Myanmar (also known as **Burma**) is a Southeast Asian country rich in history, culture, and natural beauty. Here's an overview:

Basic Information

- Official Name: Republic of the Union of Myanmar
- Former Name: Burma (used internationally until 1989)
- Capital City: Naypyidaw (since 2005; formerly Yangon)
- Largest City: Yangon (formerly Rangoon)
- Location: Southeast Asia, bordered by India, Bangladesh, China, Laos, and Thailand
- Area: About 676,578 square kilometers
- **Population:** Over 55 million (approximate)

Language

- Official Language: Burmese (မြန်မာစာ)
- There are over **100 ethnic languages** spoken across the country.

† Ethnic Groups

Myanmar is ethnically diverse with 135 recognized ethnic groups, including:

- Bamar (Burman) Majority ethnic group
- Shan
- Karen (Kayin)
- Rakhine
- Mon
- Chin
- Kachin

- Kayah
- Rohingya (not officially recognized)

Religion

- **Buddhism** (Theravāda) is the dominant religion (around 88% of the population).
- Other religions include **Christianity, Islam, Hinduism**, and **Animism**.

History Highlights

- Ancient Kingdoms: Pyu, Bagan, Toungoo, Konbaung
- Colonial Period: British colony from 1885 to 1948
- Independence: Gained from Britain in 1948
- Military Rule: Military coups in 1962 and 1988 led to decades of authoritarian rule
- Recent Events: Transition to partial democracy in the 2010s, but military coup again occurred in February 2021

🗱 Economy

- Rich in natural resources: jade, oil, gas, timber
- Major exports: natural gas, garments, rice, teak, seafood
- Challenges: economic sanctions, poverty, internal conflict

Culture & Tourism

- Famous for: Shwedagon Pagoda, Bagan temples, Inle Lake, Golden Rock (Kyaiktiyo)
- Traditional arts: thanaka (cosmetic paste), longyi (traditional skirt), puppetry, weaving, lacquerware
- Festivals: Thingyan (Water Festival), Thadingyut (Festival of Lights)

⚠ Current Situation (as of 2025)

- Since the **2021 military coup**, Myanmar has faced ongoing conflict between the military junta and resistance forces.
- Human rights issues, internal displacement, and internet blackouts have occurred.
- Many international organizations have expressed concern over the situation.