

Amarapura, Mandalay Region, Myanmar

A former Burmese royal capital where monks cross a legendary teakwood bridge at dawn and ancient pagodas rise from riverside mist — one of the Irrawaddy's most atmospheric stops.

Dock at Mandalay jetty; Amarapura ~11 km by road

Typical call: 4-6 hrs

Myanmar Kyat (limited USD use)

Burmese

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Irrawaddy river-cruise jetty in the Mandalay area (e.g. Gawein or Shwe Kyet Yet)

Best For: Photography, Buddhist culture, authentic local life

To Amarapura: Amarapura is ~11 km south of Mandalay; reached by tour coach, taxi or tuk-tuk

Don't Miss: U Bein Bridge at sunset and morning almsgiving at Mahagandayon

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ \$10–15 USD · 🚗 **Rideshare** ✅ Grab

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **U Bein Bridge at Sunset** — Walk (or take a boat ride beneath) the world's longest teakwood bridge, stretching 1.2 km across Taungthaman Lake.
- **Mahagandayon Monastery Almsgiving** — One of Myanmar's largest teaching monasteries, housing over a thousand monks.
- **Amarapura Palace Ruins & Ancient City** — Explore the remnants of the 19th-century royal capital: the treasury building, old watchtower, corner pagodas, and the tombs of Kings Bagyidaw and...
- **Traditional Craft Workshops** — Amarapura is a living center of Burmese craftsmanship.
- **Kyauktawgyi Pagoda** — Built in 1847, this pagoda houses a massive Buddha image carved from a single block of Sagyin marble.

BEST WALKS

- **U Bein Bridge Walk** 1.2 km one-way | Easy | Allow 45 min return — Walk the full length of the world's longest teakwood bridge from the Amarapura lakeside pavilion to the far shore village.
- **Mahagandayon to Palace Ruins** ~1.5 km | Easy | Allow 1 hr with stops — A short walk between two of Amarapura's most significant sites: the great monastery and the remnant palace walls.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		99°	79°	5d
Jun		93°	80°	20d
Aug		90°	78°	24d
Sep		90°	78°	23d
Oct		88°	76°	18d

DAYLIGHT & 🌐 MONEY

Apr 5:46AM–6:25PM · Jun 5:22AM–6:50PM · Aug 5:43AM–6:36PM · Sep 5:52AM–6:08PM · Oct 6:01AM–5:40PM

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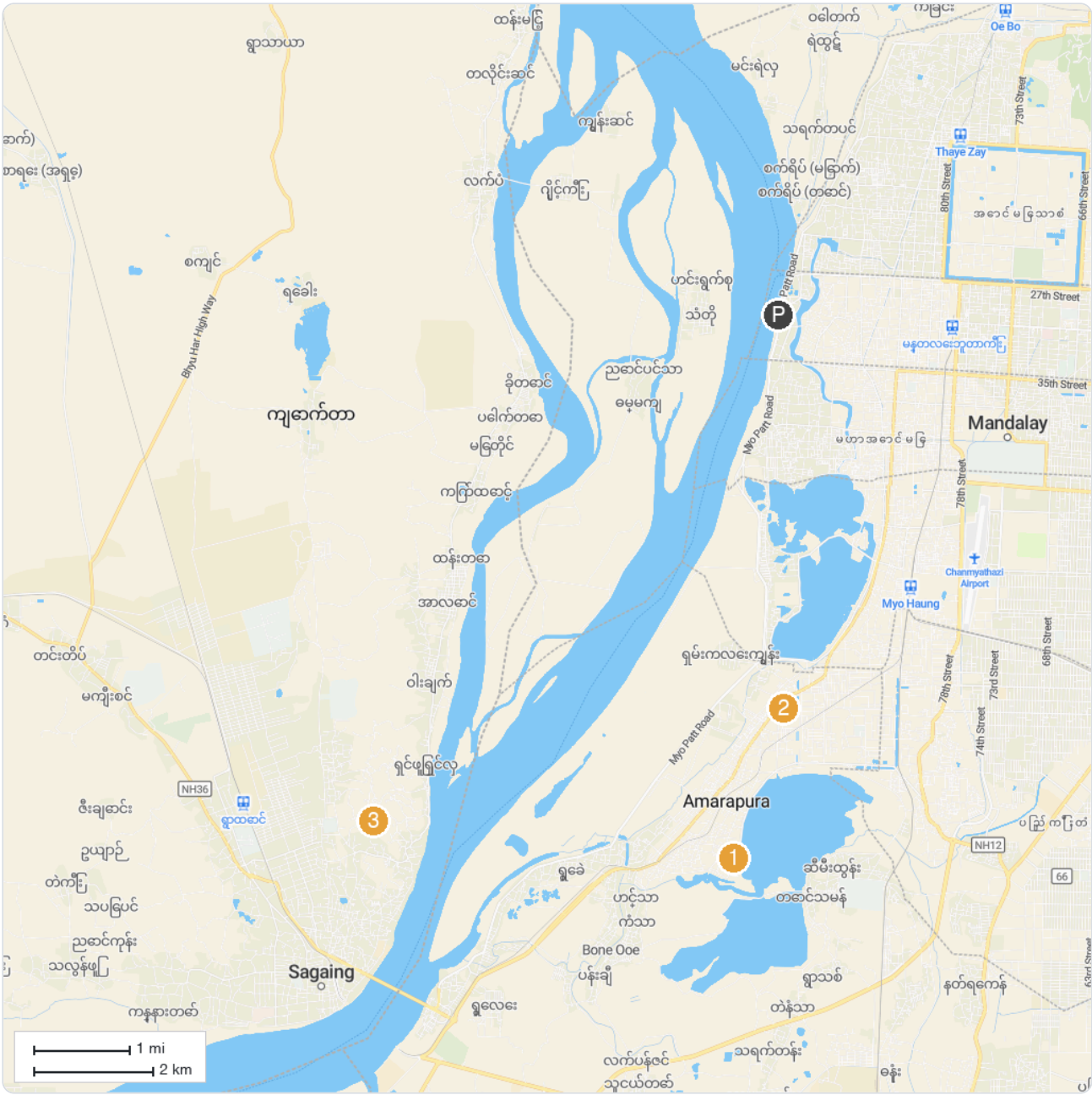
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cover up for temples and monasteries: shoulders and knees must be covered and shoes removed at all religious sites. Bring a sarong as backup.
- Time your visit for sunset: U Bein Bridge at golden hour is the signature image of Amarapura — plan your shore day around it if your ship arrives in the afternoon.
- Use Myanmar Kyat for local spending. Some tourist-facing guides or boat operators may accept clean, small US bills, but kyat is more reliable for tuk-tuks, markets, and small purchases. ATMs are limited in Amarapura — use Mandalay if you need cash.
- Negotiate tuk-tuk rates upfront: a round circuit covering U Bein Bridge, Mahagandayon, and the palace ruins typically costs \$8-15 depending on time and stops.
- Photography etiquette: always ask before photographing monks or locals up close. A smile and a gesture usually gets a warm yes — or a polite no that you should respect.
- Almsgiving starts early: the Mahagandayon monk procession is around 10-11 AM. It is a genuine religious ceremony — observe quietly from designated areas, don't crowd or use flash.

Amarapura, Mandalay Region, Myanmar — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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Sandamuni Pagoda
A pagoda housing the world's largest marble book.
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A large monastery famous for its daily monk alms procession.
- 3

Bagaya Monastery
An ancient monastery built entirely from teak wood.
- P

Cruise port / terminal
- 4

Soon Oo Pon Nya Shin Pagoda
A hilltop pagoda with panoramic views of Amarapura and U Bein Bridge.