

Luxury Sailing Adventure 5 Nights / 6 Days in Myanmar's Mergui Archipelago















Barefoot Luxury











Play with the Wind

Amazing Food

Underwater Encounters







"It was a dreamy voyage that took us beyond internet connectivity, from green coastal waters to the kind of blue inked in by 100ft depths, past piratical-looking fishing boats and islands with the outlines of rusty blades. Scampering macaques foraged for crabs on the islands' rocky shores, white-bellied sea eagles wheeled."

The Sunday Telegraph



Day1 After the welcome aboard your yacht, we set sail to Barwell Island where we spend the evening on the beach. We'll go for a swim before dinner and drinks.

Day 2 Leisurely breakfast on board. After a refreshing swim we start our passage to Island No. 115, a place often frequented by Moken sea gypsies. In the afternoon we will reach the group of small islands called Mid Group. If time permits, we go for a dinghy excursion into a nearby mangrove forest on Island No. 88. After the evening swim we have dinner in this beautiful covered area.

Day 3 In the morning we slowly sail towards the little village on Nyaung Wee Island and visit the local sea gypsy settlement. After lunch we sail west to Great Swinton Island. Jungle walk along the creek and collecting seashells on the huge beach. For those interested in Buddhism, a short visit in a local monastery. Snorkelling, then sundowners on deck. Watching the bioluminescent plankton at night.

Day 4 Early-morning sail to tiny Ohway Island for the best snorkelling (and great fishing) in the region. Observe the colourful life of the reef, full of soft and hard corals and plentiful of tropical fish. After lunch we set sails for Jar Lann Kyun and anchor in its large fjord, one of the most spectacular bays in the archipelago. In the mangrove forest we watch the hornbills at dusk. Fine dining on board. Relaxation time under the starry sky.

Day 5 Long, leisurely sail towards Za Det Nge Island with its beautiful bays and beaches. Visit Rhino Island on the way. Its stunning turquoise waters are perfect for enjoying the sun. Later we move towards Za Det Nge's for a last dinner party on the beach.

Day 6 Early morning passage towards Kawthaung. Casual brunch aboard before we reach the pier and say goodbye.





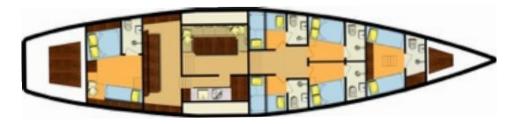


Fleet

Sailing Yacht Meta IV

Meta IV was designed by the naval architect Thomas E. Colvin, who gave the vessel her beautiful shape and robust hull. She is made entirely of Thai teak, one of the best woods for building classic boats.

Details: Length - 85 ft, 4 guest cabins with ensuite bathrooms, air condition and 220V power throughout the boat.





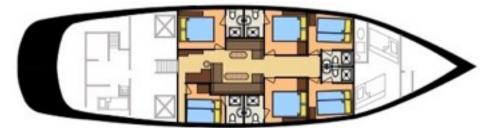


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Sailing Yacht Raja Laut

The Raja Laut is a magnificent gaff-topsail schooner built in the tradition of the 19th century Baltic traders. The 100 ft hull is entirely built of iron wood. Behind the classic lines is a modern luxury sailing yacht, equipped with the latest in navigation.

Details: Length - 100 ft, 6 guest cabins with ensuite bathrooms, air condition and 220V power throughout the boat.





Getting There is Easy

All our regular 6-day trips in the Mergui Archipelago depart in Kawthaung in Myanmar's south, just across the border from Thailand. Getting there is easy and you have several travel options.

Flying to Kawthaung

If you are arriving from within Myanmar, you can book online and fly directly to Kawthaung Airport. We'd be more than happy to help you organise transportation and meet you at the airport.

Flying to Ranong

Another option is to fly to Ranong Airport. There are daily flights from Bangkok by Nok Air. The airport is well served by local taxi drivers but we can also pick you up from Ranong Airport, of course. Once you are in Ranong, you will take a longtail boat across the Pakchan River to Kawthaung on the Myanmar side, which takes about 30 minutes. We will help you with the immigration procedures before boarding the yacht.

Arriving via Phuket

Phuket International Airport is a convenient and well-connected place to fly to. From there, it's a scenic 3 - 4-hour car ride to Ranong, the Thai border town. Here, too, we are happy to assist you.

Quick Facts

What's included? All on-board meals, all non-alcoholic drinks, all activities, fuel, etc. Not included are visa fees, airport transfers, and the visitor fee the government of Myanmar asks foreigners to pay. This fee is USD 250 per person.

Do I need to know how to sail? No. Our experienced crew can do all the sailing for you while you relax. If you like, get involved or learn sailing during your trip.

Will I need a visa for Myanmar? Yes. Most travellers will get a visa-on-arrival in Myanmar and we will take care of the procedure when you enter the country while you relax or explore.

Is it safe to travel in Myanmar's Mergui Archipelago?

Yes, it is! There are no conflicts in our sailing area, nor are there any pirates. There is a midlevel malaria risk in

southern Myanmar and you should take precautions by using mosquito-repellent and wearing long sleeves and trousers if onshore at night (which you are unlikely to be much).

Is it ethically OK to travel to Myanmar?

We think so. A few years things ago, things have started to fundamentally change in Myanmar and Aung San Suu Kyi has been released. She and her party now embrace individual and ethical tourism by travellers whose money does not go straight into the pockets of the generals. We are here to support just that.

What else should I bring? You don't need much. Bring your bathers, sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses, your camera and you're pretty much set! It's best to also bring mosquito repellent and you may want to consider bringing anti-malaria tablets. Do remember to get a travel insurance before joining our cruise. On board, you won't need shoes but you can bring flip-flops or reef shoes for beach outings if you want. We provide full lodging, including

bedding, towels, all meals, water and soft drinks. We also provide fishing and snorkelling equipment and first-aid, if necessary.

What's the best season to go? The best time for sailing is between late October and end of April. The rainy season starts in May.

What temperature to expect? During daytime about 28-32°C. The water temperature will be about 26-29°C.

Is there on-board power, fresh water, internet?

Every cabin has power points (plus fans and aircons). There is fresh water for showering and in the kitchen. Internet is not available on-board.

Will I have to share a bathroom? Every cabin has its own private bathroom and each comes with a shower, sink and toilet.

What kind of food do you serve? Our chefs specialise in Asian cuisine but also serve Western dishes. Six weeks prior to departure we ask all our guests about their preferences.



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