

## VIRS-MYA-2020-12 EN



### Tour Title:

Yangon, Myanmar

### Tour Subtitle:

Live City Tour  
Guaranteed departure

### Tour Date:

12. December 2020

The former capital of Myanmar is one of the largest colonial cities in South-East Asia and a melting pot of cultures, people and stories. On our live city tour we will take time for conversations with people on site, dive into markets and small alleys and explore the lively streets of Yangon.

Price

Tour Price

10 €

### Tour Price

Reduced Price

6 €

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### Content Left Column:

The megacity Yangon is the spiritual and cultural center of Myanmar, and is still a very authentic and largely original city. Since the country opened itself up to the international community in 2011 and the democratic elections in 2015, the sanctions have been lifted, shopping centers have been built and smartphone shops can now be found everywhere. However, change in Myanmar has been slow on other fronts. The censorship is strict, laws from the colonial and military times are still active and are regularly used to silence journalists and activists.

The cityscape of Yangon (formerly Rangoon) is characterised by a mixture of British colonial architecture, modern high-rise buildings and gilded Buddhist pagodas.

On our live city tour we will discover two important parts of the city: Chinatown and Bogalazay.

### Content Right Column:

The traditions and culture of the Chinese-Burmese community have created a Chinatown that is unusually well-preserved and yet has been changing steadily to this day. In Chinatown, we will have the opportunity to immerse ourselves in the lively markets and talk to different residents of this district.

We continue our tour to Bogalazay Street, from where you can see the famous Secretariat, the building complex that was once the political heart of Yangon and where many important moments in the history of Myanmar took place. General Aung San, the father of Aung San Suu Kyi, was also murdered in this building.

However, the street is more than its view on the Secretariat of course. It is one of the rare blocks in Yangon where many of the colonial buildings still stand. Today, it is home to a number of family shops and trendy restaurants. In short, it's the perfect setting to tell the story of this ever-changing city and its unique street life.

#### Tour Overview

START:	11:00 (CET)
FINISH:	12:30 (CET)
DURATION:	1.5 hours
TOUR LANGUAGE:	English

#### Program

### Digital Program:

This tour is designed in cooperation with [Doh Eain](#) and [Sofa Tour .de](#).

Doh Eain is a participatory design practice dedicated to making cities better. The social enterprise based in Yangon, specializes in preserving heritage, creating and improving public spaces, as well as in organising events, campaigns and workshops that connect people to places while empowering them to take part in shaping their city.

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#### Tour Team



Thurane Win

Thurane Win received his degree in Economics from Dagon University, as well as completed training as a licensed English-language tour guide. Before joining Doh Eain, he worked for a major telecommunication organisation as a project coordinator. Thurane first joined Doh Eain as a part-time tour guide for our Living History Walking Tours but his commitment to the history and people of Yangon soon led him to join full time. Since 2018, he has supported the property management of Heritage Homes. He is responsible for delivering heritage restoration propositions to homeowners, as well as providing high quality tenant support.

### Reisehinweise Ende:

This is a live walking tour through Yangon. If you have any questions, you can reach us at [info@alsharq-reise.de](mailto:info@alsharq-reise.de)



