

In Mandalay, accommodation within the price bracket of **15,000 Kyats** to **30,000 Kyats** is rather lacklustre as the hotel selections in this range are in or around **82nd and 83rd Street**, which is the closest you'll get to a backpacker area.

Between **37,500 Kyats** and **52,500 Kyats**, you'll find better quality for your money's worth such as **Kaung Myint Hotel**, with its spotless rooms and bathrobes, as well as **Hotel 8** and **Silver Swan Hotel** with their wonderful staff. Both have great rooms for **45,000 Kyats** or less.







Transport yourself into the shoes of Orwell and Kipling as you arrive in Mandalay, a classic hotspot for old culture and literature buffs. Immerse yourself in the royal capital of Myanmar and find yourself in markets for precious gems as well as the country's last Royal Palace.



Mandalay is home to the world's oldest teakwood

DID YOU KNOW?





MANDALAY HILL

- >> The highest point in an otherwise flatland city.
- A famous sunset point with a panoramic view of the Ayeyarwady River.
- >> 1,000 Kyat camera fee.

MAHAMUNI PAYA

- >> A **2,000-year-old** seated Buddha statue.
- >> 13ft tall.

DEE DOKE WATERFALLS

Has a great plunge pool with beautiful, turquoise waters.

U-BEIN BRIDGE

The oldest teakwood bridge in the world. You can sit in a boat for a beautiful sunrise/sunset photo.



PORK NOODLE

- >> The locals call it Kyay Oh, and it is a **must-have food** in Mandalay. It is traditionally made with pork and egg with toppings of minced meat and garlic. You can choose between two types of preparation for your dish vermicelli or flat rice noodles. If you prefer a 'dry' version, you can ask the chef to prepare it as a salad.
- Myee Shay is also a popular Mandalay street food featuring rice noodles, pig's tail and pig's skin.

PORK STICKS

A popular street food of Mandalay, it is a scrumptious delicacy cooked from pig parts such as intestine, kidney, lung and tongue. It costs only 100 Kyats - 200 Kyats.

SHAN CUISINE

>> Try buffet-style with a variation of creamy, spicy and soupy dishes. It costs only **4,000 Kyats** for the entire buffet.

GOLD POUNDING AREA

>> Where do the hundreds of sheets of gold that devotees place on sacred Buddhas come from? Here, in Mandalay!

ALABASTER/MARBLE CARVING AREA

>> Find beautiful hand-carved alabaster statues of the Buddha to adorn any garden!

TRADITIONAL PUPPETS AT MYANMAR MARIONETTES

JADE MARKET

>> The market contains hundreds of vendors selling jade jewellery, accessories and good-luck charms, jade is being indigeneous to the region.

MONK ACCOUTREMENT

>> Bowls, robes and such can be found west of Eindawya Pagoda.

TRANSPORTATION TIPS

Taxi drivers can speak decent English and will take you to the famous attractions in Mandalay within a day and charge you about **16,500 Kyats** to **18,000 Kyats** per person.

Another common means of transportation is the bicycle, which is suitable for discovering the city on your own.