

Myanmar Travel Directory is a collective effort of Union of Myanmar Travel Association in bringing out current information on touring and traveling at Myanmar. Directory has a complete list of UMTA members by their respective website addresses, from where information on detailed tour programs, highlights of tour sites and tour services could be found. People of Myanmar has fine and sound cultures in traditional ways, of which natural hospitality is one. UMTA members regard that it is their responsibility to support and raise such cultures. Green forests, treasured natural resources, coastal beaches, traditional habitats of each ethnic group are among rich inheritances to which we are obligated to treat responsibly.

Golden land, Myanmar is situated between Holy Ganges of Indian sub-continent and Great Mekong of Indo-China, 582 miles (936 km) at its widest breadth. From Himalaya to Andaman Sea, River Ayeyarwady flows for 1,500 miles of her whole entirety on the land, enabling civilizations to flourish. At midway of her passage Central Yoma Range breaks briefly for the river to shift slightly toward West and merged with River Chindwin. Chindwin itself has its source at Himalaya and flows parallel and between River Brahmaputra of India and Ayeyarwady. By the seawards, Rakhine Coast, Ayeyarwady Delta and Tanintharyi Coast, in total of 1385 miles coastal line rim on Bay of Bengal, Gulf of Martaban and Andaman Sea. Natural and cultural splendors of land thrive on monsoon rain and great rivers of the land.

Favourable climate and geography support wide variety of flora and fauna to grow in the form of dense rain forests. Civilizations then follow.

In the year 2001, a team of anthropologists found fossilized remains of primates from 49 to 33 million years' time at Pondaung, Central Myanmar. There are evidences of 20,000 year old Paleolithic and Neolithic cultures in wall paintings of Padalin Cave, near Myittha.

By the archeological evidences Mon established civilizations in Ayeyarwady Delta and Tanintharyi Coast around 250 BC, their first kingdom Suvarnabhumi was founded around the port of Thaton. By the 2nd century AD towards 9th century, city kingdoms of Beikthano, Mongmao, Sriksetra, and Hanlingyi were founded by Pyu tribes in central Myanmar. And lineage of Rakhine kingdom was established in 4th century AD which traced back to 5th century BC. Bagan was founded during 845-850 AD, but only at 1044 AD King Anawrahta unified the city states into nationhood which stretched about the size of present day Myanmar.

During the reign of King Anawrahta, Theravada Buddhism has taken root amidst different practices of Buddhism and animism. Theravada Buddhism has ever been in the psyche of populace that the faith never diminishes even by conflicts or wars. Cultures of the land as defined and shaped by ever changing situations always has this faith embedded.

Bagan Empire lasted until early 14th. century to be disintegrated into city states again. Nation-states were reestablished successively each time, Hantharwady Empire was founded by Bayintnaung (1552-1581), and Alaungpaya (1752-1760) reunited the nation as Konbaung Kingdom. In 1886 British colonial power annexed the whole country after three wars. Independent is gained on 4th January, 1948, as the result of continuous political movements against British rule, where the crucial movement being historic Pinlone Treaty which was signed on 12 February 1947.

Presently the country is still in developing stage, and tourism industry is also among the rest of sectors in gaining momentum. Private sector investments, Foreign Direct Investments and Joint Ventures are allowed in the industry. Ministry of Hotels and Tourism undertakes to give regulatory guidance in the industry, and to generate tourism growth. Professionalism and good business practices are essential values of UMTA members and we believe that Association is one unitive body to promote the industry.

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Message from the Minister (MHT)

Message of Felicitations from H.E. Major General Soe Naing, Minister, Ministry of Hotel and Tourism, Government of the Union of Myanmar




On the timely publication of the Myanmar Travel Guide Book 2010-2011 and the CD ROM for the first time by the Union of Myanmar Travel Association, it gives me great pleasure, as the Minister for Hotels and Tourism, to extend my message of felicitations to all world travellers from far and near for the New Year 2010.

With this Travel Guide Book and the CD ROM, you will have the firsthand comprehensive information on the vast array of culture, traditions, attractions and activities of the preferred travel destinations in the Union of Myanmar among the global travellers.

Myanmar is the Golden Land which highlights the unique natural, cultural and historical tour sites; simplicity, genuine hospitality and traditions of more than 100 nationalities; green environment; safety and security of the country. There is a range of breathtaking exploration and experience from the high snowcapped mountains, navigable rivers, natural lakes, dense green forests, long sandy beaches, unspoilt archipelago to the variety of flora and fauna, precious emstones, handicrafts and customary festivals.

Adding to the country's wealth of nature include the historical and cultural heritage of the Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon, the ancient Pagodas and Temples in Bagan, the Royal Palace in Mandalay, the Inlay Lake among many others.

Tourism is the world's fastest growing industry with widespread environmental, social and economic consequences. I would, therefore, like to encourage the private sector stakeholders to endeavour for promotional marketing of Myanmar as a tourist destination and at the same time ensure for a sustainable and responsible tourism development.


 Major General Soe Naing
 Minister of Hotels and Tourism
 Government of the Union of Myanmar

Message from Chairman of UMTA

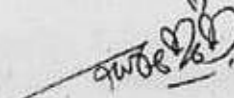


In bridging the global tourism business communities with Myanmar Tourism Industry, the Union of Myanmar Travel Association undertakes to develop the industry to be competent, qualified and trust worthy; to nurture the cultural and natural environments of Myanmar; and, to promote Myanmar in sincere and effective ways.

I believe this annual publication of travel directory will serve as a helpful reference for tour planning; a useful guide book for tourists; and a directory of reliable Myanmar tourism enterprise. Information on tour sites and routes toward major destinations are brief but comprehensive enough as a directory.

The Union of Myanmar Travel Association has the membership of 381 entities comprising of tour operators; travel agencies; restaurants; freelance tour guides; and a few of hoteliers, transporters, travel writers, cultural troupes and web portals. Listed service providers are bound by the commitment and obligation of Association in bringing the Myanmar tourism industry to higher level of professionalism.

I would like to take the opportunity to express my gratitude to : H.E. Minister Major General Soe Naing of Ministry of Hotel and Tourism and the Ministry for regulatory guidance as well as upkeep of industry. And, to Myanmar Marketing Committee and Myanmar Hotelier Association for excellent works on promotions done abroad and developing tour sites of Myanmar. To International and Regional tourism organizations of governmental, non governmental and private sectors for interactions and collaborations with Myanmar tourism industry. And, not the least, to my fellow members of UMTA for relentless efforts in keeping our hospitality businesses to meet the expectations of international tourists.


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