

## Allied War Memorial



Allied War Memorial Cemetery is located at Htaukkyant, 32km from Yangon, on the way to Bago. It is a memorial cemetery of Allied soldiers who died in the Myanmar Campaign during World War II. The Cemetery is peaceful and its beautifully kept grounds has 27,000 stone-graves of Commonwealth and Allied soldiers. cut across the Ayeyawady Delta.



## Thanlyin (Syriam)

Thanlyin (Syriam) lies 45 minute drive from Yangon across the 1822 meter long bridge spanning the Bago River. It was once an important trading port of the Portuguese in the early 17th century. Kyaik khauk Pagoda in Thanlyin and Yele Pagoda in Kyauktan are some of the places of interest. National Races Village is situated on the left of Yangon–Thanlyin Bridge.

## Twante

Twante is situated 24km from Yangon and a boat trip along the Twante Canal takes about two hours. It is also accessible by car. It is noted for its pottery and cotton weaving industries. From where, visitors can enjoy the rural life along the famous canal of Twante, a short cut across the Ayeyawady Delta.

## Shopping



Bogyoke Aung San Market (Scott Market) is located at the corner of Shwedagon Pagoda Road and Bogyoke Aung San Road with an area of 29717 square metre. Being the largest in Yangon, Bogyoke Aung San Market is one of the best places for shopping souvenirs. Myanmar handicrafts, jewellery, lacquerware, and modern items are readily available.

## Colonial Buildings



There are some colonial buildings situated in downtown of Yangon. The highlights are City Hall, High Court, former Ministerial Office and some government buildings.

## RECREATIONAL PARKS



## Kandawgyi Gardens and Kandawgyi Lake

Kandawgyi Garden is located in the center of Yangon, a walking distance from the Shwedagon Pagoda. Now, Kandawgyi Garden is upgraded comprising the education zone, relaxation zone and recreation zone. There are nine agricultural technology educative booths, the agricultural museum and shops in the education zone. New restaurants, Timber Walkway, Rock Garden, Orchid Garden, Mount Popa Tower, elephant plaza, fresh water aquarium, landscaping, trees and seasonal flowers, water fountain, waterfalls Children play ground and Mini Zoo are additional pleasure of the Park.



## Yangon Zoological Garden

Yangon Zoological Garden, a recreation center, is located in the heart of Yangon. It is also the center for Zoological and Botanical research. The zoo is noted for its collection

of wild animals, flora and fauna which have been collected over the years since it was opened in 1906. It is a perfect place for studying various wildlife species and birds.



## People's Square and People's Park

People's Square and People's Park is situated on an area of over 130 acres of land between U Wizara Road and Pyay Road. There is a Myanmar Culture Valley Shopping Mall and a Museum housing Life-sized models of nationalities in their colourful dresses.

## Hlawga Wildlife Park

Hlawga Wildlife Park is about 45 minutes drive from Yangon and it covers 7 square km of land. The park is an ideal place for bird watching, elephant rides and picnicking and it is home to over 70 kinds of herbivorous animals, and 90 species of birds.

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# Yangon



Yangon, the commercial city, is the main gateway to Myanmar. Yangon was founded by King Alaungpaya in 1775 on the site of a small settlement called Dagon. The name Yangon means “End of Strife” which was Anglicized to Rangoon after the British annexed Myanmar in 1885. The present day Yangon covers about 350 sq.km with a population of over 5.5 million.

## GETTING TO YANGON

Yangon International Airport has direct airlink with Bangkok, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Chiang Mai, Kolkata, Gaya, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Seoul, Doha, Dhaka, Kunming, Nanning, Taipei, Ho Chi Minh, Ha Noi, Siem Reap, Phnom Penh and Guangzhou. Regularly (8) Domestic Air Lines connect Yangon to Mandalay, Bagan, Heho, Kyaing Tong (Keng Tung), Tachileik, Thandwe, Kawthaung and other tourist destinations. There are regular rail services and coaches from Yangon to major cities in the States and Regions.



### By Air (International)

Myanmar Airways International (MAI), Air Bagan, Thai Airways International, Bangkok Airways, Thai Air Asia, Silk Air, Jet Star Asia, Malaysia Airline, Air China, China Eastern Airline, China Southern Airline, China Airline, Air India, Vietnam Airline, Korean Airline, Qatar Airways, All Nippon Airways, Dragon Air, Asiana Air, Biman Airline, Tiger Air, Singapore Airlines, Air Asia, Golden Myanmar Airways.

### By Air (Domestic)

Myanma Airways, Air Mandalay, Air Bagan, Air KBZ, Asian Wings, Yangon Airways, Golden Myanmar Airways, Mann Yadanarbon Airways.

### Highway Express Terminals

Aungmyinglar Station, Dagon Ayeyar Station,

### By Sea

Myanmar International Terminals Thilawa (MITT) ,Nan Thida Jetty and Bo Aung Kyaw Jetty



## HIGHLIGHTS OF YANGON



### Shwedagon Pagoda

The Shwedagon Pagoda, one of the wonders of the world, is the prominent landmark visible from miles around. The Pagoda has a height of 326 feet. The Shwedagon Pagoda where the four Buddhas’ relics were enshrined, is believed to have been built more than 2600 years ago, that is during the Buddha’s lifetime. The Shwedagon Pagoda is the holiest place of worship to Buddhists all over the world and the whole complex is practically a work of art. Most of the buildings around the Pagoda are decorated with the best specimens of Myanmar painting and sculpture. A visit to Yangon is incomplete without a visit to the Shwedagon Pagoda.

### Kaba Aye Pagoda

The Kaba Aye Pagoda meaning World Peace Pagoda was built in 1952. This Pagoda was significant for the Sixth World Buddhist Synod which was held in Maha Pasana Guha (Cave) within the same compound during 1954. The Buddhist Art Museum is also located in the same compound and it has a wide collection of religious paraphernalia and Buddhist texts.



### Sule Pagoda

The Sule Pagoda is situated in the centre of the city, across from the City Hall. It stands 46m high and it is also one of the excellent landmarks of Yangon.

### Botahtaung Pagoda

It is located on the Botahtaung Pagoda Road, situated beside the Yangon River. It was named after 1,000 Military leaders who escorted relics of the Buddha from India to Myanmar over 2,000 years ago. It contains hair relics of the Buddha.

### Chauk Htat Gyi Pagoda

The Chauk Htat Gyi Pagoda, 65.72 meter long reclining Buddha, is one of the largest images in Myanmar. The original image was built in 1907. The Pagoda was demolished in 1957 and it was built to this structure in 1966.

## MUSEUMS IN YANGON



### National Museum

The National Museum is located on Pyay Road, and it has five floors of exhibits. The 8m-high Lion Throne of King Thibaw, the last Myanmar King, the Royal Regalia of 19th century, the artifacts of various ancient periods, manuscripts, traditional dresses of various ethnic groups, traditional musical instruments, paintings, etc are displayed in the museum.

### Myanma Gems Museum and Gems Mart

Myanma Gems Museum is located on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, close to the Kaba Aye Pagoda. It displays very famous precious stones of Myanmar such as rubies, jades, sapphires and pearls. It also houses the Gems Mart and sells raw gemstones, polished and various kinds of jewellery.

Other interesting museums in Yangon are Bogyoke Aung San Museum, Drug Elimination Museum.

## ENVIRONS OF YANGON



### Bago

Bago, formerly known as Hanthawaddy of Mon Kingdom in 15th century, is located about 80km from Yangon. Among the many places of cultural heritage include the Shwemawdaw Pagoda, the huge reclining Buddha of Shwetharlyaung, the four giant Buddha images of Kyaikpun Pagoda and the excavation site and restoration work of Kanbawzathadi, the palace of famous King Bayintnaung.