

FAST FACTS . . .

Area

676,577 Square Kilometers.

Time

UTC (GMT) + 6.5 Hours

Climate

Myanmar is an all year round destination. Hilly regions in the north and northeast enjoy cool temperate weather. Rainfall is also very low in central regions during the rainy season.

Population

The Union of Myanmar has a population of over 57 million. The major racial groups are Bamar, Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan. The people are called Myanmar.

Language

Myanmar, several dialects and English.

Religion

Over 80 percent of Myanmar embrace Theravada Buddhism. There are Christians, Muslims, Hindus and some animists.

Currency

The local currency is the “Kyat” which is divided into 100 pyas. Kyat notes are issued in denominations of 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 45, 50, 90, 100, 200, 500 and 1000.

Business Hours

Banks : 09:30 – 15:00 Mon – Fri

Offices : 09:30 – 16:30 Mon – Fri

Airport Tax

10 US Dollars for departure at international gateways.

Customs

Foreign currencies (above USD 2000), jewellery, cameras and electronic goods must be declared to the customs at the Airport.

Exports of antiques and archaeologically valuable items are prohibited.

Foreign Exchange Certificate (FEC)

Foreign Exchange Certificate, issued for the convenience of visitors, is accepted by hotels, airlines, travel agencies, taxis, restaurants and convenient for entrance fees to pagodas, museums, parks, etc. FECs are issued in US \$ 20, \$ 10, \$ 5 and \$ 1 denominations.

Licensed Tour Companies

(a)	Foreign Company	1
(b)	J.V Company	16
(c)	Local Company	706
Total		723

Licensed Tourist Transportation

(a)	Coach (26-50 seater)	88
(b)	Mini Bus (21-25 seater)	29
(c)	Van (7-20 Seater)	16
(d)	Saloon (3-5 seater)	21
(e)	Motor Boat	31
(f)	Boat	12
(g)	Yacht	30
(h)	Hot Air Balloon	1
Total		228

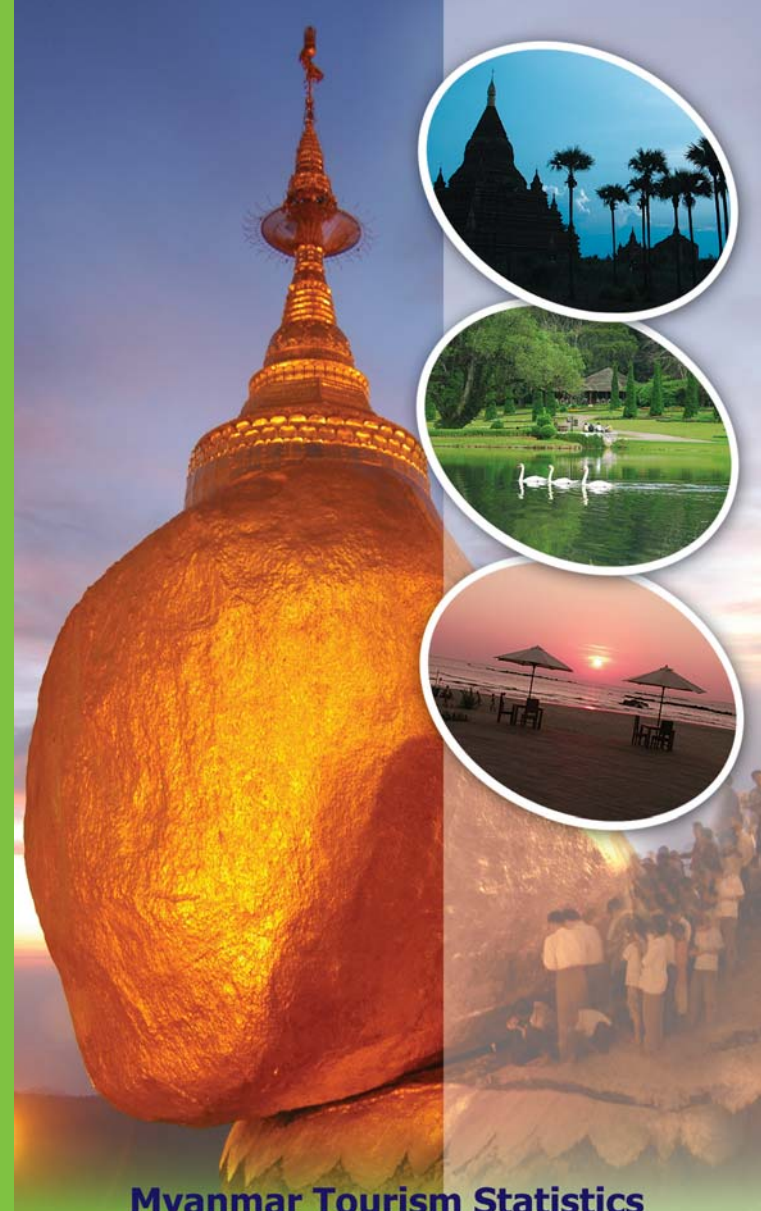
Licensed Tour Guides

(a)	English	3217 *
(b)	Japanese	600
(c)	French	290
(d)	Chinese	216
(e)	Thai	128
(f)	German	221
(g)	Russia	31
(h)	Italian	43
(i)	Korean	20
Total		4766

* (Included Spanish Guides 93)

Hotels / Motels/ Guest Houses

1.	Aungban	3	56
2.	Bagan	76	1947
3.	Bago	10	266
4.	Bhamaw	2	82
5.	Chaungtha	14	492
6.	Dawei	2	54
7.	Hpa-an	6	142
8.	Kalay	2	58
9.	Kalaw	21	329
10.	Kawthaung	5	365
11.	Kyaikhto	8	210
12.	Kyaington	11	343
13.	Kyaukpataung	1	14
14.	Lashio	5	186
15.	Loikaw	1	24
16.	Magwe	5	78
17.	Mandalay	68	2902
18.	Mawlamyine	7	146
19.	Meikhtila	5	98
20.	Mogok	1	11
21.	Monywa	5	123
22.	Mrauk-U	5	130
23.	Muse	7	255
24.	Myitkyina	11	293
25.	Myeik	2	65
26.	Nay Pyi Taw	6	141
27.	Ngapali	10	402
28.	Ngwesaung	19	840
29.	Nyaung Shwe	41	878
30.	Pakokku	2	23
31.	Patheingyi	5	129
32.	Pindaya	5	152
33.	Putao	1	8
34.	Pyaw	12	237
35.	Pyinmana	2	139
36.	Pyin Oo Lwin	25	451
37.	Sagaing	2	19
38.	Shwe Nyaung	1	16
39.	Sittwe	5	109
40.	Tachileik	11	526
41.	Taunggyi	15	484
42.	Taungtha	11	242
43.	Thazi	2	26
44.	Thipaw	3	52
45.	Yangon	161	6845
Total		622	20388



Myanmar Tourism Statistics 2008 - 2009



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Tourist Arrivals

	2007-2008	2008-2009
Yangon Entry Point	214312	187829
Mandalay & Bagan Gateways	5552	5243
Border Tourism	501946	549544
Total	721810	742616

International Gateways

(Yangon, Mandalay & Bagan Gateways And Including Tourist Arrivals Through Border Check Points To Yangon)

	2007-2008	2008-2009
(1) Package	40791	26374
(2) FIT	102231	84208
(3) Business Travellers	38206	39911
(4) Entry Visa(Friends & Relatives)	20907	22619
(5) Others	17729	19960
Total	219864	193072

Border Tourism

(Including day return visitors)

	2007-2008	2008-2009
(1) North Eastern Region	57609	84567
(2) Eastern Region	301264	313475
(3) South Eastern Region	143073	151502
Total	501946	549544

Tourism Income

Year	2007-08(US\$)	2008-09(US\$)
Total Earnings	172 M	172 M
Average Expenditure Per Person Per Day	112	89
Average Length of Stay	7 (Days)	9 (Days)

Visa Formalities

A valid Passport with Entry Visa is required for all visitors. The entry visa to Myanmar is applicable at Myanmar Embassies and Consulate General Offices abroad and it is valid for 28 days.

Overland entry

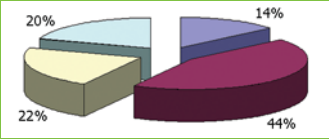
Overland entry is permitted to Thai, Chinese and Indian tourists with border passes and to third party tourists with visa at designated check points along Myanmar – Thailand, Myanmar– China and Myanmar– India Borders. Tourists with valid passports and visa can leave by air from Yangon.

Visa on Arrival

Visa on arrival is granted only to packaged cruise liner and chartered flight tourists; and to packaged tour groups from places where there are no Myanmar representation. Visa on Arrival is applicable only through licensed travel agencies registered in Myanmar. The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism will endorse to the Immigration authorities on case by case basis.

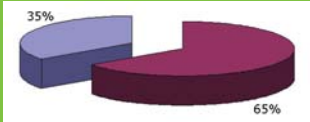
Types of Tourist

Package Tour Groups 14 %
Foreign Independent Travellers 44 %
Business Travellers 20 %
Others 22%



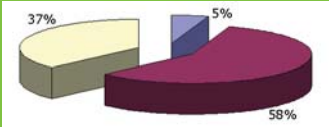
Tourist Arrivals by Gender Group

Male 65 %
Female 35 %



Tourist Arrivals by Age Group

Age 1-20 5 %
Age 21-50 58 %
Age 51+ 37 %



Visitors by Nationality			
No.	Country	2008-09	%
	ASIA	128650	66.63
1.	CHINA	30456	15.77
2.	THAILAND	28718	14.87
3.	JAPAN	11317	5.86
4.	TAIWAN	11005	5.70
5.	KOREA	10640	5.51
6.	SINGAPORE	8831	4.57
7.	MALAYSIA	8447	4.38
8.	INDIA	7408	3.84
9.	HONGKONG	2300	1.19
10.	BANGLADESH	1075	0.56
11.	OTHERS	8453	4.38
	WEST EUROPE	36679	19.00
1.	FRANCE	8128	4.21
2.	GERMANY	7927	4.11
3.	U.K	5321	2.76
4.	ITALY	3979	2.06
5.	SPAIN	2552	1.32
6.	SWITZERLAND	2455	1.27
7.	BELGIUM	1338	0.69
8.	AUSTRIA	1079	0.56
9.	OTHERS	3900	2.02
	NORTH AMERICA	14949	7.74
1.	AMERICA	12860	6.66
2.	CANADA	2089	1.08
	OCEANIA	6329	3.28
1.	AUSTRALIA	5623	2.91
2.	NEWZEALAND	692	0.36
3.	OTHERS	14	0.01
	EAST EUROPE	3682	1.91
1.	RUSSIA	1642	0.85
2.	OTHERS	2040	1.06
	MIDDLE EAST	1283	0.66
	OTHER AMERICAS	905	0.47
	AFRICA	595	0.31
	TOTAL	193072	100.00

Tourist Arrivals by Special Tours

Special Charter Flight Tours

Year	No. of Charter Flt	No. of Pax
2006-2007	64	8147
2007-2008	42	4758
2008-2009	32	4457

Tourist Arrivals by Cruises

Year	No. of Cruises	No. of Pax
2006-2007	6	1752
2007-2008	5	2540
2008-2009	4	1879

Yachting Tours

Year	No. of Pax	Income(US\$)
2006-2007	2127	226505
2007-2008	2150	278955
2008-2009	1482	228425

Foreign Investment in Hotels & Commercial Complexes

Sr.	Projects	Rooms	Investment US\$(M)	Remarks
1.	30	4861	772.419	Completed
2.	5	1315	348.500	Under Construction
	35	6176	1120.919	

Comparasion Statement Showing Load Factor of Airlines For The Year 2008-2009

Sr.	Route	No. of Flights	Seat Capacity	Occupied Seats		Occupancy Rate	
				Foreigner	Myanmar	Total	%
1.	BKK-YGN	1483	283766	112890	96969	209859	73.95
2.	Chiangmai –YGN	8	464	168	166	334	71.98
3.	Singapore –YGN	984	128884	25959	75248	101207	78.53
4.	Kualalumpur-YGN	504	69182	8770	29997	38767	56.04
5.	Kunming-YGN	121	15488	8658	2873	11531	74.45
6.	Calcutta-YGN	74	10656	1741	6316	8057	75.61
7.	Taipei-YGN	146	24528	10378	3460	13838	56.42
8.	Guang Zhou-YGN	80	9600	3496	2046	5542	57.73
9.	Kunming-MDL	184	9200	4869	1406	6275	68.21
10.	Chiangmai-MDL	10	580	188	112	300	51.72
11.	Special Flight	244	5737	5737	2026	7763	
	Total	3838	552348	182854	220619	403473	73.05