

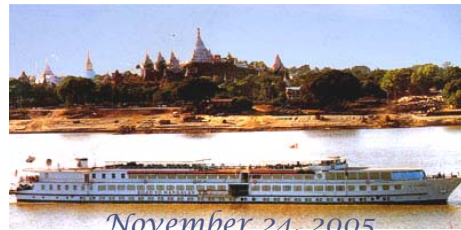
The Road to Mandalay

A "Travel with Eleanor" program



The Deluxe river cruiser Road to Mandalay offers an unforgettable journey along the Ayeyarwady River through exotic Myanmar formerly known as Burma. Travelers who have sailed this great waterway say it is like

no other river they have experienced. The images remain in your mind forever: saffron-clad monks and golden spires; cities of temples with traffic of ox-carts; the graceful flight of heron against forest of dark bamboo; and friendly people; waiting to make your acquaintance.



November 24, 2005



Day 1: USA - Bangkok Your journey begins today to the "Land of Smiles" on your comfortable flight.

Day 2: Bangkok Arrive and transfer to your hotel. Enjoy the remainder of the day is at leisure. Hotel: Shangri-La Bangkok

Day 3: Bangkok The many canals of the Chao Phya River give Bangkok the name "Venice of the East". Enjoy a boat cruise along the Thonburi Klongs (canals) for a first hand impression of life along Bangkok's waterways. Visit the Royal Barges Museum, the Temple of Dawn, and the Grand Palace - one of the most beautiful examples of Siamese court architecture. See the Funeral Palace, the Reception

Palace, the Throne Hall, the Coronation Hall, the Royal Guest House, and the beautiful Emerald Buddha Temple. Remainder of the day is at leisure. This evening savor a delicious Thai style dinner in a local restaurant accompanied by Thai classical music and dances. (B,D)

Day 4: Bangkok Embark on a full day tour to the rural floating market of Damnoen Saduak, 90 miles west of Bangkok. Visit Nakorn Pathom, famous for the "Phra Pathom Chedi", the largest pagoda in Southeast Asia. Enjoy lunch followed by a Thai cultural show featuring traditional dance, Thai boxing, sword fighting, and elephants at work. (B,L)

Day 5: Bangkok - Rangoon Fly to Yangon and transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon tour Yangon's colonial style city center. Visit the 2000 year old Sule Pagoda, the magnificent reclining Buddha at Chauk Htat Gyi and stroll through the Bogyoke Market, known for its clothes, handicrafts and gems stores. Complete your first day in Burma with a visit to one of the world's most spectacular monuments, the Shwedagon Pagoda. Tonight enjoy dinner with cultural show at a local restaurant. (B,L,D) Hotel: Traders Hotel

Day 6: Rangoon Visit to the Kaba Aye (World Peace) Pagoda where the sixth Buddhist synod took place. and Yangon's oldest Chinese temple. After lunch see the 26 foot high Golden Lion Throne as well as the Mandalay Royal Regalia at the National Museum. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Rangoon - Mandalay - m.s. Road To Mandalay After breakfast fly to Mandalay and transfer to the Road To Mandalay. Begin your leisurely 7-night journey along the legendary Irrawaddy River. After your lunch, tour the beautiful city of Mandalay. Visit the Maha Muni, the "Great Sage" Pagoda, the city's holiest shrine. Your tour will continue to the nearby Shwenandaw Monastery, a perfect example of traditional Burmese wooden architecture, covered inside and out with carved panels. In evening enjoy a special welcome aboard cocktail and dinner onboard. Dine in the elegantly decorated Pagoda restaurant, with lovely local woodcarvings and paneling, and enjoy the delicious local dishes prepared by your professional chefs. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Mandalay - Cruising Spend the early morning in Sagaing on the west bank of the river. Sagaing was the capital of an independent Shan Kingdom in the 14th century. Today it is considered the center of Buddhism in Burma, and hundreds of monasteries dot its hillsides. In the late morning sail for Pagan. Spend the rest of the day relaxing onboard, admiring the temples and snow-white pagodas rise above the trees and glitter in the sunlight. Onboard lectures and longyi (sarong) tying demonstrations will enrich your tour experience. (B,L,D)

Day 9: Pagan Arrive mid-morning and disembark for our first glimpse of the remains of the ancient capital of Pagan, scattered across the vast plain. Visit a typical Burmese village and a local market. Climb the exterior slopes of one of the pagodas for a breathtaking view of the sunset over the plain. (B,L,D)

Day 10: Pagan - Mt. Popa Today enjoy a full day excursion to Mt. Popa, a sacred place for the Burmese. The view from its peak (approx. 5,000 ft) is one of the most beautiful sights in all of Burma. Enjoy lunch at the Mt. Popa Resort. (B,L,D)

Day 11: Pagan - Cruising Enjoy a leisurely morning in Pagan before the ship's departure for Mandalay. Cruise all afternoon, choosing perhaps to attend one of the onboard lectures. (B,L,D)

Day 12: Cruise - Mandalay-Ava After lunch arrive in Mandalay. In the afternoon visit Ava, the "entrance to the lake". Ava was once the capital of the Burmese kingdom but now it is just a quaint little village. A horse-cart will be your transportation to get around the city, just like the locals, as you visit some of the region's oldest monasteries and pagodas. (B,L,D)

Day 13: Mandalay In the morning transfer by a local ferry to Mingun. Along the way see plenty of river life - ferries, teak and bamboo rafts, paddle steamers and small boats. Visit Hsinbyume and the remains of the Mingun Pagoda. Return by ferry for a late lunch. (B,L,D)

Day 14: Mandalay - Yangon - Bangkok Breakfast on board, transfer from jetty to airport for international flight to Bangkok via Yangon. Arrival Bangkok's Don Muang International Airport. Meet and transfer to the hotel. Hotel: Shangri-La Bangkok(B)

Day 15: Bangkok - USA Today is your flight home. Treasure the memorable sights, sounds and the cultures of Thailand and Burma. (B)

Highlights:

- Bangkok Grand Palace and Klongs Tour
- Thai cultural dinner and show in Bangkok
- Tour of the rural floating market of Damnoen Saduak
- 7 night cruise aboard the Road to Mandalay
- Visit to the Bogyoke Market in Rangoon
- Rangoon's Sule Pagoda & reclining Buddha
- Tour of Shwenandaw Monastery, Mandalay
- View the temples of Pagan at sunset
- Excursion to fascinating Mt. Popa
- Horse drawn tour of Ava
- Visit to Hsinbyume and the Mingun Pagoda
- Optional Angkor Wat Extension-5 Days (see back of flyer for details)

Price: \$5198.00*pp including airfare from LAX or SFO

Air add-on cost: TBA; Single Supplement: \$900.00

Deposit: \$500.00 per person at time of booking.
\$50.00 of which this deposit is used to secure group airfare so our group can travel together.

Deposit is refundable up to July 24, 2005.

Final Payment Due: August 24, 2005

Cancellation Penalties

By July 24: \$500.00 pp

August 25-Sept. 24: 50% of tour price

Sept. 25-Departure: 100% of tour price

Single Supplement: \$780

*Not included: Cost for required Visa to Burma and Cambodia; and US Departure tax of approximately \$90.00 per person.

*Category J; Includes standard cabin accommodation aboard Road to Mandalay.

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