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## Unique Experiences with Irrawaddy Voyages....

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Established in 2016, Irrawaddy Voyages comprises four stylishly appointed river cruise vessels, each specifically designed to explore the uncharted waterways of Myanmar.

Two of our vessels are exclusively partnered with leading Australian travel companies, who specialize in international luxury river cruising. The *RV Samatha* and *RV Princess Panwah* were launched in 2015 and enjoy high occupancy as they cruise Myanmar's waterways.

The *RV Irrawaddy Voyager I* provides independent travelers, special interest guests and families a unique and fascinating cruise experience, plying the waters between the historic city of Mandalay and the iconic destination of Bagan. A variety of short cruises, ranging from one night to seven nights, provides guests with the upmost flexibility to suit their specific travel plans and budgets.

The *RV Irrawaddy Voyager II* is our unique pioneering ship. Specifically designed for long distance river cruising, this vessel will undertake the first ever SOURCE TO SEA EXPEDITION in September 2019. This now involves meticulous forward planning as we will venture from the most northerly location between Myitkyina and Bhamo, cruising 1500kms over sixteen days, to the our final destination of Yangon. (The Source is based on seasonal navigable waters).

Along the way guests are treated to an extraordinary array of onboard and onshore Once in a Lifetime experiences.

These include organic gourmet dining, comprising both traditional Burmese cuisine & western fare; including fresh seasonal produce from local markets, select suppliers and remote farmsteads.

**The Lotus Spa** by Irrawaddy Voyages with unique Thanaka facials and traditional Burmese organic treatments – naturally.









Each day we step ashore with specially selected shore excursions which are carefully scoped and researched to embrace the company vision to embrace sustainable environmental tourism & minimum impact.

Interact with local villagers with a practical community program, as crew & guests plant sapling trees and join school students in the Irrawaddy Voyages communal wastemanagement-recycling project.

For our expedition cruises we invite Burmese and foreign guest lecturers to inform, inspire and educate, during carefully prepared daily presentations.

On occasion, particularly between Mandalay and Myitkyina, guests and crew enjoy sightings of the rare and endangered Irrawaddy Dolphin.

Seasoned travelers enjoy a spiritual journey, understanding the philosophy of Theravada Buddhism, the myths & legends of Myanmar's pagodas & temples, the incense, alms and everyday life along the way.

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