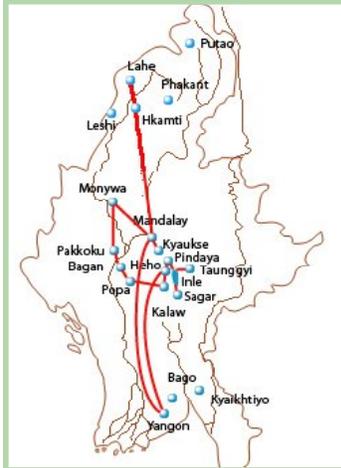


## 5 Days / 4 Nights . Naga Festival Tour



**Tour Code:** FST- 07

**Activities:** Cultural, Festival, Hilltribes, Sightseeing, Nature

**Destination Covered:** Yangon, Mandalay, Momlin, Htamanti, Leshi

**Overview:** A special visit to Naga Festival organized by government assigned tour operator. Naga were the hidden warriors living along Myanmar-India border. The tour combined with major tourist destinations of Myanmar including Yangon, Mandalay, Bagan and Inle using air, land and water transports proportionally.

### Detail Itinerary

#### **Day-01 (12 Jan'09): Yangon - Mandalay - Hkamti - Sinthe Village - Lahe (Lunch/ Dinner)**

Your flight leaves Yangon Airport to fly to Hkamti via Mandalay. More visitors come on board at Mandalay and the plane leaves for Hkamti, the nearest air terminal to Lahe. At Hkamti a welcoming committee waits for you and conducts you to the jetty. Cross the Chindwin river, one of the major tributaries of the mighty Ayeyarwaddy to Sinthe Village. Enjoy Lunch and refreshments at Sinthe village before continuing to Lahe by light air truck. Arrive at Lahe and check-in to your accommodations built of local materials. Dinner and rest for the night.

#### **Day-02 (12 Jan'09): Yangon - Mandalay - Hkamti - Sinthe Village - Lahe (Breakfast / Lunch/ Dinner)**

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#### **Day-03 (13 Jan'09): Lahe (Breakfast/ Lunch/ Dinner)**

Optional trekking and visits to nearby villages and see the Naga people in their daily lives. Lunch boxes shall be provided at the reception and information counter. Take rest and have a nice sleep at Traditional House.

#### **Day-04 (14 Jan'09): Lahe (Breakfast/ Lunch/ Dinner)**

The traditional Naga Ceremonial Pole will be erected at the festival grounds and various Naga clans in their traditional costumes will be there to participate. Explore on your own the villages in the vicinity or Lahe.

#### **Day-05 (15 Jan'09): Lahe (Breakfast/ Lunch/ Dinner)**

The Opening Ceremony of the Naga New Year



begins on the festival grounds early in the morning. Enjoy the traditional New Year Food and rice wine with the Naga community elders. At the end of the ceremony, dance competitions by the troupes from various Naga villages and sport events will start. Finally in the evening a large bonfire shall be lit and everybody takes part in welcoming the Naga New Year dance around the bonfire.

**Day-06 (16 Jan'09): Lahe - Hkamti - Mandalay (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

After breakfast, drive back to Khamti to fly back to Mandalay. Transfer to hotel in Mandalay. Early evening free at leisure. Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Mandalay.

**Day 07 (17 Jan'09): Mandalay - Amarapura - Mandalay (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

Early morning arrive at Mandalay - the capital of Myanmar Last Dynasty. Meet and transfer to the hotel. After fresh-up, sightseeing to Amarapura, an ancient capital built by the advice of astrologers and U Bein Bridge - 1.2 km long over 200 years old wooden bridge; Mahagandaryone Monastery, where one may observe the daily life of the monks studying Buddha's scriptures and Silk weaving home cottage. Lunch at the local restaurant and proceed visiting to Mandalay Palace , Shwenandaw Monastery - noted for its exquisite wood carvings, Atumashi Monastery, Kuthodaw Pagoda-known as the world biggest book, and evening enjoy the sunset view from the Mandalay Hill. Dinner at the local restaurant and day end.

**Day 08 (18 Jan'09): Mandalay - Mingun - Sagaing - Mandalay (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

After breakfast at the hotel, visit to Mingun where the world largest ringing bell exist. Sightseeing Pahtodawgyi unfinished Pagoda, Mingun Bell, Myatheindan Pagoda, Home for the aged and environs scene. Lunch at local restaurant. After that sightseeing to Sagaing Hill, known as the center of meditation. Visit Kaungmudaw Pagoda, an enormous dome shaped pagoda built in 16th century: and Pottery and Silver-Smith Workshops. Watch the sunset and the panoramic view of the surrounding country sight from Sagaing Hill. And then drive back to Mandalay Evening dinner at a local restaurant and overnight at the hotel in Mandalay .

**Day 09 (19 Jan'09): Mandalay - Monywa (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

Start your day with breakfast at the Hotel. After breakfast at hotel, drive to Monywa, a busy trading cities of the upper Myanmar , about (150 km-4hrs) to the west of Mandalay and a commercial center of Chindwin Valley . Then sightseeing to Monywa Places of interest are: Thanbokde Pagoda - 8465 small stupas are rising up to richly decorated central stupa, which is reminding a bit of Borobudur in Java. A domed with over 500,000 Buddhas images; Bodhi-tahtaung (one thousand sacred trees) with a thousand Buddha images sitting at the foot of each tree and enjoy the view from Aung Setkaya Pagoda, standing 130 meter high on the Pa Khaung Hills; Ledi Kyaungtaik, a teaching monastery where Buddhist scriptures are inscribed on 806 stone slabs: and Kyaukka Village, known for its own distinctive kind of lacquer ware. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Monywa.





**Day 10 (20 Jan'09): Monywa - Pakokku - Bagan (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

Start your day with breakfast at the Hotel. After breakfast at hotel, depart to Pakkoku by coach. Visit to Phoe Win Hill and Shwe Ba Hill, the caves named after U Hpo Win famous alchemist who once live there: and feature various beautiful fine murals and Buddha images, some of them dating as far back as the 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> century. Mostly the one with the smaller entrances. Most of the over 200,000 large and small caves exhibit the Inwa (Ava) style from the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century. Right next to Phoe Win Hill, Shwe Ba Hill, large temple-like caves, with very colorful entrances were cut into the sandstone in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Amazing are the log stairways with the straight tall walls leading down to the complex. Lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, drive to Pakkoku. Visit Pakkhangyi Kyaung Monastery and Pakokku Market. Then take a boat trip to Bagan crossing the mighty Ayeyarwady River . In the evening arrive at Bagan. Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at the hotel in Bagan, the city of first Myanmar Empire..

**Day 11 (21 Jan'09): Bagan (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

After breakfast, full day sightseeing to Nyaung Oo Market, Shwezigon Pagoda - built by King Anawrahta in the early 11th century as a religious shrine; Wetkyi-In Gubyaukkyi, a temple with exquisite murals of Jataka scenes; Htilominlo Temple - the largest temples of Bagan and Ananda Temple - King Kyansittha's masterpiece and the crowning achievement

of the early style temple of architecture. Lunch at local restaurant. After lunch, continue to Dhamanyangyi Temple was built by King Narathu in 1167 (12th century) and not finished but it displayed the finest brickwork in Bagan; Manuha Temple - built by King Manuhar from Thaton, Nanphaya and Myinkabar Gubyaukgyi Temple - known for its wall painting depicting scenes from the Jataka. Dinner with Puppet Show at the local restaurant. Overnight at hotel in Bagan, Burma's ancient city and living treasure house of Buddhist architectural beauties.

(Remarks: Sunrise Watching Tour in Bagan is not included in our itinerary and prices. Additional charges are mentioned if you choose as an optional. Please see detail extra cost.)

**Day 12 (22 Jan'09): Bagan - Popa - Kalaw (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

Start your day with breakfast at the Hotel. After breakfast at hotel, drive to Kalaw. On the way, visit to Mount Popa, the abode of nats (spirits), situated 40 miles southeast of Bagan. Sightseeing Mount Popa and environs. Lunch at a restaurant in Meikhtila. Then, proceed to Kalaw - a small hill station with numbers of old colonial style British built buildings. Evening arrive at Kalaw. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Kalaw.

(Remark: Bagan- Kalaw land route is roughly and bumpy, but some visitors like for adventure and take this route, some don't use for their convenience. We arrange the optional B program with flight instead of driving to Kalaw. So if you are not in good physical state or



strong enough to ride 9 hrs rough journey by car we recommend you to choose Optional B program. Please see detail Optional B program.)

**Day 13 (23 Jan'09): Kalaw - Pindaya - Inle (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

Start your day with breakfast at the Hotel. After breakfast in hotel, drive to Pindaya - a small quiet town, famous for it's thousand of Buddha Images deposited inside the caves centuries of years ago. Visit Pindaya caves, traditional Shan paper making, pottery and umbrella making villages. Lunch at local restaurant. After lunch, proceed to Nyaung Shwe - a small town located at the entrance of Lake Inle . And then boat transfer to the hotel. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Inle Lake .

**Day 14 (24 Jan'09): Inle (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

Start your day with breakfast at the Hotel. After breakfast, boat trip to Inle Lake , the second biggest lake in Myanmar , famous for its unique leg rollers. Tour highlights is visit to Floating Market (can available see on the market days only which is hold on every five days), Ngaphechaung Monastery, one of the oldest monasteries on the lake and well know for its jumping cats, floating gardens in Kay La village, famous wish-fulfilling Phaungdaw Oo Pagoda, Inpawkhone Village - famous for its silk weaving handloom; blacksmith shop at Se' Kaung village and traditional cigar making (Cheroot Factory). Lunch at the local

restaurant. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Inle Lake .

**Day 15 (25 Jan'09): Inle - Heho - Yangon (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

Start your day with breakfast at the Hotel. After breakfast, leave Inle for Heho by coach. After that, flight back to Yangon by domestic flight. Meet & transfer to hotel. On the way visit to Loka Chantha Abhayalabhamuni Buddha Image (Marble Buddha) which is being carved from over 600 tons white marble rock of 37 feet long. Lunch at local restaurant. After lunch, visit Myanmar famous Gems, Jade & Jewellery workshop. Evening take a walk to China Town where can see the many vendors along the sidewalk & can buy the variety of Myanmar products. Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight at hotel in Yangon .

**Day 16 (26 Jan'09): Yangon - Departure (Breakfast/ Lunch)**

Start your day with breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast, visit to Strand Jetty and see the daily life of the people along the Yangon River; and and Botataung Pagoda - the landmark of Yangon 's waterfront. Lunch at local restaurant. After lunch, visit to Bogyoke Market used to called Scott Market, the largest market in Yangon with time to browse among the hundreds of stalls for souvenir bargains, arts & crafts souvenir shopping center before transfer to airport for flight back home.

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