# Burma

## **Travel Facts**

## US State Department Travel Advisor

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens DO NOT TRAVEL to Burma due to civil unrest, armed conflict, and arbitrary enforcement of local laws. Reconsider travel to Burma due to limited and inadequate healthcare and emergency medical resources, and areas with land mines and unexploded ordnances. Exercise increased caution due to wrongful detentions. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html

## Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html

## US Embassy/Consulate

[95] (1) 753-6509; US Embassy in Rangoon, 110 University Ave, Kamayut Township, Rangoon, Burma; https://mm.usembassy.gov/; <u>ACSRangoon@state.gov</u>

## LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page. <u>https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html</u>

## **Telephone Code**

95

Local Emergency Phone 999

## Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Myanmar: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, Japanese encephalitis, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, COVID-19, and influenza. <u>http://www.who.int/</u>

## Climate

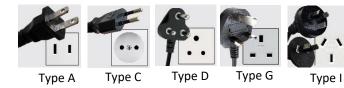
Tropical monsoon; cloudy, rainy, hot, humid summers (southwest monsoon, June to September); less cloudy, scant rainfall, mild temperatures, lower humidity during winter (northeast monsoon, December to April)

## Currency (Code)

Kyats (MMK)

## Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): A, C, D, G, I



Major Languages Burmese

Major Religions Buddhist, Christian, Muslim, animist, Hindu

## Time Difference

UTC+6.5 (11.5 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

## Potable Water

Opt for bottled water

## **International Driving Permit**

Suggested Road Driving Side Right



## **Tourist Destinations**

Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon; Temples of Bagan; Inle Lake; Bogyoke Aung San Museum; Shwenandaw Monastery; Mandalay Royal Palace; Mandalay Hill; Pyu ancient cities (includes Halin, Beikthano, and Sri Ksetra)

## **Major Sports**

Soccer, golf

## **Cultural Practices**

It is impolite to sit on a chair with one's legs crossed, especially for women.

## **Tipping Guidelines**

Tipping is not a common practice, but guides and drivers do expect to be tipped. Tipping guides \$2-5 (USD) per person per day is customary; drivers should receive \$1-2 (USD) per day.

## Souvenirs

Bamboo and lacquer items, silk, loose gem stones, jewelry, jade items, especially Buddha figures; marionettes

## **Traditional Cuisine**

Mohinga — a fish and rice noodle soup enriched with a variety of ingredients either added to the soup or used as a dressing or garnish May 2024



