

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1. Currency of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Myanmar's currency is the Kyat (pronounced "chat", abbreviated as Ks). There are 10,000; 5,000; 1,000; 500; 200 Ks.



**1,000 Kyat note**



**5,00 Kyat note**



**200 Kyat note**



**10,000 Kyat note**



**5,000 Kyat note**

### 2. Currency Exchange

The exchange rate is due to fluctuate over period which is around 1,350.0 Ks for 1 US Dollar during these days.

Money exchange can be done at Bank Exchange Counters at the airport or outside and other exchange counters.

Please note that payment by Credit or Debit Card is not common in Myanmar. Withdrawal at some ATM by cash from Credit Card (Master Card and Visa) with local currency Kyats are available. Travelers Cheques are not widely accepted. Some small dollar notes are useful for paying Entrance Fees while sightseeing.

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**Remark: The US Dollar is the main trading currency and the banknotes should be new if possible - the notes should be clean, be "Big Head" style and have no markings, no creases, no "CB" prefix on the serial number and no tears whatsoever otherwise it may not be possible to use or to change into the local currency in Myanmar .**

### **3. Language**

Burma language is the official language within Myanmar. There are about 100 languages and dialects of tribes using in different divisions. But, most of the people from urban areas can understand and communicate in English since their primary level English as compulsory subject.

### **4. Tourist Visas**

All visitors to Myanmar require a valid tourist visa except Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Indonesia, Brunei and the Philippines.

Starting in December, Myanmar and Singapore citizens will no longer need a visa to travel between the two countries for up to 30 days.

### **5. Weather**

Myanmar has three seasons, the cold season--October through February, with average temperatures of between 20-24'C. The hot season--March through May with average temperatures of between 30-35'C. The wet season--June through September with average temperature between 25-30'C.

### **6. Time Zone**

Myanmar Standard Time is six hours and 30 minutes ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT/UTC).

### **7. Electrical Current**

Electricity is supplied at 220 V, 50 Hz. There are many different kinds of sockets in use in Myanmar. We recommend that visitors bring a universal adaptor for their electrical appliances as well as a surge protector.



### **8. Clothing**

The light, warm and casual clothes are suitable for the rainy season. Sandals or slippers are convenience for your trip. Visitors are required to remove their shoes and socks, when entering religious places like pagoda, monastery, etc,. Wear conservative dress (shoulders and knees covered) Flat, comfortable walking shoes that can be easily removed are suggested.

## 9. Food

A wide range of choices in the food/diet from Asian style to Western style are available at restaurants and food-courts in Yangon. The local foods are excellent for different tastes such as spicy, hot and sour.

## 10. Phone communication

Country code of Myanmar is 095 and local call can be made from public phone as well as from hotels. Making local call from hotel cost 100 Ks/ minute and price of oversea call varies depend on country, from US\$ 2.00 to US\$ 7.00 for 1 minute.

Local area code, eg. "01" for Yangon, "02" for Mandalay, etc. Mobile number starts with "09". - - Calling from oversea to land phone in Yangon should press "95-1-phone Number" (country code+ area code+ phone number)

- Calling from oversea to local mobile phone should press "95-9-phone number" .
- Local call from mobile to land phone should press "area code + phone number" or calling to different regions.

There is international roaming service for some countries in Myanmar at present. You can buy local SIM Cards or which can be rent at the airport. You can use identification cards such as National Registration Identity Card (NRIC) driving license, passport, student card (from Government recognized education institution) or a recommendation certificate from your ward/village Head. There are three operators in Myanmar: 1) Telenor 2) Ooredoo and 3) MPT.

1) With the **Telenor Tourist SIM**, you will have access to the country's largest 3G network enabling you to make local and international calls, and stay online to update your loved ones and business colleagues. The SIM include: MMK 15,000 MMK (Tax inclusive), 5 GB Smart Internet (High Speed Internet), Local Calls (AnyNet) 50 mins, 1,500 MMK Credits, First Voice Call Activation, Valid for 14 Days (Preloaded Allowance valid for 14 days from first voice call activation), and Free Incoming Calls & SMS. My Internet Monthly Package: Volume: 500 MB

Speed: up to 2 Mbps

Validity: 30 days

Activation: Send SMS „mymonth“ to 500 or Dial \*4005# or \*400# USSD menu

This plan go well with Whatapp, Twitter, Google, Facebook, Opera Mini

Smart Internet Plan : Price: 6 Kyats/MB

Speed: up to 2 Mbps

Activation:Pre-enabled on all SIMs

This plan go well with Whatapp, Twitter, Google, Facebook, Viber, Skype, Opera Mini 2)

The internet packs of **Ooredoo** and charges are as follows and choose the pack which is right for you.

	150 MB	1.5 GB	1 GB	2 GB	4 GB	10 GB	40 GB
Price	400 Ks	2,500 Ks	3,000 Ks	5,500 Ks	10,000 Ks	19,000 Ks	50,000 Ks
Allowance	150 MB	1.5GB	1GB	2GB	4GB	10GB	40GB
Validity	1 day	7 days	30 days				

\*\* All the Rates are inclusive of Commercial Tax.

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3) The base tariff of **MPT** are: PEAK (7AM – 11PM) - **Voice : 50 Ks/min**

**SMS : 25 Ks/sms**

OFF-PEAK(11PM – 7 AM) - **Voice : 25 Ks/min**

**SMS : 25 Ks/sms**

Data charging 4 ks/MB

To activate Data, send "Orderdata service" to 1331.

Swe Thahar : **Voice Call : 23Ks/min**

**SMS : 10Ks/sms**

**Data charging 6 ks/MB**

To activate Swe Thahar, send "SWE" to 1332.

Data Packs of MPT, price, validity and subscribe are as follows.

### **Double Data Bonus**

Data Quota + Bonus Total Data Quota Price (Ks) Validity To Subscribe

400MB + 400MB	800MB	2,800Ks	30 Days Dial *2002#	OR SMS 400MB to 1332
1GB + 1GB	2GB	6,500Ks	30 Days Dial *2003#	OR SMS 1GB to 1332
2GB + 2GB	4GB	12,000Ks	30 Days Dial *2004#	OR SMS 1GB to 1332
5GB + 5GB	10GB	25,000Ks	30 Days Dial *2002#	OR SMS 5GB to 1332

### **Social Pack**

Data Pack Total Data Quota Price (Ks) USSD Code SMS

24 Hr Pack	200 MB	199 Ks	*3001#	Send SP1 to 1331
7 Days Pack	1000 MB	999 Ks	*3002#	Send SP2 to 1331
30 Days Pack	4000 MB	3,999 Ks	*3003#	Send SP3 to 1331

### **Nighttime Data Package**

Package Name Data Volume Price (Ks) USSD Code

1 Night	250MB	300Ks	*237*1#
7 Nights	1GB	1000Ks	*237*2#
30 Nights	4GB	3,200Ks	*237*3#

### **11. Contact Address**

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