

GENERAL INFORMATION ON MANDALAY BUSINESS FORUM 2018



LOCATION

Mandalay is situated about 625 kilometers north of Yangon on the Irrawaddy River. It is Myanmar's second largest city with a population of over 1.2 million. It is the major trading and communications center for northern and central Myanmar and is strategically situated on important river and land routes from India, China, Thailand and other parts of Southeast Asia.

CULTURE

Mandalay is the historical old capital. During the 19th century, Mandalay was the capital of Myanmar's last independent kingdom. It is the one of the richest historical locations in Myanmar. Mandalay is a cultural and religious center of Buddhism with many monasteries, famous temples and more than 700 pagodas including the Mandalay hill and the Maha Myat Muni Buddha Image. With the former capitals of Ava and Amarapura are a short drive to the south and Bagan easily accessible by road or river cruise, Mandalay is one of the country's most popular tourist destinations.

ACCESS

Mandalay can be reached by air, river, rail and road. Mandalay International Airport has direct international flights from Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Singapore, Kunming and Shenzhen (seasonal 2018, Th & Su). 8 domestic airlines also connect Mandalay to; Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Bagan and other domestic destinations. Mandalay also has regular rail links and coaches with major cities all over Myanmar. (Appendix 1 domestic flight schedule Yangon - Mandalay)

TRAVEL VISA

Nationals from; Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Philippines, Thailand (by air only) and Vietnam do not require a visa to enter Myanmar for visits up to 14 days, Singapore up to 30 days.

eVisa www.evisa.moip.gov.mm Average processing time is three (3) days.

Online Business eVisa application is available for Nationals from 53 countries, including; Australia, China PR, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Korea RO (South), Malaysia, New Zealand, United Kingdom (UK) and United States of America (USA).

For the complete list please see www.evisa.moip.gov.mm/noticetobusiness.aspx

Other Nationals apply for visa at the Myanmar Embassies in respective countries.

For eVisa (Business) or visa-on-arrival Invitation Letter, please complete the attached Visa Invitation Letter Request Form and return by email with Subject: line indicating MBF 2018 - FAMILYNAME First name - Visa Invitation Letter Request

e.g. MBF 2018 - SMITH John - Visa Invitation Letter Request to

info@mandalaybusinessforum.com by not later than **26 October 2018**.

CURRENCY

The local currency is the "Kyat" and notes are issued in denominations of 1,5,10,20,50, 100,200,500,1000,5000 and 10000.

Popular Credit Cards such as Visa Card and MasterCard are accepted at international branded hotels, some local hotels and many some restaurants and shops in Myanmar. Union Pay is accepted in many locations, recommended to check with your hotel in advance. Please note that for currency conversion from qualified Exchange Desks, foreign currency notes must be in pristine condition with no fold marks, blemishes or wear & tear.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Country code (Myanmar): +95

Area Code (Mandalay): 02

For mobile phones: +95 9 (IDD) or 09 (DDD)

Mobile Phone SIM Cards for travellers are available at the airport, shops and service provider outlets, real name identification and ID required at time of purchase.

Wi-Fi internet access is available at hotels and many airports, restaurants, shopping centers and larger public facilities, charges may apply in some venues. Wi-Fi is available at the Mandalay Convention Centre.

Myanmar's telecommunications service providers provide metered mobile data (3G and 4G) services.

ELECTRICITY

The electric supply most commonly used in Myanmar is 220V. The electric plugs and sockets are designed for two pins (round and/or flat) plugs, however UK sockets are common in hotels. Travellers are recommended to carry Converters / Transformer and adaptors. Surge protection and fuse devices are suggested as surges are not uncommon.

TIME ZONE

Local time zone: GMT+6.5hours

VENUE AND DATE

The Mandalay Business Forum is proudly organized by the Myanmar Investment Commission(MIC), Ministry of Commerce, Mandalay Region Government and Mandalay Region Investment Committee(MRIC), with the support of New Starlight Group of Companies.

Where :Mandalay, Myanmar

When :Friday 09 November 2018

Where: Mandalay Convention Center (MCC)

Theik Pan Street, between 68th and 73rd Streets

Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay 05042, Mandalay Region, Myanmar

REGISTRATION

All participants are requested to complete the registration form and submit from www.mandalaybusinessforum.com not later than **26 October 2018**.

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GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Transportations will be provided by the organizers to Participants from Mandalay International Airport to Hotel.

From	To	Date
Mandalay International Airport	Hotels	
Hotels	Mandalay International Airport	

Shuttle Bus will be available between the followings Hotels and Mandalay Convention Centre on 9th November 2018.

From	To	Departure time from Hotels	Departure time from MCC	Departure time from MCC
Mercure Mandalay Hill Hotel	Mandalay Convention Centre	8:00 am	14:00	16:30
Hilton Mandalay	Mandalay Convention Centre	8:00 am	14:00	16:30

Taxi are available from Mandalay International Airport to Mandalay Convention Center/ downtown are, standard fare is MMK 15,000 (approx. USD 10). From downtown to Airport approximately MMK 15,000 (approx. USD 10).

ACCOMMODATION

Forum attendees shall make their own accommodation bookings, payment and arrangements. Suggested hotels in Mandalay are listed below, including those offering special Mandalay Business Forum 2018 registered attendee rates.

Mercure Mandalay Hill Resort

EXCLUSIVE Mandalay Business Forum 2018 tariffs available by booking online only and with full advance payment. Presentation of Mandalay Business Forum Registration confirmation at time of check-in at the hotel required otherwise the below indicated tariffs shall apply.

www.accorhotels.com/A3M8

The room rates are as follows:

Room Type	Room Rate
Superior (Palace View)	USD 129 net per room per night
Deluxe(Mandalay Hill View)	USD 145 net per room per night
Conner Suite (including Executive Lounge Access)	USD 185 net per room per night
Junior Suite (including Executive Lounge Access)	USD 225 net per room per night
Executive Suite (including Executive Lounge Access)	USD 255 net per room per night

EXCLUSIVE online pre-paid bookings and above tariffs available for registered Mandalay Business Forum 2018 attendees from Thurs to Sun, 08 to 11 November 2018. All indicated room tariffs are inclusive of; 5% Govt. Tax, 10% taxable Service Charge and breakfast for up to two (2) registered guests per room.

Cancellation is required not later than the day prior to booked arrival date. Failure to cancel in advance shall incur a cancellation charge in the amount of one (1) nights room tariff.

Please contact the following address for room reservation:-

Ms. Mo Mo Satt

Reservation Supervisor

Mercure Mandalay Hill Resort Hotel, Mandalay, Republic of the Union of Myanmar

9 Kwin 416 B 10th Street at the foot of Mandalay Hill, Aungmyaythazan Township, Mandalay 05011, Myanmar

Tel: +95 2 4035638, 4035672, 4035674, 4035675

Fax +95 2 4035639

Email: HA3M8@accor.com or mercureandalayhillresort.com or accorhotels.com

Hilton Mandalay Hotel

The room rates are as follows:

Room Type	Room Rate
Deluxe (32 m ²)	USD 130 net per room per night

General Conditions:

- The above package rates are one-time only group rates and quoted in American Dollars (USD), single occupancy, and inclusive of buffet breakfast.
- Above rates are inclusive of and 10% service charge and 5% government tax, non-commissionable.
- Bed type (king / twin bedded) is subject to availability upon confirmation.
- Rates quoted are based on minimum booking of 10 rooms. Rates are subject to change if number of rooms drop to 9 rooms or below.

Please contact the following address for room reservation:-

Phone: +95 236488, +959786447045

Email: akiko.takahashi2@hilton.com

Website: hiltonmandaly.hilton.com

Address: No.1, Junction of 26th and 66th Street, Chan Aye Tharzan Township, Mandalay, Myanmar

Other hotels in Mandalay- Participants are required to book with own arrangement. Other hotels' information can be found at <http://www.mandalaydirectory.com/> and popular online flight booking Apps.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How much is the fees for the Mandalay Business Forum?
It is FREE of charge for all participants.
2. What languages will speakers at the seminar use ?
Seminars will be delivered in English.
3. What ride Apps are available in Mandalay ?
GRAB and OWAY ride Apps are available within the Mandalay city area
4. How far is Mandalay International Airport from the city ?
40km, an average 45min drive to downtown Mandalay
5. How do I get from the airport to the city ?
Taxis are available at the airport, standard fare is MMK 15,000
Certain Hotels can arrange airport transfer can be requested to arrange
Your hotel will be able to arrange chargeable airport transfers
6. How do I get from the city to the airport and how far in advance of my flight should I depart to the airport ?
Follow the airlines advice regarding flight check-in times, recommended not to depart from downtown any less than 2.5 hours before your scheduled departure time.
Taxis are available, approximately MMK 15,000
Hotels will be able to arrange chargeable airport transfers

Tentative Domestic Flight Schedule (for reference purpose only)

Yangon To Mandalay

Flight	Days	Departure	Arrival
UB 103	Daily	7:30	8:25
Y5 101	Daily	6:45	8:50
7Y 301	Daily	6:45	8:50
K7 222	Daily	7:00	9:05

Mandalay To Yangon

Flight	Days	Dep	Arr
UB 134	1, 3, 5, 6, 7	17:40	18:35
Y5 201	Daily	17:45	19:50
7Y 241	2, 4, 6, 7	17:45	19:50
K7 205	Daily	19:40	21:05

Airline Codes

UB = Myanmar National Airways
Y5 = Golden Myanmar Airlines
7Y = Mann Yadanarpon Airways
K7 = Air KBZ

Day

1 = Monday
2 = Tuesday
3 = Wednesday
4 = Thursday
5 = Friday
6 = Saturday
7 = Sunday

Note:

Subject to change without notice, check with airlines or Agents for actual flight schedules, time, availability and bookings.