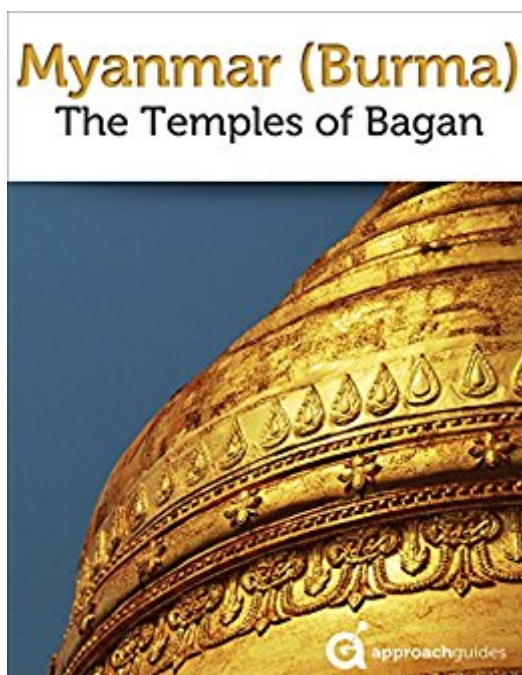


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# Myanmar (Burma): Temples Of Bagan (2017 Travel Guide)



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I bought this guide hoping to learn more about the Bagan temples. stupas and pagodas I'd seen on a recent trip to Myanmar (Burma). This guide totally delivers what a traveler needs with descriptions, maps, and photos of the period styles and "best of" temples and stupas one might be lucky enough to see in this area of more than 2000 structures. Best of all, it's digital so it's easy to load and carry along when visiting this magical site. Yes, I'm planning to return come winter with the guide and flashlight. I had no idea guides like this were available. Terrific resource!

I used this Kindle book on my iPad when touring Bagan in January 2013. It has enough information in 3 to 6 pages per temple/shrine to help the visitor appreciate the temple, without being overwhelmed. An outstanding diagram of the temple/shrine layout and photographs, both exterior and interior shots, further aid the reader. 21 temples/shrines are described, and 13 of them are starred as the most important. We went to 10 of the starred ones, and the recommendations were outstanding. This is a "must have" guide when visiting this magical place.

This was a "go to" source for information about the temples in the Bagan area, although no guide could cover the full extent of the extraordinary number of temple complexes. Interesting facts and history was offered and made our time in Bagan more meaningful.

For the price, you can't beat this. I downloaded it to my tablet and took it along with me as I roamed the vast expanse of Bagan. I read a lot of it prior to arrival but it really doesn't make a lot of sense until you get there and read it at the location. Then all of that (to me) obtuse detail comes into focus and makes sense. I highly recommend this. As I arrived on my E bike at different locations, I found a shady (but still hot as hell) spot to review the description. It also helped me to identify the pagodas and temples that I didn't want to miss.

This was a very readable and detailed introduction to many of the temples of Bagan, including some of the smaller ones. As an independent traveler I found it very useful to carry with me on my visit to them as it provided background information (history, architecture, building technique), floor plans, photos, descriptions of sculptures, glazed tiles and paintings and tips for visitors. All this provided a good framework for understanding each stupa, temple or decorative feature. For me it was an invaluable guide and I think that understanding the significance of each site made the visit even more special.

There aren't many guides out there to the temples of Bagan, Myanmar, but even if there were, this one would still shine. By beginning with an explanation of the history of the area and its temple-building kings, it sets the stage for an in-depth treatment of 21 of the most diverse and important of the temples still standing. It includes pictures, diagrams, and point-by-point discussions of each of these places. I purchased it to use on my trip in 2015, but I have already read it. Since I will be taking my tablet with me, it is in the perfect format.

Quite a good guide for the temples of Bagan, but, the language is too technical and too cold. It reads a little too much like a technical report about the temples and stupas, with nothing to say 'this is amazing' or 'make sure you see this'. Would have liked more information about the importance of the structures and also what you can get out of it as a visitor.

I was not sure about taking the time to visit Myanmar (aka Burma) but this book made the decision for me. I will spend 5 days here in November. Superb details which lets me plan my photo trip. A

"must have" if you go here.

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