

SHOPPING

Myanmar's cities are not shopping destinations on a par with regional favourites such as Bangkok or Singapore, but there are still some bargains to be found.

Things to buy in Myanmar:

LACQUERWARE



Probably the most popular purchase in Myanmar is **lacquerware**, especially in Bagan where most of it is manufactured. Lacquerware is made into bowls, plates, boxes, cups, vases, and many other items. Its quality is judged on its flexibility, and the precision and coloring of the engravings.

PAINTED UMBRELLAS



Another popular item is one of the beautiful **painted umbrellas**, which are produced in Bassein and in Pindaya.

SOUVENIR



Loose precious stones – such as **rubies**, **emeralds** and **jade** – and **jewelry** are sold in government shops or through licensed shops, especially in Yangon and Mandalay. **Woodcarvings** and **tapestries**, as well as **opium-weights**, **marionettes**, góng or **longyi-cloths** are also worth investigating.