# Abercrombie & Kent



### SEVENTH HEAVEN: HONEYMOON IN MYANMAR

Duration: 7 Days/6 Nights

Celebrate your new life together on this luxurious and romantic journey into one of Asia's most fascinatingly mysterious country

#### Overview

Yangon, Bagan and Inle Lake

#### **Programme Highlights**

Short sightseeing and foot massage at one of the best spa of Yangon A bottle of champagne and special welcome present at the hotel in Yangon Sightseeing in Bagan of an Elevated Temple, Myinkaba village & Gubyaukgyi Temple Hot air ballooning, visit to the Colorful Nyaung Oo Market Sightseeing in Heho

Excursion of village of Inpawkhone to observe the traditional silk weaving techniques of Inthar people Explore a cheroot factory to see hand rolled Burmese cigars
Wine tasting and private dinner on the terrace at the Inle Princess Resort
A private boat trip sightseeing along a small canal to the Pa-oh village of Indein
Session of wine tasting at Red Mountain Estate Vineyard

#### **A&K Advantage**

An unforgettable fine dining experience with Felix Eppisser, one of Switzerland's top Michelin star chefs restaurant Le Planteur, transit in a vintage British car. A truly romantic experience Sunset cruise & dinner on Ayeyarwaddy River and cocktail and canapés on the sand bank Participate in a special traditional Buddhist ceremony and receive special blessings from the monks Lunch on a rice carrier boat in the middle of Inle Lake Private Candlelit dinner organised in the Wine Cave at Inle Princess Resort

Private shopping experience at Bogyoke Market (also known as Scott Market)

Private arrival and departure airport transfers The services of an A&K Representative

\* On arrival in each country, you are welcomed by your A&K Representative who conducts a briefing on your time in the country. An A&K Representative is always at hand to provide unparalleled 24/7 support, be it local travel tips or reconfirming arrangement details, to providing recommendations for restaurants and shopping. Should you ever need help or advice, dial your A&K Representative's mobile phone for prompt and courteous service at any time.

## **Detailed Itinerary**

#### Day 1

#### ARRIVE YANGON-Sightseeing and special dinner at Le Planteur, a beautiful French restaurant

On arrival at the Yangon airport, you will be welcomed by an A&K Representative, who will assist you through all the immigration procedures. You will be transferred to the hotel in a private vehicle and assisted with check-in and a special Burmese wedding present awaits you.

En-route to your hotel, halt in town for a foot massage at Yangon's best spa. This is the perfect way to relax and unwind after a long international flight.

Depending on your arrival time, we recommend having lunch at Monsoon restaurant to relish freshly prepared authentic Myanmar cuisine.

This afternoon, enjoy a private tour of Yangon's colonial city centre, with its many cultural delights along with an English speaking private guide. Yangon, formerly known as Rangoon, is a fairly quiet and appealing city with an impressive colonial and spiritual heritage. Travel past faded colonial buildings, busy street markets, and scintillating temples. Visit the Reclining Buddha, one of Myanmar's largest icons at 230 feet long.

The tour ends at the magnificent Shwedagon Pagoda the most revered Buddhist temple in Myanmar. Although the origins of the pagoda are vague, the local legend states that the original structure was built 25 centuries ago and renovated several times before taking its current structure as we see it today in the 15th century. The exterior of the shrine is plated with 8,688 solid gold slabs and a giant emerald sits in the middle to catch the first and last rays of the sun. The tip of the stupa, far too high for the human eye to discern in any detail, is set with 5448 diamonds, 2317 rubies, sapphires, and other gems, 1065 golden bells and, at the very top, a single 76-carat diamond. Your private guide will show you around the massive complex and enlighten you on its varied facts. Enjoy breathtaking views of the golden stupa from this vantage point and observe the devout praying, the evocative fragrance of incense enveloping you.

Enjoy an unforgettable fine dining experience with Felix Eppisser, one of Switzerland's top Michelin star chefs. Relish delicately prepared French food in the gardens of a stately colonial house, which appeals romance seekers to Le Planteur. Begin your dinner with a glass of Champagne and a selection of creative canapés, hot and cold. Continue with an elegant four course menu. Your dinner will be accompanied by a group of traditional musicians and dancers and a lovely and elaborate illumination by 1000 candles (not available during the rainy season). You will be transferred a vintage British car (Vauxhall 1947, Austin Somerset 1953 or Morris Oxford 1954). Pair your delicious meal with a wine from their well-stocked wine cellar having a storage capacity of 25,000 bottles with enormous collection that encompasses the world of wines, where affordable "trouvailles" meet the rarest of bottles and vintages.

Return to your hotel room, where a bottle of champagne and special welcome present awaits you to toast your Honeymoon in Myanmar.

Overnight: The Strand

Meal Plan: D

#### Day 2

## YANGON-BAGAN-Visit to an Elevated Temple, Myinkaba village & Gubyaukgyi Temple, sunset cruise & dinner on Ayeyarwaddy River and sand bank

This morning, after breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your private charter flight to Nyaung Oo in a private vehicle. Upon arrival, you will be welcomed by a A&K Representative and transferred to your hotel by a private vehicle in style where a special wedding present will be waiting for you in your room.

After freshening up, the excursion with an English speaking private guide begins on a horse carriage with a visit to an elevated temple with stunning views over the surrounding plains. The excursion is a picture-perfect overview of the grandeur of Bagan's architecture. Next visit the Ananda Temple, one of the surviving masterpieces of the Mon architecture. Also famous as the finest, largest, best conserved and most regarded of the Bagan temples.

On reaching Myinkaba Village, visit Gubyaukgyi Temple well noted for its gorgeous mural paintings on its inner walls and well-preserved plaster carvings on its exterior. The other temples close by are two smaller temples with nice Buddha statues and stone work, Manuha Temple and Nan Paya Temple.

Enjoy a sunset cruise on the Ayeyarwaddy River and enjoy a cocktail and canapés on a sand bank. For many centuries, the mighty Ayeyarwaddy River served as Myanmar's main artery and crucial highway. Celebrated in legend, myth, song and history, it is still vital to the country, sustaining life of every kind. The river-scape offers teak dwellings, cheerful waving youngsters, and local women balancing water jugs on their heads. Watch the sun set at a distance in the company of your loved one in these serene surroundings.

The evening will be an exclusive and memorable experience of dining under the stars, on the sand bank, surrounded by torches and dinner will be served accompanied by traditional Burmese music and dancing.

Overnight: Aureum Palace

Meal Plan: B, D

#### Day 3

#### BAGAN-Hot air ballooning, visit to the Colorful Nyaung Oo Market

Enjoy an early morning sunrise over Bagan from aloft a hot air balloon. You will have a magnificent "bird's-eye" view of the thousand year-old pagodas, temples and the mighty Ayeyarwaddy River, as you float serenely across the "Golden Land", as the rising sun illuminates the gold and sand-colored stupas.

Begin today with a visit to the Taungbi Monastery where you will participate in a special traditional Buddhist ceremony. Afterwards you will receive a special blessing from the monks to ensure good luck and happiness. This auspicious occasion is sure to be an unforgettable part of your honeymoon in Myanmar.

You may choose to explore the colourful local markets of Nyaung Oo at your pace.

Afternoon is at leisure.

You may choose to indulge in a special private couple spa treatment. The spa is a majestic sanctuary that uniquely resonates with a timeless echo of ancient philosophies with remedies for body, mind and soul.

Dinner at the hotel will be organised in an elegant, romantic private setting especially for you. Enjoy the beautiful ambience with your loved one sipping wine or a cocktail and romancing under the moon light.

Overnight: Aureum Palace

Meal Plan: B, D

#### Day 4

#### BAGAN-HEHO-INLE LAKE-Sightseeing, tour of silk weaving and cheroot factory

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast in bed or at the poolside of your private island villa.

After breakfast you will be privately transferred to Nyaung Oo Airport for your private charter flight to Heho. Here you will enjoy a one-hour scenic drive to Nyaung Shwe, the gateway village to the lovely Inle Lake.

Venture on the lake in a private boat. Explore the lake's main sanctuary, Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda, and the Nga Phe Chaung Monastery, well known as Jumping Cat's Monastery which has the five sacred Buddha statues.

Continue to your hotel for check-in. A fruit basket and welcome gift will be waiting in your room.

Your lunch will be served on a rice carrier boat in the middle of Inle Lake. The boat has been transformed into a fully equipped ephemeral restaurant. This is an exclusive experience for you to amaze and surprise your loved one. The restaurant boat is catered by service and kitchen boats. The menu includes local appetizers, a choice of several main dishes and special dessert of the day.

Visit the village of Inpawkhone to observe the traditional silk weaving techniques of Inthar people. Inpawkhone is also famous for weaving from lotus flower stems, a laborious process that results in extraordinary quality materials famed throughout the country.

You will also explore a cheroot factory where local Burmese cigars are rolled by hand.

Your romantic experience continues with a wine tasting at the Inle Princess Resort, before enjoying a relaxed quixotic private dinner on the terrace.

Overnight: Inle Princess Resort

Meal Plan: B, L, D

#### Day 5

#### INLE LAKE-IN DEIN-Explore area on foot, visit to Red Mountain Estate Vineyard

Breakfast will be in the privacy of your chalet's terrace overlooking the lake.

This morning, enjoy a private boat trip along a small canal to the Pa-oh village of Indein. Explore the area on foot at your pace, strolling around the village, wandering through the beautiful Alaung Sitthou area. Alaung Sitthou is filled with picturesque ancient stupas and has magnificent views of the lake below.

Located along the beautiful Inle Lake, in the high country Shan State of Myanmar, sits the Red Mountain Estate Vineyards & Winery, which produces the best wines of the country. Since the establishment, the wines have been produced with locally grown grapes. All of the original 400,000 plants were imported from France, Spain and Israel and were specially chosen after experimentations from the French winemaker. The wines are made in the same tradition as the western wines, utilizing all new technologies and modern equipment imported from Italy. Enjoy a session of wine tasting.

A private & romantic candlelit dinner is organised in the Wine Cave at the resort especially for you and your loved one

Overnight: Inle Princess Resort

Meal Plan: B, D

#### Day 6

#### INLE-HEHO-YANGON-Visit to Musmeah Yeshua, private shopping experience at Bogyoke market,

After breakfast you will be transferred by a private charter flight to Yangon.

Venture off the beaten path on a tour of Musmeah Yeshua, the last remaining Jewish synagogue in Myanmar. Built in 1896 to replace an earlier building erected in 1854, the synagogue is a remnant from Myanmar's colonial period.

Explore the Bogyoke Market (also known as Scott Market), known for its colonial architecture and inner cobblestone streets with a private shopper for a special shopping experience. Browse the aisles of handmade goods, looking for the perfect souvenir of your Myanmar holiday.

Before leaving the market, don't miss the opportunity to know what the future holds for you by visiting a famous Myanmar fortune teller, San Zar Ni Bo. He will read your palm and discuss your future.

Enjoy a romantic candle lit dinner at The Strand Grill. A classically trained guitarist in this timeless elegance accompanies delectable dishes for fining dining.

Overnight: The Strand Meal Plan: B, D

#### Day 7

#### **DEPART YANGON**

Your private car and guide will be at your disposal until it's time to be transferred to the airport.