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# Myanmar (Burma) & India

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Travel through Myanmar to experience its fascinating past and intriguing present. Journey into mangrove forests of India's Sundarbans region, where Seacology is helping build a wildlife rescue center.

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# Myanmar (Burma)



## Bagan

Take to the skies in a hot air balloon to marvel at the Plain of Temples, a sprawling collection of ancient Buddhist temples and pagodas, built over seven centuries ago. More than 2,000 of the of the original 10,000 structures remain, enduring as impressive relics of the ancient city of Bagan, the center of the Pagan Kingdom.

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Thiripyitsaya Sanctuary Resort

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## Yangon (Rangoon)

With four-million people, Yangon is Myanmar's largest city and its former capital. Stay in the Kandawgyi Palace Hotel, tour the National Museum to see relics of Myanmar's past, and visit the Shwedagon Pagoda, an acient 300-foot gilded structure dominating the city skyline considered to be the most sacred of all Buddhist pagodas in Myanmar.



Shwedagon Pagoda

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## Inle Lake

Relax at the Inle Resort and soak in the serenity of Inle lake, where local Inthas fish and cultivate rows of floating gardens.



# Mandalay



Hotel Red Canal

hotelredcanal.com

Located along the Irrawaddy river, Mandalay is Myanmar's second-largest city, home to the Shwenandaw Monastery, an intricately-carved wooden temple. Visit Mandalay's Kuthodaw Pagoda to see the "world's largest book," a stunning collection of hundreds of stupas, each housing a single page of Buddhist scriptures engraved on five foot tall marble slabs. Stay at the Hotel Red Canal.



Kuthodaw Pagoda



Shwenandaw Monestary



Mahamuni Pagoda

# India

## Sundarbans

Visit India's Sundarban region, a sprawling delta home to the world's largest mangrove forest, and habitat for the Royal Bengal Tiger. Seacology is helping build a wildlife rescue and natural history center in the Sunderbans in exchange for the planting and protection of 741 acres of mangrove forest. We will attend the opening of the new center which will enable park rangers to rescue and rehabilitate injured wildlife.



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## Kolkata (Calcutta)

Spend two nights in Kolkata in the Oberoi Grand, one of the best hotels in India. With its blend of classical Victorian and traditional Indian style architecture, the Oberoi Grand is like Kolkata itself: a blend of old and new.



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Oberoi Grand Hotel

# TRAVEL ITINERARY

- Day 1 Arrive in **Kolkata (Calcutta), India**, be met and transferred from the airport to Oberoi Grand Hotel. (October 31)
- Day 2 Guided tour of **Kolkata**. Stay at the Oberoi Grand Hotel.
- Day 3 Leave Kolkata and catch a boat to Bali Island in **the Sunderbans**. Check in to Sunderbans Jungle Camp and attend opening of Seacology's wildlife rescue center.
- Day 4 Take a boat safari through the Sunderbans reserve, then return to Gadkhali Jetty in the afternoon and drive back to **Kolkata**. Check back in to the Oberoi Grand.
- Day 5 Fly from Kolkata to **Yangon, Myanmar**. (Flight time: 1.5 hrs) Check in to the Kandawgyi Palace Hotel and explore the city, including the gilded Shwedagon Pagoda.
- Day 6 Fly from Yangon to **Bagan**. Check in to the Thiripyitsaya Sanctuary Resort. Start exploration of Plain of Temples, one of Asia's most impressive sights.



- Day 7 Take a hot air balloon ride to marvel at **Bagan's** thousands of ancient pagodas. Stay at the Thiripyitsaya Sanctuary Resort.
- Day 8 Fly from Bagan to **Mandalay**. Check in to the Hotel Red Canal. Visit the Shwendaw Monastery
- Day 9 Explore **Mandalay**. Visit the Mahamuni Pagoda and enjoy the panorama from Mandalay Hill.
- Day 10 Fly to **Inle Lake** and check in to the Inle Resort for a day of relaxation.
- Day 11 Take a boat ride in **Inle Lake** and visit its floating gardens and markets. Stay at the Inle Resort.
- Day 12 Fly to **Yangon** and check into the Kandawgyi Palace Hotel. Sight-seeing, shopping, and farewell dinner.
- Day 13 After breakfast, **tour ends**. (November 12)

## BOOK YOUR SPOT

Reservations can be made with a deposit of 50% of the per person cost. These deposits less a \$500 per person cancellation fee are 100% refundable up to May 15, 2013, after which deposits are not refundable. Final nonrefundable payments due August 15, 2013. Payments can be made by check made out to Seacology, or by an American Express, Mastercard, or Visa credit card. A surcharge of 4% will be applied to credit card payments.

Double-Occupancy	\$6,500/person
Single-Occupancy	\$8,750/person

To make a reservation, please contact:

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*Price includes business class flight from Kolkata to Yangon, domestic flights throughout Myanmar as outlined in itinerary above, an English-speaking guide throughout the trip, daily breakfast, ten lunches, eight dinners, boat rental for Inle Lake excursion, sunset boat cruise and hot air balloon ride in Bagan, entrance fees, \$100 per person carbon offset donation, and a Seacology project site visit. Price does not include travel insurance, entry visas (where applicable), personal expenses, drinks, or tips. (We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance.) The flight between Calcutta and Yangon is the only international flight included in the price.*



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