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## Welcome to the edition of Newsletter July 2024

### Cultural Festivals and Events in Myanmar

#### July's Highlight: The Waso Festival

The Waso Festival, celebrated on the full moon day of the Burmese month of Waso, marks the beginning of Buddhist Lent, or "Vassa." This significant Buddhist tradition is observed with great reverence and offers a unique opportunity for spiritual reflection and renewal.

On this special day, Buddhists across Myanmar visit pagodas and monasteries to make offerings and engage in religious practices. Devotees demonstrate their faith by providing robes, food, and other essentials to monks. The festival is also a time for merit-making activities, including listening to sermons, meditating, and practicing generosity. The Waso Festival celebrated nationwide on July 20, 2024, reflecting its importance as a period for deepening spiritual commitment and community devotion.



#### August's Highlight: The Taungbyone Festival

The Taungbyone Festival is a vibrant celebration that offers a unique glimpse into Myanmar's traditional customs and festive spirit. Held annually in August, from the 8th Waxing Day to the full moon day of Wakhaung, this festival stands out as one of the most prominent and colorful events in the country.

During the festival, you'll witness lively processions featuring traditional music, dance, and elaborate costumes.

Participants carry statues or images of the Nats through the streets, and devotees engage in rituals believed to bring blessings and fulfill their wishes.

Beyond its religious significance, the Taungbyone Festival is a major social event that unites people from various regions, showcasing Myanmar's rich cultural heritage and the harmonious blend of traditional beliefs with contemporary life.



## Extension of the Visa Exemption Pilot Program for Russian Citizens

The Visa Exemption Pilot Program for Russian citizens has been extended for an additional year. From July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, Russian nationals with ordinary passports will continue to enjoy visa-free travel to Myanmar for up to 30 days.

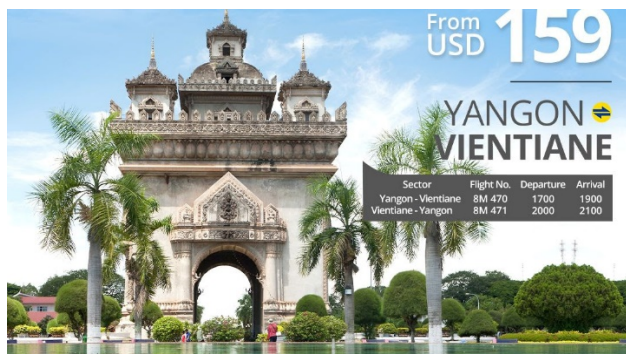


## Laos Extends Visa Exemptions to Boost Visit Laos Year 2024

Starting July 2024, Laos will offer multiple-entry visas and extend the duration of stays from 30 days to 60 days for visitors from Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Canada, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

Visitors who obtain their visa through a Lao immigration office (Visa on Arrival) or online will be granted a single-entry visa allowing a stay of up to 60 days.

Additionally, for tourism purposes, the visa requirement will be waived for the first visit for up to 15 days for travelers from Denmark, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Austria, Belgium, Spain, and Greece.



## Updated Entry Requirements for Cambodia

Starting July 1, 2024, Cambodia will implement the e-Arrival Card system to streamline the entry process by replacing several paper documents previously required. All tourists must complete a digital application through the dedicated app or the government portal within 7 days before their arrival. The e-Arrival Card can be obtained via the official government portal at <https://www.arrival.gov.kh/> or through the official mobile app.

