

# VISA

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**IMPORTANT – Foreigners must obtain a visa before travelling to Myanmar.** A visa on arrival service exists, but it is only available to those needing transit visas, business visas or entry visas for participating in certain events or meetings. **Visa on arrival is not suitable for tourists**, since it requires additional supporting documents (for example confirming the nature of the business being conducted).

In addition to getting visas at embassies and consulates, Myanmar has an **online e-visa system**. It is designed to make the process of application simpler for visitors – particularly those from countries that do not have a Myanmar embassy.

For e-visa applications, go to the official Ministry of Immigration e-visa website for application <http://evisa.moip.gov.mm/>. Citizens of 100 countries are eligible for Myanmar e-visas. The process will take 3 working days up to one week only and the visa confirmation letter will be sent to designate e-mail address. You have to print out this confirmation letter and show it at the airport immigration with the passport. The visa confirmation letter is valid for 3 months. E-Visa (tourist visa) is just for single entry and 28 days stay in Myanmar. Re-entry will require a new visa. E-Visa application fees is US \$ 50 per pax and it has to be paid by credit card.

**E-visas are currently only valid for entry at Myanmar’s three main international airports: Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw.** The e-visa system is not valid for overland travel to Myanmar, although it expected to expand to the four Thai land border crossings soon.

If you are visiting Myanmar via cruise, please contact your tour agent for Pre-arrangement Visa on Arrival. You will not be able to use eVisa to enter Myanmar via seaport.

Due to the sensitive political situation in some border regions, entry and exit via land borders is restricted; there are four Thailand border points that do not need permission for crossings, but China and India require special permits. See arriving and departing over land for more details.

At present it is only possible to travel freely over land between Myanmar and Thailand. The **China** crossing (at Ruili, Yunnan Province) and the **India** crossing (at Moreh, Manipur State) both require a permit. Crossing to **Bangladesh** is not currently permitted for foreigners and **Laos** has no official border crossing (although one is expected to open in 2016).

## TOURIST VISA

This category of visa is for those who are traveling to Myanmar for tourist purposes only (eligible for all nationalities). This is a single entry visa only. All tourist visas are issued for a stay in Myanmar up to 28 days and are valid for entry into the country within three months from the date of issue. Applicants can apply as independent travelers or be on booked package tours.

**Requirements to be sent to the Embassy (Per applicant)**

- ✚ Passport with at least six months validity and blank page for visa
- ✚ ONE tourist visa application form
- ✚ TWO recent passport size colour photographs (1.5 x 2 inches with background white)
- ✚ A copy of flight itinerary
- ✚ A recommendation letter from employer addressed to Visa section, Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, give brief description about occupation, purpose of visit, intended arrival and departure dates. Package tour travelers are requested to provide a copy of the package program
- ✚ Visa fee

**VISA EXEMPTION**

Most foreign nationals require a visa to enter Myanmar. Visa-free travel (for up to 14 days) is permitted for **Thailand, Vietnam, Philippines, Indonesia, Cambodia** and **Laos** passport holders.