**Comparing and Contrasting Yangon and Mandalay**

Although both are beautiful cities with rich culture and history, in terms of what they have to offer, they are quite different. Based on their history, transport, costs, tourist attractions, lodging and general feeling, the compare and contrast of the two cities demonstrate how different and similar the two are.

In the early 11th century, Yangon was established as Dagon by the Mon people, who ruled Lower Burma at the time. Mandalay was established by King Mindon in 1857, replacing Amarapura as the Konbaung dynasty's new royal capital. Mandalay and Yangon are both easily reached by plane.They have excellent links, like Bagan or Inle Lake, to other tourist attractions around Myanmar. Mandalay is much closer to Bagan and Inle Lake than to Yangon.

In general, transport in Myanmar, particularly if the visitors choose to travel by bus, is very affordable and comfortable. There are bus companies operating across all the country's main tourist attractions. The prices across the nation are the same. The visitors can certainly fly for as little as $25 per person per day while they are on a budget. However, they can find luxurious hotels and top restaurants in both Yangon and Mandalay if they feel like splurging around. The true differences are with regard to the tourist attractions they have to offer when it comes to comparing Yangon vs. Mandalay.

This paragraph share the main attractions of each city. Yangon is beautiful, but it is truly fascinating. The visitors will find some of Myanmar's most important tourist attractions. For instance, Shwedagon Pagoda, Yangon Circular Train, Sule Pagoda, Kabar Aye Pagoda, and Bogyoke Aung San Market are some of the most important torist attractions. Mandalay is a bit more relaxed than Yangon. The vegetation is denser, the traffic is better and there are tons of places to explore. If the visiors are looking for a more relaxed city, they should definitely choose Mandalay. U Bein Bridge, Hsinbyume Pagoda, Mandalay Hill, and Kuthodaw Pagoda are the major tourist attractions in Mandalay.

The visitors can find great accommodation in both cities. But Yangon is certainly the winner when it comes to luxurious hotels. With so many options to choose from, Myanmar's ancient capital is certainly the perfect option for those looking for luxury at an affordable price. Yangon is a developing city, with colonial buildings and luxury shops both decaying. The visitor can feel the hustle and bustle all around them when they reach Yangon. Tall buildings with little space between them will make them feel like they are walking through a concrete jungle.

Mandalay is more like a small town. In the city there are only a few tall buildings, and there are several parks and trees. The city is more laid back and it can be enjoyable to explore it. In my opinion, I liked Mandalay more but this doesn’t mean that the visitors should pick the same city. It really depends on what interests the visitors. Choosing between Yangon and Mandalay isn't easy, but I'll sum it up for the visitors: For temples and proximity to Bagan and Inle Lake, choose Mandalay. For a bustling city, with countless markets, beautiful colonial architecture, and a few temples, choose Yangon.