

<u>Myanmar</u> 12 Days Classic Birding Tour

Tour Fact Sheet

Bird Highlight 7 endemic specie White-throated Babbler, Burmese Bushlark,

Jerdon's Minivet, Hooded Treepie, White-browed Nuthatch,

Black browed Tit (Burmese Tit) and new one Mt.Victoria Barbax.

Jerdon's Bushchat,

Habitats Covered Bagan – Semi Desert, scrub, Garden, Open and rice filed

Low land forest

Mt.Victoria – Hill every green forest, mixed oak and rhododendrons. Montane bamboo patches, broad leaf

evergreen forest, Pine forest.

Kalaw - Hill every green forest, mixed oak

Inle lake – Scrub, Water plant, Garden, Glass land

Expected Climate Bagan 25-35 C., Mt. Victoria 5-15 C., Kalaw 20-35 C.

Tour pace & walking Moderate

Accommodation Comfortable hotel & lodges

Photographic Opportunities Excellent

Excellent Month November – March

Fairly Month April – May

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Myanmar Classic Bird Watching Tour

Duration: 12 Days

Destination : Yagon - Bagan - Mt. Victoria - Kalaw - Inle Lake

Expect to see: 250 sp.+

Day 1 : Yangon - Shwedagon Pagoda

The tour starts in Yangon after arriving with a morning flight. We will check in a Hotel and get things settled and organized. After lunch we will be sightseeing downtown Yangon. Those who have not been to Myanmar before will visit the famous **Shwedagon Pagoda** later in the evening.

Meal : D

Overnight: Hotel in Yangon



Day 2 : Yangon > Bagan

We will fly to Bagan in the morning (Direct flight from Yangon) After checking in the hotel and having lunch, those who are tired can have an afternoon siesta. In the evening we will have a short boat ride along the **Irrawaddy River** to look out for Indian Sandlark, Indian Skimmer, Indian River Tern, Blackbellied Tern, Pied Kingfisher, Laggar Falcon and White-tailed Stonechat and Pratincoles along with some water birds.

Meals : B/L/D

Overnight: Sky Palace Hotel Click! (free WiFi)

Day 3 : Bagan

The next day, birding in Bagan will add the endemic **Burmese Bushlark** and **White-throated Babbler**, **White-bellied Minivet**, Spotted Owlet, Rain Quail, Barred Button Quail, Vinous-breasted Starling and another 20-30 species to our list. Those interested in archeology will spend some time, visiting famous temples and pagodas built during the Bagan era about 700-1,100 years ago.

Meals : B/L/D

Overnight: Sky Palace Hotel

Day 4 : Bagan > Mt.Victoria

Early morning we will drive about an hour to a town called Chauk with a 4WD vehicle where we will cross the Irrawaddy River to begin our journey to the Chin Hills. In the lowland forest along the way we will look out for the endemic **Hooded Treepie**, Jerdon's Minivet, Burmese Bushlark, White throated Babbler and other special species such as Alexandrine, Grey-headed, Red-breasted and Blossom-headed Parakeets, White-rumped Falcon, White-eyed Buzzard, White-bellied Woodpeckers, Himalayan Flameback, Babblers, Laughingthrushes, Minivets, Orioles, Chinese Francolin, Red Junglefowl, Green Pigeons and many more. Our destination is to a basic and comfortable Villa in Kanpetlet. Kanpetlet is a town in Chin State, the nearest to central Myanmar. It is situated at 1400 meters south-east of Mt. Victoria which is also called Khaw-nu-thone in Chin and Nat-ma-taung in Myanmar, meaning Mother of Spirits, in both languages. We will spend all Mt. Victoria nights at the Villa where the temperature is cool and pleasant.

Meals : B box / L box / D

Overnight: Pine Wood Villa Click! (no WiFi)

Day 5 - 7 : Mt.Vitcoria

We will be birding in the Nat-ma-taung (Mt. Victoria) National Park which comprises 179 sq. miles and is home to the endemic **White-browed Nuthatch** and **Black browed Tit** (Burmese Tit). Various types of habitats on the mountain such as mixed oak and rhododendrons, Montane bamboo patches, broad leaf evergreen forest, Pine forest, thick secondary growth with tall grass and scrub, semicultivated fields and



grass lands are rich in birds and a number of specialties like Brown-capped Laughing-thrush, Black-headed Shrike Babbler, Grey Sibia, Blue-winged Laughingthrush, Assam Laughingthrush, Striped Laughingthrush, Slender-billed Scimitar Babbler, Spot-breasted Scimitar Babbler, Brown Bush-Warbler, Russet Bush Warbler, Broad-billed Warbler, and Spot-breasted Parrotbill can be found. During our days in Mt. Victoria (Nat-ma-taung) National Park we will be exploring different elevations with different habitats every day. Birds like Grey sided Thrush, Orange flanked Bush Robins, and sometimes, Kalij Pheasants are usually seen on the road when we drive up the mountain every morning. 5 species of Nuthatches are found at 5 different elevations, the White-browed at the highest and the Velvet-fronted at the lowest. Great birds like Blyth's Tragopan and Hume's Pheasant are also a possibility. Rare and colorful birds like Fire tailed Sunbird, Gould's Sunbird, Cutia, Chestnut-tailed Minla, Blue-Winged Minla, Scarlet Finch, Minivets, Robins, and Flycatchers will keep you excited all the time. In fact it was said that, for those who have never been to this area before, there is a new bird in every meter you walk. You can relax the evening with locally brewed Khaungyay and those interested in tradition and culture can take a visit to near by villages which is home to tattoo faced Chin tribes. If you think the thrill is not enough you can climb up to the summit which is 3110 meters high and is about half a day's walk from the highest mortorable place.

Meals : B/L box/D

Overnight: Pine Wood Villa

Day 8 : Mt.Victoria > Bagan

Full day transfer back to Bagan and those who have missed the lowland specialties will have a chance to find it again.

Meals : B/L box/D

Overnight: Sky Palace Hotel

Day 9 : Bagan > Heho Airport > Inle lake

We will take a morning flight which arrives to Heho at approximately 09:30 am. From Heho, we will drive to Inle, which is the second largest lake in Myanmar, the lake of leg rowers, situated in 3000 ft. high Shan Plateau. After checking in to the hotel, we will take a boat ride in the famous Inle Lake. We will be looking out for the Jerdon's Bush chat which is found only in this area. We also have a possibility of seeing Baer's Pochard. Thosewho have missed other water and shore birds earlier in this trip will have a chance to find it here again. We will also have excellent views of Brown headed Gulls and Black headed Gulls following the boat.

Meals : B/L/D

Overnight: Hotel in Inle lake (no WiFi)



Day 10 : Inle > Kalaw

Today we will drive to Kalaw, a beautiful hill station located over 4000 ft above sea level. After checking in a hotel and having lunch, those who are tired can have an afternoon siesta. In the evening, we will look for the birds like Spectacled Barwing, Red faced Liochicla, Silver eared Laughingthrush, White-browed Laughingthrush, White browed and Rusty cheeked Scimiter Babblers, Chesnut Bunting, etc.

Meals : B/L/D

Overnight: Hotel in Kalaw

Day 11 : Kalaw > Yay Aye Kan Reservoir

After a few minutes' drive in the morning, we will walk and start birding on the way to Yay Aye Kan Lake where we will look for Burmese Yuhina, White-browed Laughingthrushes, Grey-headed Parrotbill, Silver breasted and Long-tailed Broadbills, Little Pied Flycatcher, Silver eared Laughingthrush, Dark-backed Sibia, Spectacled Barwing, Green Magpie and Flavescent Bulbul. After lunch at Yay Aye Kan, we will walk back to the car birding along the way.

Meals : B/L/D

Overnight: Hotel in Kalaw

Day 12 : Heho > Yangon

We will fly back to Yangon with a morning flight.

Meals : B

Meals: B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

The Cost in U\$Dollar

Number person	1	2	3	4	5	6
Payment / person	6,075 -	3,650 -	2,830 -	2,670 -	2,370 -	2,200 -

Included:

- High experience bird guide with Telescope
- △ 4WD. private vehicle with gasoline (for Mt. Victoria and 1 4 persons)
- Mini van (for 4 6 persons)
- ≜ Boat trip in Irrawady river, Inle lake
- All Domestic flight ticket
- Meals and water bottle indicate
- ♣ Filed equipment gear
- Parks entrance fee
- ▲ Travel insurance
- Accommodation base share room



Excluded : Single supplements ... U\$D., Travel insurance, Souvenirs, Thai massage, Laundry, Any kind beverage juice, alcoholic, Any kind snack, Extra bed, more overnight

Cancellation Policy and payments:

30% of payment secures the booking.

100% of payment required 14 days before activity

100% cancellation fee applicable if trip/booking/transfer cancelled less than 14 days before trip/booking or transfer.

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Things to bring:

Light walking boots or sports shoes

Long or short trousers and long-sleeved shirt for walking in the forest

Mosquito repellent, Hat, Sunblock

Note: This is original itinerary and the routes and timing may change according to local conditions, but the general content of the trip will remain the same.