



Your Guide Don Lyon

**Day 16 Yangon:** 5:40 PM flight back to Yangon—you'll already be planning your next trip to Bagan. Last chance for sunrise from one of the deserted temples near our country lodge. Our Burmese guide Daniel has so many places to show us and things to tell us about that the two weeks have gone by too quickly. We have one final day in Bagan, then afternoon flight into Yangon where our centrally located Park Royal Hotel will host our final banquet.

**Day 17 (November 23) Flight's Onward:** Morning for your own explorations. Plan for midday flights back to Bangkok or other portal cities en-route home. Thanks for joining me!



Pindaya landscape

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#### GENERAL INFORMATION and CONDITIONS

**RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS:** A \$500US per person deposit and a signed application is required to confirm any reservation. Balance of payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Visa and Mastercard are accepted for deposits.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Minimum cancellation fees, shown below, are in addition to any non-recoverable deposits made to suppliers and are based on the number of days prior to departure that we receive written notice of cancellation. More than 120 days--\$200. 60-120 days--\$500. Less than 60 days--50% of Land Costs or per person fixed operating costs plus non recoverable deposits, whichever is greater. Within 30 days, 100% of Land Costs is forfeited.

**CANCELLED EXPEDITIONS:** Close-Up Expeditions retains the right to cancel any trip which does not have the stated minimum number of participants. Deposits will be refunded. Deposits collected for Expeditions cancelled due to events beyond our control will be refunded minus unrecoverable expenses.

**EXPEDITION COSTS INCLUDE:** unless stated otherwise in the brochure, Accommodations based on two people sharing one room. Meals--table d'hôte breakfasts, Lunch and dinner in local restaurants. Land Transportation by vehicles appropriate to group size, expedition goals and local availability. Sightseeing and Admissions--as indicated in the brochure. Baggage and Personal Equipment: Handling of one medium size suitcase, not to exceed 27" X 21" X 9" (or combined dimensions of 57") and 45 lbs is included. Guides may refuse to carry luggage exceeding these limits. Hand-baggage and camera equipment should be of a size convenient to carry and be kept with you in the van without inconvenience to others, and is entirely the responsibility of the client.

**SMOKING** not permitted in Vehicles and at Meals.

**GUIDE SERVICES & PHOTOGRAPHIC INSTRUCTION:** The services of your CUE leader are included from arrival at the Meeting Point on Day One, terminating on the last day as indicated in the brochure. Photographic advice and instruction is included on a group basis and individually as time permits.

**EXPEDITIONS COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE:** Air transportation, passport, visa and airport fees, inoculations, medical expenses, lunches unless indicated otherwise, and items of a personal nature such as beverages, laundry, tips for special services, excess baggage charges, gratuities to guides and drivers and expenses due to events beyond the control of Close-Up Expeditions.

#### FOR RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:



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## PHOTOGRAPHIC ADVENTURES

# Faces of BURMA

December 1-17, 2012



Padong Girl--Lake Inle

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**Traditional peoples,  
timeless lands with  
local guide Daniel and  
CUE guide Don Lyon.  
Limit 11 photographers.**



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Leg Rower--Lake Inle

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## Our Itinerary

**Day 1 (Dec. 1) Arrive Yangon:** Independent arrivals into Yangon International Airport. You are met by your guide and soon are enjoying the outdoor rooftop pool of the Parkroyal or out exploring the nearby markets for antiques and images.

**Day 2 Around Yangon:** We explore old Rangoon--colonial era gems, Chinatown chaos, stevedores toting 150 lb sacks of rice along the busy quays, reclining Buddhas and the serenity of the Shwedagon Pagoda at dusk. Walk clockwise around the great gold dome to connect with the soul of Burma. **Park Royal--2 nights.**

**Days 3-5 Lake Inle:** 11 AM flight to Heho, Shan highland home of many diverse groups. Soon we are cruising across Inle Lake in a longtail cargo canoe to our **Golden Isles Lodge**--bamboo huts perched on stilts above the water. The Intha people tend floating gardens and fish while standing on one leg, paddling with the other. Markets bring hill tribes and lake dwellers together.

**Day 6-7 Lake Pindaya:** Tucked into some of the most charming countryside in Asia is a beautiful lake with gold capped temples reflecting in the water as villagers come for their morning bath. In the cliffs overhead is a vast cave where thousands of Buddha statues sit quietly contemplating. Pa'O and Taungyi are two of the groups living here. Our simple lodge provides cozy shelter for two nights.

**Days 8-10 Mandalay and environs:** 4 PM flight to the old capital of Mandalay where we spend 3 nights in this graceful old city surrounded by earlier royal cities picturesquely mouldering away. This is the center of Burmese culture. A carved wooded monastery frames saffron robed novices. An old river boat chug chugs us up the Ayerwaddy River to holy Mingun. At U-Bein's Bridge we get just the right angle for the setting sun through the old teak bridge. Sagaing is the center of Buddhist faith. Mango trees, frangipani and bougainvillea brighten the carved stone of the 14th C. Shan capital. Beautiful marble statues are polished by hand nearby. We visit one of the largest teaching monasteries and several Buddhist temples--each is unique and offers wonderful opportunities to meet the gracious Burmese people. **Emerald Land--3 nights.**

**Faces of Burma--**There are those few places on earth that seem to transcend time--Burma is one. Your guide Don Lyon has 30 years experience guiding photographers in Burma. Our local guide, Daniel, excels at making pictures happen. His love of his country and it's people give you a unique window into Burma.

**Transportation** is by stop-anytime, go anywhere Vans and coaches. **Accommodations** range from simple to quite luxurious--always well located for experiencing traditional life. Breakfasts are table d'hôte with lunches and dinners in local restaurants--always excellent.

**17 Day Land Cost**            **\$4590\***

\* with a minimum of seven. Single Supplement \$486. Land Costs include twin accommodation, all meals, ground and air transport within Burma, admissions and the services of Don Lyon and Daniel. International Airfare, visas, airport taxes and Beverages are not included.



Taungyi children at Lake Pindaya

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**Days 11-12 Maymyo Hill Station:** During the Raj, British colonials escaped the heat of Mandalay at mountain resorts where they built Tudor style houses and developed lush gardens reminiscent of Devon and Dorset. Ancient Hansom Cabs driven by descendants of Gurkas ply the streets. Waterfalls and lush flower gardens make this a haven. **Royal Park View--2 nights.**

**Days 13-15 Bagan--Royal city of Temples:** We catch the 5 PM flight to Bagan, resting in the sun along the Irrawady River. Thousands of golden-brick temple domes thrust into the sky--all that is left of a once vast city that saw Kubla Khan's armies demanding entrance in the 16th C. Incredibly picturesque, especially at sunrise and sunset, Bagan will forever be etched on your mind. Most temples house statues of the Buddha or frescoes from the 15th C. Here is the center for exquisite laquerware--antique betel boxes are treasures. We spend a long day exploring the countryside, visiting Mt. Popa--home of the Nats and the old wooden monastery at Sale. Our riverside hotel nestles under ancient Acacia trees, hosts to orchids and tropical birds. **Thante Lodge--3 nights.**