

# Gateway to Rural and Marine Life in Tanintharyi Region

(6 Days / 5 Nights)

## TOUR SUMMARY

This tour takes you to the fishing town, Myeik and one of the first towns colonized by British. Get a chance to explore local workshops and their daily lives. Enjoy your time snorkeling or swimming at the stunning untouched beaches.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Explore one of the biggest fishing towns in Myanmar, Myeik
- ❖ Snorkeling or swimming at the beautiful untouched beaches
- ❖ Discover the healthiest coral reef in Myanmar and colorful fishes under water
- ❖ Observe the traditional local business
- ❖ Explore to the ancient colonial buildings

## TOUR DETAILS

**Day 01** : Yangon – Myeik



After breakfast at hotel, transfer to airport for your flight to Myeik.

Myeik, one of the biggest fishing towns in Myanmar, is located in the extreme south of the country on the coast of an island on the Andaman Sea. The city was an important seaport and trading center with the Europeans who would land at Myeik (then called Mergui) from the 16th century on. The town hasn't changed much since the countries opening and is one of the best kept collections of colonial era buildings in South-East Asia. Myeik is famous for its products such as pearl, edible bird's nest, dried fish, "ngapi" (shrimp paste) and rubber.

Upon arrival, you will be taken on full day sightseeing by your guide in Myeik.

Start the visit at Taw Kyaung Monastery and Min Kyaung Monastery to discover the ancient Buddha statues. Then, continue to a cashew plantation, lobster and crab farms, bird-nest processing since over about 50 years ago and dockyard where you can see wooden boats that are repaired under very basic conditions south of the city center.

Lunch at local restaurant to try local food.

In the afternoon, walking tour takes in British Author Maurice Collis's office, Mauric Collis house and ancient traditional and colonial buildings before and after WWII. Then, visit Tanintharyi Regional Museum where you can see the large wooden ancient Buddha images as well as the history of Moken (Sea Gypsy People), collection of bronze coins.

Enjoy sunset at Theindawgyi Pagoda, located on a hill in the city center, is the largest Buddha in Myeik from where you can enjoy the picturesque view that is the main attraction for tourists.

## Overnight in Myeik

### Day 02 : Myeik – Dawei by car



After breakfast at hotel, drive to Dawei (-6hr/259 km). Long-ago, local people need permission to pass that road and boat and plane were the main transportation. Along the way, passing through many rural villages.

On the way, visit Shin Mok Hti Pagoda and Shwetharlyaung Pagoda (the reclining Buddha Image) on Pa Htet Island.

Dawei, the capital of Thanintharyi Division in the south of Myanmar, is formerly known as Tavoy in colonial eras. It is separated from the Andaman Sea by the narrow, beach-lined Dawei Peninsula. Dawei was one of the first towns colonized by the British in 19th century. As a result the town owns a long history and very fine and fascinating architecture of the colonial era.

Upon arrival to Dawei, transfer to hotel and check-in. Then, start Dawei sightseeing with Dawei's Paya Gyi museum and Shwe Taung Sar Pagoda, built by Kong Shwe Taung Sar, is over 250 years old well maintained pagoda with the Chamber of Enshrinement and a library. Last visit will stop at Kaleinaung Pagoda to admire impressive and panoramic views of the surrounding area and enjoy sunset.

### Overnight in Dawei

#### Day 03 : Dawei – Moscos archipelago – San Hlan Village



Breakfast at hotel transfer to San Hlan Village. Start journey to the sea about 1.5 hr towards Moscos Island. It is said that the Moscos Island reef possesses the healthiest coral reef in Myanmar and it is untouched nature for snorkeling. Enjoy a traditional snack as breakfast on the boat by discovering the scenery and the fresh breeze. While on boat, see a traditional squid fishing boat.

Arrive to first snorkeling spot, enjoy the underwater world to play with Clown fish and other colorful fishes.

After that, land on the utopian beach with shady trees for fresh BBQ lunch. Then walk across the island through the jungle on the other side of the bay. Return to the beach to drive to another pristine snorkeling site. After that, cruise back to San Hlan Village by enjoying the stunning sunset in the sea.

### Overnight at San Hlan CBT Lodge

#### Day 04 : San Hlan Village – Tizit Village - Dawei



After breakfast at CBT, stroll through the San Hlan village, an attractive gulf fishing village, to learn how to fish using traditional ways from local fishermen. Visit local homes to chit-chat with friendly and smiley local people. Then, continue the trekking up to Lakhat Mountain. When you arrive at the summit, you can enjoy the peninsula coastline and scenic view. After that, walk down to Tizit beach, a long white beach with a small fishing village to one site. Drive to a hidden beach by boat and there, swim and sun bathing.

In the evening, return to San Hlan Village by boat and continue to Dawei by car.

### Overnight in Dawei

**Day 05 : Dawei – Ka Lone Htar Village - Dawei**



Breakfast at hotel and drive to Ka Lone Htar Village (-45 min), a hidden village in the forests and mountains. The local people rely heavily on agriculture for living, growing betel, cashews, rubber and fruit in plantations and orchards.

Upon arrival, the local community guide will meet with you and give a quick briefing. Then, head to the "forest pharmacy", a local initiative to collect and plant a huge variety of traditional herbal medicine. Take soft trekking along the shallow streams in the natural forest and plantations.

Enjoy a delicious and home cooked picnic lunch near a stream and swimming in the green river in verdant forest. Barefoot forest spa experience will be one of your epic moments during the trip. Then walk from the back to village (-1hr) through local orchards and forest by learning local livelihoods and traditional medicine.

Sunset at Maung Ma Kan Beach and drive back to Dawei.

**Overnight at Dawei**

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### Day 06 : Dawei – Htee Khee



Breakfast at hotel and drive to Htee Khee border (-5hr). Along the way, discover some beautiful terrain with forested mountains.

***End of the Tour!***