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WHERE TO GO NOW: ACTIVE ASIA Myanmar, Laos, and Cambodia

TORONTO, Canada — Gray & Co.'s team is constantly on the move, checking out the best active options for custom travellers around the globe. As the snowflakes fall in North America, savvy friends, families, and corporate groups will head off to warmer locales with Gray & Co.

Founder Cari Gray is just back from Myanmar: "I've been lucky to visit Myanmar numerous times over the past decade. What was new this last visit was a wonderful spirit of openness. People can talk so much more freely and are thrilled with the opening of their wonderful country to the world."

In fact, tourism is at an all time high thanks to the endorsement of Aung San Suu Kyi (aka The Lady), President Obama's recent visit, and Jason Mraz's concert. The country's historic and cultural sights, along with the genuine warmth of the people, are huge draws. As Kipling famously said a century ago, "This is Burma and it is unlike any land you know about."

Accommodation and infrastructure limitations in Myanmar will put some constraints on tourism growth and infuse companies such as Gray & Co.—with its experience and knowledgeable team on the ground—with special value. Adventurers who head over within the next year or two will reap the greatest benefits in terms of experiencing the country at its most authentic. Highlights include hiking between villages and around the tranquil waters of Inle Lake, and biking among the 2000+ pagodas and temples of Bagan.

Fall explorations also saw Gray & Co. in idyllic Luang Prabang, Laos, and the more frantic Siem Reap, Cambodia. Luang Prabang's cool temperatures, quiet roads, and natural beauty—complemented by luxury outposts such as the Amantaka—make this an obvious stop on any discerning traveller's list. Around the often-frenetic Angkor Wat, Gray & Co. knows which temples to visit when—maximizing sunlight and perspective while minimizing the crowds. Bike rides get travellers into the countryside to meet villagers and explore more remote temples like Bakong, while packed breakfasts allow for post-sunrise views after everyone else has returned to their hotels. Mid-afternoon, when the sun is high and infinity pools call, only the Raffles or Amansara hotels will do.

Gray & Co. crafts custom journeys for active travellers to many corners of the globe. With first-hand knowledge and local connections, they can orchestrate almost any adventure with style and precision. They cater to groups of friends and families, design corporate retreats, and more. For more information, please visit www.grayandco.ca.