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THE CITY OF RUBIES

# Mogok

Mogok is a city in Pyin Oo Lwin District, Mandalay Region. Located 1,162 metres above sea level, Mogok has a moderate climate all year round. In this city, tourists will meet villagers from different ethnic groups, such as Bamar, Shan, Palaung, and Karen. Mogok is surrounded by several mountains and is well-known for its abundant gemstones found in the city and other villages in its vicinity. This city is especially rich in rubies, sapphires and other semi-precious stones. Mogok celebrated its 800th anniversary in 2018.



## TRANSPORTATION TIPS

It takes **7 hours to drive** from Mandalay to Mogok. Tourists who start their journey from Pyin Oo Lwin will only take 4 hours to reach the city. The road to Mogok could be bumpy and rough.

Foreign tourists are required to have a permit to enter Mogok, and it is only accessible by private cars. It is best to apply for the permit beforehand through trustworthy travel agents or tour guides.



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Mogok offers the right mix of nature and culture.



## SIGHTS



## OUTDOORS



## CULTURE



## SHOP

### MOGOK TOWN

- » The cool climate and scenic landscape surrounding Mogok, with the absence of many tourists, make it the **perfect getaway in nature**.
- » Also home to the Valley of Rubies, Mogok has some of the **best sapphires and rubies in the world**.
- » Visiting this town **requires a special permit**, but tourists can get it with the help of tour guides and companies.



### THE GREAT LAKE

- » Located in the middle of town, pristine, blue waters of the lake make the scenery of Mogok even more charming.
- » Villagers love to hang out by the lake, so visitors will get a glimpse of their daily routines here.
- » Photography lovers will also love taking photos of the lake.

### VISIT GEM MINES

- » By visiting Mogok Gem Mines, tourists will get to **witness the mining process of rubies** and semi-precious stones that are highly sought-after by many neighbouring countries.
- » Visitors will have the opportunity to enter tunnel mines and traditional square mines that locals frequently explore for mining purposes, with the management of tour or travel guides.
- » This rare opportunity also allows tourists to watch how the locals mine and identify gems to make a living.



### VISIT NEARBY VILLAGES

- » Tourists can also visit nearby villages where ethnic groups such as **Lisu, Shan, Bamar, Karen, and Palaung** reside.
- » Visitors to these villages will get to watch the peaceful interaction between villagers that reflect Myanmar's diverse culture, lifestyle and traditions. The locals will also invite
- » tourists to join them in trekking, swimming at the small waterfall and tasting authentic traditional food.

### GEMS MARKETS

- » In Mogok town, travellers and ruby collectors will find **two large markets** dedicated to **selling rubies**.
- » Only government-licensed dealers can buy the gems, but tourists can still visit the market, where there are plenty of shops selling rubies of various sizes.
- » Ruby sellers set up picnic tables alongside other sellers and their rubies are laid on round bronze plates to intensify the colour of these gems.



## ACCOMMODATION

There are several hotels in Mogok town that accommodate foreign tourists. The room price in Mogok could be slightly higher, ranging from **67,500 Kyats to 165,000 Kyats** per night.