

Myanmar

Information for applicants

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The Buddhist nation of Myanmar is situated to the south of India and to the west of the People's Republic of China.

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has officially had a civilian government again since March 2011. This government has taken first steps to make the country more democratic and open up the economy after years of political and economic isolation.

Climate and sights

Myanmar's climate is tropical (sub-tropical in the north) with constant high humidity. The rainy season lasts from mid-May to mid-October.

Myanmar is known for its temples and colonial buildings. Yangon's sights include bustling markets, many parks and lakes, as well as the large, gold-plated Shwedagon Pagoda, which houses Buddhist relics.

Medical care

In many places, medical services are simple and do not meet international standards, even in conurbations. There are hardly any internationally trained, English- or French-speaking physicians. In the event of serious illness, employees can be transferred to neighbouring Thailand at any time. Medical services there are very good.

Accommodation and quality of life

There are several agencies that can help you find suitable accommodation. Houses and apartments for foreigners have always been very expensive, but the completion of several construction projects has alleviated the pressure on the accommodation market considerably. You can always find something suitable through brokers, personal contacts and expat forums.

Shops and services

The major cities now boast a range of supermarkets and shopping centres, stocking almost everything your heart could desire. Yangon even has delicatessens that specialise in products for foreign citizens.

Payments are generally made in cash. Acceptance of credit cards is on the rise, though charges for using them can be high. Before travelling, check whether your debit cards can be used in Myanmar. Cash can be withdrawn using credit and debit cards at ATMs across the country.

Accompanying partners and children

Officially, until now, accompanying partners have not required work permits. As a result, most foreign citizens in Myanmar work on the basis of a business visa (and, where applicable, an FRC and stay permit). These documents can also be used to register employment contracts for foreign citizens

and to pay income tax and social security contributions.

Schools: Yangon has many international schools (e.g. International School of Yangon, British School Yangon, International School of Myanmar, Pride International School Myanmar, Ecole Française Joseph Kessel de Rangoun etc.), some of which are based on the American or British school system and offer the International Baccalaureate as a school qualification. There is no German school.

Childcare: There are many kindergartens in Yangon, including some English-language pre-schools.

There are several parks, for example around Kandawgyi Lake and Inle Lake and even some playgrounds for children.

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