



# Southeastern Myanmar

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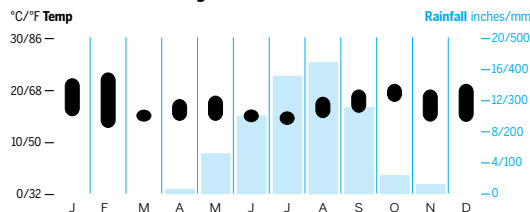
## Why Go?

Off the beaten track and strangely neglected by many visitors, southern Myanmar offers some of the finest natural sights in the entire country.

In the space of a couple of days, you can descend into the Buddha-packed caves around sleepy Hpa-an and ascend the winding road to the sacred golden boulder perched on Mt Kyaiktiyo (Golden Rock). Then there's the little-known and even less-visited Myeik Archipelago, perhaps Myanmar's most dramatic intersection of water, land and sky.

If that wasn't enough, the historic city of Mawlamyine, once Myanmar's capital, has almost as fine a collection of colonial-era buildings as Yangon, while Dawei and Myeik can boast of centuries of history as ports and mix traditional wooden architecture with brick mansions and buildings constructed during British rule. Best of all, the lack of visitors means there's plenty of space to enjoy the region.

## When to Go Southeastern Myanmar



**Mar–Apr** Temperatures can reach as high as 86°F (30°C) during the summer.

**Nov–Jan** The days are relatively cool during the winter.

**May–Oct** Southern Myanmar sees more rain than elsewhere during the wet season.

# Southeastern Myanmar Highlights

## 1 Myeik Archipelago (p135)

Sailing, cruising, snorkelling and diving among the 800-odd islands here.

## 2 Hpa-an (p121)

Discovering seemingly hidden lakes, hanging Buddhist art and a sparkling spring in the many caves around Hpa-an.

## 3 Mawlamyine (p109)

Hoping for the inspiration that fired Kipling to compose his most famous opening line in his poem 'Mandalay'.

## 4 Myeik (p131)

Travelling back in time in this ancient, atmospheric and allegedly haunted port city.

## 5 Dawei (p127)

Heading to the little-seen golden-sand beaches around this sleepy and historic southern capital.

## 6 Mt Kyaiktiyo (p107)

Reaching for enlightenment and marvelling at this gravity-defying golden rock.

## 7 Ye (p119)

Kicking back in this chilled Mon State town, while exploring little-seen villages and temples in the surrounding area.

