

MANDALAY TEASHOP CRAWL

Experiences | Mandalay



OVERVIEW

Using a rickshaw to hop from place to place, this shared four-hour tour will provide an 'off the beaten track' taste of local life as well as the city's favourite street snacks.



PACE

Easy going



TOUR PERIOD

Half day (morning)



HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by rickshaw, a leisurely way to take in the passing suburban scenes
- Who needs breakfast at a hotel when you have a menu of fish broth soup, pancakes, samosas, Mandalay salad, Shan noodles and numerous sweet snacks to look forward to?
- Learn about the preparation techniques and secrets behind this simple yet delicious food
- Sit back and relax as your rickshaw driver pedals you from place to place
- Experience the myriad flavours with other likeminded travellers



ITINERARY IN DETAIL

Meet your guide or driver in the hotel lobby, or a place of your choosing, at approximately 07:30 this morning (confirmation of this will be provided the day before by Tour Mandalay, the hotel or your guide).

No need for breakfast; we plan to eat enough food to keep your hunger at bay until at least dinner.

Before starting the tour, convene with your guide (a different guide will lead the tour), rickshaw driver and the rest of the group at Grasshopper Adventure's Mandalay office.

NOTE: Tour Mandalay outsource this experience to Grasshopper Adventures. We've worked with them for as long as they've operated in Myanmar and regard them to be the best adventure outfitter in the country.

Having been introduced to your rickshaw driver and made yourself comfortable in your designated chariot (rickshaw), we'll pedal out into the bustling and colourful streets of Mandalay. To protect you from the central region's unforgiving sun, each guest will receive a traditional-style bamboo hat, which also doubles up as a souvenir.

Sticking to the quiet(er), leafy backstreets of the eastern suburbs, we'll stop at a variety of street stalls, "pop up" morning restaurants and teashops. The aim is simple and that's to sample the best snacks Mandalay has to offer.

Ranging from Myanmar classics to Mandalay exclusives, the mouth-watering hop-on-hop-off menu features the likes of mohinga (a tastier than it sounds, fish broth soup), pancakes, samosas, Mandalay salad, Shan noodles and numerous sweet snacks. As we eat, Grasshopper Adventure's resident food enthusiast will divulge some techniques and secrets behind these mouth-watering delights.

NOTE: Apart from the mohinga restaurant (fish is a crucial ingredient), most of the stops will be able to cater for vegetarians.

To help wash it all down and to give your jaws a rest from all the eating, we'll swing by one of the city's local markets to enjoy a freshly pressed fruit juice.

As a rough approximation, the tour will end back at the Grasshopper Adventure's Mandalay office around noon. Here, you will reconvene with your Tour Mandalay guide and proceed with the afternoon's arrangements.



INCLUSIONS

- Transportation to/from hotel in an air-conditioned vehicle
- English speaking tour guide (for other languages, please enquire)
- A culinary rickshaw ride with Grasshopper Adventures
- Drinking water and hand towel



EXCLUSIONS

- Mandalay zone fee
- Accommodation
- Anything not mentioned



NOTES

- This is a shared tour; it will run with a maximum of 10 people.
- The local eateries featured on this tour have been tried and tested by Grasshopper Adventures many times.
- You'll be outside for most of this tour, so we'd recommend applying some sun cream beforehand; depending on the time of year, it starts to heat up as early as 09:00.
- A supplementary fee may apply on certain days – Tour Mandalay will inform you of this beforehand.

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