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# Nat Ma Tawng

ELEVATED EXPERIENCE

As the **tallest peak** in Chin State, this majestic mountain stands at **3,053 metres** and has many endemic species of birds. Mount Victoria offers awe-inspiring views of the entire state and is a great place for bird-watching. **Rhododendrons** flourish in the hills in November, December and February, giving you a vibrant scenery of colourful flowers in full bloom. Make your way to the top and catch a wide view of the surrounding woodlands.



## TRANSPORTATION TIPS

- » You can have a fun drive up to Mount Victoria. The journey provides you with a panoramic view of the mountainside and alleys, as the roads are intentionally built around the mountains.
- » Travel to Southern Chin State by bus or minivan from Bagan or Pakokku. Boat rides are available from Mrauk U if you also wish to visit Paletwa.
- » You can also get a flight to Kalaymyo, Sagaing Region. Catch a daily flight from Yangon or Mandalay to Kalaymyo, and you can take the bus or jeep to Hakha, Falam or Tiddim in Chin Hills.



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## OUTDOORS



## SIGHTS



## CULTURE



## SHOP

### CLIMBING

- » It takes about **5 hours to climb up** and down Nat Ma Taung, also known as Mount Victoria. **Drive uphill for 45 minutes** and you will find many other travellers preparing for their climb.
- » The entire journey feels like a walk, as there are no rough and difficult paths to cross.
- » It is best to climb the mountain in **November or February** for **cooler weather**.

### NAT MA TAUNG NATIONAL PARK

- » As one of Mount Victoria's trademark activities, bird watchers can admire **rare birds** that have migrated to the hill such as the **White-browed Nuthatch** and **Burmese Tit**. Anticipate more wildlife in the national park, as it is home to **800 plant species** and indigenous bird species.
- » About **15,000 Kyats** is needed as the entrance fee.



### KANPETLET

- » See for yourself the undisturbed raw beauty of Kanpetlet, one of Chin Hills' most isolated townships that still maintains its authenticity in culture and tradition.
- » You can climb to Mount Victoria's summit from here and **encounter rare species of butterflies and birds** along the way.

### MINDAT

- » The trek to Mindat takes **3 days** and is located at the other side of the mountain.
- » Don't miss the view of the cluster of **wooden houses with pine trees** aligning the roads. The scenery is enchanting, as if the town belongs to a **fairytale**.

### PAN AUGE

- » To the west of Mindat is a village called Pan Auge, where there is a **traditional Chin graveyard**. You will find **uncommon circular shapes** and designs on the headstones.

### LADIES WITH TATTOOED FACES

- » Witness the unusual but **exotic culture of the Chin women** who tattoo their faces. In the past, parents would disfigure their daughters' faces to avoid getting kidnapped by rich merchants looking for potential wives. The tradition soon became a **symbol of beauty** within Chin ethnic groups.
- » This tradition is no longer practised, and only the older generation can be seen with tattooed faces. Be sure to visit Mount Victoria and Chin Hills to catch a glimpse of the unique tradition before it fades away forever.

### TRADITIONAL MARKET

- » Make your way to the centre of Mindat Town and you will find plenty of colourful traditional Chin clothing with lovely red and black designs representing the villagers' culture.
- » You can also try their local wine made of millet, a type of grain that can also be cooked and eaten.
- » There are also unusual Chin handicrafts like shoulder holsters that are made to hold big knives and bottles.



## ACCOMMODATION

There are several hotels, guesthouses and bungalows in Kanpetlet and Mindat that provide great facilities and services. Prices can range from **37,500 Kyats** to **135,000 Kyats** per night. The hotels and guest houses are limited, so be sure to book your room early.