



Country Profile: Myanmar

Officially Republic of the Union of Myanmar (formerly Burma) is an underdeveloped agrarian country ruled by an authoritarian military regime. The country's government suppresses all expression of opposition to its rule. After a long period of isolation, Myanmar has started to encourage tourism. Foreigners can expect to pay several times more than locals do for accommodations, domestic airfares, and entry to tourist sites. Tourist facilities in Rangoon, Bagan, Ngapali Beach, Inle Lake, and Mandalay are superior to tourist facilities in other parts of the country, where they are limited. Please note that visitors should travel with sufficient cash to cover their expenses for the duration of their visit. Traveler's checks and credit cards are not accepted anywhere, and ATM machines are nonexistent in Myanmar . (See "Currency" and "U.S. Treasury Sanctions" below.) Read the Department of State's [Background Notes](#) on Myanmar for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Myanmar (formerly Burma)
Continent:	Asia
Capital City:	Rangoon & Nay Pyi Taw (Administrative Capital)
Boundary Countries:	Bangladesh, China, India, Laos, Thailand
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	
Main Cities:	Rangoon, Nay Pyi Taw, Prome, Dawei
Country Size:	678,500 sq km
Population:	47,382,633

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Burmese, minority ethnic groups have their own languages
Currency:	Kyat (MMK)
Predominant Religions:	Buddhist 89%, Christian 4% (Baptist 3%, Roman Catholic 1%), Muslim 4%, animist 1%, other 2%
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 4 January (1948); Union Day, 12 February (1947)
Economic Status:	Myanmar, a resource-rich country, suffers from pervasive government controls, inefficient economic policies, and rural poverty. The junta took steps in the early 1990s to liberalize the economy after decades of failure under the "Burmese Way to Socialism," but those efforts stalled, and some of the liberalization measures were rescinded. Despite Myanmar's increasing oil and gas revenue, socio-economic conditions have deteriorated due to the regime's mismanagement of the economy.
Security:	Myanmar Armed Forces (Tatmadaw): Army, Navy, Air Force
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy Rangoon 110 University Ave Kamayut Township Rangoon, Burma Phone: (95)-(1) 753-6509 Fax: (95)-(1)-751-1069

Major Airports: Airports: 85, Airports w/paved runways: 21

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