

# A ROYAL EVENING

Experiences | Mandalay



## OVERVIEW

Start the evening with a traditional Myanmar dinner set at Daung Lann Gyi, a restaurant that's extremely popular with Mandalay residents and unique in the sense that most dishes are served on large drum-like tray. Finish with a stringed puppet performance at a theatre founded by a group of professional artists whose ambition is to revive this dying art once popular with royalty.



### PACE

Medium



### TOUR PERIOD

Full day



## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Dine at one of the city's most popular traditional restaurants.
- Attend a marionette performance, with expertly trained puppeteers retelling some of Myanmar's most famous myths and legends.
- Help to support the people behind the revival of a dying traditional art.
- Feel like royalty as your chauffeured to and from the venues in a private vehicle.



## **ITINERARY IN DETAIL**

Transfer from your hotel (or a destination of your choosing) at approximately 18:30 to Daung Lann Gyi, a restaurant that serves traditional Myanmar cuisine on large, drum-like circular trays.

Before tables and chairs, it was common for Myanmar people to gather around trays such as these with close friends and family, pile on top a mountain of food (grilled fish, curries, salads, soup and rice) and eat using only their hands. With nothing to separate the food, it was common for the items to mix together, with the soup usually being slurped up at the very end. Nowadays, the dishes are separated by smaller bowls and come with spoons for eating and serving; this may sound a little diluted but the communal feel of the meal is still the same. With generous portions sizes and a menu packed with mouth-watering Myanmar culinary classics, this really is a dining experience fit for a King (or Queen!).

*Note: Unless requested otherwise, the cost of dinner is not included.*

Conclude the evening in style with a marionette performance at a small theatre located close to the south side of Mandalay's palace walls.

Elaborate operas performed using hand-carved wooden stringed puppets were once a popular art form in Myanmar, especially among royal circles and those of a higher class. Often lasting a whole night, the performers would recreate traditional tales to the backing of drums, brass gongs, harps, oboes and bamboo flutes. Although modern day performances are nowhere near as long or lavish, the team at the cosy Mandalay Marionette Theatre have done a great job of condensing the best parts and keeping one of Myanmar's oldest forms of traditional entertainment alive.

Your royal carriage awaits; return to your hotel (or a destination of your choosing) in the comfort of a private vehicle.



### **INCLUSIONS**

- Transportation to/from hotel in an air-conditioned vehicle (driver only)
- Entrance fee to Mandalay Marionette theatre performance



### **EXCLUSIONS**

- Dinner at Daung Lann Gyi (reservation only)
- Guide
- Any services not mentioned



## **NOTES**

- Dinner at Daung Lann Gyi is not included (reservation only). If you would prefer for us to book a set menu on your behalf, please advise and we would be more than happy to factor the cost of this into the quotation.
- The driver will be on standby until the end of the marionette performance. Should you wish to continue using the car after this, a surcharge will apply.

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