



**Mingalabar!**

Dear guests and friends of Myanmar,

The rainy season in Southeast Asia is drawing to a close and with the arrival of sunny weather the travel period begins. There are many new places to be discovered in Myanmar which we highlight in this newsletter.

We also introduce the non-profit charity organization Myanmar Development Aid.

With best regards,  
Your UNITEAM TOURS & TRAVEL - Team

**NEWS:**

**UNITEAM Tours & Travel**

You can now reach us not only by e-mail and telephone, but also via Skype. Our Skype name is: [uniteam.utt](https://www.skype.com/name/uniteam.utt)

**Opening of Diamond Plaza in Mandalay**

One of the largest shopping centers in Myanmar, the Diamond Plaza opened on 5th September 2011 in Mandalay. Address in Mandalay: Between 77/78 Block & 33/34 Block

**The Burmese Cat: Reintroducing a Forgotten Breed of Cats**

Burmese Cats have existed in mainland Southeast Asia for over a thousand years. Historically, they were kept by royal families and used as guardians of the many temples in Myanmar. In appearance, they resemble other oriental cats such as Siamese cat: Slender in body and incredibly affectionate towards humans.



Due to a number of reasons, the original Burmese Cat could not be found in Myanmar anymore. To reintroduce and breed the famous Burmese Cat in its home country, Mr. Wong How Man of CERS brought some pedigree Burmese Cats back to Myanmar in August 2008 and Inle Princess Resort contributed 2 bamboo huts as a place for the breeding programme.



After a year, the number of cat families started to grow. The original lodging was removed and a larger shelter was built for them in 2009 - the Inthar Heritage house.

Visitors are warmly welcome to visit the cats and learn about them.

The Inthar Heritage House belongs to the Inle Princess Resort and provides a restaurant, a coffee shop with terrace and a small library.

**HOTEL NEWS:**

**Savoy Hotel Yangon**

**New Weekend Package**

Spend your perfect weekend in Yangon, the former capital of Myanmar; there are many places to be discovered! Visit the Shwedagon Pagoda, the Scott Market, the Sule Pagoda or the harbor. The package includes two nights in a deluxe room, welcome drink, fruit basket in the room, buffet breakfast, 3-course meal in the "Kipling's Restaurant" and a guided tour of the pagodas. More information can be found at: [www.savoy-myanmar.com](http://www.savoy-myanmar.com) -> [packages](#) -> [special packages](#)

**Oktoberfest - Bavaria meets Burma**

The Oktoberfest is not only popular in Munich, Germany but also in Yangon: From 14th-16th October, it will be held at the Savoy Hotel. Experience the traditional Bavarian event with live music by the pool and enjoy typical Bavarian cuisine such as roast suckling pig, goulash, sausages, Bavarian cabbage salad with bacon and Black Forest Gâteau.



**New Chef de Cuisine**

The Savoy Hotel is pleased to introduce Mr. Kiatisak Katiya from Thailand as the new Chef de Cuisine. Mr. Katiya is an internationally experienced Chef and has worked in first-class hotels all over the world. Chef Katiya and the Savoy Hotel are looking forward to your visit at the "Kipling's" and the "Rossini".



**Bayview - the beach resort**

**Ta-Zaug-Dine Festival of Lights from 8th - 10th November 2011**

The Ta-Zaug-Dine festival of lights is an annual, Buddhist festival which is celebrated all over Myanmar. The monks are honored and receive as gifts yellow robes and other articles of domestic use. This donation ceremony is known under the name "Kathein" and every Buddhist, regardless of his or her social status wants to participate at least once in a lifetime. The locals of the town of Thandwe, nearby Npapali Beach, celebrate the festival of lights with their families; they decorate their homes with lights and invite family friends to share traditional Burmese food. The people gather day and night at the nearby river bank and floating candles are laid on the river to express their wishes for the future.



Guests of the Bayview can visit two pagodas near Thandwe. The hotel bus takes them to the river, where they can enjoy the atmospheric picture of the floating lights and they can even send out their own floating candles and wishes.

 *\*You can now find the Savoy Hotel Yangon and Bayview - the beach resort on Facebook. They are looking forward to your visit.\**

**Shan paper workshop at the Inle Princess Resort, Inle Lake**

The Inle Princess Resort gives hotel guests the opportunity to make handcrafted Shan paper.

The paper is made of the bark of the mulberry tree which in itself is a laborious process, resulting in a richly decorated sheet infused with petals. When dried in the sun, it is particularly used for wrapping gifts, - an attractive appearance.

Guests can contact the front office of the Inle Princess Hotel for special requests.

**Amata Boutique House in Bagan**

The Amata Boutique House located in the Thirpyitsaya quarter, New Bagan was opened in June 2011.



Its concept of a "Day Oasis" with "Everything under one Roof" is typical for Asia but unique in Myanmar.

- **The Irrawaddy Fine Dining Restaurant** (Operation hours 10:00am - 11:00pm)  
A potpourri of Euro-Asian cuisine in traditional ambience. During high season you can enjoy a cultural evening with traditional dance and music performances.
- **The Roasted Bean Coffee Shop** (Operation hours 10:00am - 11:00pm)
- **City Bar** (Operation hours 10:00pm - 11:00pm)
- **My Bagan Gift & Souvenir Shop** (Operation hours 10:00am - 09:00pm)
- **Blossom Spa** (Operation hours 10:00am - 11:00pm)  
Myanmar Traditional Massage, Herbal Oil Massage, Foot Reflexology, Aromatherapy and more.

*Please have a look by yourself!*

**Pristine Lotus Spa & Resort - SPA PROMOTION**

Jiivala is Sanskrit and means "full of life". The Jiivala Spa is one of the most renowned spas in Myanmar. Let us fill your life.



The Pristine Lotus Spa & Resort has used the monsoon period to further enhance its exclusive Jiivala Spa. There are now four outdoor hot spring jacuzzis. Enjoy the waters and reflect on the uniqueness of Myanmar in a beautiful and relaxing setting. During the cooler season the water is comfortably warm.



Experience the treatment yourself.

During the months of October & December guests of Uniteam Tours and Travel enjoy a 10% discount on all treatments!

*Indulge yourself!*  
[www.pristinelotus.com](http://www.pristinelotus.com)

**MAY WE PRESENT:**

**Myanmar Development Aid e.V. (MDA)**

During their visit through Myanmar many of our visitors not only get to know the beauty of the country but also see the poor circumstances in which many people are living. Despite the modest conditions the friendly and helpful attitude of the Burmese people impresses even more and we are many times asked by our Clients as to how they can be of effective help as it is important for them for their money to reach directly those in need.



The nonprofit organization Myanmar Development Aid (MDA) was founded in May 2008 with the goal providing humanitarian aid in Myanmar. To MDA the welfare of needy children their healthy diet and good education is most important. Therefore a central project of MDA is, the support of the orphanage "Myittar Yangung Chi", built in 2009 and located northeast of Yangon. Currently 72 boys aged 5-17 years from all parts of the country are living there and are being looked after with very much love and care. To improve their professional future, the children receive in addition to attending the local school in the nearby village, English and computer classes at the orphanage. As the number of children assigned to Myittar Yangung Chi steadily increases each year

And the construction of an orphanage for 80 girls is in planning, MDA appeals for donations so that these caring projects can keep on going.

The organization of MDA and the infrastructure of its cooperation partner, the ship management company UNITEAM MARINE on site in Yangon, make it possible not to have any administrative costs at all. All members of the MDA, as well as all employees of UNITEAM MARINE, participate in the aid projects as unpaid volunteers.

Donations will reach a hundred per cent those in need without any deductions. For more information about MDA, please do visit [www.mda-ev.org](http://www.mda-ev.org)

**AIRLINE NEWS:**

Yangon Airways starts operating again from 16th October 2011 onwards. Currently five airlines are operating in Myanmar: Air Mandalay, Air Bagan, Air Kanbawza, Asian Wings & Yangon Airways.