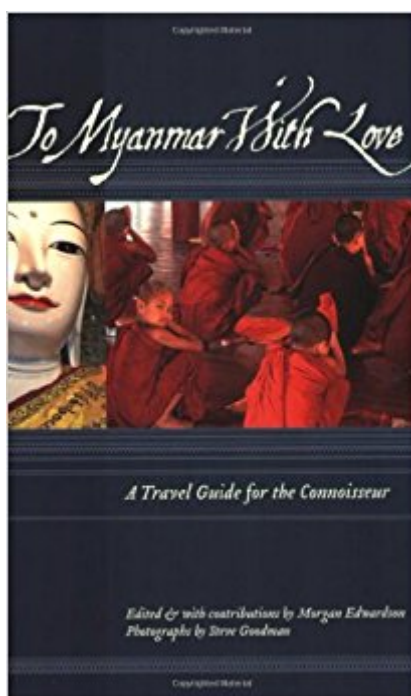


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# To Myanmar With Love: A Travel Guide For The Connoisseur (To Asia With Love)



## Synopsis

Beyond politics, little is known about Myanmar (Burma). Highlighting the country's great beauty and hospitality, this book is dedicated to the local residents whose warmth and encouragement are its inspiration. From helping a community library in New Bagan to breakfast with 2,700 monks in Mandalay, adventurers and armchair voyagers will discover the secrets of savvy expatriates, seasoned travelers, and inspired locals. With its unique insights into dining, shopping, sightseeing, and culture, *To Myanmar With Love* is a one-of-a-kind guide for the passionate traveler.

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I would highly recommend this book to anyone interested in Myanmar. Because so many individual writers contributed their own stories and experiences while traveling in Myanmar, the book was much deeper than the typical destination guide. It truly gave you a feel for the people and the land in addition to practical tips -- such as wearing shoes that are easy to take off and on while visiting temples. I will be purchasing other books in this series because of how much I enjoyed this book.

This is one of the most unique and original travel guides that I have ever read. The writing is an inspiration. It is exactly like you are discussing with your best friend the places that you should visit on your trip and how to find them. It is about travel experiences not just addresses. The title is perfectly appropriate.

A delightful and enjoyable experience. This is not an ordinary tour guide, although there are plenty of specific and detailed references to places and activities. Its editor invites you to imagine an invitation to a party of talented, diverse, and accomplished people who regale you with tales and divulge secret hideaways--who all happily compete in offering favorite views and all unite in a love for the people of Myanmar. I will embellish this image with the feeling of a genial inclusion into a company of admirable people--opening a window into a place of no small enchantment. The photos are art quality and the commentary covers a good range of subject. I found the section dealing with how to help the local people particularly thoughtful, and there are reading and language references as well. Very well done.

It is really too bad that there are no guidebooks for Myanmar besides The Lonely Planet, Insight and this book, Myanmar with Love. Since I have the other two and didn't find them as helpful as I would have liked, I thought I'd take a chance on this one. I regret that decision. This is not a guide book but a collection of reminiscences from a group of people who are regular visitors to Myanmar. There are no practical information beyond the name and addresses of a few restaurants some of the writers enjoyed. There is no guide to Burmese cuisine, only some sketchy descriptions of random meals, leaving me just as lost now than before I read this book when it comes to ordering a meal in Myanmar. There is no information about how to get from one place to another, not much about the sights other than the writers' personal impressions or experiences that are not helpful in any practical way. If you like reading short, uninspiring reminiscences, you might enjoy this book. If you are hoping for practical information that will help you plan your trip, this book will not do the job.

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Interesting stories and suggestions from individuals, but poorly organized content and slightly outdated considering the changes going on in Myanmar.

I was really looking forward to this book while doing research for my upcoming trip. I had read the

Lonely Planet guide, plus a few non-fiction books on the history of the country, but wanted more than the dry facts in those. This book does share some cool experiences, but the thing that disappointed me were that most of them take place in the large cities, and most of them are quite esoteric in nature. Many are not something that a prospective traveler could repeat if they wanted to (some are, to be fair). Other than the main tourist areas (Yangon, Mandalay and a few near Bagan), the rest of the country is mostly ignored. It was very obvious that many of the authors just stayed at the very British Strand Hotel in Yangon and merely wandered around the neighborhood near the hotel (count how many galleries and shops are mentioned near the hotel). It does give some sense of atmosphere and of a few of the people living there...I was just hoping for more "meat" that I could then use in my planning. In my opinion, this is more of a library borrow book rather than a purchase and cherish (or use for planning).

I think this is the loveliest travel book I've ever purchased. It won't take the place of your Lonely Planet, but every single page has something that will fascinate and make you want to get to Burma that much faster. I've never looked forward to going anywhere more than I'm looking forward to going to Burma, and I think this book has something to do with my anticipation. Just get it. Enjoy it. Read it slowly.

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