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JOURNEYS BEYOND

Featuring Makara Queen

The **JOURNEYS BEYOND** program offers high-quality, authentic experiences that take travelers to places beyond the ordinary, to inspire and to provide life-long memories and immersive, enriching experiences. Well priced cruise options are offered with pre- and post- cruise stays that offer a variety of inclusions and great value.

Take an expedition through the history of Myanmar and discover the country's rich culture and charming traditions. Aboard the Makara Queen you'll pass an evocative array of local scenery, including dense jungle-clad riverbanks, grand gorges and endless rice paddies. You'll also get intimate glimpses of the traditional rural life that plays out along the riverbanks.



MAKARA QUEEN

- 48 guests in 22 staterooms and 2 suites
- 32 crew members
- Launched in 1998
- Refurbished in 2015
- Length – 202 ft., width – 33.5 ft.
- Country of Registry: Myanmar

LIFE ON BOARD

- Intimate ship with casual on board atmosphere
- Open-seating dining
- Choice of traditional and western cuisine
- Cooking classes
- Personalized service
- Live onboard entertainment
- Welcome and Farewell receptions
- Enrichment lecturers offer immersive talks and informal chats to share insight into regional food, culture, history and traditions
- Makara Spa and Swimming pool on board
- Cinema
- Laundry service available at an additional cost
- Nature viewing and sun lounging on the Sun Deck
- Gratuities are not included in your fare

CUSTOMER ATTRIBUTES

- Active professionals
- Retirees and semi-retirees
- Experienced travelers
- Adventure seekers
- Looking for cultural and spiritual experience
- Those traveling with friends and peer groups

EXPERIENCE

- Truly immersive Myanmar cultural experience
- Highly experiential itineraries with unique insight into life along the Irrawaddy and Chindwin Rivers
- Local destination experts taking care of all your sightseeing arrangements

VOYAGE INCLUSIONS

- All meals on board
- All-inclusive shore excursions covering all entrance fees
- English speaking guides escorting groups of no more than 20-24 guests
- Cultural performances on board



ACCOMMODATION

There are 22 luxurious staterooms and 2 suites on board individually decorated with traditional handicrafts and sculptures and featuring Myanmar silk and linens.

Deluxe Staterooms – 280 square feet

Each stateroom has a private balcony, floor to ceiling windows, bathroom with a shower, twin beds that convert to queen bed, satellite TV, air conditioning, complimentary bottled water, tea and coffee maker, mini-bar, safe box, bathrobes and slippers, hair dryer and eco-friendly bath amenities.

Suites – 390 square feet

Each suite features 2 private balconies, floor to ceiling windows, king-size bed, satellite TV, air conditioning, bathroom with shower, L'Occitane toiletries, safe, bathrobes and slippers, hair dryer, complimentary bottled water, welcome fruit basket, tea and coffee maker, mini-bar and a safe.

DINING

Makara Queen's restaurant serves both international and local cuisine. Locally grown organic and sustainable ingredients are used, ensuring only the freshest ingredients reach the client's plate. Breakfast is served buffet style, and for lunch and dinner we offer à la carte menu.

DESTINATION/ITINERARIES

Irrawaddy River

With a total length of 1,348 miles (2,170 km), the Ayeyarwady River is considered the lifeline of Myanmar. Also known as the Irrawaddy, this majestic waterway has been used since the 6th century for trade and transport. One of the world's most fascinating ecosystems, the Ayeyarwady is home to the rare and endangered Irrawaddy river shark and the famous Irrawaddy Dolphin.

The stretch between Mandalay and Bagan is rich in cultural and historical treasures, including several former royal capitals. The destinations we visit provide a deeper understanding of this fascinating country.

- 4 days Bagan to Mandalay or reverse – visiting: Shwe Pyi Thar Village, Yandabo Village and Sagaing
- 7 days Mandalay to Pyay – visiting: Sagaing, Yandabo, Bagan, Magwe, Minha and Thayet Myo
- 8 days Pyay to Mandalay – visiting: Thayet Myo, Minhla, Magwe, Bagan, Yandabo and Sagaing

Chindwin River

Discover the untouched and remote beauty of Myanmar along the Chindwin River, the largest tributary of the Irrawaddy River. The Chindwin is 750 miles long and 621 miles are accessible by the Makara Queen. Dense jungles, high cliffs and deep gorges are filled with tranquil villages and ancient towns.

These itineraries are available on a charter basis only. Due to the low water levels, these itineraries only operate during the July to October season.

- 7 days Monywa to Homalin or reverse – visiting: Phowin Taung Caves, Kanee, Mingkin, Mawlaik, Sitthaung and Toungdoot
- 8 days Kalewa to Homalin or reverse – visiting: Mawlaik, Kindat, Sitthaung, Toungdoot, Khamti and Nagalang

OPTIONAL LAND PROGRAMS available pre or post cruise

Land programs are flexible and can be customized based on client's requirements.

- Yangon (formerly known as Rangoon) – the largest city in Myanmar and a former capital city offering a mix of British colonial architecture, modern high-rises and gilded Buddhist pagodas including the famous Shwedagon Paya.
- Yangon and Inle Lake – second largest lake in Myanmar, fringed by marshes and floating resorts, where stilt-house villages and Buddhist temples rise above the water, and Intha fishermen propel their boats along with their leg-rowing technique.
- Ngapali Beach – Myanmar's premier beach getaway which maintains a laid back fishing village vibe.

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