



## TRANSPORTATION TIPS

As Inle's natural mode of transportation is dependent on the waterbody itself, boats are the quickest and easiest way to get around the lake. It is often possible to rent a boat for the day from your homestay itself. If not, you can head to the little pier and rent **boats from the boatmen** themselves. The cost to rent a longboat for a whole day comes up to about **30,000 Kyats**.

It is also recommended to rent a bicycle and cycle around the perimeter of the lake itself, exploring little nooks and alleyways on your own. This is ideal for people on a budget.

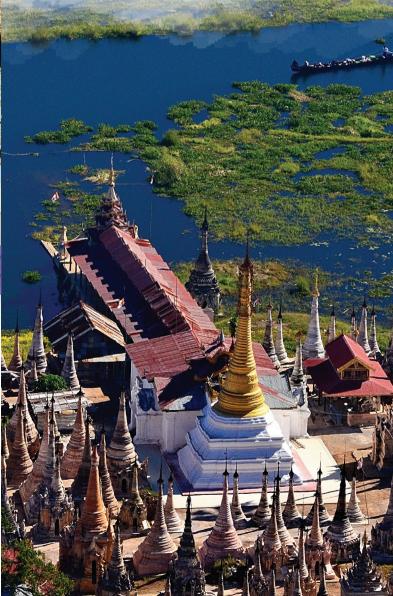






### A NATURAL WONDER

Visiting Inle Lake is experiencing village life in ancient Myanmar, with 21st-century comforts. Huge villages on the lake, supported by stilts, give you an attractive view while the surrounding locals make their living by working in their floating gardens, fishing, and creating handicrafts.





#### SUNSET/SUNRISE

>> Catch a sunset/sunrise on a boat on Inle Lake.

# SIGHTSEE VILLAGES BUILT ON STILTS

>> You can also visit the floating gardens, filled with hydrangeas.

### **KAKKU PAGODA**

Take a scenic ride through the nearby hills to get to this hauntingly beautiful pagoda complex.

### **PHAUNG DAW OO PAGODA**

>> Take note that women are not allowed to put gold on the statues..

#### SHWE INDEIN PAGODA

>> Unfrequented by tourists,
The plants growing out of
the ancient structure add
a mysterious charm to
this place.

DID YOU KNOW?

## VISIT SILVERSMITHS

>>> Be transported back in time to an ancient art form and watch alchemy come alive in front of you.

### **TRY ROLLING CIGARS**

Learn the painstakingly difficult task of hand-rolling cigars.

## WATCH THE RARE ART OF LOTUS WEAVING

>> Since Myanmar is a predominantly Buddhist country, killing silkworms for their silk isn't often done. What you can see is the dying art of lotus fibres being weaved instead

# WATCH BOATS BEING CARVED OUT OF WOOD

Although the lake is not large, it contains a number of endemic species. Over **20 species of snails** and **9 species of fish** are found only in the lake and nowhere else in the world.

## BUY LOCALLY MADE SILVERWARE

>> Take home a souvenir from the local silversmith whom you've just witnessed show off his craft!

### PADAUNG WOVEN WARES

>>> Since the Padaung people don't often come to Inle Lake you can stop by the shops to appreciate their wares, especially the beautiful neck jewellery.

- >> Eat at the local market! They sell **delicious local treats** there.
- >> The restaurants and eateries around Inle Lake serve everything from delicious traditional food to continental treats. Do try Shan noodles, mohinga, fresh sandwiches and fruit juices.





### **ACCOMMODATION**

Most of **Inle Lake**'s budget accommodation, including nearly all of our recommendations, is concentrated in **Nyaung Shwe**. The alternative is much more expensive, which is closer to the lake.

If you're watching your money carefully, you can book guesthouses for **22,500 Kyats** during low season, and **30,000 Kyats** during high.

Be warned that many of the town's popular lodgings tend to be on the small side, so remember to book ahead for peak season, which runs from November to February.