

## TRANSPORTATION

### AIR

Myanmar is only accessible by air, and the majority of visitors arrive **by air at either Yangon or Mandalay International Airports**. The national carrier is **Myanmar Airways**, but a handful of other regional airlines also provide limited service in and out of the country. There is also an international airport in the capital Nay Pyi Taw, although few airlines use it at present. The international flag carrier, Myanmar Airways International, only serves destinations within Asia.

The cheapest way to reach Myanmar from outside the region is usually to fly to a regional hub such as Bangkok or Singapore. Current routes within Asia include flights to Yangon from Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and Bangkok. Connections with Mandalay are limited to Dehong, Kunming and Bangkok.

The best way to get around Myanmar is by flying. There are **4 domestic Airlines in Myanmar**. They are **Myanmar Airways, Air Bagan, Air Mandalay** and **Yagon Airways**. Air Bagan, Air Mandalay and Yagon Airways are reputable private airways and provide services to all regional centers. However flight often depart early in the morning, and flight schedules are limited, particularly in the low season.

### TRAIN

Myanmar Railways offer another interesting means of travel. Trains **connect Yangon to the rest of the country**, with daily runs connecting the capital and Mandalay. Further services go to Bagan and Inle Lake. The train schedules are not very convenient, with many trains departing in the early hours of the morning.

### BUS

If you want an adventurous trip, travel by bus. The state-owned Road Transport Enterprise operates most of the routes and services tend to be uncomfortable and undependable. A handful of private air-conditioned buses also ply a few main routes, offering a better option. **In Yangon, most buses depart from the main Aung Mingalar Terminal** outside of the city.

### TAXIS AND HIRE CARS

Taxis offer the easiest way to get around individual cities. They are **unmetered**, so you'll need to **settle on the fare before getting in**. Be prepared to bargain unless you want to pay the higher fares that are thrust upon tourists.

Hire cars (with driver) can be the most convenient way to get between certain destinations, although of course they come at a price.

### TRICYCLE RICKSHAWS

Tricycle rickshaws are available everywhere for a **much lower cost than regular taxis**. Some towns have quaint transport such as horse-drawn carriages.