where you embark a small private boat to go upstream lay Myo River. After nearly 3 hours of upstream cruising, your boat will reach the chin village where only a few chin ladies with the tattooed faces remain. After the first village, your boat will float up a few miles to visit another village. A picnic lunch will be served on board. Return back to Mrauk U and spend an afternoon at leisure. Stay overnight in Mrauk U.

#### **Day 5/ Mrauk U – Sittwe – Yangon (B)**

After breakfast depart with local boat from Mrauk U to Sittwe. On arrival in Sittwe transfer flight to Yangon. Have a great trip!

#### **MEAL CODE**

**B: BREAKFAST   L: LUNCH   D: DINNER**

#### **Tour cost included:**

- Private air-conditioned vehicle
- Local English speaking guide in each city
- Accommodations on Double/Twin share with daily breakfast
- Meals (excluding drinks) as specified
- Sightseeing fee as specified, on a private basis
- Government tax and services charges
- Complimentary drinking water

#### **Tour cost excluded:**

- Visas
- Personal expenses
- Tips or gratuities
- Airfares
- Insurance and bank fee