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# AGENDA

- 1. Security
- 2. Yangon & around
- 3. Southern Shan State
- 4. The Golden Triangle
- 5. Further up, further in ...
- 6. Positive impact



## CHINA Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office INDIA CHINA BANGLADESH LAOS Kyaukpyu (Sandoway Bay Bengal Pathein THAILAND Dawei Andaman Andaman Islands (India) Gulf Advise against all but essential travel See our travel advice before travelling

# 1. SECURITY



# READ THE TRAVEL ADVICE FROM INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENTS. SIGN UP FOR ALERTS. FOLLOW LOCAL NEWS.

TRAVEL WITH A TOUR OPERATOR.

HAVE THE RIGHT DOCUMENTS. AND PLENTY OF COPIES.

BE DISCREET WHEN DISCUSSING POLITICS.

AVOID PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS.

REMOVE BANNED APPS AND SENSITIVE PHOTOS.

NO PHOTOS OR VIDEOS OF SECURITY FORCES OR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. NO DRONES.

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STAY OVERNIGHT ONLY IN LICENSED HOTELS AND GUESTHOUSES.

LISTEN TO YOUR GUIDE; LISTEN TO YOUR HOTEL.

DON'T TRAVEL INTO RESTRICTED AREAS.
RESPECT CURFEW.

WHEN POSSIBLE, TRAVEL IN THE MORNING.

WHEN INTERACTING WITH SECURITY FORCES, SMILE AND BE BUSINESS-LIKE.

BE PREPARED TO BE ASKED FOR TEA MONEY.

## 2. YANGON & AROUND

#### Why stay?

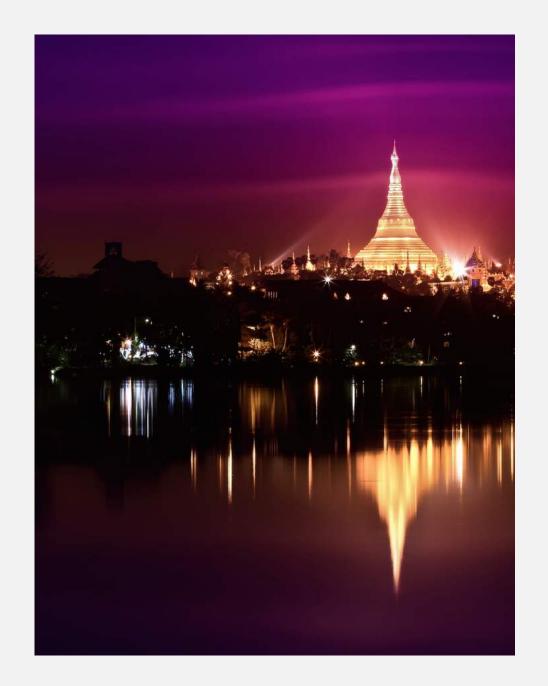
Walking tours, cycling, good eating

#### What impact?

Support local farmers and street vendors

#### We recommend ...

... rivers and islands exploration with *Uncharted Horizons* 



#### FOOD TOURS & COOKERY CLASSES







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#### CYCLING & WALKING







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#### CRAFTS





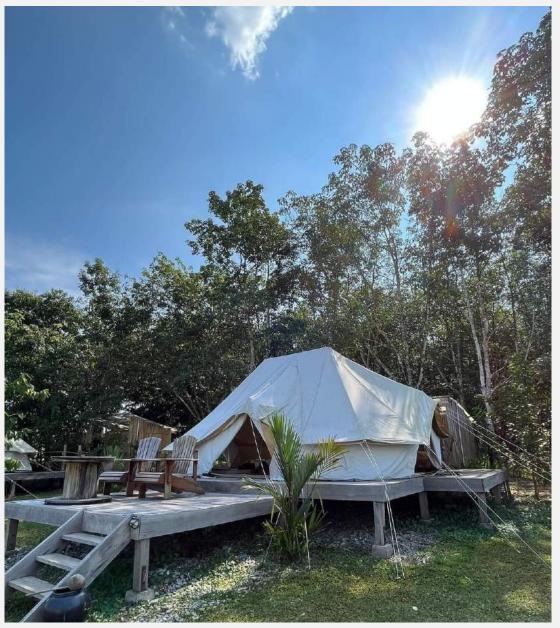


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#### WHERE TO STAY







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# 3. SOUTHERN SHAN STATE

#### Why go?

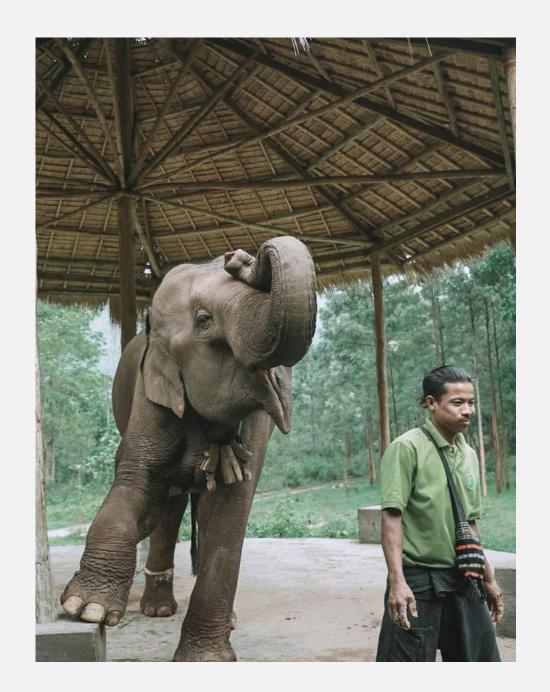
Trekking, cycling, local food

#### What impact?

Elephants, bees, small hoteliers

#### We recommend ...

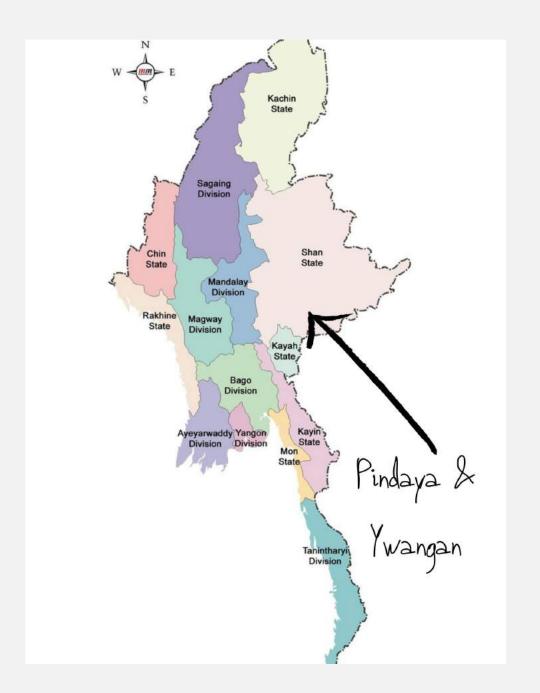
... the noodles at Kanbawza stall in the central market



#### HOW TO GET THERE

Air KBZ operates daily; MNA operates on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

Why not drive!? **Driving hours** – **estimated 9 hours**. We recommend taking the old highway and staying overnight at Taungoo. (Pick up some "anzatone" snacks at Yamethin.)



#### WHAT TO DO





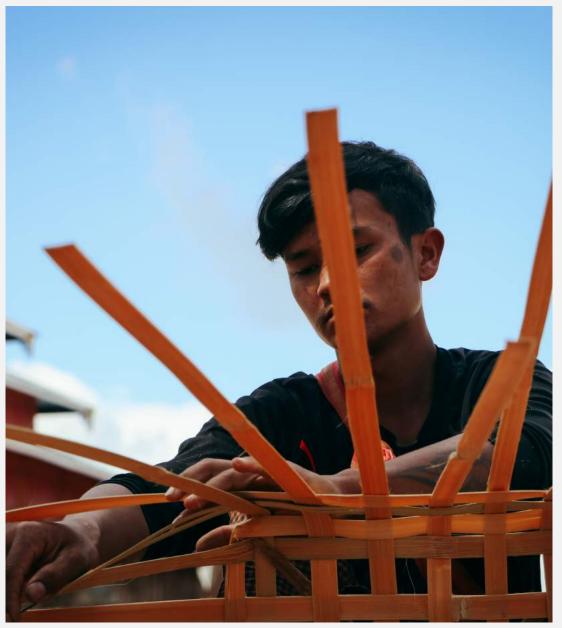


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## PA'O VILLAGES





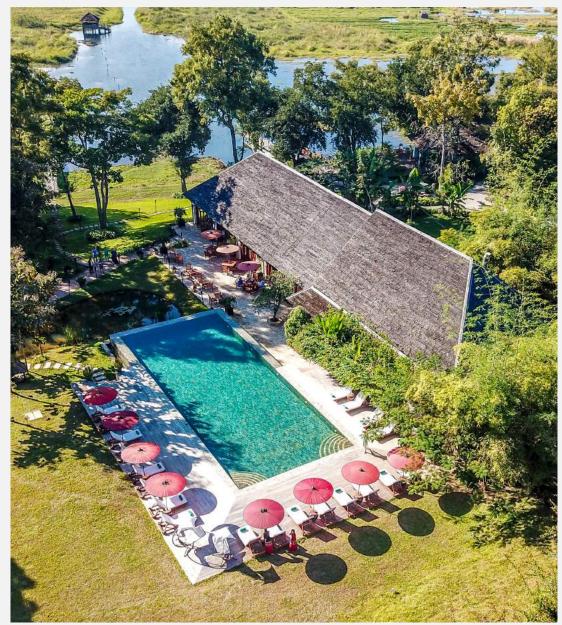


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#### WHERE TO STAY







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## 4. THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

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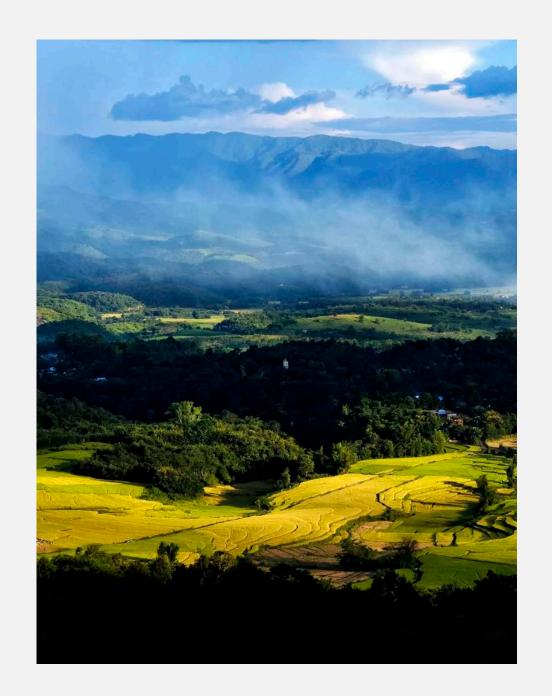
Meet the Eng & the Akha; best food market in Myanmar?

#### What impact?

Speak to your guide about what best to offer the villages

#### We recommend ...

... buying some 'akyaw' and watching the local football each evening at 17:00



#### HOW TO GET THERE

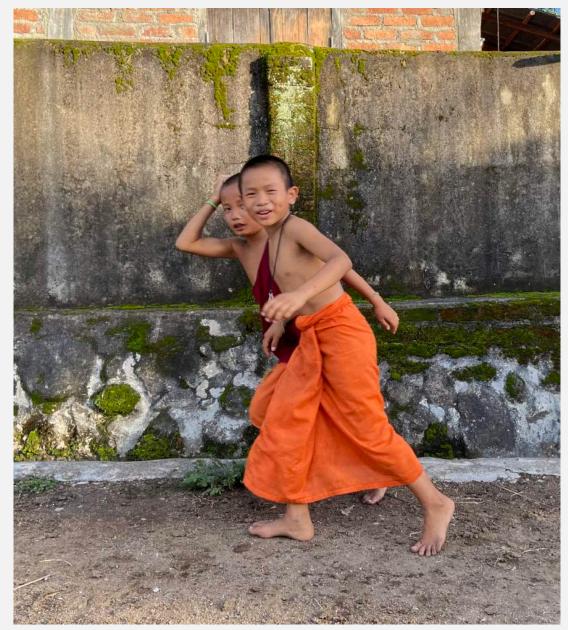
RGN-KET Flight – Air KBZ fly on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. MNA operates Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.



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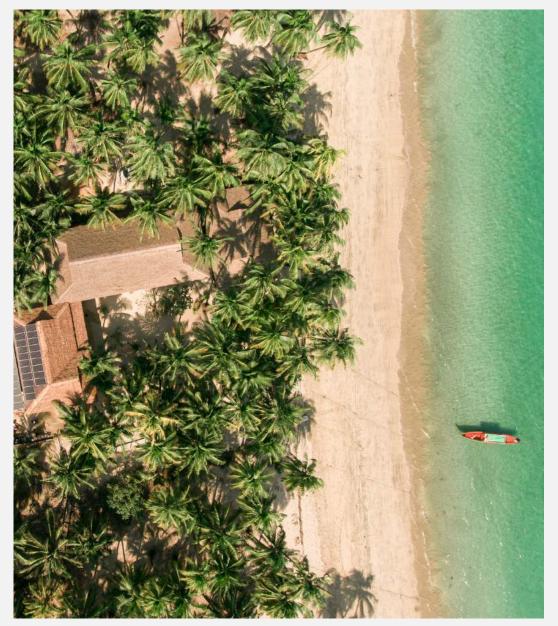


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# 6. FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN ...







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# 7. POSITIVE IMPACT

Money & message

What are tour operators doing?

What can travellers do?

#### MONEY & MESSAGE

## Is where you go on holiday a moral decision?

BY TEACIRCLEOXFORD | OCTOBER 7, 2019

Bertie Alexander Lawson explores the moral questions surrounding travel to Myanmar.

The expulsion of nearly 800,000 Rohingya from Rakhine State, the reports of crimes against humanity, and the suppression of journalistic freedom have once more brought the morality of travelling to Myanmar as a tourist into question.

Prospective visitors are opting for neighboring countries; those that do visit are having to defend their decision; and travel agents arranging trips through the country are forced to explain why

holidaying in Myanmar can be responsible and ethic

You and this Tweeter share some mutual follows

Myanmar Strategy @MyanmarStrat · Jun 3

Replying to @bertie\_alexandr

A local saying: "One doesn't celebrate while the household is going through a funeral service of a family member." Our suggestion is to kindly postpone ur visit until the democratically elected government is back in power and the country is back towards peace & prosperity. Thanks

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# Tourists urged to avoid Myanmar as junta prepares to reopen to world

Travel agents and aid workers raise issues of safety and note that tourism dollars will only benefit the ruling military



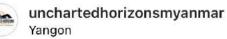
#### WHAT ARE TOUR OPERATORS DOING?



# SAMPAN'S PARTNERS POLICY

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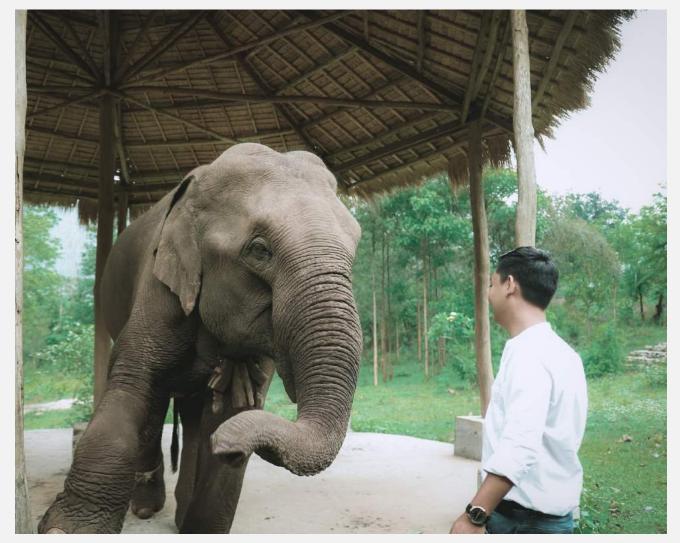
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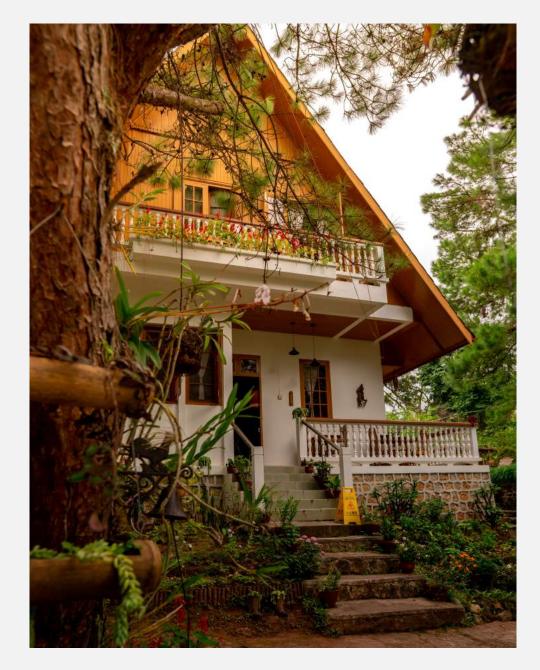


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unchartedhorizonsmyanmar Cheeky young lady of the Khumi Chin tribe in traditional attire at today's school opening, which was co-funded by Uncharted Horizons Myanmar, in an IDP camp north of Yangon

#### WHAT CAN TRAVELLERS DO?





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