

# The British Chamber of Commerce Myanmar Business Travel Guide

### Visa

Type of Visa	Fees	Duration
BUSINESS VISA	US \$ 50	70 days
ENTRY VISA (TOURIST VISA)	US \$ 40	28 days
TRANSIT VISA	US \$ 20	24 hours

### **Passport**

You will need a valid passport with extra blank pages for the visa, valid for at least six-months from the expiry date. It is advisable to travel with a few passport photos.

Visas can be applied for online (E-visa) or upon arrival to the country (on-arrival-visa) or Embassy at your country. See the following link for eligible countries: www.mip.gov.mm/portfolio/types-of-visa-fees-and-duration

Nationals from Thailand, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Philippines and Vietnam receive visa exemption for 14 days.

### **Business Visa Online (E-visa)**

Business Visa Online is now available for over 100 nationalities.

Requirements for business visa online

- 1. Colour passport size photo
- 2. Letter of Invitation from a company incorporated in Myanmar
- 3. Copy of Company Registration (Certificate of Incorporation)

Note: The Online Business E-Visa transaction fee is USD 70 and it is non-refundable.

E-Visa application website: http://evisa.moip.gov.mm/NewApplication.aspx#

#### **Business Visa on Arrival**

Requirements for business visa on arrival:

- A valid passport not expiring for at least 6 months from the date of entry
- Two recent colour passport size photos (4cm x 6cm)
- Letter of Invitation from a company incorporated in Myanmar
- Copy of Company Registration (Certificate of Incorporation)
- Visa application form (Please download <a href="here">here</a>)
- Round trip air tickets

Visa fees USD 50

For more details about Visa-on-Arrival: www.mip.gov.mm/announcements-in-english

### **Entry Visa (Tourist Visa)**

Requirements for entry visa (tourist visa):

- A valid passport not expiring for at least 6 months from the date of entry
- Two recent colour passport size photos (4cm x 6cm)
- Departure date from your country
- Dates of entry into and departure from Myanmar
- Confirmation of pre-paid package tour (if applicable)
- Round trip air tickets
- Visa fees USD 40 if applied at the airport immigration and USD 50 if applied online evisa
- If applied online e-visa, hard copy of confirmation letter of online e-visa

### **Telecommunication**

#### SIM Cards

Mobile SIM cards are available at the airport for 1500 MMK per card and 3G & 2G mobile networks are available in major cities in Myanmar. Cards work on a top-up basis, with 1000, 3000, 5000 and 10,000 MMK cards available.

### **International Roaming**

International roaming is now possible in Myanmar with an increasing number of western mobile networks. Roaming services are available with some Asian networks, including Thailand (AIS), Singapore (M1 and Singtel), Indonesia (Telkomsel) and Vietnam (Viettel).

#### Internet

The availability of internet access in Myanmar is becoming more widespread: You can find free WiFi at many hotels, restaurants and bars in major cities like Yangon, Mandalay and Naypyidaw. However, internet speeds can be extremely slow, especially in rural areas.

# **Currency**

The local currency in Myanmar is Myanmar Kyat (MMK). . For exchange, bring the recent USD \$100 bill (printed with blue stripe) and ensure they are in pristine condition (no creases, marks or tears) as preferred by Money Exchange counters and banks. Credit cards and ATM machines are not widely available, so it is advisable to bring some USD for emergency use.

#### **Hotels**

The Chamber has preferential rates with the following hotels. Please email: <a href="mailto:info@britishchambermyanmcar.com">info@britishchambermyanmcar.com</a> for the latest rates and mention the British Chamber of Commerce Myanmar when you make your booking. Please check Agoda and Booking.com for alternative options in Yangon and Naypyitaw.



### Sule Shangri-La Yangon

223 Sule Pagoda Road, Yangon Myanmar T: (951) 242 828 Ext: 6306

www.shangri-la.com/yangon/suleshangrila



### Park Royal Hotel, Yangon

33, Alan Pya Phaya Road, Dagon, Yangon, Myanmar

T:+95 1 250 388 , F: +95 1 252 478 www.parkroyalhotels.com/en/hotels-resorts/myanmar/yangon



### **Chatrium Hotel Royal Lake Yangon**

# 40, Natmauk Road, Tamwe Township, Yangon, Myanmar

T: +95 1 544 500 F: +95 1 544 400 M: +95 9 500 3292

www.chatrium.com/chatrium\_hotel\_yango

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# Novotel Hotel Yangon

459 Pyay Road, Kamayut Tsp PO BOX 895, Yangon, Myanmar 1 YANGON - MYANMAR Tel (+95)1/2305858 - Fax (+95)1/2305879 http://www.novotel.com/gb/hotel-9045-novotelyangon-max/index.shtml



#### Melia Hotel Yangon

192, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Bahan Township 07008 Yangon, Myanmar https://www.melia.com/en/hotels/myanmar/ yangon/melia-yangon/index.html



#### Park Royal Hotel (Nay Pyi Taw)

Jade Villa No 13/14 Hotel Zone, Dekhina Thiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw T: +95 67 810 6088

www.parkroyalhotels.com/en/hotelsresorts/myanmar/naypyitaw



### Kempinski Hotel (Nay Pyi Taw)

11-12 Shwe Pyi Taw Win Road, Dekkhina Thiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw.

T: +95678106061 F: +95678106065

www.kempinski.com/en/nay-pyi-taw/kempinskihotel-nay-pyi-taw



### Hilton (Nay Pyi Taw)

No. JV-001 Taw Win Thiri Road, Nay Pyi Taw, 15011, Myanmar T: +95-67-8105001 FAX: +95-67-8105030

http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/myanmar/hilton-nay-pyi-taw-NYTHZHI/index.html

### **Travel Arrangements**

The following companies are the members of British Chamber of Commerce Myanmar and they will be able to assist you with travel arrangements. Please mention the British Chamber of Commerce Myanmar when you make your booking.



#### **Khiri Travels & Tours**

5/9, Bogalay Zay Street (lower block)
1st floor, Botataung Township
Yangon, Myanmar
T/F +95 1 375 577
T/F +95 1 375 433

Email: myanmar@khiri.com www.khiri.com/myanmar



#### **Pegu Travels**

90 Bogalay Zay Street Botahtaung Township Yangon, Myanmar T: +95 9 731 93410

Email: info@pegutravels.com

www.pegutravels.com

www.go-myanmar.com/business-travellers



### **Expeditions Myanmar Travel Agent**

Room (1102), Tower (A), Diamond Condominium Pyay Road, Kamayut Township Yangon, Myanmar T: +95 1 538 146 Email: yzo@expeditionsmyanmartravel.com www.expeditionsmyanmartravel.com/



### **Exo Travel Myanmar**

No.147, Shwe Gone Daing Road, West Shwe Gone Daing Ward, Bahan Township

T: +95 (0) 1 8604933-36, 558215, 8603271

F: +95 (0) 1 8604932

Email: mvanmar@exotravel.com

www.exotravel.com

### **Car Rental**

The following companies are the members of British Chamber of Commerce Myanmar and they will be able to assist on car rental and transport arrangement. Please mention the British Chamber of Commerce Myanmar when you make your booking.



Yoma Fleet Ltd.,

B-1, 1st Floor, Yoma Bank Building, FMI City, Hlaing Tharyar Township, 11401, Yangon, Myanmar



Exera Ltd.,

14 San Yeik Nyein 5th Street Kamaryut, Yangon Myanmar

T: +95 (0)1 514-001

T/F +95 9 79700 5366 T/F +95 9 79700 5370

Email: aung@yomafleet.com

www.yomafleet.com

Email: enquiry@exera.asia

www.exera.asia

# **Serviced Office Space**

The following companies are members of British Chamber of Commerce and they offer short term and long term hot desk and office rental. Please mention the British Chamber of Commerce Myanmar when you make your booking to receive preferential rates.



Hledan Centre, Pyay Road,

Yangon, Myanmar T/F +95 1230 5656

Email: enquiry@arccoffices.com

www.arccoffices.com



#### **Hintha Business Centres**

Third Floor, 608 Merchant Road (Corner of Merchant & 31st Street) Pabedan Township, Yangon, Myanmar

**T:** +95 (0) 1 441 3410

E-mail: 608merchant@hinthabusinesscentres.com

www.hinthabusinesscentres.com

# **Emergency Contacts**

Police Emergency: 199

Police (Yangon): +95 (0) 1 545455

Yangon General Hospital (YGH): +95 (0) 1 256112

Ambulance (Red Cross): +95 (0) 1 5295133

Tourist Information: +95 (0) 1 371910, +95 (0) 1 374281

Airport (Yangon): +95 (0) 1 662811 Immigration: +95 (0) 1 249216 Customs: +95 (0) 1 253046

YCDC (Help Line): +95 (0) 1 283155, +95 (0) 1 282019, +95 (0) 1 283954

# **Public Holidays in Myanmar (2017)**

Below are the public holidays in Myanmar, please bear in mind for business travel and be aware that many businesses (including restaurants) are closed over the Thingyan Holidays in April.

**Date Public Holiday** January 04 Independence Day February 12 Union Day Peasants' Day March 02 March 12 Full Moon Day of Tabaung March 27 Armed Forces Day April 12-21 Thingyan Holidays May 01 May Day

May 10 Full Moon Day of Kasong

July 8 Full Moon Day of Waso (Beginning of Buddhist Lent)

July 19 Martyr's Day

October 5 Full Moon Day of Thadingyut (End of Buddhist Lent)

November 3 Full Moon of Tazaungmone

November 13 National Day
December 25 Christmas Day

## **Doing Business in Myanmar**

You can find UK Trade and Investment Burma's General Doing Business Guide <a href="here">here</a> for an insight into some of the challenges of doing business in Myanmar, and the British Chamber of Commerce <a href="website">website</a> where you can connect with UK business community in Myanmar and business services.

#### **Business Behaviour**

The official language is Burmese (Myanmar). The use of English is widespread among larger companies, but proficiency is limited smaller companies. It's worth considering hiring an interpreter for meetings.

You should adapt to codes of conduct including:

- Always refer to people by their full honorific title and full name ('U' is the equivalent of 'Mr' and 'Daw' can be interpreted as 'Mrs', 'Ms' or 'Madam').
- Dress conservatively for meetings.
- Shake hands if they are offered.
- Exchange business cards at the start of a meeting, take time to look at them properly and keep them on the table during meetings.
- Take your lead from the host as to whether you remove your shoes on entering a Myanmar office.
- Do not point at anyone, or anything with your feet.
- Make 'small talk' which may take the form of personal questions in business meetings
- Do not interrupt, or raise your voice in meetings, as people will find this offensive and rude.
- Please do not hesitate to invite your contacts to any subsequent events in Burma.
- Make regular visits to build business relationships, as communication via email does not work well in this market.
- See the Ministry of Tourism Guide for further advice: <a href="https://www.dosanddontsfortourists.com">www.dosanddontsfortourists.com</a>

If you have any questions or require more detailed guidance, please contact to Chloe Taylor (Chief Executive): chloe@britchammyanmar.com for support.