



River Cruise Discovering the Soul of Myanmar
7-nights Koh Samui, Thailand
7-nights Mandalay River Cruise Myanmar

7 night stay in Koh Samui

Staying at The Anantara Samui Resort

Cruising on The Irrawaddy River

Embark at 10.30am

7 nights cruising

Mandalay, Ava, Bagan, Mingun and Maymyo

Where the Voyage never ends

Koh Samui



Belmond Road to Mandalay



Myanmar



Anantara Resort Samui

About Koh Samui

Koh Samui is Thailand's second largest island renowned for its palm fringed pristine white sandy beaches, coconut groves, mountainous rainforest, turquoise waters adorned with luxurious resorts and spas. The island is often frequented by famous Thai movie stars and boasts an incredible nightlife with something for all tastes. Ang Thong National Marine Park is a majestic archipelago of 42 tropical forest covered islands which occupy some 250 sq km in the Gulf of Thailand. 40 of the islands are a protect National Park which is home to 16 species of mammals like otters, langurs, crab-eating monkeys, hogs, silver haired bats, dolphins, and whales ,54 species of birds, 15 species of reptiles and 5 species of frogs. The waters are home to butterfly fish, angel fish, parrot fish, blue-spotted fantail rays, blacktip reef sharks, snappers, groupers and are a breeding ground for mackerel. A must-visit for snorkeling and kayaking fans.

Hidden away in the tranquil rainforest hills of Samui you will find the Secret Buddha Gardens which comprise of an astonishing collection of statues, depicting many animals, deities and humans in various poses. Fisherman's Village is a historical p of Bophut, flush with rustic old buildings and full of trendy restaurants and boutique stores. The village is a hive of activity with visitors from all over the island flocking to shop and dine. It also has a great night market that you may wish to hang around to explore. Namuang Waterfalls climb 80 metres, pouring into natural pools where you can relax and swim. For safari lovers you will enjoy the elephant trekking and for those that want to climb the mountain on a 4x4, you enjoy breath-taking panoramic views. The park is an action-packed fun-filled day with animal shows and serves lunch.

Elephant Sanctuary is set on 10 acres of forest land that is home to retired elephants who have worked exhausting hours in the tourism and logging industries. You can get up close with these gentle giants and feed them or you can simply watch them socialize and bathe in a peaceful environment. Big Buddha is one of the islands most impressive landmarks and difficult to miss as its 12-metres tall. It has a stairway flanked by a mythological serpent names Naga leading up to the viewing platform with panoramic views of the surrounding beaches and the island of Koh Pha Ngan.





The Anantara Koh Samui Resort

Your 7-night stay at the Anantara Koh Samui is a tropical playground of adventure and tranquility. Low-rise shingled buildings overlook a central lily pond and palms, and a wide stretch of golden sands fronts the resort. Nearby is Fisherman's Village where you can delve into laid-back island life.

The resort is surrounded by coconut trees, lush green gardens, and great views of the Gulf of Thailand, the perfect destination for couples and families to relax.

Accommodation

Choose from a selection of units according to your travelling party size:

Luxury Studio Villa (Up to 3 persons)
150m living space with a King-size bed, Outdoor dining table with 2 seats, fully equipped kitchen with Refrigerator, Microwave; 2 ring electric hob, Coffee plunger and gourmet tea selection, Rice Cooker, Electric Kettle, Electric Toaster, Combination washer dryers, Private terrace with seating area, Private outdoor swimming pool, Dual vanity stations, Outdoor sunken bathtub, Separate indoor and outdoor rain shower.

Luxury Studio Villa (Up to 6 person)
150m living space, Master bedroom with King-size bed, Second bedroom with twin beds, Dining table with 4 seats, fully equipped kitchen with Refrigerator Microwave, ring electric hob, Coffee plunger and gourmet tea selection, Rice Cooker, Electric Kettle, Electric Toaster, Combination washer dryers, Private terrace with seating area, Private outdoor swimming pool, Rain shower and bathtub in Master Bathroom, Second Bathroom with rain shower.

The resort offers a range of activities, from beachside yoga classes, a state-of-the-art fitness centre with personal trainers and watersports. For those that just want to relax, the white powder sand beaches provide the perfect setting to take in the natural beauty of the island.

The Road to Mandalay

Explore ancient temples and bustling villages as you journey between Mandalay and Bagan. Travel in Myanmar becomes a timeless adventure with Belmond Road to Mandalay.

Includes: Seven nights aboard the Belmond Road to Mandalay luxury river cruise, All meals aboard the ship: buffet breakfast, lunch and table d'hôte dinner featuring both eastern and western menus, Beverages, including local beer and house wine with lunch and dinner, Onboard activities such as expert lectures and presentations, longyi-tying demonstrations, sunrise yoga sessions, meditation classes and cookery demonstrations, Fully-qualified resident doctor, Guided tours of Mandalay, Ava, Bagan, Mingun and Maymyo, Early almsgiving ceremony and village tour, Visit to Ananda temple and a torchlight tour of a rarely-seen pagoda, A full-day excursion to Mt Popa, including lunch at a nearby resort.

Aboard Belmond Road to Mandalay, dining promises to be a highlight. Evocative menus whisk you through Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia, India and more. Enjoy cozy dinners below deck, alfresco cocktails by the pool and tender grilled meats hot off the barbeque. Our Piano Bar is perfect for a lively nightcap.

Local materials and artistry are reflected in every cabin of this luxury cruise ship. Sumptuous furnishings, air conditioning and en suites with handmade soaps ensure a comfortable stay. Windows line one side, putting you front row for the theatre of river life: watch the sun arc over the horizon and birds swoop low across the water.

Irrawaddy River Cruise (7-Nights)

STATE CABIN

Number of cabins: 18 | Area: 23m² (247ft²) | Bed: double bed / two single beds

The Belmond Road to Mandalay has 18 state cabins with an area of 23 m² as well as double / twin beds. What passengers can experience is the elegant, spacious and relaxing relaxation room in a modern style, complemented with traditional Burmese furniture. All cabins are equipped with first-class facilities, including air conditioning and a private bathroom with luxurious shower accessories.

DELUXE CABIN

Number of cabins: 16 | Area: 18m² (193ft²) | Bed: two single beds

The Belmond Road to Mandalay has 16 deluxe cabins with an area of 18 m², each with a double bed / single beds. When passengers enter the cabins, they experience an extremely comfortable, elegant resting place with a traditional approach through the luxury furniture made by local artisans. All cabins are air conditioned and have first class facilities, a private bathroom and grand windows with excellent views.

SUPERIOR CABIN

Number of cabins: 4 | Area: 11m² (118ft²) | Bed: two single beds

The Belmond Road to Mandalay offers 4 superior cabins with an area of 11 m² each. The room has two beds and is decorated with traditional Burmese-style silks. The large window offers a fantastic view of the river. Everything offers the best feeling of relaxation for the passengers.



Day 1:

You will check-in at Bistro 82 in Mandalay's bustling centre for lunch, a sensation for the tastebuds, brimming with local flavours and traditional dishes. There are two tour options for the afternoon.

Option 1: Immerse yourself within the artisanal heart of the city with a visit to the marble quarter and a bronze casting workshop, before admiring the breathtaking beauty of U Bein Bridge. The teak pillars which form the foundation of the bridge were seconded by the then mayor of the time from the ruins of the Inwa Royal Palace in Amarapura, the former capital of Burma. Built to pave safe passage across the lake for residents, it is reported to be the oldest and longest teak wood bridge in the world which remarkably still stands strong to this day. Retreat to the Sagaing Hills and visit a hilltop nunnery before transferring to Myin Mu to meet the ship.

Option 2: Head to Mandalay's Htin-Win Jetty with your guide for an afternoon aboard a chartered riverboat. Savour champagne and refreshments as you cruise to meet Belmond Road to Mandalay at Myin Mu. Once on board, enjoy a sumptuous dinner in the elegant restaurant. You will enjoy a mesmerizing 7-nights-8-day journey through the enchanting heart of Myanmar, aboard the finest ship of its kind. Your voyage includes your luxurious cabin, all meals aboard the ship, comprising of a buffet breakfast, lunch and Table d'hôte dinner featuring Eastern and Western menus. Beverages including local beer and house wines, served with lunch and dinner. Onboard activities such as expert lectures, longyi-tying demonstrations, yoga, meditation, and cooking demonstrations. Choice of fascinating tours, and exclusive excursions to local villages along the ships journey. The fare includes all service charges.

Day 2: Myin Mu

After a scrumptious breakfast, the ship's guides will accompany you on a morning visit to the village monastery and take part in a traditional almsgiving ceremony, then board trishaws for a tour of the town. Myin Mu boasts a vibrant local market, peppered with tea shops and traditional treasures. Back on board, enjoy an array of onboard activities including a community presentation from Dr Tun and a thanaka and longyi-tying demonstration. Alternatively, indulge in a spa treatment, or relax by the pool as you sail past the terracotta pots at Yandabo. You are invited to a longyi cocktail party this evening followed by dinner in the restaurant. A spectacular surprise on the river sparks a magical end to the evening.

Day 3: Bagan

Enjoy a great start to the day with a yoga session then a hearty breakfast as the ship sets sail for Bagan. Bagan in central Myanmar is one of the world's greatest archaeological sites, a sight to rival Machu Picchu or Angkor Wat. Rising from the green canopy are hundreds of temples, built by the Bagan Kings between 1057 and 1287, when Kublai Khan and his invading Mongols swept away their kingdoms. Just over half of the temples have survived and are magnificently preserved and restored by UNSECO. Many of them contains statues of Buddha, carvings, and frescoes, a must-see on your journey. You can choose from three morning excursions.

Option 3: A guided or independent cycle through Old Bagan. After a delicious lunch, return to the temples and uncover 3000 years of history with a fascinating tour. Visit a renowned local lacquerware workshop before the daylight fades and watch the sunset over temple-topped plains. Dinner is served under the stars tonight, followed by a classic marionette performance.

Day 4 Bagan

Further opportunities to explore the temples and ruins of Bagan. Early risers can roam the skies of Bagan to get a bird's eye view of the astounding beauty of this ancient city in Myanmar. Share a comfortable wicker basket balloon with your friends, family, loved ones or your fellow cruising passengers you met onboard the ship. Choose from a traditional horse and cart ride through the heart of Old Bagan. Alternatively join Dr Tun at our free health clinic, taking part in a range of community projects and learning about our charitable mission in Myanmar. Lunch is served back on the ship .

Day 5 Bagan then Sailing

After breakfast there is another opportunity to catch a hot-air balloon if you missed the chance the previous day or take a leisurely stroll to a nearby temple. If you are feeling a little tired from all of the action from the previous day, you simply relax on the ship and take a dip in the pool or you if you are up for a spot of pre-sailing serenity, join a meditation session in the peaceful depths of an ancient temple.

Day 6 Myin Mu

Returning to the town of Myin Mu this morning, you can savour an indulgent breakfast before stepping ashore to explore. You have a second chance to visit a Burmese slipper workshop and a family of bamboo weavers today before returning to the ship for lunch.

Day 7 Monywa Region

This morning the ship travels north to the Chindwin River. Your guide leads you to the little-known region of Monywa where giant Buddha's rise into the sky. Marvel at the world's tallest Standing Buddha, standing almost 130 metres and the giant Reclining Buddha.

Day 8 Disembark

An early-bird breakfast is served this morning before the crew bid a fond farewell as you disembark for your onward travel arrangements.



Life on Board

Get ready for a spiritual experience onboard what one might describe as the Orient Express on water. The Mandalay is a floating heritage boutique hotel, with elegantly designed décor, complimented by local carvings and antiques, equipped with every comfort to satisfy the most discerning traveler. To freshen up, you may wish to take a dip in the pool, while taking in the beautiful landscape. Indulge and harmonize your mind, body, and soul in the ship's spa, where adventure meets wellbeing. The spa, open from 8am to 8pm has two massage rooms and a pedicure room, offering cleansing thenakha facial, followed by a gentle body exfoliation and a coconut and jade stone massage. The spa uses active natural ingredients, Derma scent nourishes, rebalances, and restores, the perfect partner, Immunetra products boost the immune system by matching botanicals to blood type for maximum effect. For those early risers wishing to balance your chakras and focus on your pranayama, the morning sun awaits with a tranquil yoga class before a refreshing dip in the pool.

Dining

The ship's evocative menus whisk you through a variety of Southeast Asian cuisine. Enjoy cozy dinners below deck, alfresco cocktails by the pool and tender grilled meats hot off the barbeque. You begin planning your day over a sumptuous hearty buffet breakfast. Back to the ship to get you refueled for a delicious buffet lunch, accompanied by excellent wines. Dinner is a candlelight gourmet affair, offering a choice of both Eastern and Western mouth-watering dishes. You can also opt for a star-studded Mandalay Grill with a touch of Myanmar magic, complimented by live music. An extensive selection of Asian-styled buffet, crispy tempura, tender meats, seafood, noodles, and stir-fries, perfectly prepared, accompanied with a selection of splendid wines. After a wonderful dinner you can choose to retire to your retreat or head onto the Piano Bar for evening cocktails and catch up with your fellow passengers, where of course the mystical discoveries of Myanmar will most likely be the topic of conversation.

Irrawaddy River



The Irrawaddy River (2 people)

**7-nights Cruising on The Irrawaddy
(Belmond Road to Mandalay)
(All Inclusive)**

**7-night stay at Anantara Samui Resort
(Koh Samui – Thailand))
(Room with Breakfast)**

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