



PREMIER VESSEL



**BURMESE DAYS**  
THE UPPER IRRAWADDY  
FROM MANDALAY TO BHAMO (KACHIN STATE)  
8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

By **RV PAUKAN 2015**

2018 - 2020 BROCHURE

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EXPERIENCE  
THE WORLD OF

**RV PAUKAN**  
2015  
An all-suite Boutique Cruiser





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An all-suite Boutique Cruiser



Dear Travel Partner,

There is no better way to experience the wonder and mystery that is Myanmar than from the Irrawaddy River, and there is no better time to visit than now.

As the country continues to evolve as a result of opening its doors to the west, the opportunity to visit a country virtually frozen in time for decades creates the most unique and unforgettable journey.

From the bustling former capital of Yangon (Rangoon) filled with the excitement of what Myanmar's future holds, to the rural areas where ox carts are still the local mode of transportation – you will find no greater contrast anywhere in the world.

Guests will find themselves immersed in the rich history of once British colonial “Burma”, and a rich culture of unique indigenous tribes found throughout the country.

All of this is witnessed from the most luxurious river cruiser to ply the Irrawaddy. Paukan Cruises invites you to join us on this truly once in a lifetime journey.

Welcome Aboard!





Paukan Cruises is very proud to introduce the RV PAUKAN 2015 Launched in September, 2015 she is the fourth new vessel in our fleet to ply the rivers of Myanmar and the first luxury ship able to sail the entire length of the Irrawaddy River up to Bhamo (Kachin State) all year long.

The 36-guest Paukan 2015 embraces the ambience of modern Asian design, whilst providing comforts and conveniences found only in the finest hotels of Myanmar

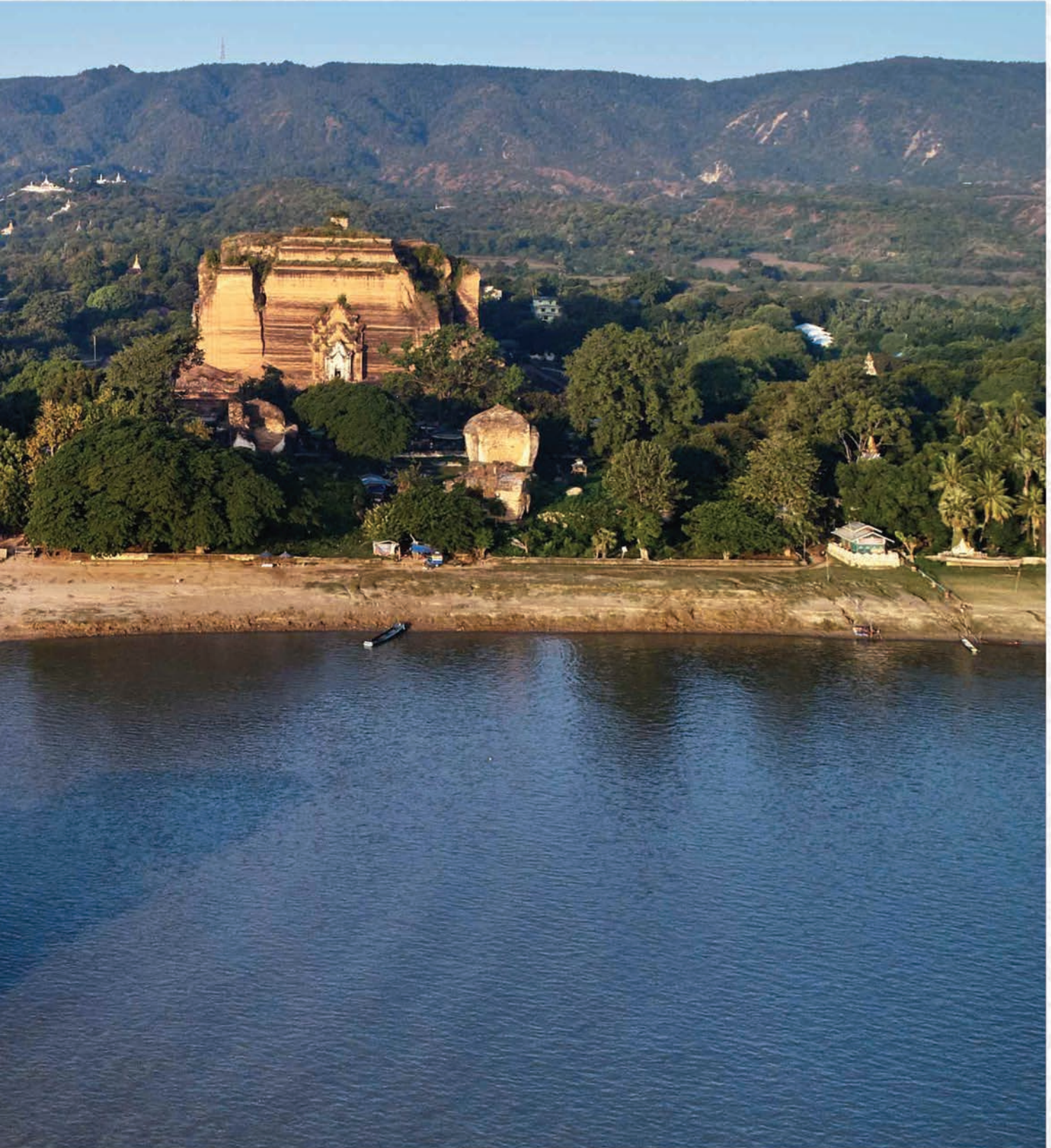
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# THE RV PAUKAN 2015









# PANORAMA LOUNGE









# DINING ROOM











## G A S T R O N O M Y

Our chef has innovatively created a menu which highlights the diverse cuisine of Myanmar, as well as Western favorites that will be reflected in sumptuous buffets and artfully prepared, multi-course dinners.

The culinary team will offer an occasional shopping excursion to local markets taking every opportunity to utilize the fresh, local fruits and vegetables throughout the voyage.









# OBSERVATION LOUNGE / SUN & STARS DECK









# SUITE









# ACCOMMODATION

Accommodations aboard the RV Paukan 2015 embody the grace and style of modern Asian design, incorporating conveniences and luxuries that rival the finest hotels of Asia. Spacious, well appointed suites provide individual climate control, flat-screen television, spa quality robes, slippers and bath amenities, daily housekeeping with turndown service, fine bed linens, premium mattresses, duvets, your choice of pillows, and daily, international news.

## RV PAUKAN 2015 SUITE

245 Square Feet/23 Square Meters

Floor-to-ceiling French doors with balcony providing panoramic river views.

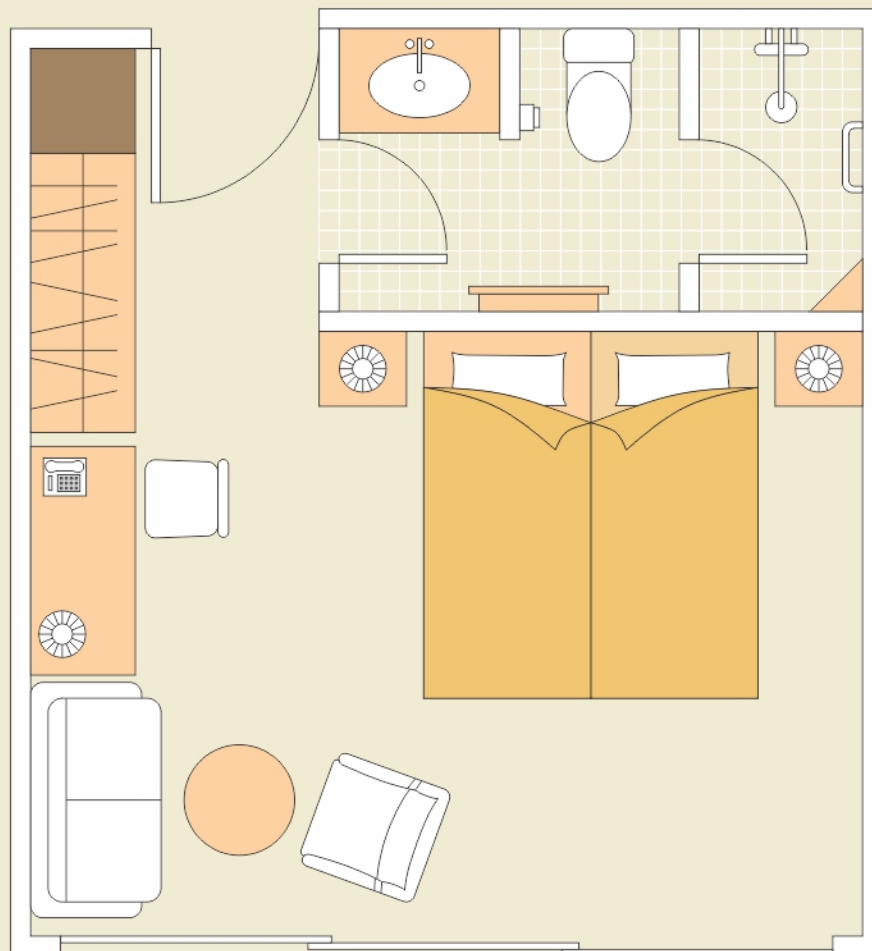
Seating area

Twin beds or queen-size bed

Writing desk

Flat screen television with Sat TV and on-demand movie system

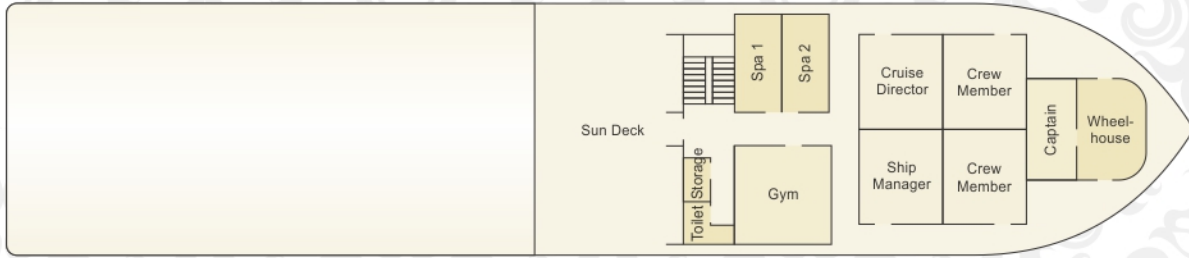
Spacious bath with rain-style shower



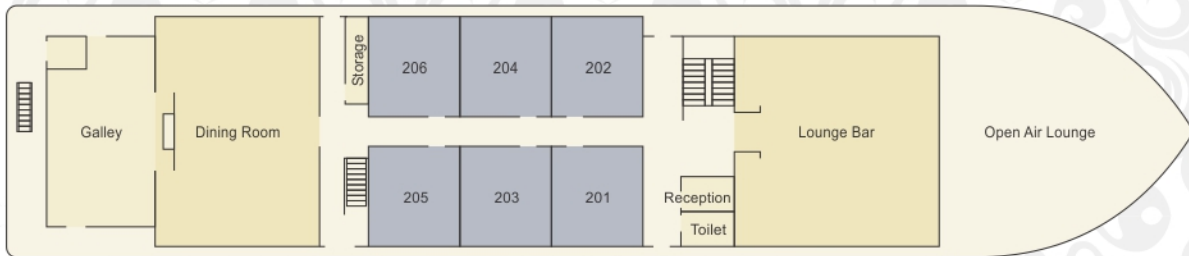




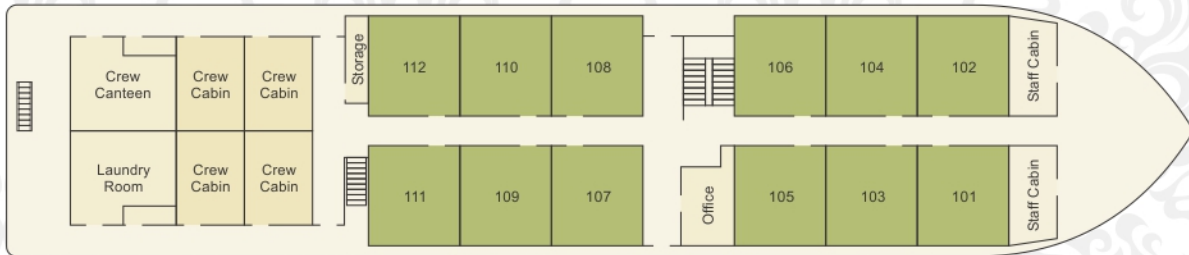
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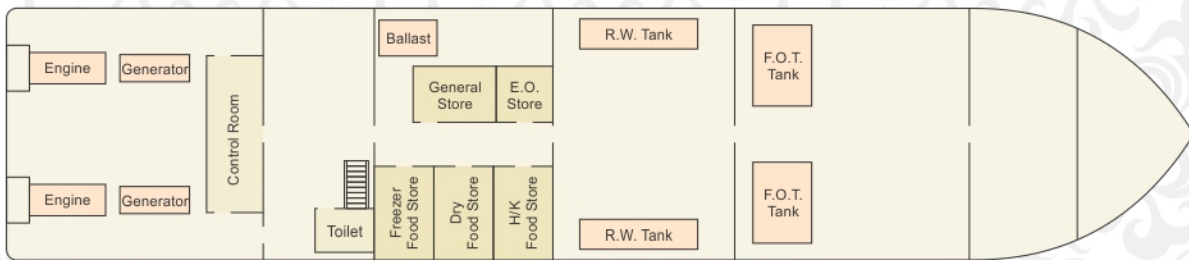
SUN DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



LOWER DECK

SHIP SPECIFICATIONS:

Length: 200 Feet/61Meters  
Beam: 42 Feet/12.8 Meters  
Draft: 3.9 Feet/1.2 Meters  
Total Suites/Capacity: 18 Suites/36Passengers

Upper Deck Cabins  
Main Deck Cabins









# Your sanctuary...

...The RV Paukan 2015 is filled with warmth and character. Never before has a vessel cruise the Irrawaddy offering true 5-star luxury through modern conveniences, world-class cuisine and gracious and well-trained hospitality.





## EXPERIENCE TRUE LUXURY WITH PAUKAN CRUISES

### ROOM AMENITIES

- Spacious rooms (245 sq feet)
- Well trained spa therapists will serve you different selection of treatments
- Daily promotion and special rate for birthday and anniversary
- Special sound feature in spa
- In-room electronic safe
- Individual climate control
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens, blankets and European-style duvets
- Premium mattress
- Bottled water, replenished daily
- Library
- Souvenirs shop
- Wireless Internet in all public areas
- Make-up mirror
- Multi-configuration plugs
- Generous closet space
- Flat-screen LCD television with Sat TV and on-demand movie system
- Soft and firm pillows
- Choice of bed configuration
- Nightly turndown service
- Wall to wall panoramic window
- Private bathroom full shower with glass door and hairdryer
- Bathrobes, premium bath amenities and in-house slippers
- Every under-bed luggage storage
- Writing desk with mirror, comfortable chair and table with reading lamps
- Key card lock

### COMPLIMENTARY ON EXCURSIONS:

- Shore Excursion Program Series including all admissions
- Shoe cleaning after excursions
- Welcome drink following excursions
- VOX listening devices for duration of cruise program
- Face mask, cold towel and insect repellent to be supplied if needed
- 36 guests per guide on all excursions

### LOUNGE, DINING & ENTERTAINMENT:

- Expertly trained culinary staff providing buffet, breakfast, buffet lunch and seated dinner in one single seating
- Complimentary coffee, water, tea, soft drinks, local beer and free flow house wine (wine with dinner only)
- Series of cultural performances, educational talks, cooking classes, and ship tour
- Welcome reception
- Farewell Reception
- Theme dinners
- Spacious air conditioned lounge with nightly entertainment

### YOUR PAUKAN TEAM ABOARD

(providing a better than 2 to 1, crew to passenger ratio)

- Captain
- First Officer
- Second Officer
- Chief Engineer
- Manager 2 staff
- Electrical Officer
- Nautical - 5 staff
- Housekeeping - 5 Staff
- Dining - 3 staff
- Galley - 7 staff
- Spa - 2 staff
- Bar - 2 staff
- Resident local 1 guide
- Accommodation for Tour Manager





## BURMESE DAYS (7N)

THE UPPER IRRAWADDY FROM MANDALAY TO BHAMO (KACHIN STATE)

### DAY 1 MANDALAY (LUNCH/DINNER/WELCOME RECEPTION)

#### EMBARKATION

Embark the ship at Gawein Jetty at noon and serve lunch.

#### AFTERNOON EXCURSION: Amarapura

This afternoon visit to Amarapura, former capital of Myanmar. Your visit focuses on the famous U Bein Bridge, a three-quarter-mile-long bridge built in 1783 from reclaimed teakwood from the old royal palace in Inwa. The bridge is still a cornerstone of the community as locals and monks use it daily to cross Taungthaman Lake while fishermen and farmers go about their daily work below. Take a Sampan ride on the lake for memorable views of the sunset behind the iconic bridge. Moor overnight at Mandalay. This evening, enjoy a Traditional Dance Performance on sundeck.



### DAY 2 MANDALAY - MINGUN (BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER)

#### MORNING EXCURSION: Mandalay

After breakfast, visit Kuthodaw Pagoda and Shwenandaw Monastery, the only remnant of former King Mindon's "Golden City" to survive the bombing of World War II. Originally the king's living quarters, the building was moved after his death to its current location and converted into a monastery. Today, the original gilding has faded, but the intricate wood carvings endure, giving you a sense of how extravagant the original teak palace complex was. Lastly, stop at a Gold Leaf Workshop to see how it is made.

#### AFTERNOON EXCURSION: Mingun

Mingun, Visit the unfinished pagoda where construction was abandoned at 160 feet only a third of the planned height, Mya Thein Tan Pagoda (White Pagoda) and the largest working bell in the world. After lunch, sail a short distance to Mandalay.

### DAY 3 SAILING – KYAUK MYAUNG (BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER)

Enjoy Sailing the whole morning.

#### AFTERNOON EXCURSION: Kyauk Myaung

This afternoon, take a Walking Tour through the captivating pottery-making village of Kyauk Myaung. Here you will learn more about the pottery-making process and see how they are formed, fired, and glazed. Most interesting is the eye-catching 50-gallon variety, often referred to as Martaban or Ali Baba jars in colonial times. These pots could transport large quantities of liquor, fish sauce, peanut oil, and more, and have played an important part of maritime trade throughout Asia for centuries. Entering the third defile after the excursion.

### DAY 4 SAILING - TAGAUNG (BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER)

Enjoy Sailing the whole morning.

#### AFTERNOON EXCURSION: Tagaung

Working tour in Tagaung where Myanmar start in that old city which is located east bank of river. Visit vegetables market and famous spirits of Myanmar.













**DAY 5 TIGYANG - SAILING**  
(BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER)

Sail to the small village of Tigyang for an afternoon Walking Tour through its narrow lanes and to visit the pagoda and reclining Buddha on a hilltop with stunning views. Moor overnight at midriver.

Sailing the rest of the day and moor overnight midstream.



**DAY 6 KATHA - SAILING**  
(BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER)

**MORNING EXCURSION:** Katha

Start your day with a visit to the LOCAL MARKET in Katha, where you will see the locals buying and selling fish, meat, produce, and more. Next, stop at the former British Club, featured in George Orwell's novel *Burmese Days*. Here learn a bit more about how life was here during British rule. Lastly, journey a short distance to a local JINGPO VILLAGE. A subset of the Kachin, the Jingpo are one of over 100 ethnic minority groups in Myanmar. Here you will learn about their culture, traditional dress, and their unique method of making rice wine.

Sail the rest of the day.



**DAY 7 KYUN DAW - 2nd DEFILE**  
(BREAKFAST/LUNCH/FAREWELL DINNER)

**MORNING EXCURSION:** Kyun Daw

This morning, visit the fascinating island village of Kyun Daw, where over 7,000 stupas surround the monastery. Take a walking tour for memorable encounters with the villagers. Visit a school to interact with the children. You will also visit a nunnery to present the nuns with food purchased the day before at the market in Bhamo. Unlike monks, they have to collect and cook their own food.

**AFTERNOON:** 2nd Defile

As you sail south this afternoon, with some luck, you may catch a glimpse of the rare Irrawaddy dolphin with its distinctive round forehead. Around early evening, cross the spectacular Second defile, the largest of the Irrawaddy gorges, with its magnificent cliffs reaching down the narrow channel. Tonight, join your Cruise Director and ship's crew for a farewell reception and special farewell dinner.





# BURMESE DAYS

Discover Mandalay and its historic sites located along the river, sail up to the spectacular Irrawaddy 2nd Defile (Gorges).

The journey begins at the historic capital of Mandalay. Stops include visits of Mingun, the pottery village of Kyaw Myaung and the colonial town of Katha. The cruise ends in Bhamo (65 Km from the China Border) the upper navigable point of the Irrawaddy for a vessel of this size.





# BURMESE DAYS FARE SUMMARY

2018-2020

SEP 2018-19 TO APR 2019-20

Prices per person

OCT TO DEC 2018-19 & JAN TO MAR 2019-20

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|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Twin US\$ 3,143 | Twin Single Use US\$ 5,030 | MAIN DECK SUITE  | Twin US\$ 3,503 | Twin Single Use US\$ 5,605 |
| Twin US\$ 3,503 | Twin Single Use US\$ 5,605 | UPPER DECK SUITE | Twin US\$ 3,862 | Twin Single Use US\$ 6,180 |

CRUISE PRICE INCLUDES: All meals &, Coffee/Tea/Water – Complimentary local beer throughout the cruise – a glass of Wine at lunch and dinner - Sightseeing as described in the Itinerary – Ayravata Cruises English Speaking Guide (additional non-English speaking guide is provided if more than 8 cabins are booked by parties speaking the same language) - All Entrance Fees.

CRUISE PRICE EXCLUDES: Drinks, laundry, all items of a personal nature; health-accident-baggage or travel protection plan outside the ship's boundaries, fuel surcharges if applicable.

Please note that the flight from/to Bhamo is not included in the cruise price. Should you wish us to book this flight please let us know of the flight time of booking. The airfare will be included in our extensions post tours.

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### PRE & POST CRUISE EXTENSION PROGRAMS



#### Pre: Yangon package (2N/3D) From US\$ 500 per person

##### RANGOON (YANGON)

Arrive Yangon International airport. Free at leisure for the rest of the day.

The full day tour of Yangon with a visit to Sule Pagoda, Downtown, short walk to the Strand hotel; Chaukhtatgyi, the colossal reclining Buddha, photographing at Kandawgyi (Royal) Lake.

Afternoon sightseeing Bogyoke Market, varieties of goods ranging from handicrafts to clothing and local food/snack; sightseeing and sunset viewing at Shwedagon Pagoda. If time permits, we will walk at Chinatown area, the bustle point of Yangon.

#### Post: Mandalay stopover with Bagan & Inle lake package (4N/5D) From US\$ 1,280 per person

##### MANDALAY

You will be picked up at Gawein jetty and Visit Sagaing, a former capital of the Myanmar Kingdom. Sagaing nowadays is renowned as the religious center of Myanmar because of over 400 monasteries spreading throughout the hills. After crossing the Inwa bridge (also called Sagaing Bridge), one can visit the Sagaing hill by trucks. The highlights include Soonooonyashin Pagoda, Uminthone Pagoda, a thirty man made caves pagoda. Other highlights include silver smith and Kaunghmudaw pagoda.

##### BAGAN

Morning siteseeing begins with visit to the Shwezigon Pagoda, Wetkyi-in Gubyakkyi Temple, Htilominlo Temple, the Tharaba City Gate. Afternoon visit begins with lacquer-ware factory, Myinkaba Gubyaukkyi Temple, Manuha Temple, Nanpaya Temple, photo stop at Seinnyet Nyima Pagodas, Mingala Zedi Pagoda, sunset from a small Hill.

##### BAGAN – HEHO – INLE

Transfer from the Heho airport to the hotel by the lake shore. Inle Lake, is the home land of the Inthar tribe famous not only for their unique leg-rowing style and fishing method but also for the floating gardens used as vegetable plantations. We will visit the regional market and Phaungdawoo Pagoda, Ngaphechaung monastery (also known as jumping cat monastery); silk and cotton weaving cottages and black smith. Overnight at Inle

##### INLE - INDEIN

We explore the southern part of the Lake by boat to reach Indein village. This small village located on the southwestern bank of the lake is famous for its ruined clusters of pagodas dated back to 16th century.

Ywa-Ma village, gold and silver smiths workshop. In the evening, enjoy the sunset while visiting the Inle Lake by boat.

##### HEHO / YANGON (BY FLIGHT) – DEPARTURE

In the morning drive to airport and return back to Yangon. If time permits, visit Sule Pagoda and the City Centre for shopping before the International flight departure.





# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Suggested Attire

Aboard the Irrawaddy Explorer, attire is casual and comfortable during the day, with resort-style clothing, and comfortable, but sturdy, footwear for excursions.

On occasion, we will visit religious sites that may require long pants and covered shoulders. In this instance, our shipboard staff will notify you the day prior, to allow you to plan accordingly.

Evening wear consists of open-neck shirts, trousers, skirt, or similar attire. Footwear is always required in all public areas, and when navigating stairs on board.

## Communication

E-mail/internet is available in all public areas of the vessel, free-of-charge for passengers that bring their own WiFi-capable devices.

Although the vessel does not offer direct-dial calls from their suites while on board, in the event of an emergency, the Reception Desk can facilitate an international call, and associated costs will be billed to the guest's on-board account.

The RV Paukan 2015 contact information will be included in final travel documents, and may be provided as a contact number in the event of an emergency at home.

## Onboard Account & Currency

The official currency on board is the US Dollar. All charges for services and products on board will be placed on the guest's shipboard account to be settled at the end of the voyage. MasterCard, Visa and US dollars are also accepted for the settlement of guest accounts.

## Dietary Requirements

Our culinary team will make every effort to accommodate special dietary requests. Please inform our office at least 60 days prior to departure of these requests.

## Electricity

The electrical current on board is 220V. For those items that are dual voltage, suites are outfitted with a multi-plug configuration feature. Guests should be sure to bring the appropriate converter for devices that are not dual voltage.

## Fitness Centre

The RV Paukan 2015 is equipped with state-of-the-art fitness equipment. Guests may enjoy panoramic views of the Irrawaddy River while enjoying the Fitness Center, located on the Sun Deck.

## Gratuities

Gratuities are a personal matter, and are a token of your appreciation for a job well done. Envelopes will be provided en-suite on the last night of your sailing. US dollars are the preferred currency, however guests may also charge gratuities on their shipboard account, which may be settled with a credit card at the end of the voyage. Suggested gratuities are \$10 per person per day for shipboard staff and crew, \$6 per person per day for tour guides, and \$3 per person per day for Cruise Director.

## Laundry Service

Twenty-four hour, professional laundry and pressing service is provided on board. Costs will be listed in each suite's directory, and charged to the guest's account.

## Mail

Our Reception Desk staff would be pleased to mail postcards upon request. Applicable postage costs will be charged to the guest's account.

## Medical Services

The RV Paukan 2015 staff is trained in first aid, and we are never far from on-shore medical services. Guests requiring oxygen for medical reasons are welcome to bring their own equipment, as required. Guests must bring the appropriate electric converter for personal medical equipment.

## Pets

Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate pets of any kind aboard the RV Paukan 2015.

## Spa Services

The Paukan Spa offers a range of spa treatments from well-trained, professional, spa staff. A menu of services is available on board, and all costs associated with spa services will be charged to the guest's account.

## Shore Excursions

All shore excursions during your 9-night cruise aboard the Irrawaddy Explorer are included in your cruise tariff.

Excursions are led by expert guides, and guests are divided into two groups, guaranteeing there are never more than 28 passengers touring together. Electronic listening devices are complimentary to all guests in order to ensure that guests are able to hear their guides, even in crowded areas.

## Smoking

The comfort and safety of our guests is our first priority. Smoking is not permitted in the suites or enclosed, public areas on board. There is a designated smoking area on the Sun Deck.

## Special Occasions

We are excited to celebrate our guests' special moments. Please notify us at least 60 days prior to departure of any special occasions during the voyage.

## Valuables

All suites are equipped with a personal, electronic safe. Paukan Cruises is not responsible for valuables brought on board. Further details are provided within our Terms & Conditions.

## Visitors on Board/Security

Only guests who possess tickets for passage are allowed on board the RV Paukan 2015. Security services are provided on board to ensure everyone's safety throughout the journey.











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