

Bhamo, Kachin State, Myanmar

The Irrawaddy's northern terminus: a town where ancient Shan kingdoms, gilded pagodas, and Chinese trade routes converge on the riverbank.

 River dock (gangway to bank)  Typical call: 6–8 hrs  Myanmar Kyat (MMK); USD exchangeable  Burmese, Kachin

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Vessels tie alongside the riverbank or use a floating pontoon; no formal cruise terminal

Best For: Pagoda history, Sampanago ruins, local market life, bamboo bridge

Walk to center: ~5 min stroll from the waterfront to the market and town center

Don't Miss: Sunset over the Irrawaddy from Bhamo Harbour

 Getting around:

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Sampanago Ruins** — A few kilometers east of town lie the crumbling earthen walls of Sampanago, capital of an ancient Shan kingdom.
- **Theindawgyi Pagoda** — Roughly 4 miles from town, this revered pagoda is said to enshrine a Buddha tooth relic and features Thai-influenced...
- **Bamboo Bridge at Wa Thatar Village** — Villagers rebuild this remarkable ~470-metre bamboo bridge each year after the monsoon.
- **Tain Pha Hill Bike Ride** — Hire a bicycle in town and pedal out to Tain Pha Hill, a Buddhist hilltop complex with meditation halls, a stupa, and...
- **Bhamo Morning Market** — The riverside market is the beating heart of Bhamo, blending Burmese and Chinese trade goods, fresh produce, and street...

BEST WALKS

- **Bhamo Waterfront & Town Stroll** 1–2 km · Easy · 30–45 min — Start at the riverbank landing and walk north along the embankment, taking in fishing boats and river life.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:39AM–6:22PM · Jun 5:12AM–6:50PM · Aug 5:36AM–6:34PM · Sep 5:47AM–6:04PM · Oct 5:58AM–5:34PM	
Apr	94°	72°	6d	 Myanmar Kyat (MMK); USD exchangeable	
Jun	88°	77°	29d		
Aug	87°	77°	30d		
Sep	87°	76°	25d		
Oct	86°	73°	16d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring crisp USD. Exchange to Myanmar Kyat at the market or local shops — ATMs in Bhamo are unreliable and may be out of service.
- Check the latest advisory. Kachin State has experienced security disruptions; your cruise line will brief you. Follow their guidance and stay within sanctioned tour areas.